



Taraklı & Göynük Cultural Trip

The tour starts after having our breakfast with our guests. Our first stop is Taraklı, which is also known as “Mümkünlü” because of the television commercial starred by famous Turkish actors, Şener Şen and Olgun Şimşek. We start our tour visiting Taraklı, which is one of the best examples of Ottoman civil architecture. Taraklı, with an astonishing natural environment, has pristine streets and parks. The next stop in Taraklı is a small museum called “Cultural House” where weaving looms, wrought iron works by local gypsies, the works of Saim Özel, a famous calligraphist born in Taraklı and samples of old local costumes are displayed. We also visit the historical caravanserai where caravans used to stop over in the past. The historical caravanserai that is located on the ancient road from Europe to Baghdad, defies time. After that, we visit the Çakırlar Mansion and the Vali (Governor) Mansion, one of the most beautiful examples of civil architecture in the district. Then, Yunus Pasha Mosque(Kurşunlu Mosque), built by Mimar Sinan at the behest of Yunus Pasha-Grand Vizier of Yavuz Sultan Selim, and the historical bath which was also used as the underfloor central heating system of Yunus Paşa Mosque. After visiting the five hundred-year-old Sycamore Tree and the Rüştîye Mektebi which served as a school from the Ottoman Empire time until the Republic, we set off for Göynük.

On arrival to Göynük, we take lunch in a local restaurant before the tour. First, we visit Gazi Suleyman Pasha Bath and Mosque, Akşemsettin Tomb in Göynük. Then we go to the Victory Tower, where we will have the opportunity of having a panoramic view of the town. After getting general information about Göynük and taking a lot of photos, we will have free time to shop to buy some local famous beans and we leave the town for Lake Çubuk surrounded by beautiful pine trees. Lake Çubuk was formed by a landslide into the valley from Kayabaşı Hill. After having some free time to see the windmills around the lake and taking photos, we return to Sakarya with the hope to meet you in another organization.