KARDENIZ KAYAK TOUR

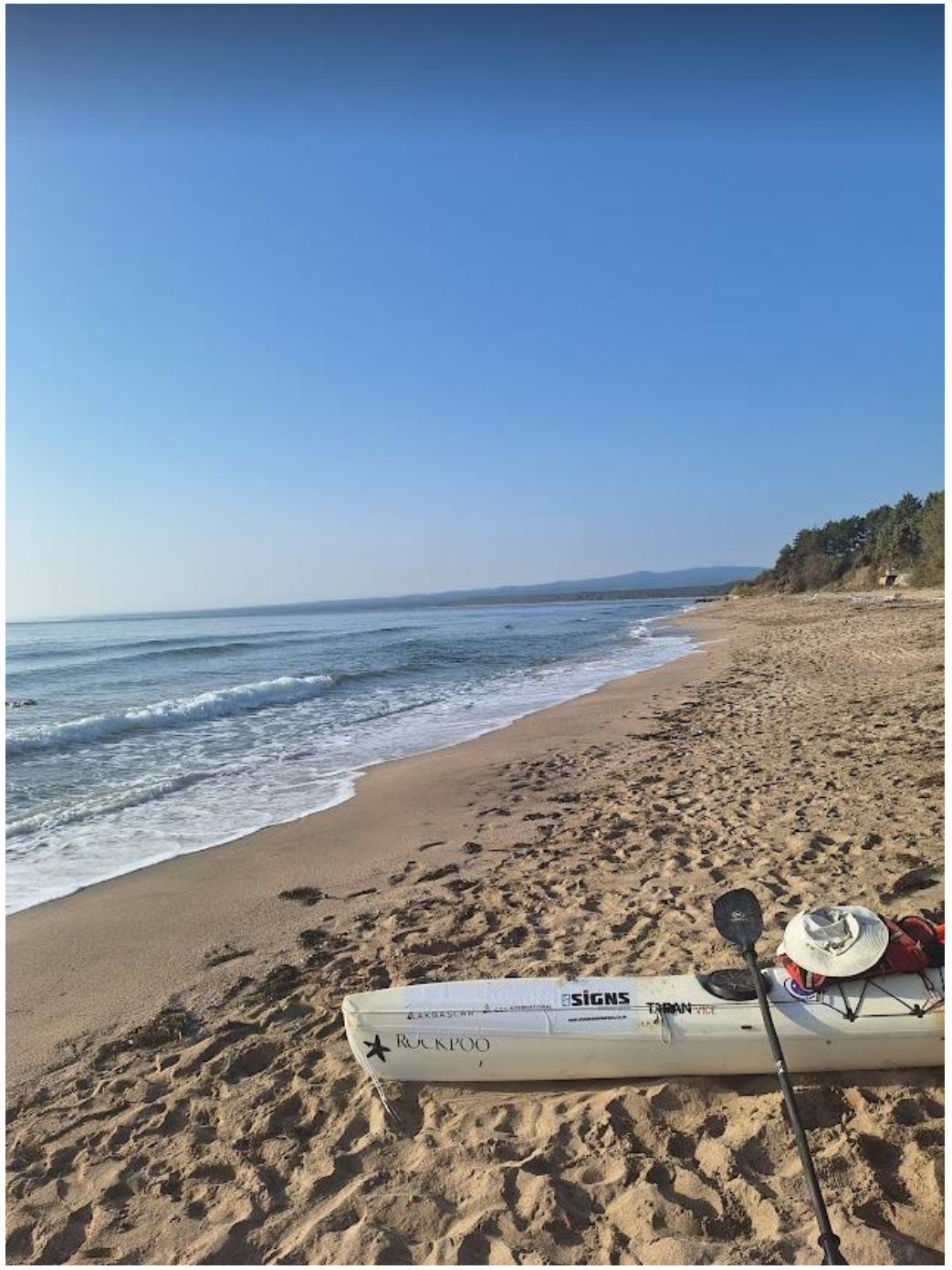
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2023

From the Bulgarian to the Georgian border
(Igneada, Kirklareli to Hopa, Artvin)



INTRODUCTION

- Why the Karadeniz?
  - Route overview and preparation
- How this trip differed from the Mediterranean trip?
  - Seasons, navigation, borders and ‘supported’
- Sections of the trip
  - Trakya (Thrace) and Istanbul
  - Fistik (Hazelnuts)
  - Cay (tea plantations)
  - After: mountains
- Cumhuriyet Bayram Kutlu Olsun! Turkey’s 100th Birthday

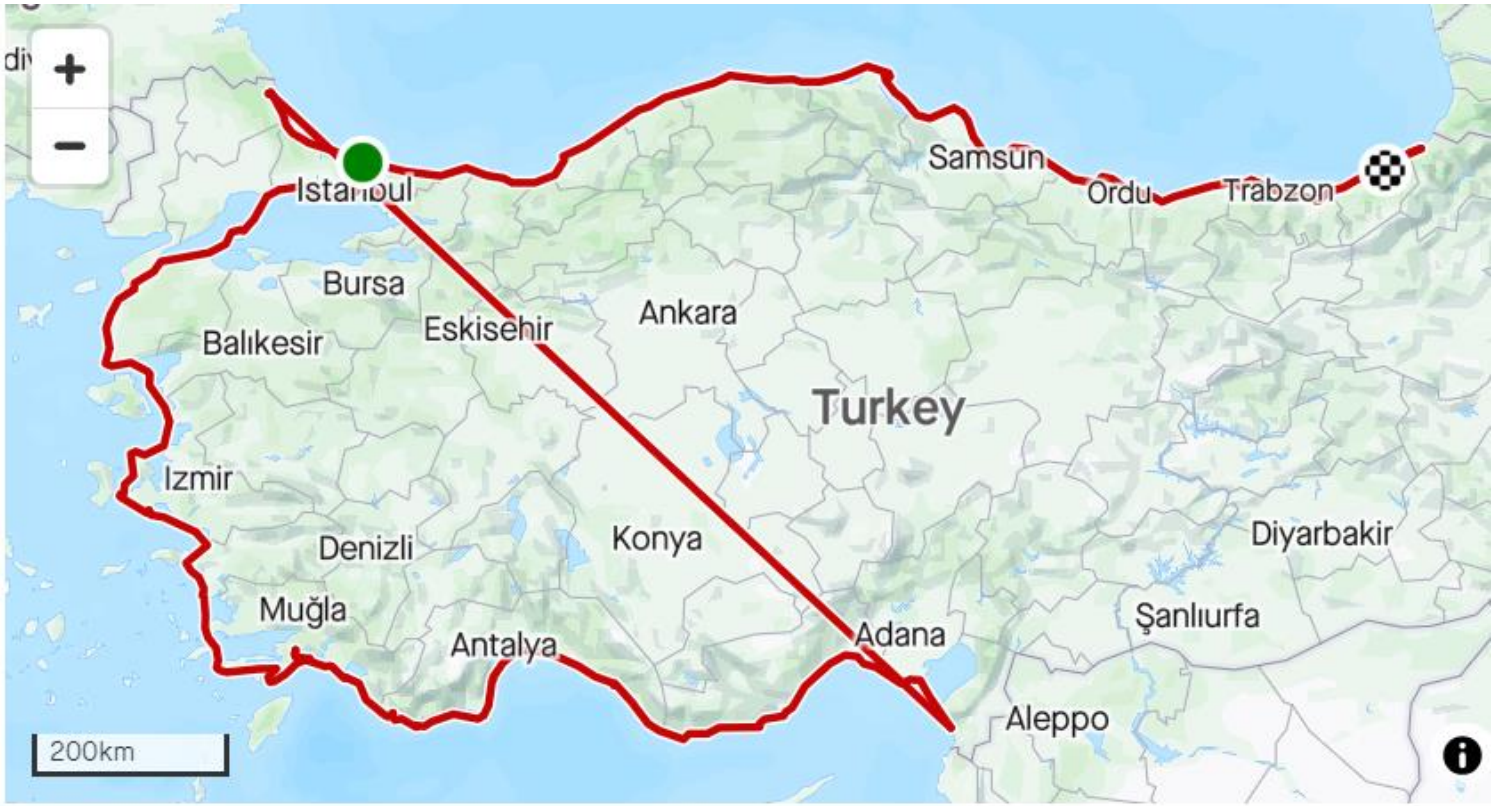


WHY THE KARADENIZ?

To:

- Complete a multi-year dream and complete the kayak lap of Turkey
- See and experience unique culture and different scenery to the Akdeniz tour
- Escape the extreme heat of Mersin and Adana
- Learn more about a country I love and especially the unique Black Sea culture
- Visit new counties (il): Zonguldak, Bartin, Kastamonu, Ordu and Giresun





ROUTE OVERVIEW

- Distance: 800 miles
- Left: 25th July (Igneada, Kirklareli)
- Arrived: 7th September (Hopa, Artvin)
- Maximum daily distance: 58 miles
- Longest crossing: 40 miles (Sinop to Toplu, Samsun)
- Favourite Section: Sinop-Giresun and Rize-Hopa
- Toughest Section: Zonguldak Eregli to Sinop





PREPARATION

- Plan the route by available days for lunch and night stops and rest days
- Get the kayak repaired from the previous year at a slow Norfolk boat yard
- Ship the kayak to the start line, a hotel in Igneada with extra time with customs procedures and packing lists
- Buy any extra kit required such as VHF radio in England
- Find a support crew (in this case)
- Buy food and water the day before and pack for a fast departure





FINDING A SUPPORT BOAT

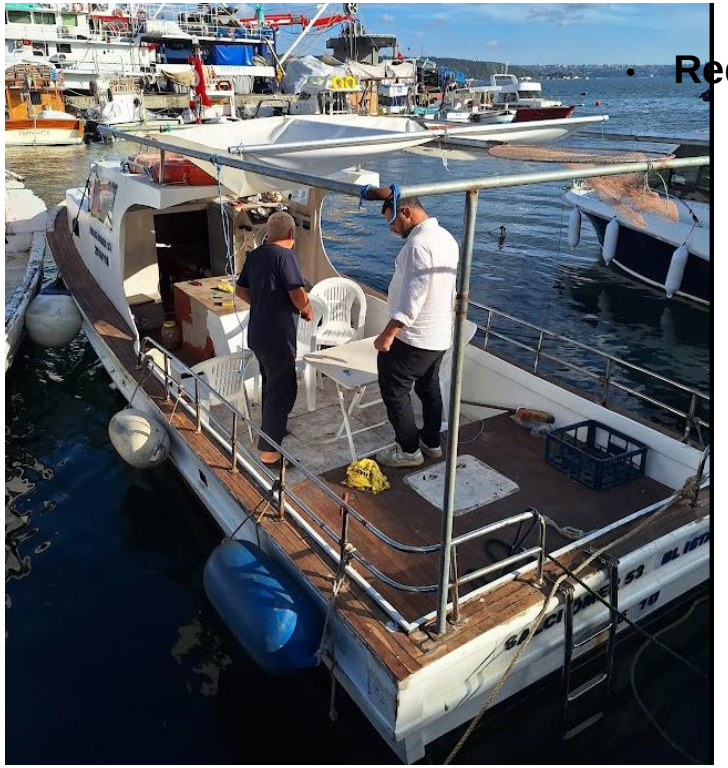
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- Reduce risk
- Save time
- Smoother logistics
- Easier navigation
- More comfortable

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- **More expensive than planned**
- **Crew ‘management’**
- **Reliant on others in a second language**
- **Different expectations and international bank transfer**
- **Niche request at the start of the busy ‘balik sezonu’**
- **Restricted to deeper ports**
- **Reduced local interaction**







DAILY ROUTINE

- 5:45am: Wake Up
- 6am: Wake up the crew to eat and get started
- 7:30/8am–Sunset (6:30pm falling to 5:30pm moving further East and into autumn
- Midday: Lunch at sea, a sandwich
- 7pm: Simple dinner on the boat or occasionally out
- 7-9pm: Sightseeing
- 9-10:30pm: planning the next day, communicating and relaxing
- 10:30-11pm: bed



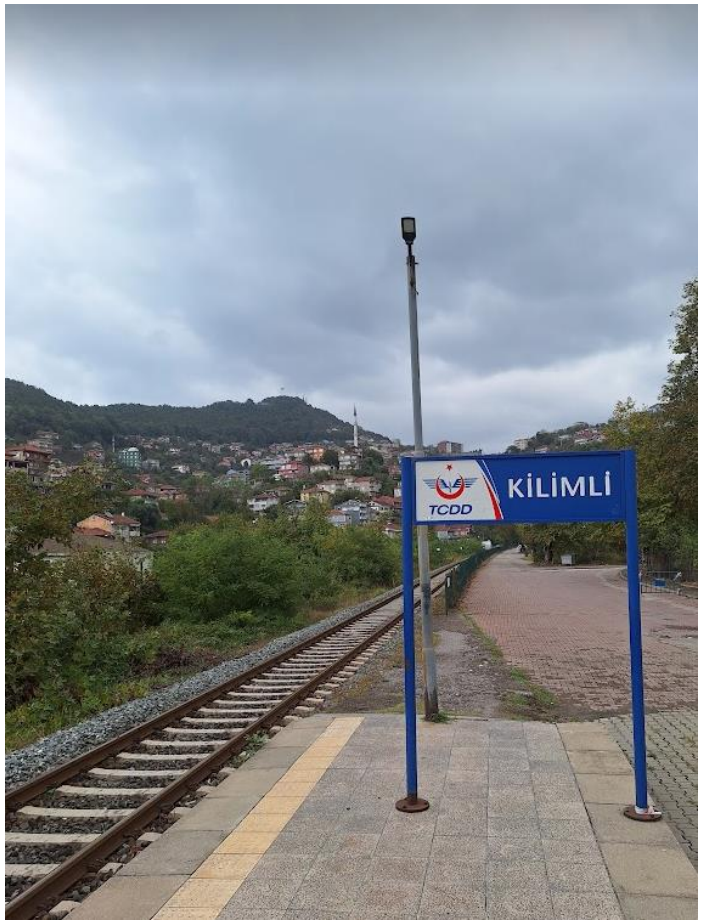






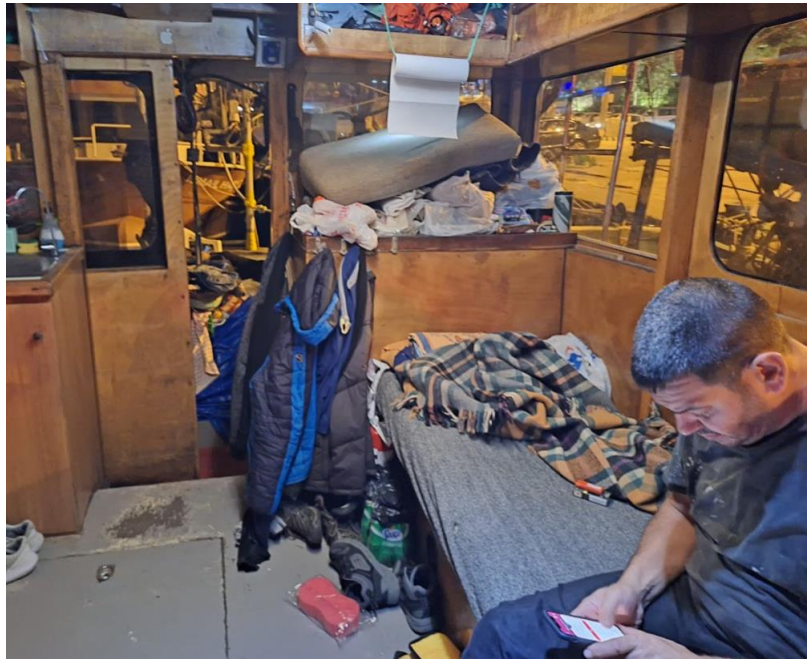
MOST CHALLENGING MOMENTS

- Managing the boat crew and their evening pursuits
- Battles at Zoguldak, Amasya and Catalgazi

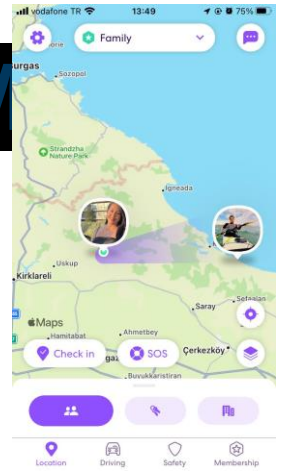


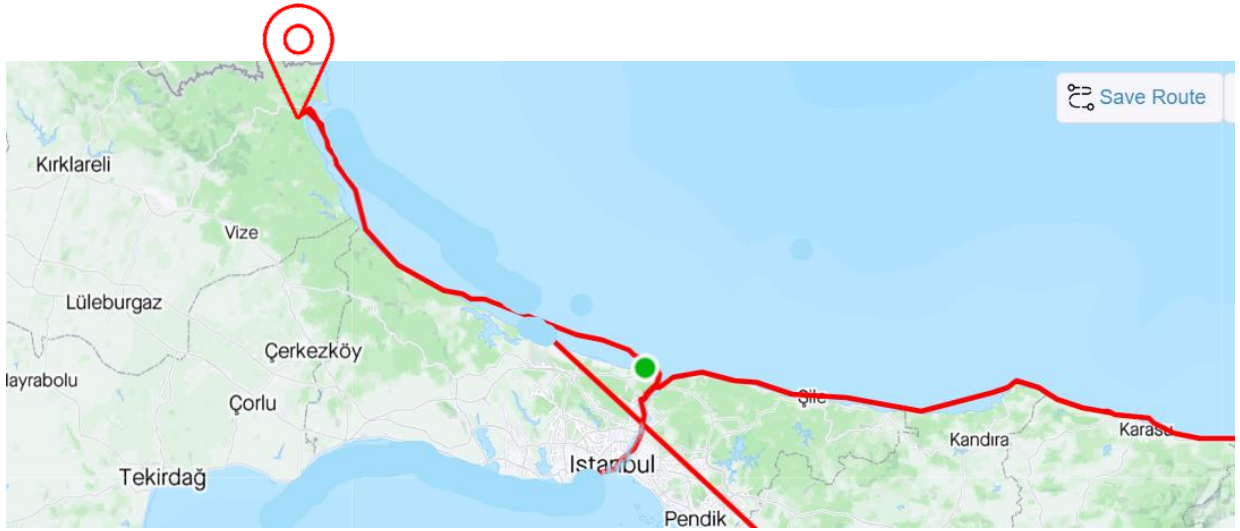






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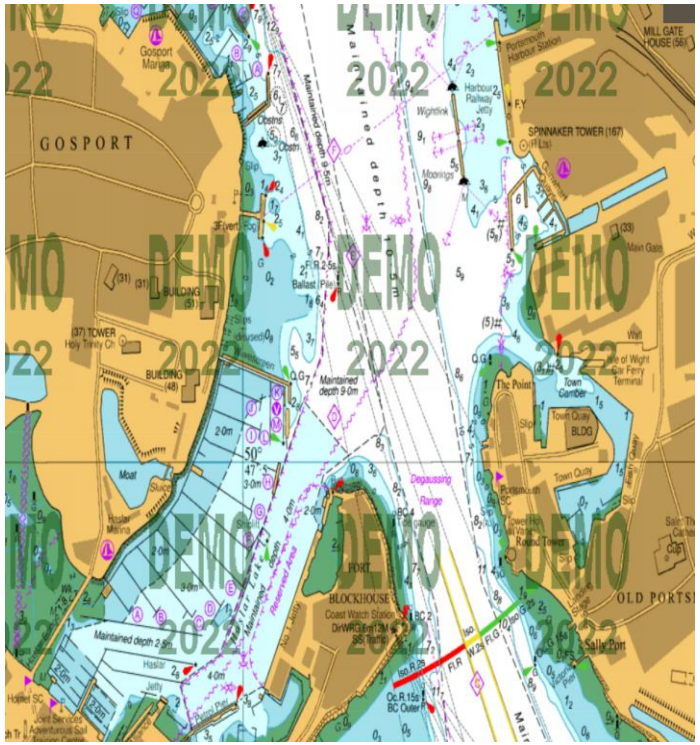


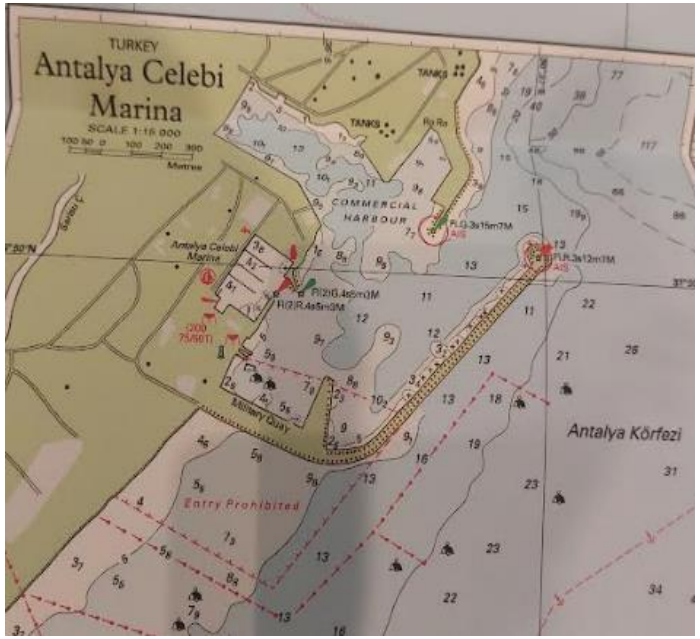


NAVIGATION

- More detail in England with Ordnance Survey maps and clear navigational charts showing far more detail than Google Maps
- More websites with information in England, eg, visitmyharbour.com
- English channels well marked with navigational lights even out to see, less so in Turkey making it difficult after dark

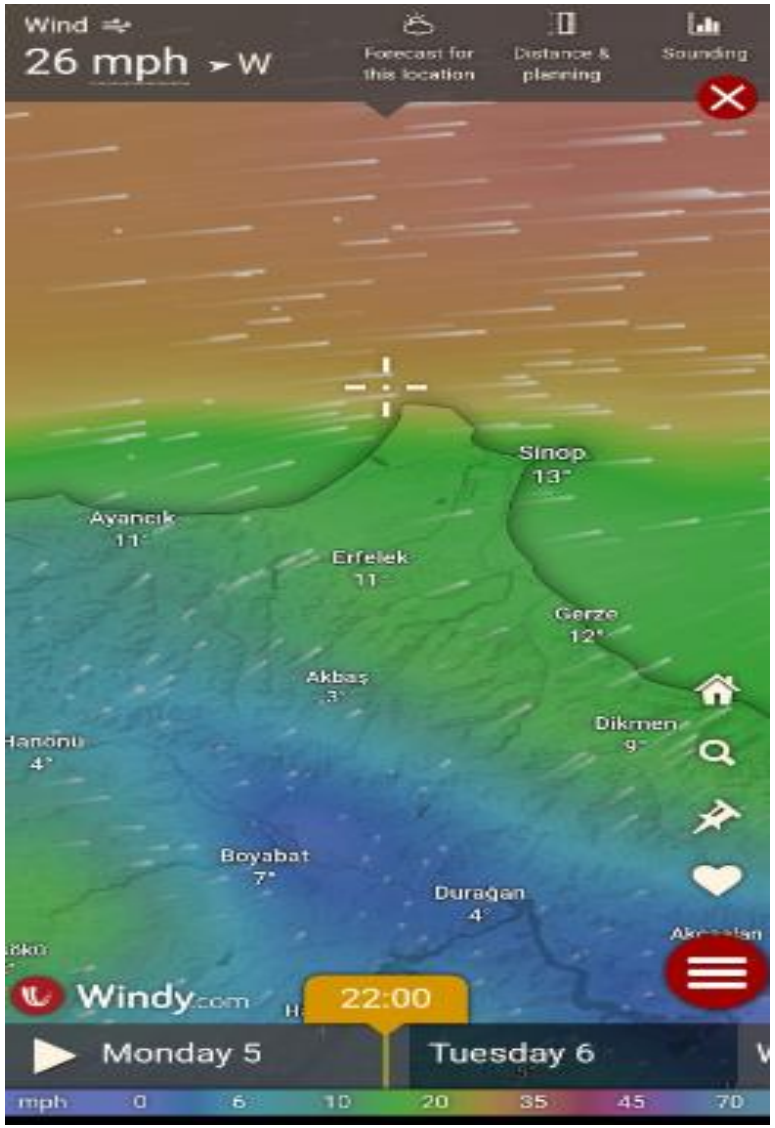


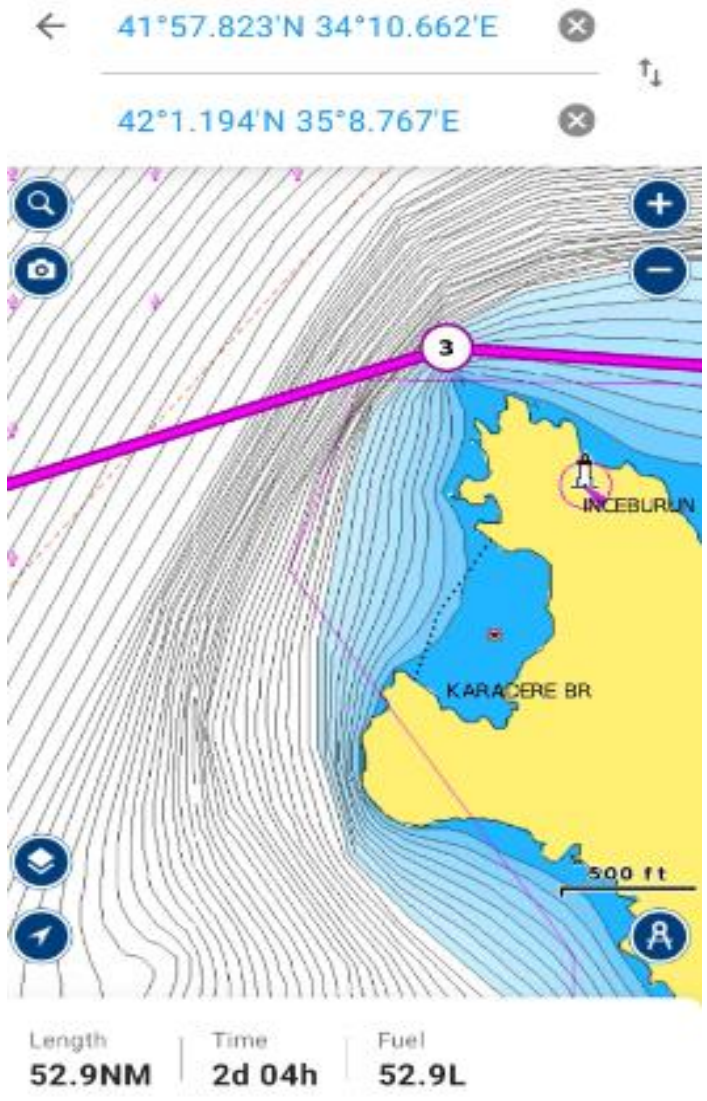


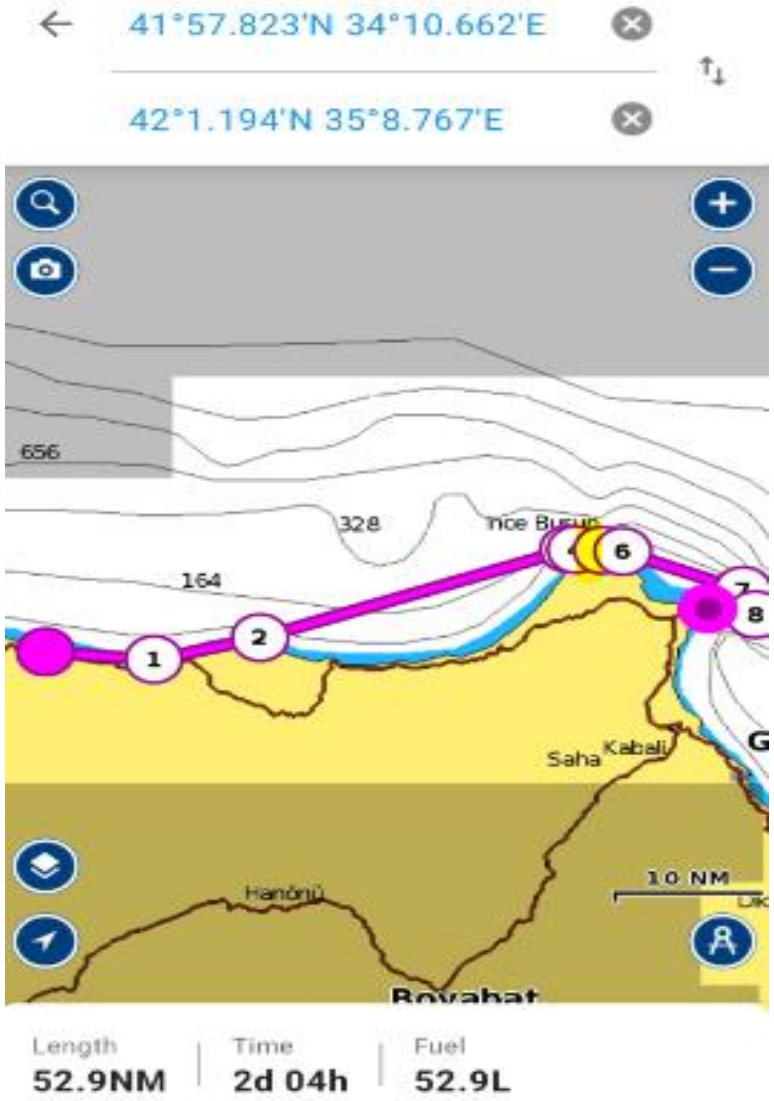


PASSAGE PLANNING

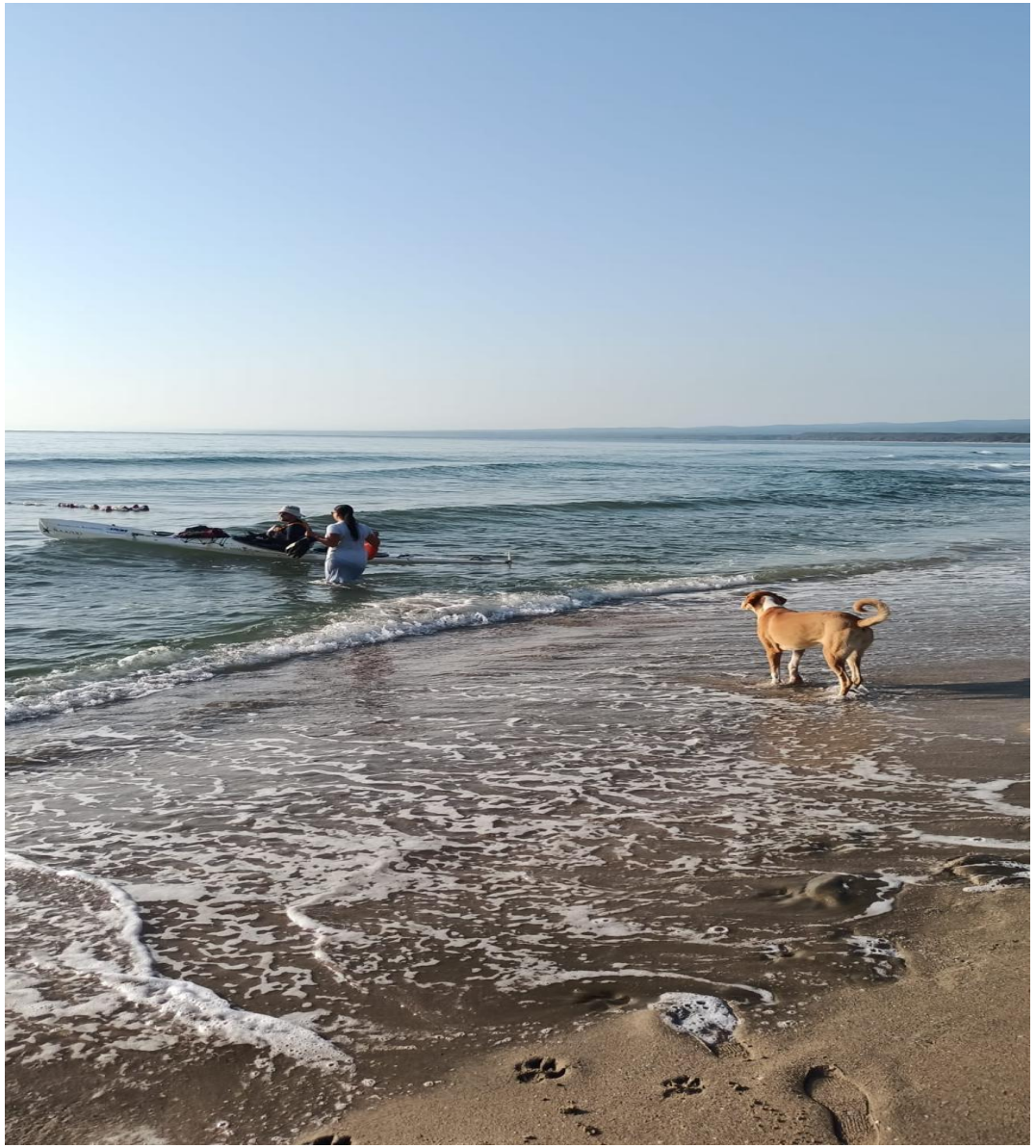
- Far easier as no islands or borders to consider
- Only crossing the Bosphorous above Istanbul in an area of low passenger shipping
- Navionics and Windy used

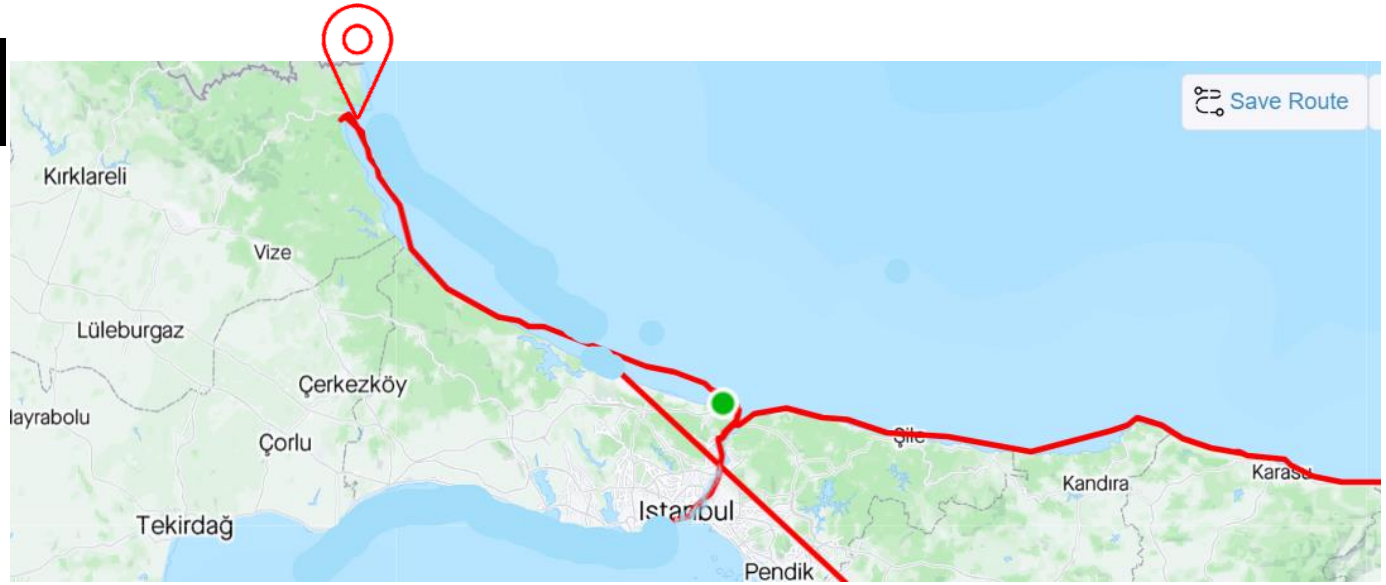


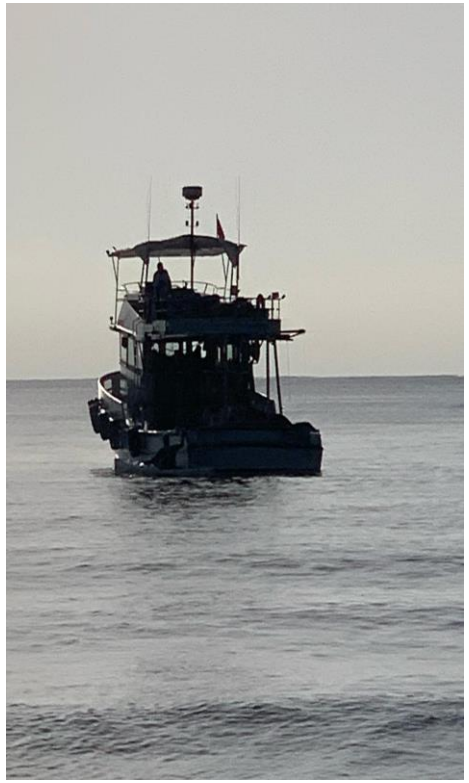


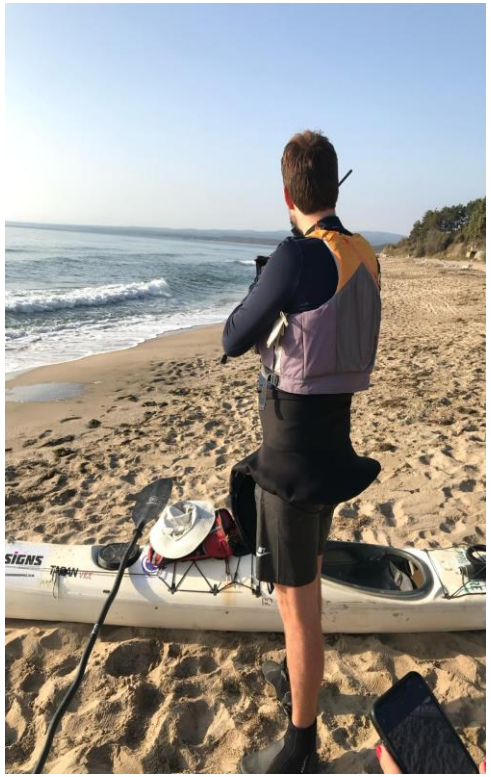


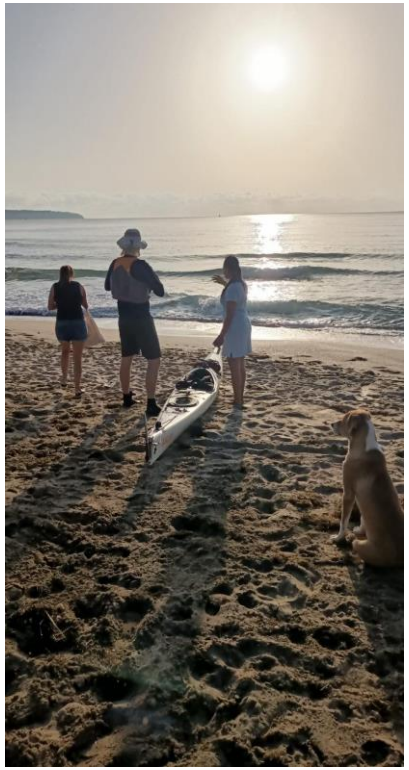
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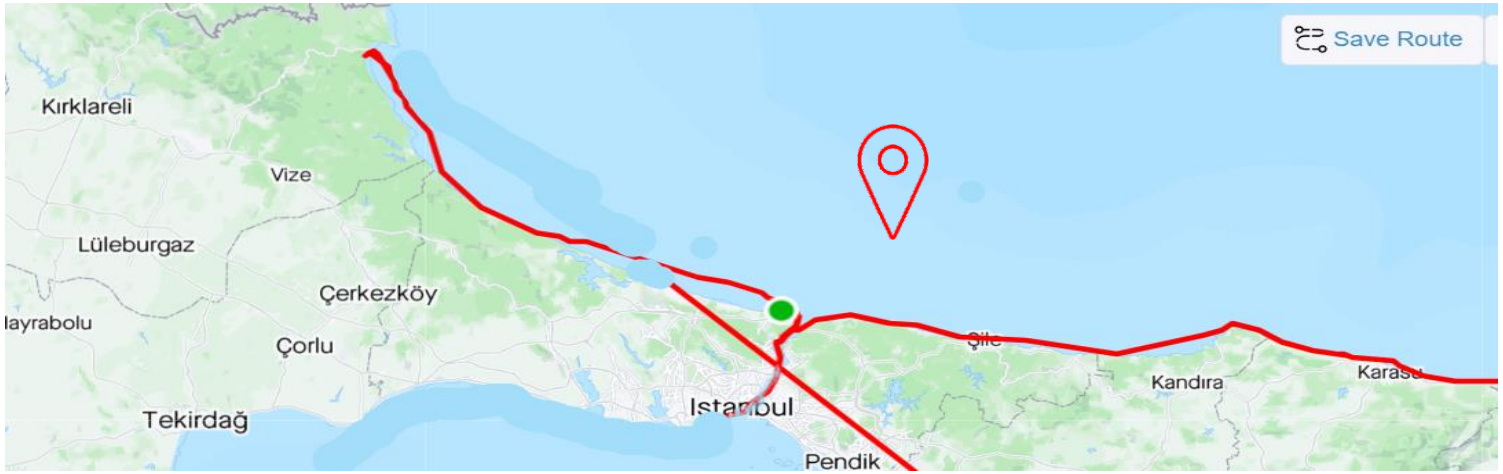


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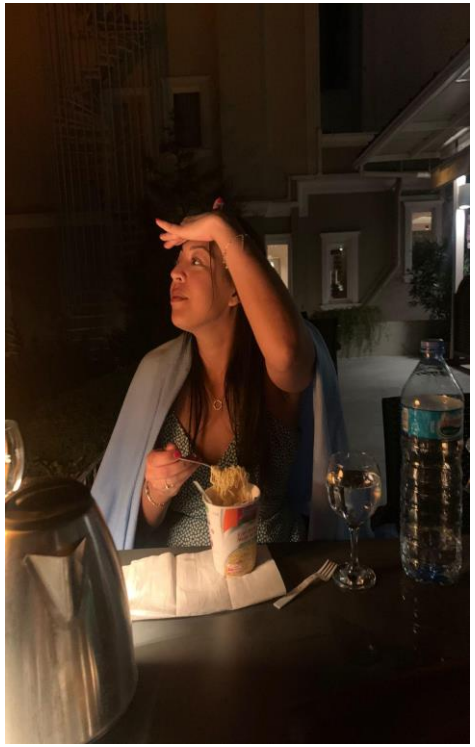
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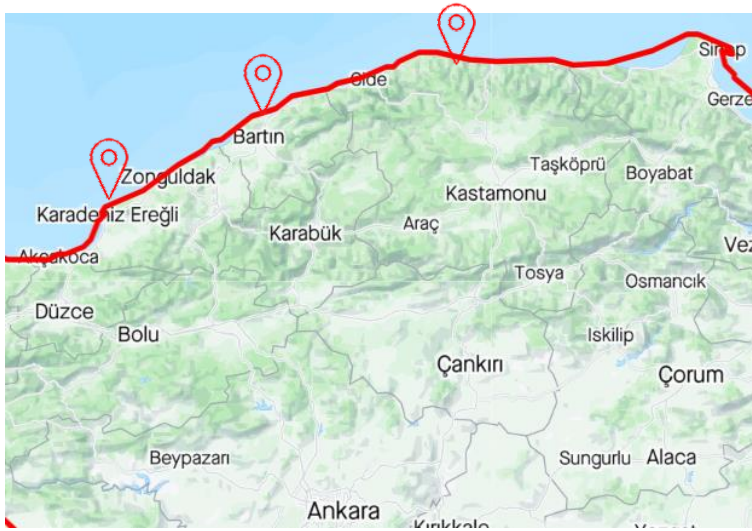
From the Thracian side to the majesty of Sile followed by empty expanse west of Kefken and dramatic sunsets

(HAZELNUTS)

Majority of the trip from Zonguldak Eregli to Giresun/Trabzon border:

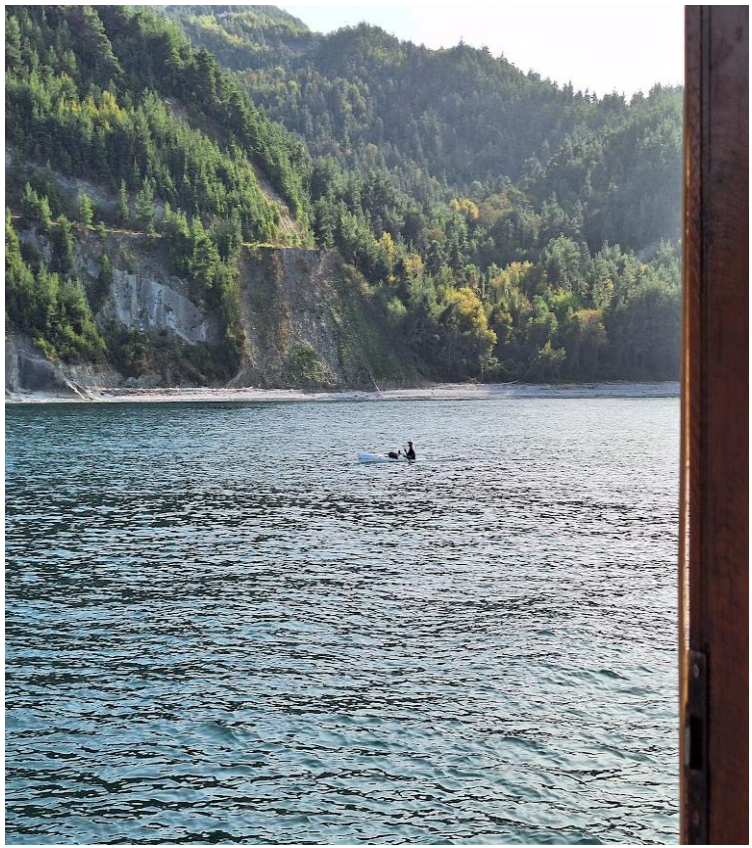
From the rocky and mining landscape of Zonguldak to the fairytale beauty of Amasra and Kastamonu coast to striking Sinop Burnu (most northerly point in Turkey) to the Bafra Delta and Giresun







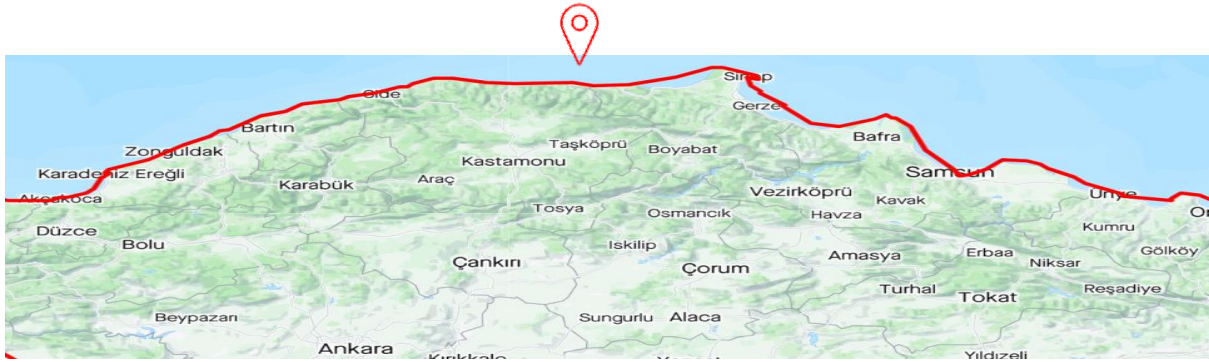




EXCURSION

Held at Zonguldak Kozanli by a storm:

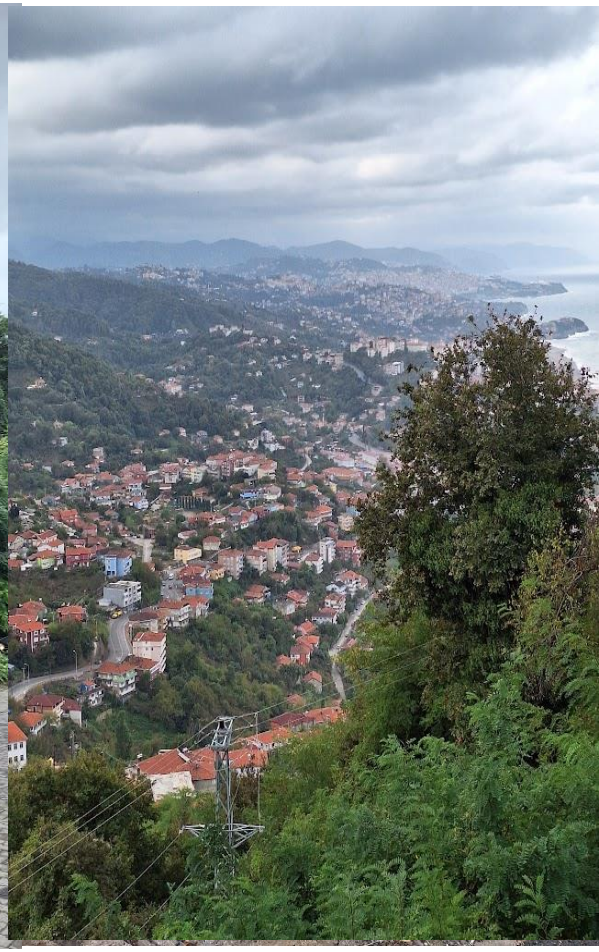
- Climbed the nearest hill, toured the village and took a train to the hamam in Zonguldak



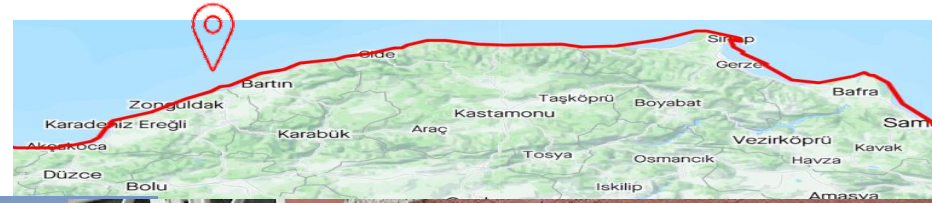




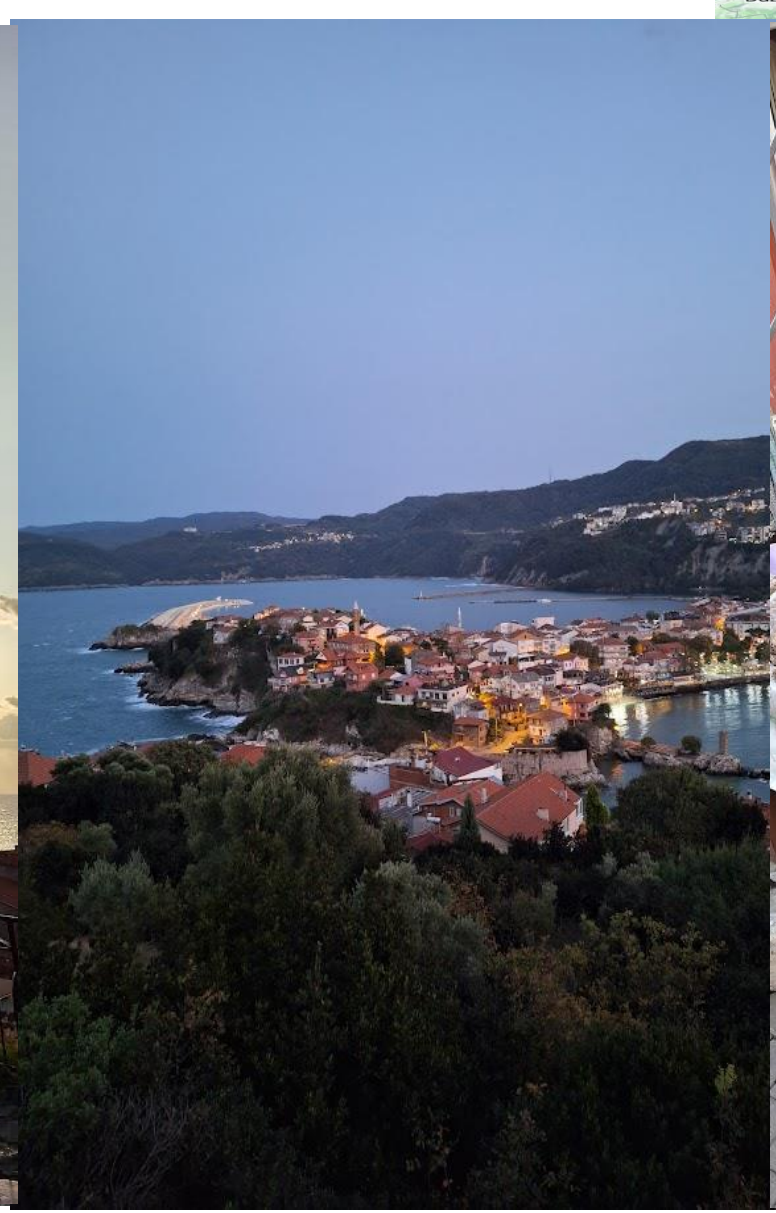




AMASYA EXCURSION









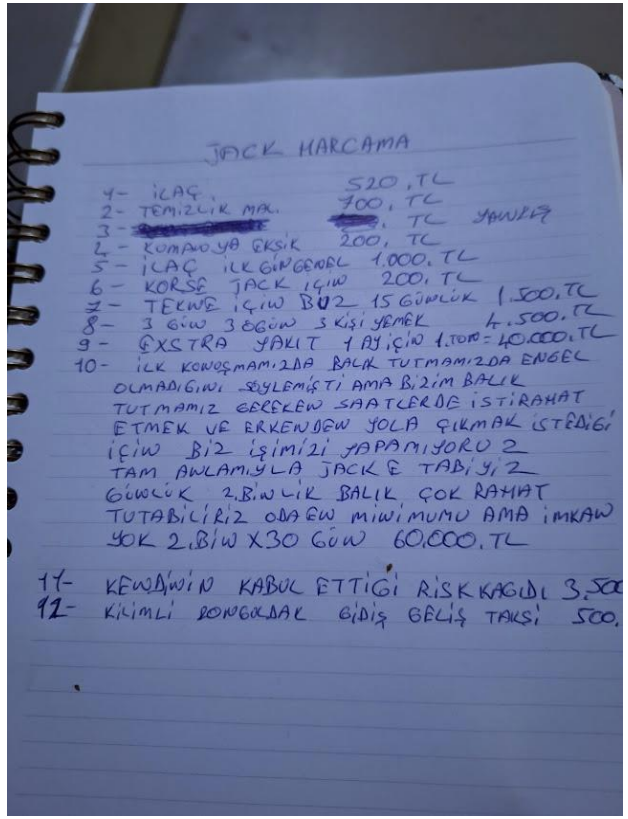
FIRST BATTLE

- Lesson of negotiation
- Learning the true meaning of ‘kumanya’
- Next day, problem solved



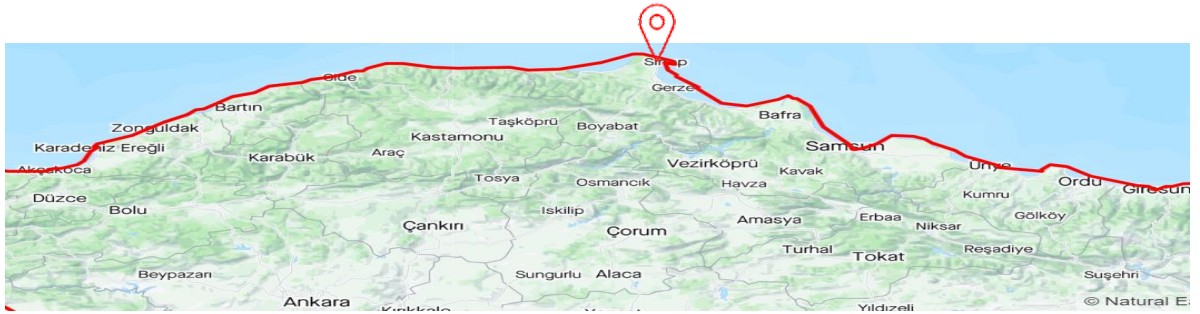




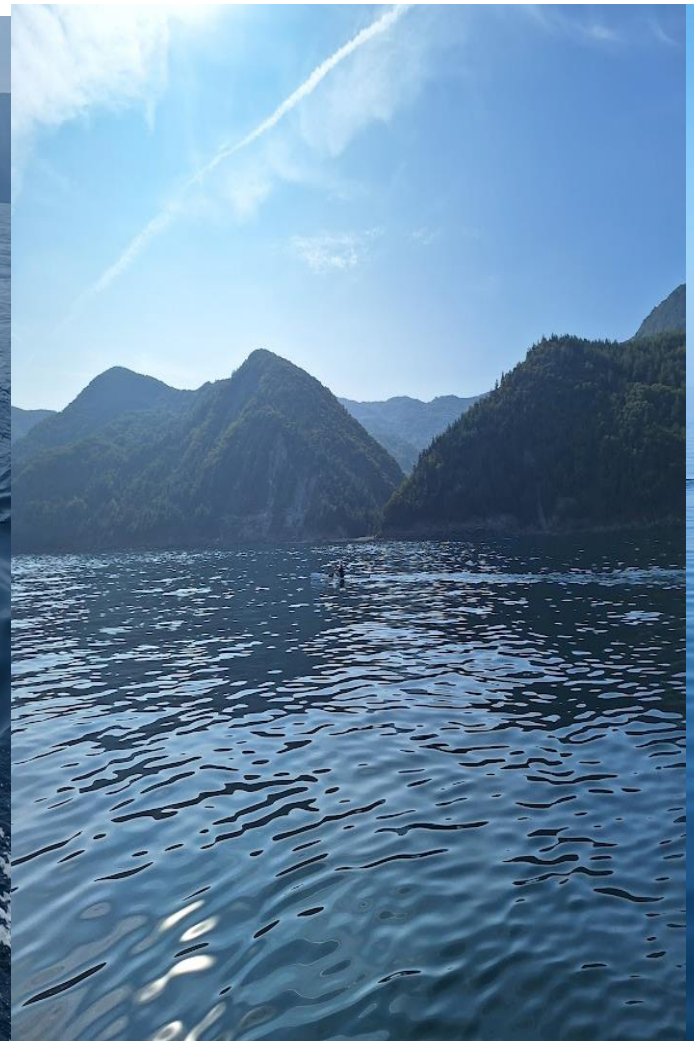


MOST NORTHERLY POINT

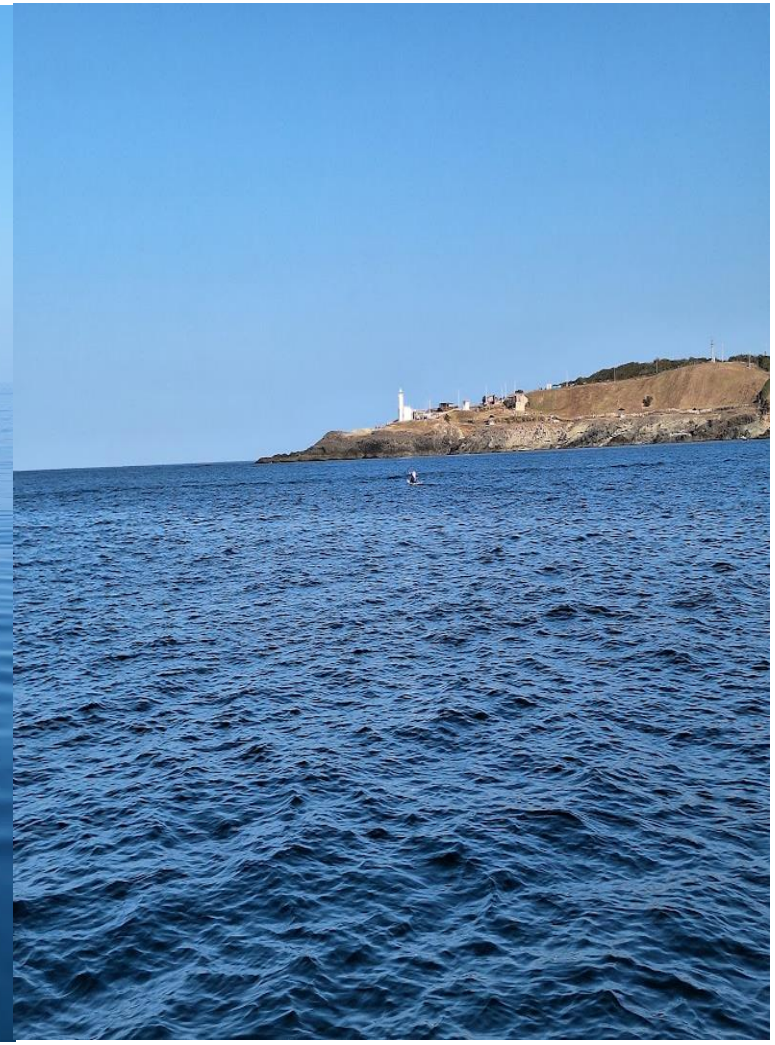
- Inceburun Feneri (lighthouse) 42o05’49 N
- A stormy location, but calm during a weather window





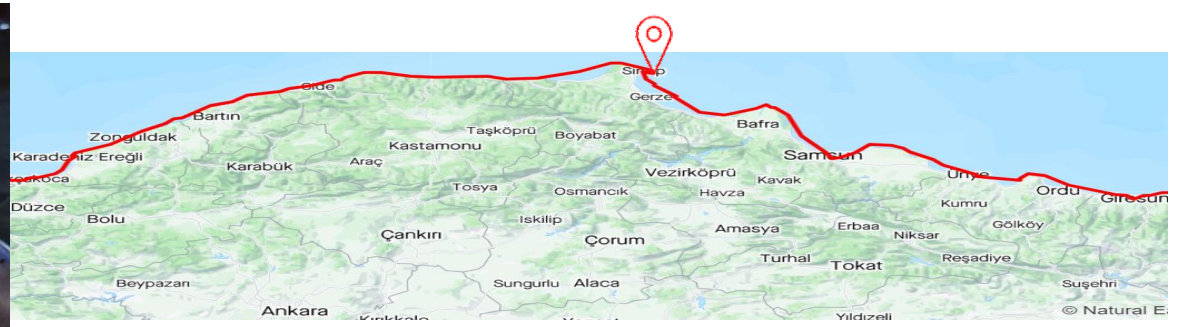


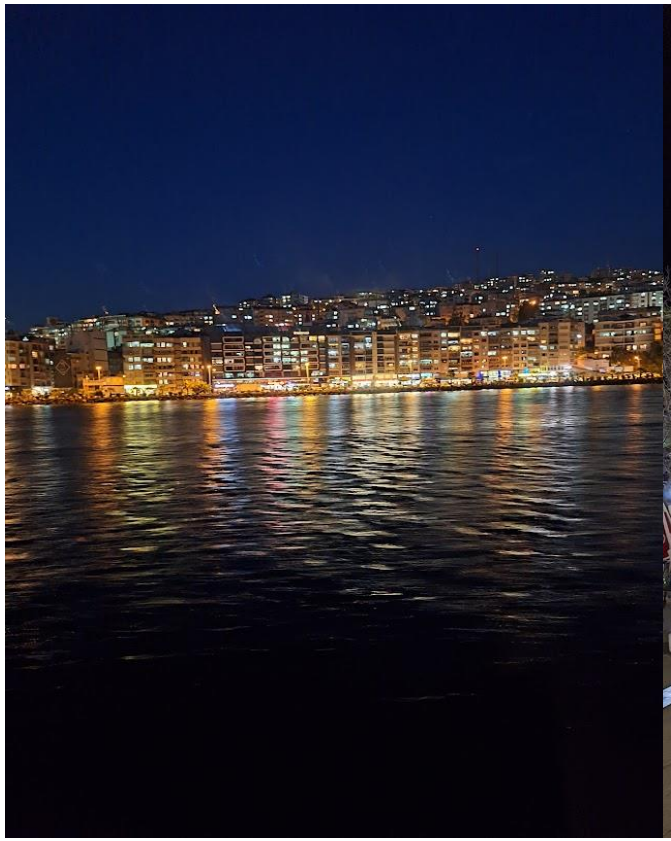


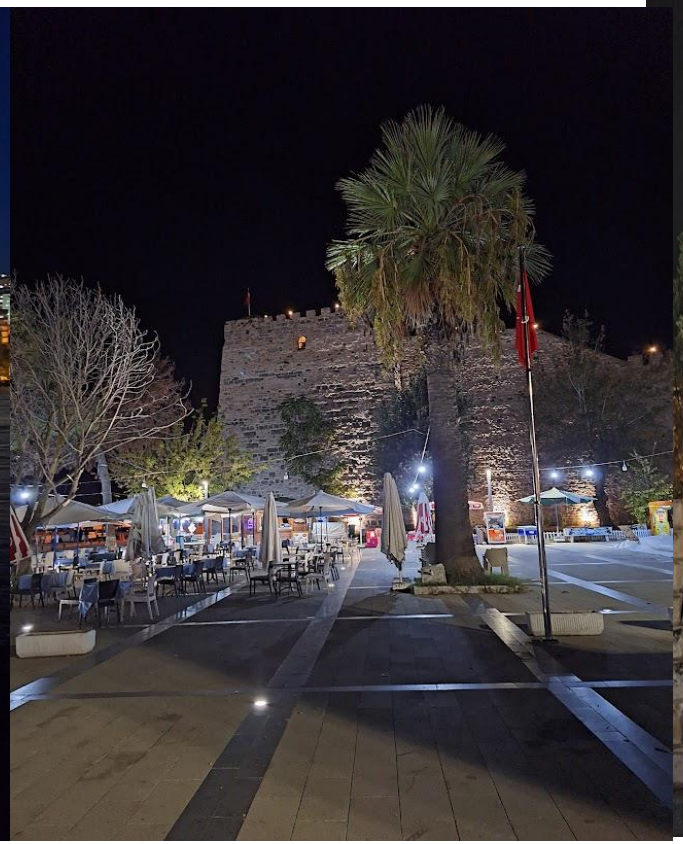


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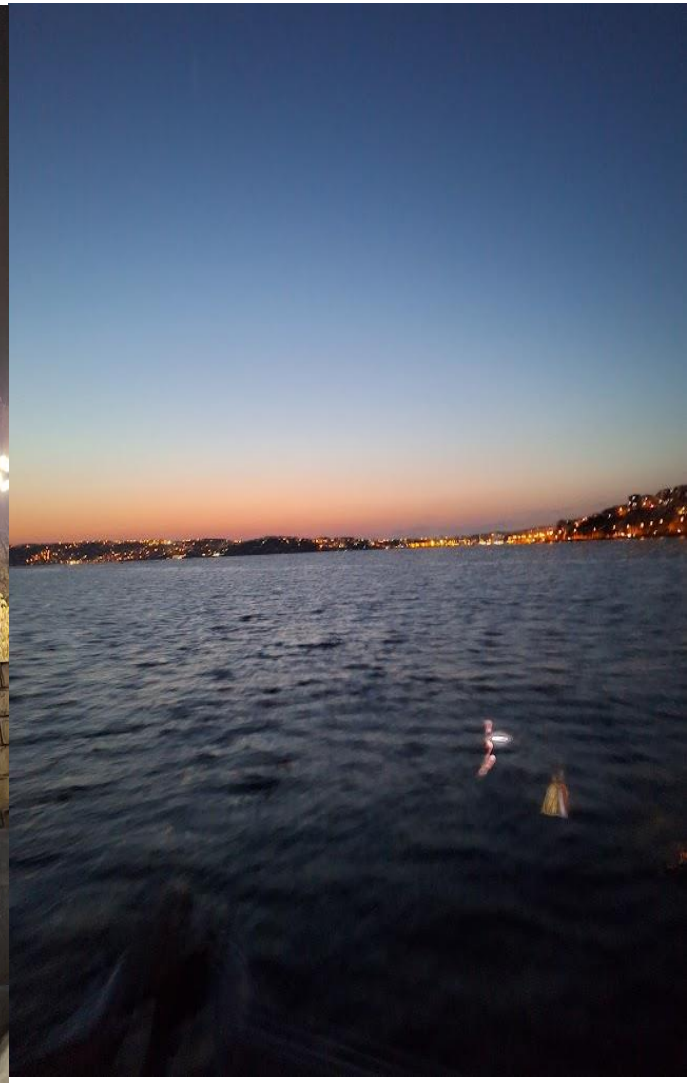



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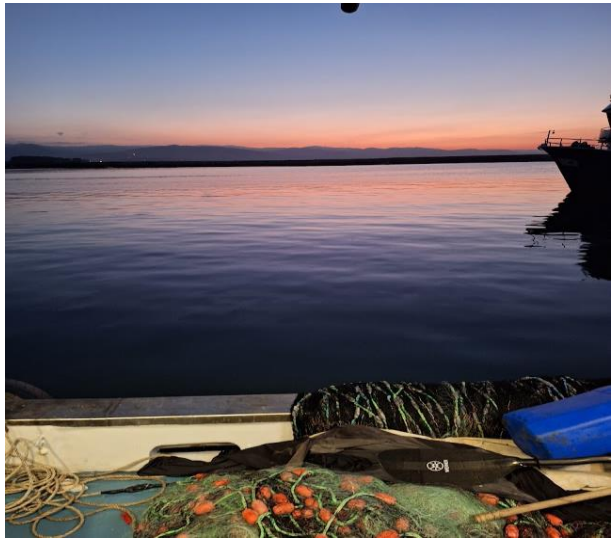



YURTTA SULH
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THE CROSSING

Longest crossing:
40 miles (Sinop-Toplu, Samsun)









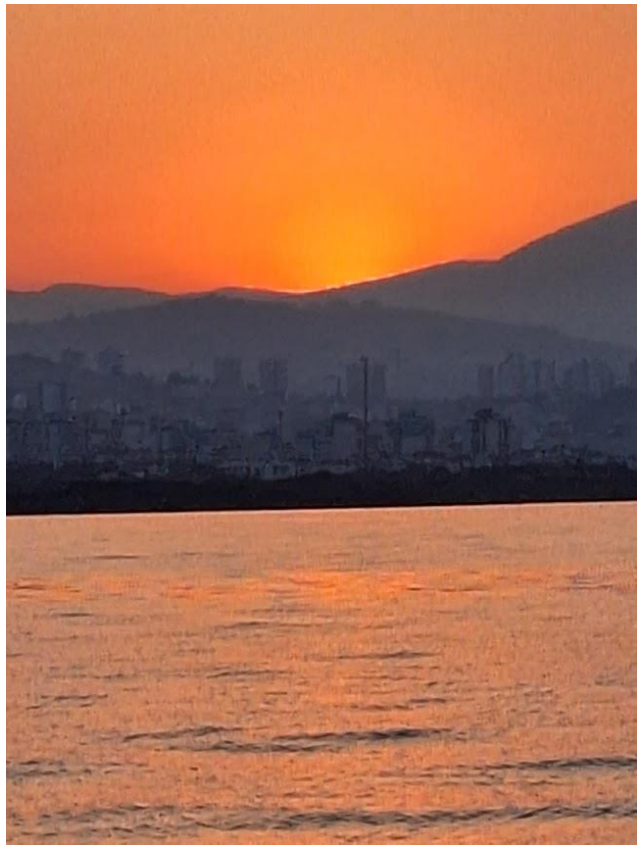


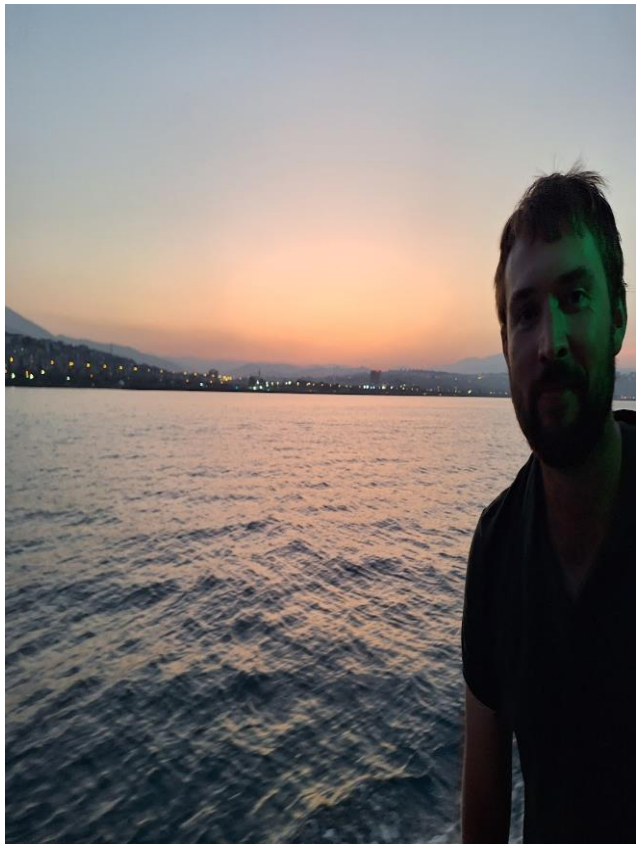
BAFRA DELTA AND SAMSUN APPROACH

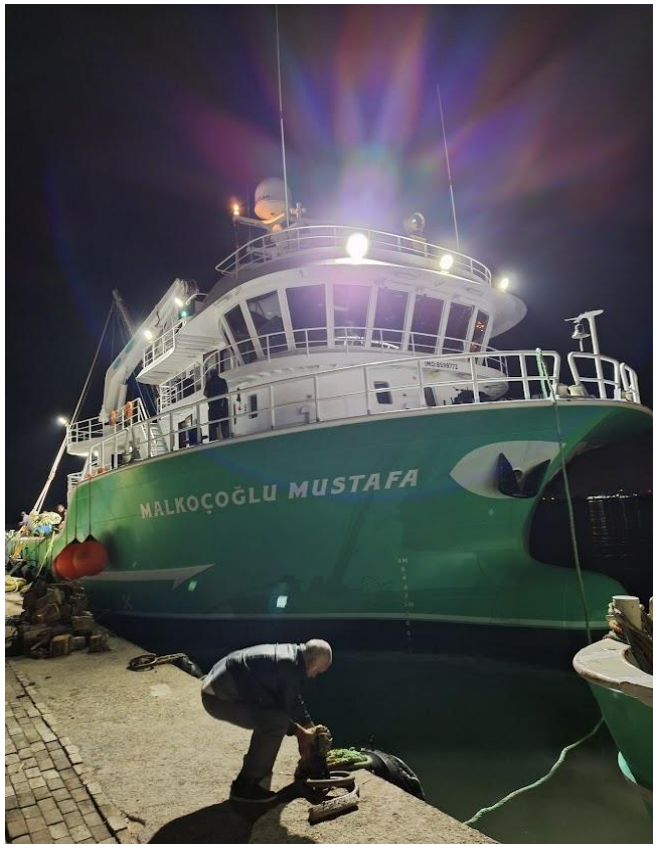
- One of the most beautiful sections of the trip and magical watching Samsun unfurl in the warm mist into sunset

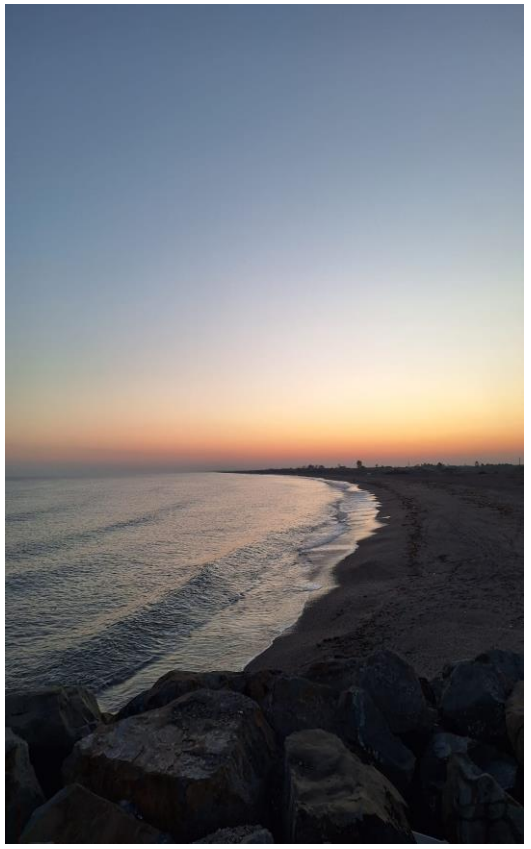






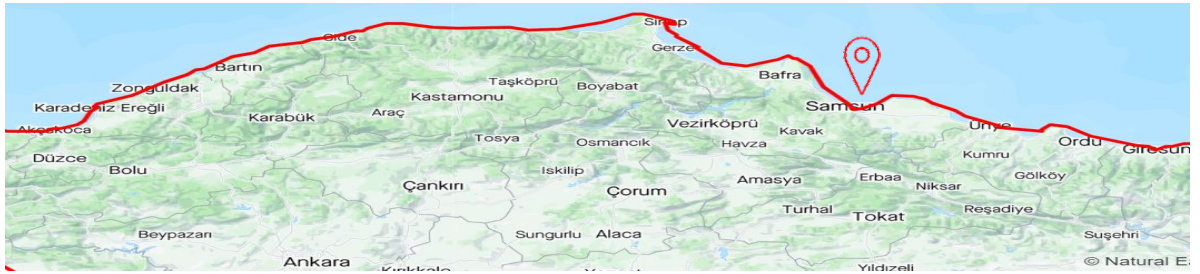


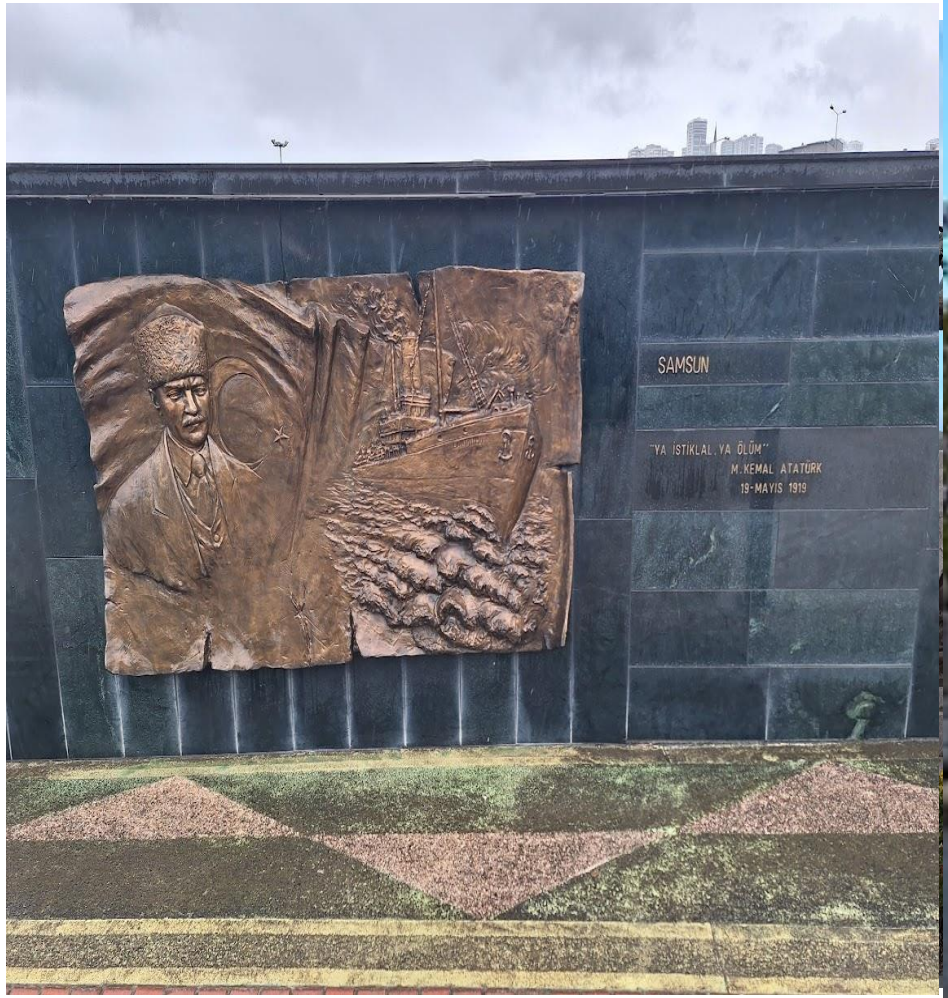




SAMSUN EXCURSION

- Large Karadeniz city where Ataturk landed in 1919 by boat from Istanbul (The Bandirma)

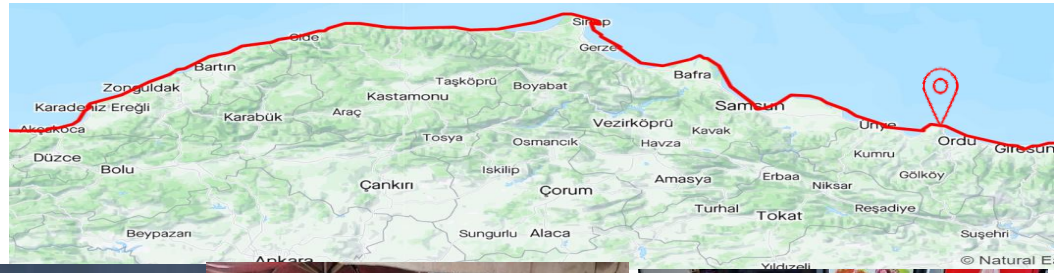




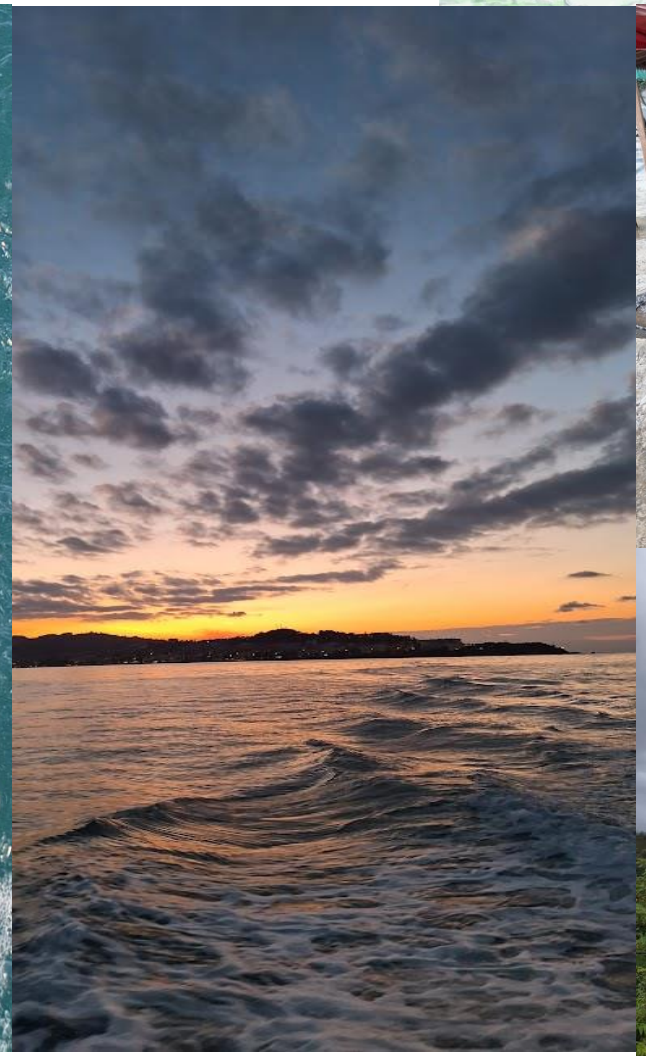




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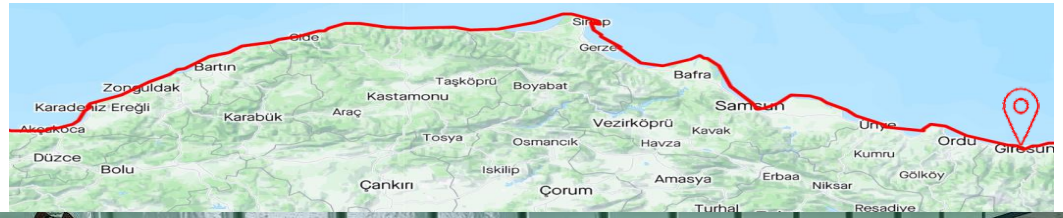




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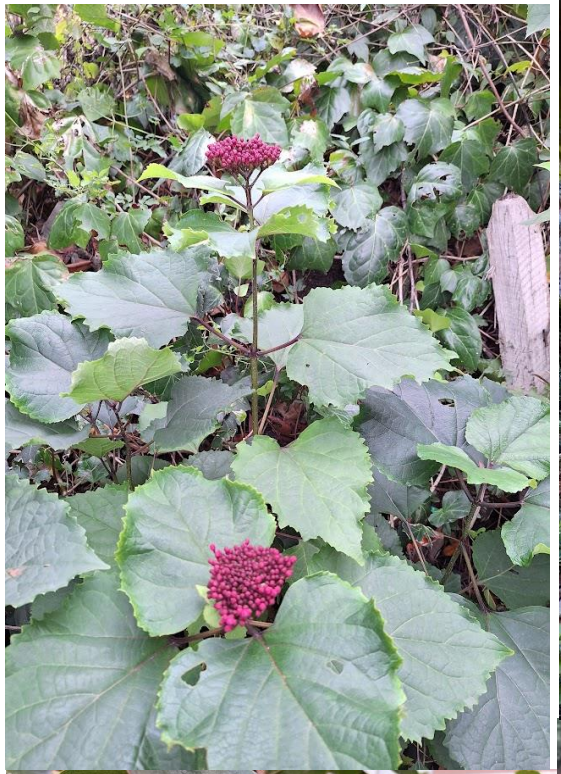


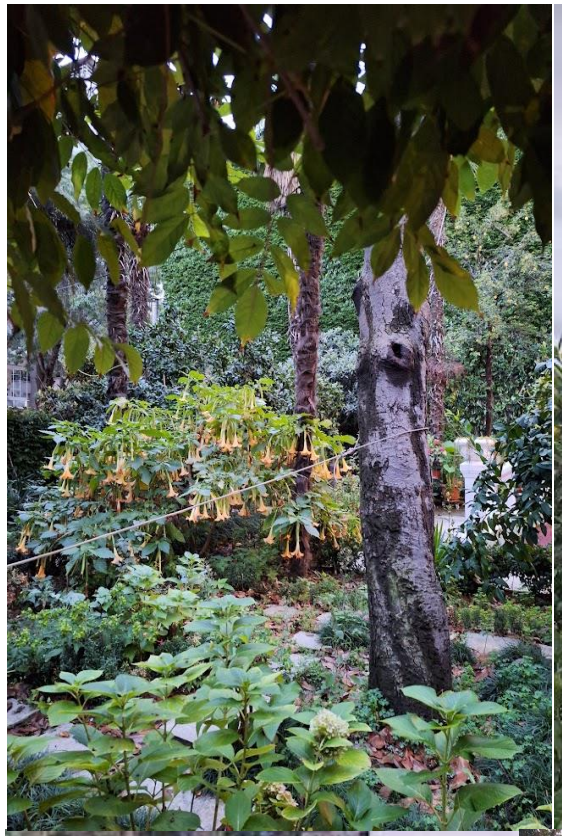
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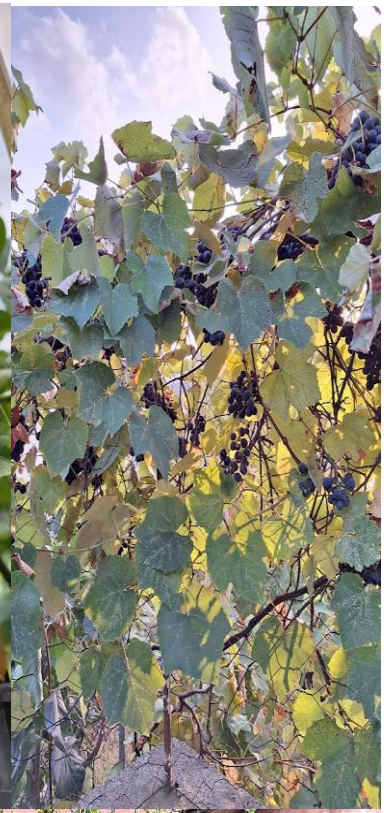
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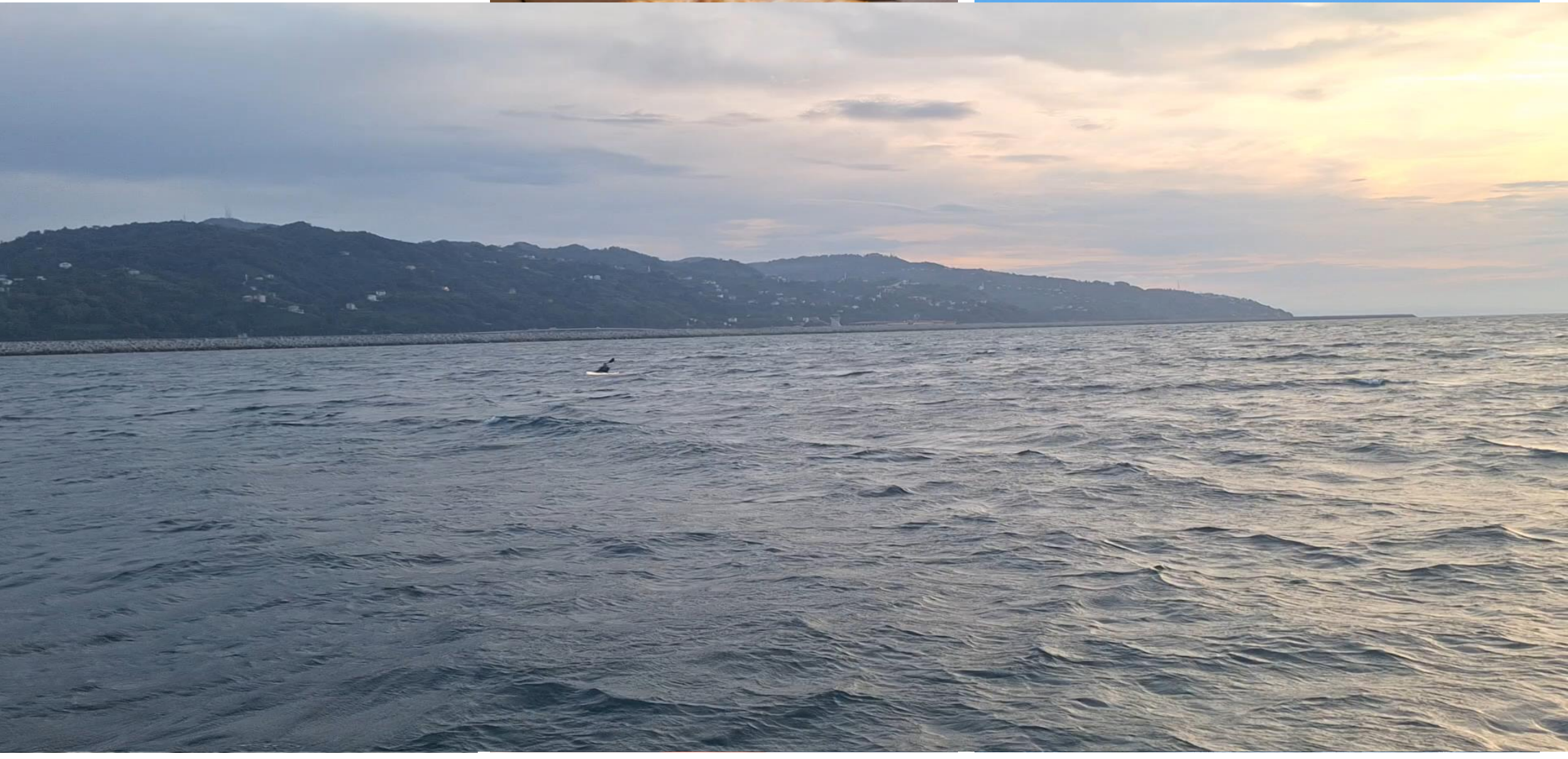






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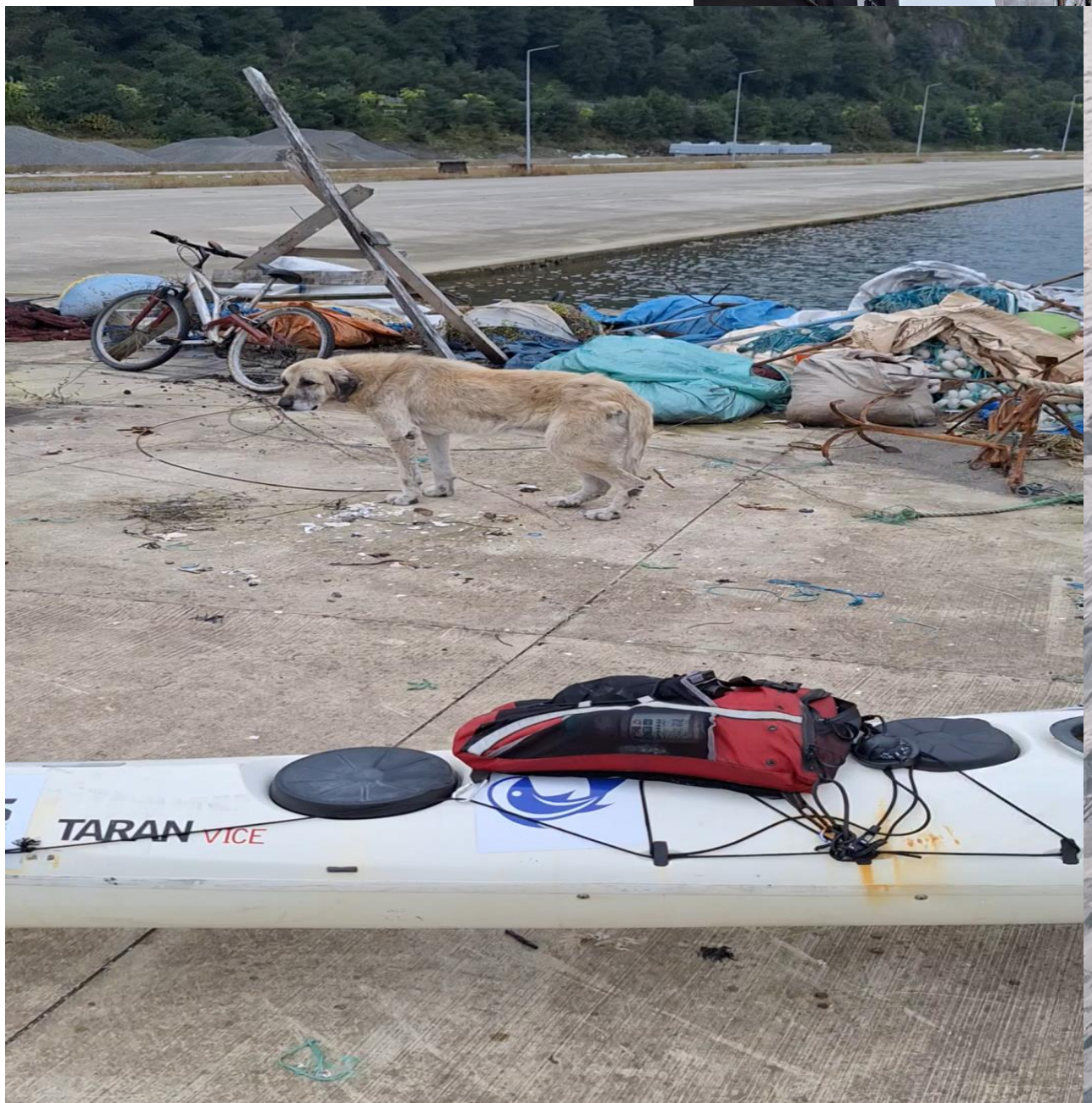


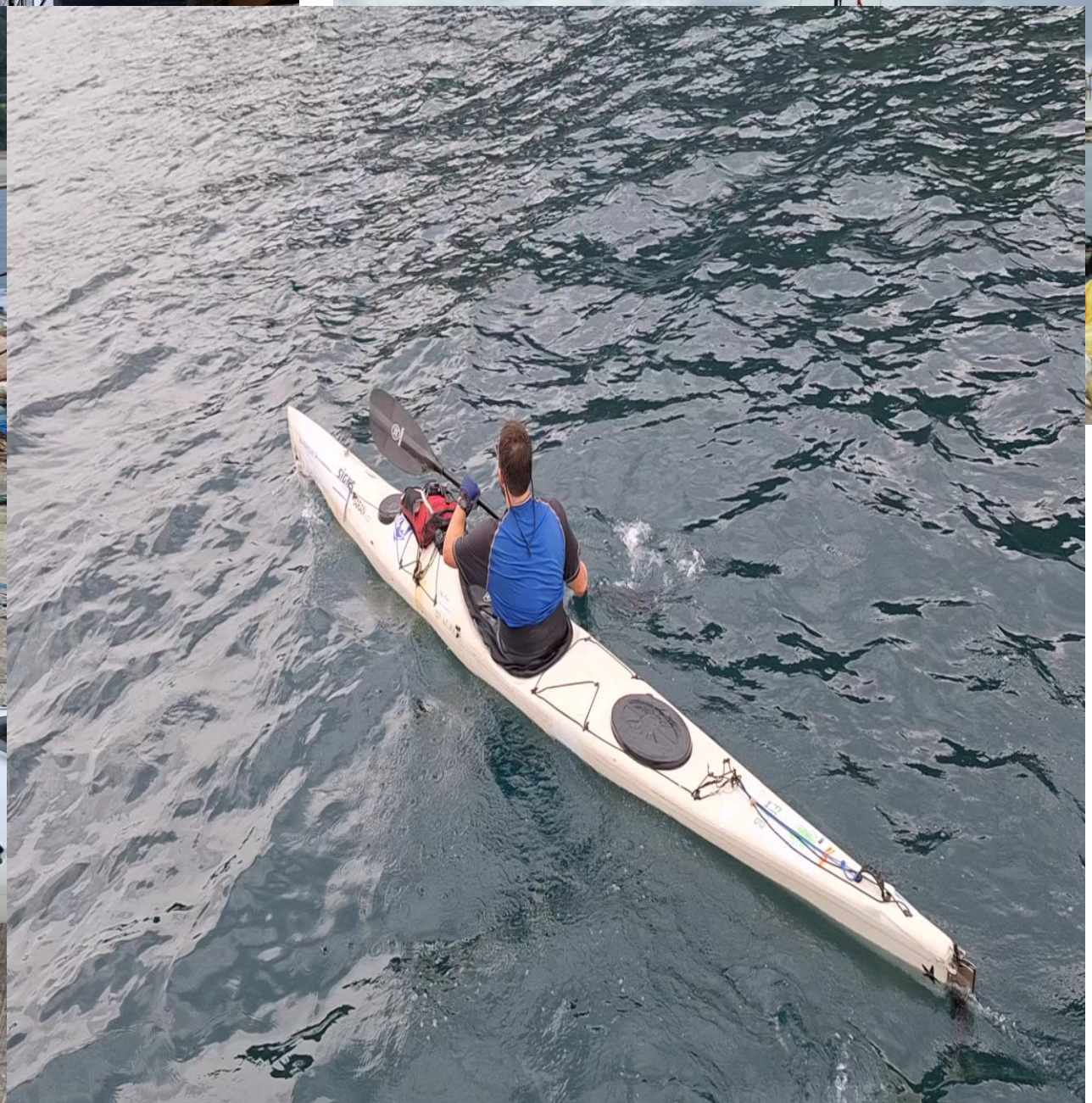


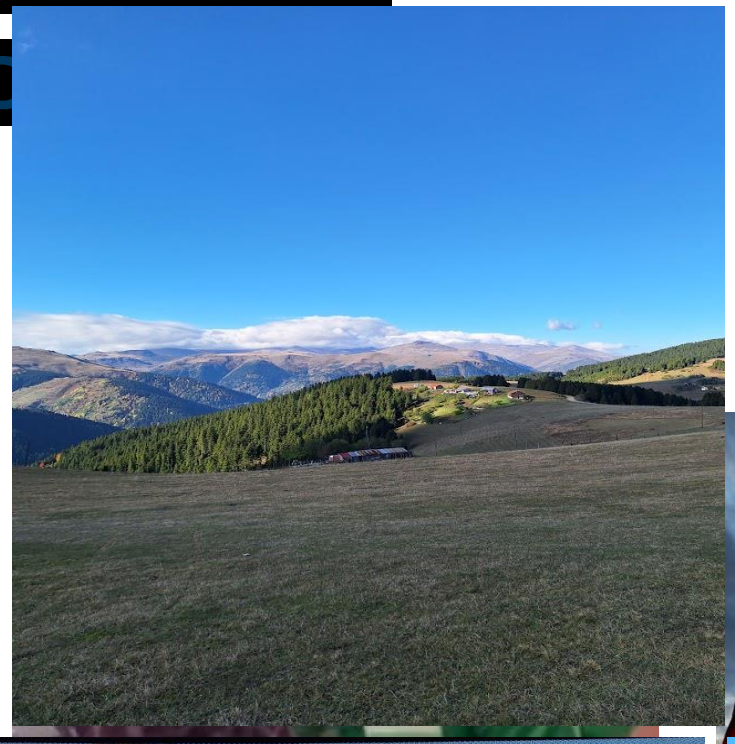
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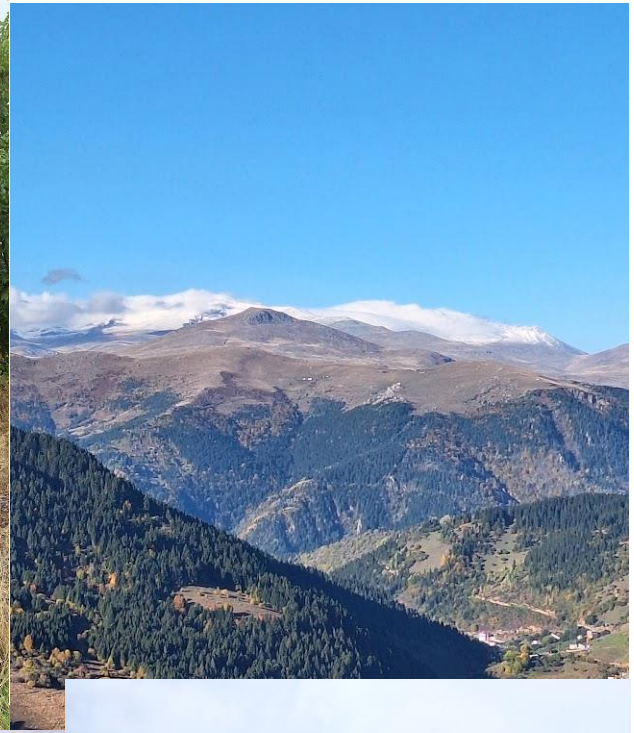




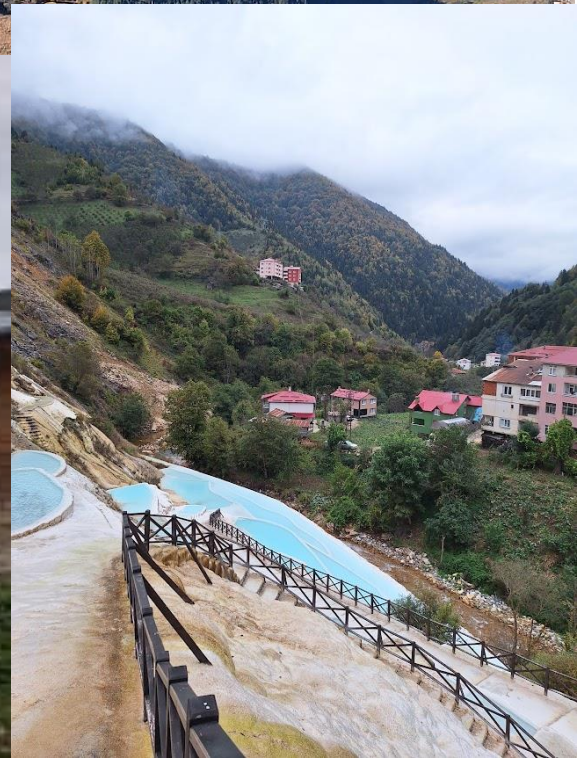


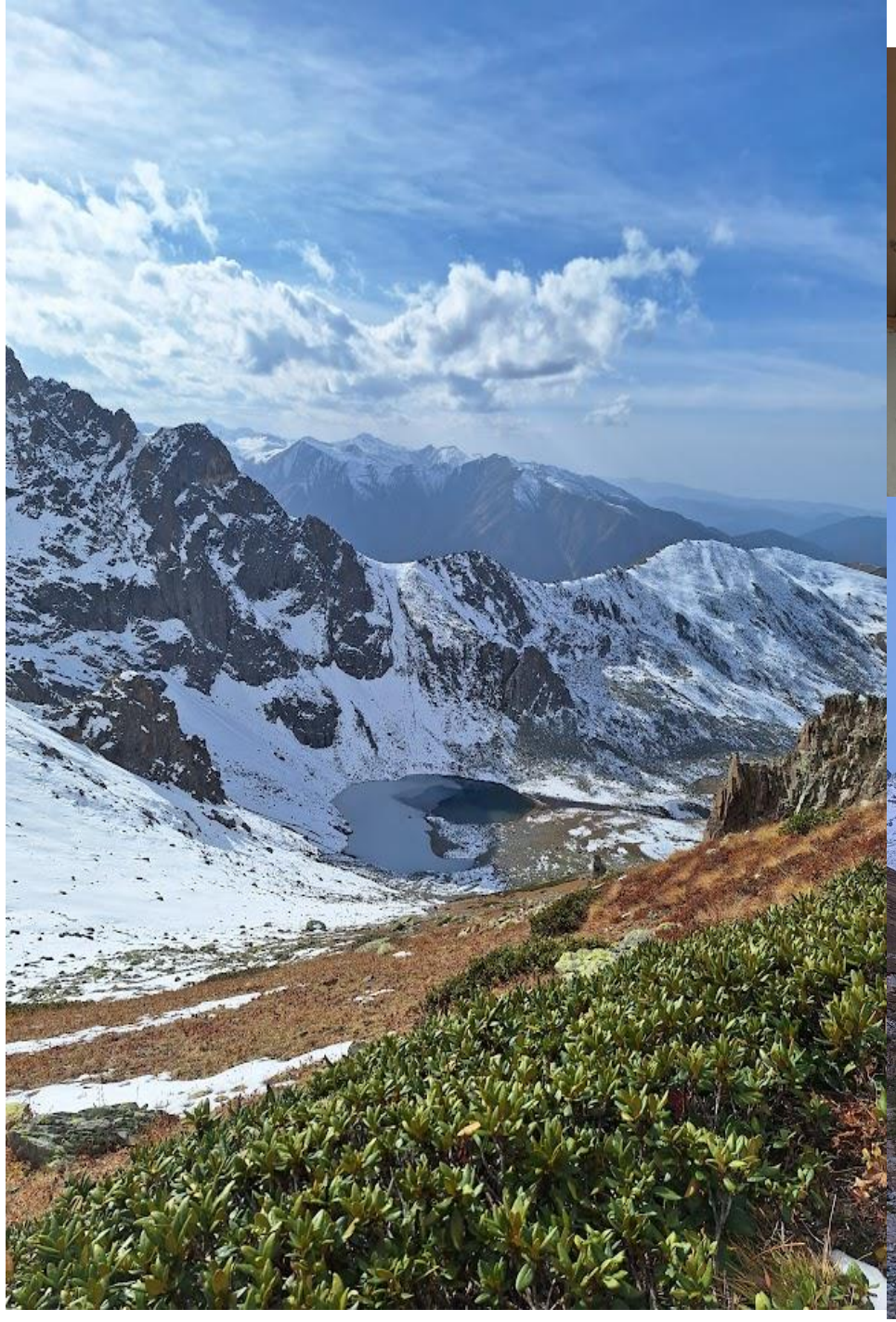




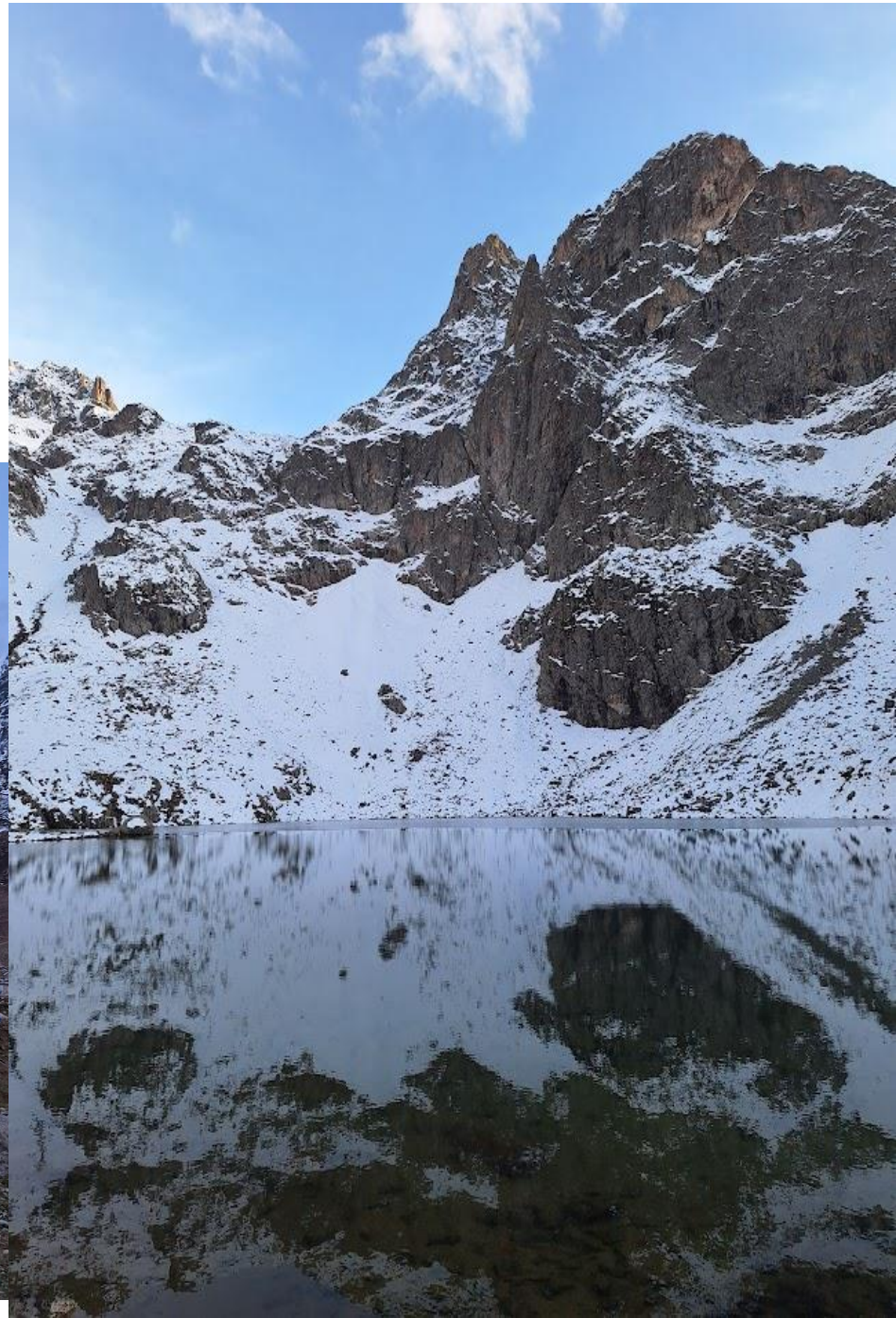












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