



Şanlıurfa Tourist Guide



Hotel Recommendations



Alahan: With its location in the heart of Şanlıurfa, Âlâhân Boutique Hotel is within walking distance to Balıklıgöl, which is called old Urfa, Urfa Castle and historical bazaars.



<https://www.alahanotel.com>

Nevali: At the highest point of the city, you can enjoy the luxury of this 24-floor hotel with a fascinating view of Şanlıurfa from the terrace.



<https://nevalihotel.com/>

El Ruha: Hotel El-Ruha aims to turn your stay into a wonderful memory in its comfortable rooms where traditional architecture and modern building understanding are blended together, accompanied by the magnificent view of Balıklıgöl and the Castle.



<https://www.hotelelruha.com/>

Hilton: Located in the heart of Şanlıurfa city center, Hilton Garden Inn Şanlıurfa offers its guests the most perfect accommodation experience possible, only a 15-minute walk from Balıklıgöl and 30 minutes from Şanlıurfa Airport.



<https://www.hilton.com.tr/oteller/turkiye/sanliurfa/hilton-garden-inn-sanliurfa>



Restaurant Recommendations



Ciğerci Yusuf

Sancaktar, Şutim
Perakendeciler Sitesi,
1094. Sk. 8 A, 63040
Şanlıurfa
Merkez/Şanlıurfa

Liver, Offal food



Cevahir Han

Kadioğlu, Vali Fuat Cd.
No:5, 63100
Eyyübiye/Şanlıurfa

<https://cevahirhan.com/>

Baklava, Kebab



Durak Kebab Salonu

Kurtuluş, Haşimiye
Meydanı/kovaçe
Pazarı D:10, 63210
Şanlıurfa
Merkez/Şanlıurfa

Eggplant Kebab



Altın Lokantası

Şutim Yenihal Pazarı
C Blok No:1
ŞANLIURFA /
HALİLİYE, 63040
Şanlıurfa
Merkez/Şanlıurfa

Lahmacun



Miroğlu Kadayıf &
Dondurma

Ulubatlı, Ulubatlı
Bulvar Apartmanı,
Emniyet Cd. 17B,
63300
Haliliye/Şanlıurfa

<https://www.miroglukadayif.com/>

Şıllık dessert and ice
cream



Çulcuoğlu

Selahaddin Eyyubi,
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
Blv. No:13, 63300
Haliliye/Şanlıurfa

culcuoglurestaurant.com

Kebab

Must See



Balıklıgöl

- Balıklıgöl, located in the southwest of Şanlıurfa city center, is one of the most visited historical places in Şanlıurfa with its fishes, which are believed to be sacred to the Islamic world, and the historical artifacts around them. According to historical and scientific data, Balıklıgöl pools are ancient pagan temples built for the goddess Atargatis, who is half woman half fish. It is estimated that it was built at an uncertain date between 1.000-300 BC.



Göbeklitepe

- It is the oldest known collection of cult structures in the world. It is also referred to as "the zero point of history" in some popular sources. It is thought to have a history dating back to the Paleolithic Age, going back a few thousand years, to the epipaleolithic. It is understood that Göbeklitepe's use as a cult center continued until 8000 BC and it was abandoned after this date and was not used for other or similar purposes. It was included in the temporary list of World Heritage by UNESCO in 2011 and entered the permanent list in 2018.



Şanlıurfa Archeology and Mosaic Museum

- It was first opened in 1969, with the collection of existing artifacts in 1948. It contains 73,800 archaeological and ethnographic artifacts. The museum complex contains historical artifacts from the Paleolithic, Neolithic, Chalcolithic, Bronze and Iron ages. Among these works, there are historical artifacts belonging to Balıklıgöl Statue, Göbeklitepe and Nevali Çori, which is the oldest known sculpture in the world.



Harran Kumbet Houses

They were built on the ruins of the old city in the last 150-200 years. It is made of bricks in the technique of overlapping on a square or nearly square prismatic foundation. Harran Kümbet Evler was registered as an archaeological and urban site in 1979..



Takoran Valley

In the Siverek district of Şanlıurfa, the uniquely beautiful Takoran Valley, which the locals describe as "hidden paradise", starts from the Mezra District, 40 kilometers away from the Siverek district, and extends to the Gerger district of Adiyaman. Diving, boat tours, fishing and hiking are recommended here. The valley, which is about 2 hours away from Urfa, can be a good option for weekend visits.

Must Do

- Stop by the bird bazaar
- See the old bazaars
- Drink tea at Gumruk Inn
- Sing folk songs and eat vegan steak tartar balls on Sira night
- Drink licorice sherbet
- Eat chickpea bread in Birecik
- Buy Isot pepper



We hope you have a pleasant trip!

