



Black Sea Coast

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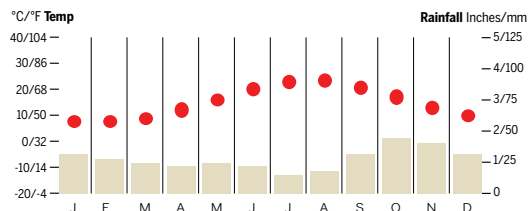
Why Go?

While many visitors flock south to the Mediterranean or west to the Aegean, the Black Sea (Karadeniz) is equally deserving, particularly because it is so different from the other coasts. After Amasra's seaside-holiday vibe and Trabzon's big-city buzz, you can relax in pint-size fishing villages or head inland and up to alpine *yaylalar* (mountain pastures). And the spectacular coastline makes for a scenic route across Turkey to other parts of Anatolia.

This is a historic region, scattered with the legacies of civilisations and empires that have ebbed and flowed like Black Sea waves. Castles, churches, monasteries and architecturally important mosques recall the days of the kings of Pontus, the Genoese and the Ottomans. Queen Hippolyte and her tribe of female Amazon warriors supposedly lived here, and the seafront chapel at Yason Burnu (Cape Jason) marks the spot where Jason and his Argonauts passed by.

When to Go

Trabzon



May Springtime revelry kicks off at the traditional International Giresun Aksu Festival.

Jun–Aug Black Sea beaches beckon; Trabzon buzzes with summer festivals.

Apr & Sep Time to soak up the lazy-day off-season charms of Amasra and Sinop.

Black Sea Coast Highlights

- 1 Climbing through forests up to the cliff-hugging **Sumela Monastery** (p531).
- 2 Enjoying the easygoing ambience of the port at **Sinop** (p514).
- 3 Counting the vertigo-inducing curves on the scenic **D010 coastal highway** (p513) from Amasra to Sinop.
- 4 Exploring the winding labyrinth of alleys in **Amasra Castle** (p511).
- 5 Cruising big-city streets and enjoying a massage at a hamam in **Trabzon** (p525).

- 6 Discovering mountain plateaus and alpine hamlets on a day trip to villages such as **Uzungöl** (p534).
- 7 Stepping back in time along **Ünye's** rat-a-tat-tat

- 8 Hopping on the **cable car** (p522) and enjoying a picnic high above **Ordu** (p522).

Bakircilar Sokak (Street of Coppersmiths) (p521).

