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**MOUNT NEMRUT**



# revere Commagene

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

Follow in the footsteps of its people 2000 years ago when they climbed the highest peak to honour their gods and king. See the sun up or down for them. Connect.



*A noble example of piety which it is a matter of sacred duty to offer to gods and ancestors, I have set before the eyes of my children and grandchildren, as well as many others, and through this work; and I believe that they will follow this example by continuously increasing the honours appropriate to their line and, like me, add greatly to their personal fame in their late years.*

**Antiochus I, King of Commagene**





## MOUNT NEMRUT

Once upon a time, or more precisely, 2000 years ago, there lived a King in Anatolia. Small his kingdom was, compared to its neighbours, but big the King was in his dreams. He dreamt of peace – among his people and with other nations. He dreamt of prosperity and well-being for all. And he dreamt to be equal to gods, if not in this life, then in the next one.

The King did not refrain himself in his dreams. He was clever and cunning, diplomatic and visionary. He decided to build himself a monument so great that it would be worthy of his place among gods. He chose the highest mountain, erected the biggest tumulus and built the tallest statues of gods to be seen around. Then he sat among them and headed to eternity.



Mount Nemrut has been included in the UNESCO List of World Natural and Cultural Heritage since 1987, making it the first site in South-Eastern Anatolia to receive international recognition of its importance.

It is the mausoleum of King Antiochus I of Commagene, located at 2134 meters above sea level and dating to the year 62 BC. Although the king's tomb has never been found, modern worshippers climb the mountain 20 centuries later to watch the sunrise or sunset from the top of the mountain or just to stand in front of the ancient gods. Today the 9-meters high torsos of the statues are separated from their heads, 2-3-meters of height. Time and weather have not been kind to King Antiochus's heritage. But the magic is still there.

We invite you to climb Mt. Nemrut and feel it for yourselves. Walk around the ancient tumulus, stop at the East and West Terraces and meet the old gods. Zeus/Oromasdes, Apollo/Mitras and Heracles/Artagnes await you in the company of Commagene and King Antiochus himself, guarded by royal eagles and lions. See the stele of the king's ancestors and discover the world's oldest horoscope.

Are you ready?