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## Beekeepers' Safari to Turkey 24 July – 5 August 2010

This *Safari* is organised by **Biyotematur** and the **TEMA Foundation**, Turkey in co-operation with **Bees for Development**

Biyotematur are experienced in organising nature tours and are a division of the non-profit making TEMA Foundation, established to promote conservation and sustainable development In the Caucasus Region of north-east Turkey, a remarkable project has been taking place. It has been planned to conserve precious stocks of Caucasian honey bees (*Apis mellifera caucasica*), to provide people in this remote corner of Turkey with a reliable livelihood, and to support beekeeping throughout Turkey by provision of queen bees. These Caucasian bees are gentle and efficient honey producers, and this *Safari* provides a unique opportunity to view this excellent rural development project.



Camili Valley is 27,000 hectares in the north-eastern mountainous region, close to Georgia. It is accessible only during summer months, as the roads are closed in winter because of avalanche danger. The land is densely forested and abundant in nectar-rich, flowering plants. The mountains reach a summit of 3,415 m. Flowering starts in March and continues all summer, due to the different elevations: the most important honey plants are species of *Castanea*, *Rhododendron*, *Ribes*, *Salvia*, *Taraxacum*, *Tilia* and *Trifolium*.

Participants will experience local culture, foods, and music, as well as the amazing natural wonders of the areas visited.

- ∞ ∞ Carniolan honey bees ∞ ∞ The hidden paradise of Camili ∞ ∞ Karcal mountains ∞ ∞
- ∞ ∞ Migratory beekeepers ∞ ∞ Frame hives, log hives ∞ ∞ Comb honey production ∞ ∞
- ∞ ∞ Fantastic diversity of plants, flowers, butterflies and birds ∞ ∞
- ∞ ∞ Erzurum honey bazaar ∞ ∞ Pine honey and Muğla (pine honey bee) ∞ ∞

### The programme



Full details of the programme and other information can be found in the **Biyotematur** leaflet about the *Safari*. Copies are available from **BfD** by post

You will find more to read about the areas to be visited in *BfD Journals* 80 and 90



# ***Safari to Turkey ~ options and costs***

Select from three options for your *Safari*. All start and finish in Istanbul.

## **Option 1 13 day Safari 24 July – 5 August 2010**

Istanbul, Trabzon, Rize, Ayder Plateau, Camlihemsin, Artvin, Camili, Efeler Village, Savsat, Sahara National Park, Ardahan, Gole Kars, Ani Ruins, Erzurum, Istanbul, Dalaman, Marmaris, Gokova, Mugla, Kusadasi, Istanbul  
£2,360 per person (*single supplement £278*)

## **Option 2 8 day Safari 24-31 July 2010**

Istanbul, Trabzon, Sumela Monastery, Ayder Plateau, Rize, Hopa, Artvin, Camili, Sahara National Park, Savsat, Ardahan, Kars, Ani Ruins, Erzurum, Istanbul  
£1,390 per person (*single supplement £185*)

## **Option 3 6 day Safari 31 July – 5 August 2010**

Istanbul, Dalaman, Mugla, Koycegiz, Gokova, Marmaris, Dilek Yarimadasi National Park, Kusadasi, Istanbul  
£970 per person (*single supplement £115*)

### ***Included in the price***

- Full board accommodation in boutique hotels and over three stars where available
- All meals in good quality restaurants
- Local travel by air-conditioned mini-coach with expert driver
- Economy class domestic flights with Turkish Airlines (the best airline in Turkey)
- All entrance fees for national parks and reserves
- *Biyotematur* assistance from arrival to departure
- Taxes and services in Turkey

*The Safari is primarily a nature trip with accommodation in three or four star hotels/guest houses. However, please note that Camili Village is in an extremely remote area and it may not be possible to provide single rooms.*

### ***Not included in the price***

- International travel to Istanbul
- Insurance, visa, passport costs, alcoholic drinks and discretionary tips

**BfD** is not a travel agent and we have no access to concessionary fares. We are happy to offer guidance regarding your travel.

Due to the special nature of our *Safaris* we cannot guarantee the departure of every holiday, although we try very hard to ensure that all take place. To prevent disappointment we do operate *Safaris* with fewer numbers but reserve the right to either apply a small group surcharge of 5-10%, or with participants' consent make alterations to the itinerary. If this has to happen we would advise you as soon as possible.

The *Safari* is priced to ensure we do not have to increase the cost due to negative changes in foreign exchange rates in the current economic climate. If rates were to change significantly favourably we would endeavour to offer an appropriate rebate.

### **What to do next?**

Complete the booking form and return it with your deposit to:

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*We will be happy to assist you with any enquiries you have*