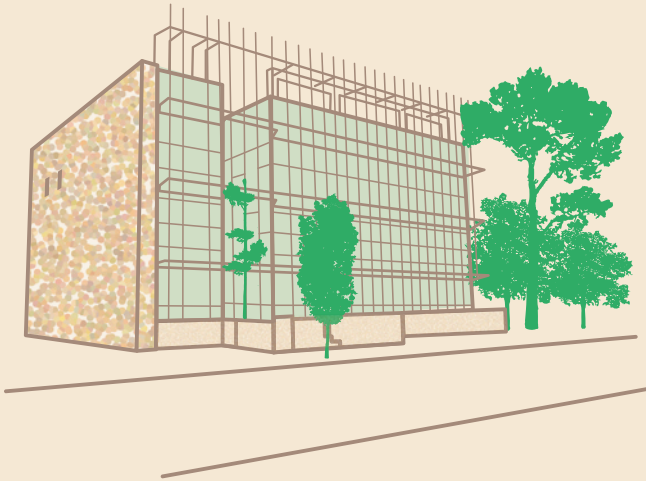




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**ECO & ALTERNATIVE TOURISM**

# observe Commagene



**Welcome to the lands of  
Commagene, the Forgotten Kingdom!**

Meet some of the most charismatic local inhabitants from the plant and animal kingdoms. Dive from the highest peaks and glide over crystal-blue waters. Feel adventurous.



*An understanding of the natural world and what's in it is a source of not only a great curiosity but great fulfillment.*

**Sir David Attenborough, Environmentalist,  
TV Natural Science Broadcaster**





### COMMAGENE BIODIVERSITY

The varied natural environment of Adiyaman Province is the home of many plant and animal species of national and international value. Species whom you would like to make your acquaintance. The rich biodiversity and amazing landscapes have earned the region two valuable protected territories – the Mount Nemrut National Park and the Gölbaşı Nature Park, both worth visiting. They can be a good starting point for you to search for your new friends.



#### The wild goat (*Capra aegagrus*)

You will find it on the lower rocky hills in winter and high up the steep mountain slopes in the summer. Huge flocks form during the mating season in the autumn. They are timid but friendly, and very good photo models.



#### The crane (*Grus grus*)

The hero of many folk songs and tales in Turkey has become endangered in recent years. The cranes you will see in Gölbaşı Lakes are among the few who have found themselves a cosy and safe home. Take care not to disturb that home when you visit.



#### The striped hyena (*Hyaena hyaena*)

Now, that is a furry mate who is not easy to spot. First, it gets out when we go to bed, and second, it is not too keen on meeting humans. If you happen to wander around the rocky cliffs of Besni or Gerger, though, you can be sure it is there somewhere, hiding in the dens.



### ALTERNATIVE COMMAGENE

#### River adventures

The Euphrates River which forms the eastern border of Adiyaman Province, has been both a source of life and a scene of human activities since very early times. Taking a river tour or a rowing boat is only naturally the first thing you can do when you arrive at the destination.

#### Mountain biking

Are you ready for a 22-kilometer downhill bike run? Start at the highest parking lot of Mount Nemrut, at almost 2,000 meters, and enjoy the ride to Cendere Bridge. If you like it, we have more propositions for you and your bike.



#### Paragliding

The Tut region is ideal for those of you who are keen on adrenalin in their blood. Giving in to the air currents, whether in tandem or solo, requires courage and just a pinch of folly. The reward is great fun and an unforgettable memory.



#### Sports fishing

If you are into it, the Atatürk Dam system is just the place for you. The most popular catch is the Euphrates Mangar (*Luciobarbus esocinus*), the Shabout (*Arabibarbus grypus*) or the Mesopotamian himri (*Carasobarbus luteus*). Do not miss the annual Amateur Fishing Competition.

