

A Walk Where It All Began

Join William Ury and the Board of Directors of the Abraham Path Initiative as we embark on the adventure of a lifetime: a walk where it all began!

Both civilization and monotheism began in Mesopotamia, only miles apart from each other. Join our epic walk from the mythical caves of Abraham's birth, where his story began, through the lands where the first crops were cultivated, to the massive 11,000-year-old Göbekli Tepe, the world's oldest building, and finally through the majestic mountains of the Zagros Mountain Trail.

Experience the



Abraham Path

Abraham's Path
Turkey

October 4 - 11, 2025

Zagros Mountain
Trail, Iraqi
Kurdistan

October 11 - 17, 2025

Abraham's Path Turkey.

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Five nights of accommodation at the **Nomad Inn in Şanlıurfa**, one of city's best hotels in the center of the bazaar.

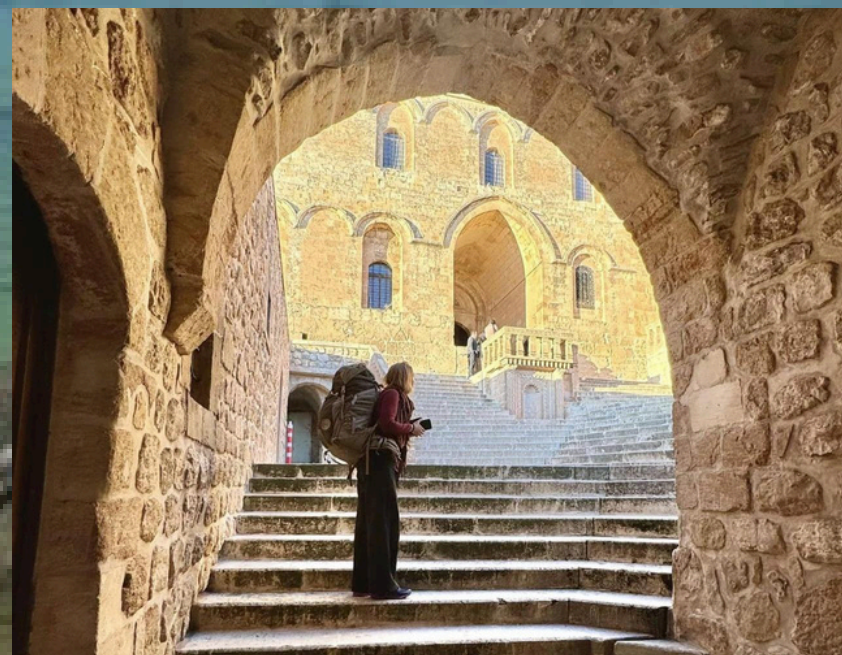
One night with an immersive cultural **homestay experience** in a village along the Path and **one night** of **camping at the ancient Göbekli Tepe**.

Full-time services of a **professional guide** and **local experts**.

All group **transportation**.

All **breakfasts**, carry away **walking meals**, and **group meals**.

A diverse, friendly group of **12-15 people**.



A week-long walking journey to discover hospitality in the tradition of Abraham and the connection that comes from returning to the place where civilization began





Walk the ancient city of Şanlıurfa, first settled in 9000 BC. Visit the Pool of Abraham, Rızvaniye Mosque, and the Şanlıurfa Museum, the largest museum in Turkey. Shop at the Kapalı Çarşı Bazaar and enjoy the city's fine restaurants.

Step back in time with a visit to Harran, known for its unique beehive-shaped houses, ancient ruins, and rich history.

Three days and 49km of walking the Abraham Path between the villages of Yuvacali, Golli, Beyazit, and Göbekli Tepe, enjoying an immersive homestay experience, traditional farm to table meals, and a traditional Turkish cooking class.



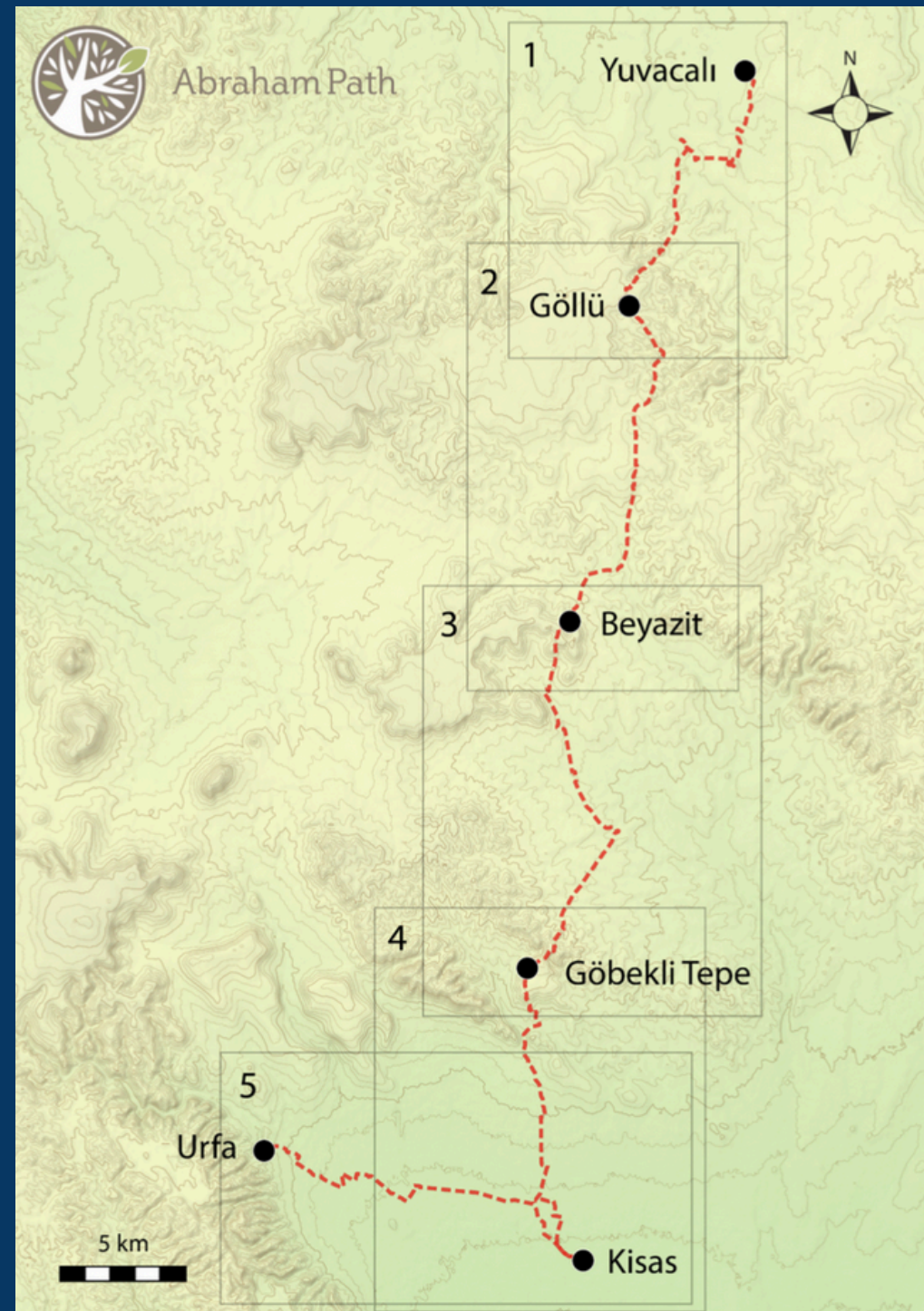
Camp under the stars at the 11,000-year-old Göbekli Tepe, the world's oldest known building, built by groups of hunter-gatherers in the Pre-Pottery Neolithic period and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Enjoy an evening in the Alevi village of Kisas, and celebrate with traditional Turkish folk music, food, and culture.

Spend a day walking in Mardin, home of the Syriac culture, whose language is the closest living descendent of ancient Aramaic, the language of Jesus. The entire city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site characterized by ancient churches, monasteries, steep streets, and the Mardin museum.

Abraham's Path

Turkey



Day 3 - Yuvacalı to Golli

Day 4 - Golli to Beyazit

Day 5 - Beyazit to Göbekli Tepe



Abraham's Path Itinerary

Saturday, October 4, 2025

- Arrive in Urfa
- Accommodations at Nomad Inn

Sunday, October 5, 2025

- Walking tour of Urfa and Urfa Museum
- Tour the ruins of Harran
- Accommodations at Nomad Inn

Monday, October 6, 2025

- Start the Abraham Path walk at the village of Yuvacalı
- Walk 17km to Golli Village
- Traditional homestay and cooking class

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

- Walk 17km to Beyazit Village
- Transfer to Urfa for accommodations at the Nomad Inn

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

- Return to the Abraham Path at Beyazit
- Walk 15km to Göbekli Tepe + guided tour
- Overnight camping under the stars at Göbekli Tepe

Thursday, October 9, 2025

- Transfer to Urfa
- Board Meeting (free day for non-board members/staff)
- Accommodations at Nomad Inn

Friday, October 10, 2025

- Transfer to Mardin
- Walking tour
- Transfer to Kisas for dinner and music
- Accommodations at Nomad Inn

Saturday, October 11, 2025

- Transfer to airport (departure)

Zagros Mountain Trail

October 11 - 17, 2025

Four nights of accommodations in **luxury 5-star hotels** in Erbil and the Korek Mountain Resort.

Two nights of immersive cultural **homestay experiences** in the Zagros Mountains.

Walking tour of the city of Erbil.

Full-time services of a **professional guide** and **local experts**.

A diverse, friendly group of **12-15 people**.

All group transportation and vehicle support along the trail.

All **meals**, carry away **walking lunches**.





Visit the people and places that are the future of tourism in the Middle East

Three days and 30.5km (optional extension of 8.25km available) of walking the Zagros Mountain Trail in [Iraqi Kurdistan](#), crossing the villages of Shush, Khirdas, Hashtga, Safti, and Dargala, and the cities of Soran, Akre, Rwanduz, and Choman.

Walk the city of Erbil, capital of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Its mosques, and famous citadel are a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#). Shop the Erbil bazaar and enjoy its exceptional restaurants.

See rarely visited historical and religious sites including churches, monasteries, mosques, citadels, ruins, and the remains of the ancient Shush synagogue.

Experience a traditional homestay in Safti, a village nestled in the Barzan region of Kurdistan, located along an ancient strategic route that once linked Barzan with Dinarta, Akre, and even Mosul.

Enjoy traditional Kurdish meals at the villages and cities along the Trail.

Take a cable car ride up the dramatic Korek Mountain and enjoy an overnight stay at the [Korek Mountain Resort and Spa](#).



Zagros Mountain Trail Itinerary

Saturday, October 11, 2025

- Arrive in Erbil
- Stay at Divan Erbil Hotel

Sunday, October 12, 2025

- Guided tour of Erbil
- Meetings with local officials for API board/staff
- Stay at Divan Erbil Hotel

Monday, October 13, 2025

- Transfer to Shush
 - Option 1: Walk 8.25km to Khirdas and transfer by vehicle to Akre
 - Option 2: Walk 16.5km to Akre
- Spend afternoon in Akre
- Transfer to Safti for dinner and homestay

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

- Transfer to Soran
- Walk 10.1km to Rwanduz.
- Cable car ride up Korek Mountain
- Stay at Korek Mountain Resort

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

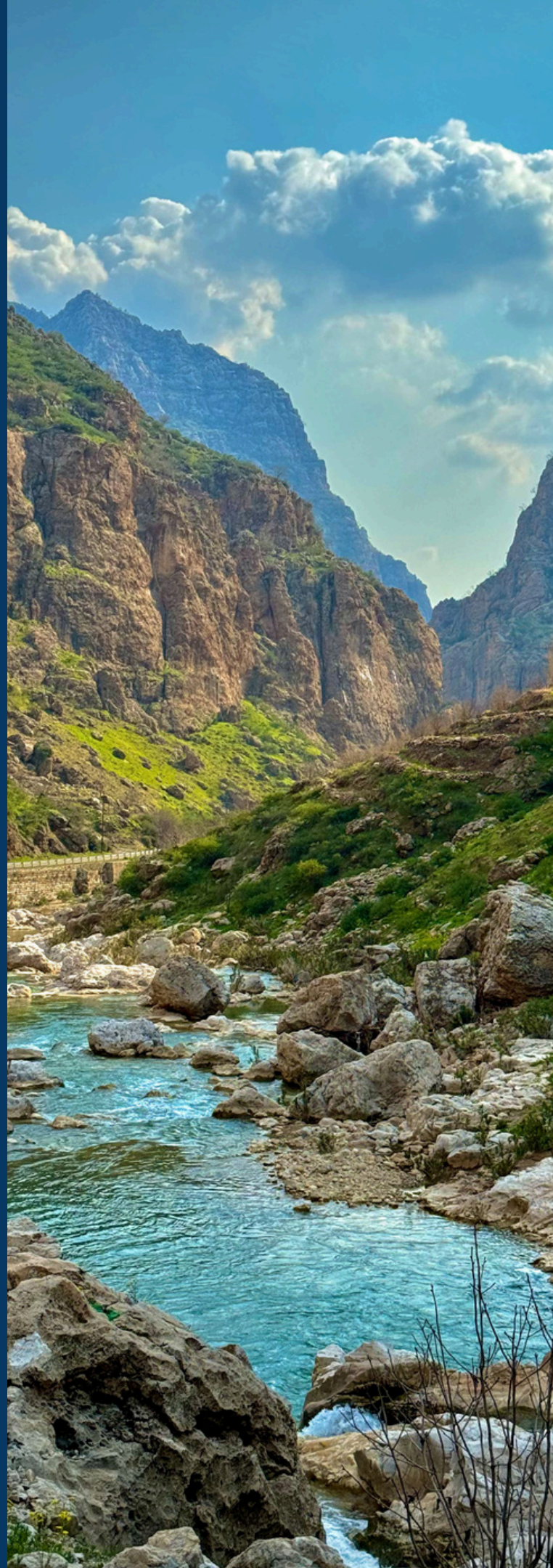
- Transfer to Saran
- Walk 12.15km from Saran to Dargala.
- Transfer to Choman for dinner and homestay

Thursday, October 16, 2025

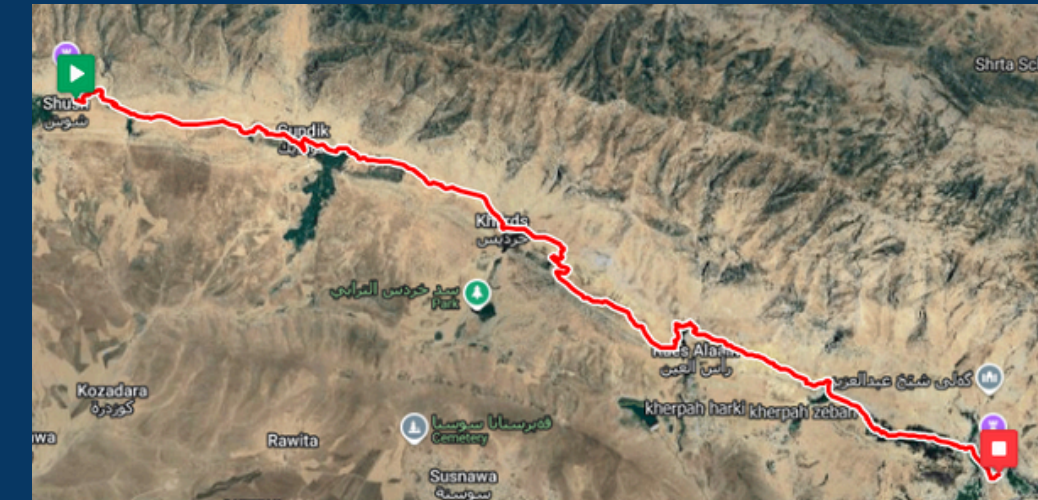
- Morning in the mountains with Omer Chomani
- Transfer to Erbil
- Stay at the Divan Erbil Hotel

Friday, October 17, 2025

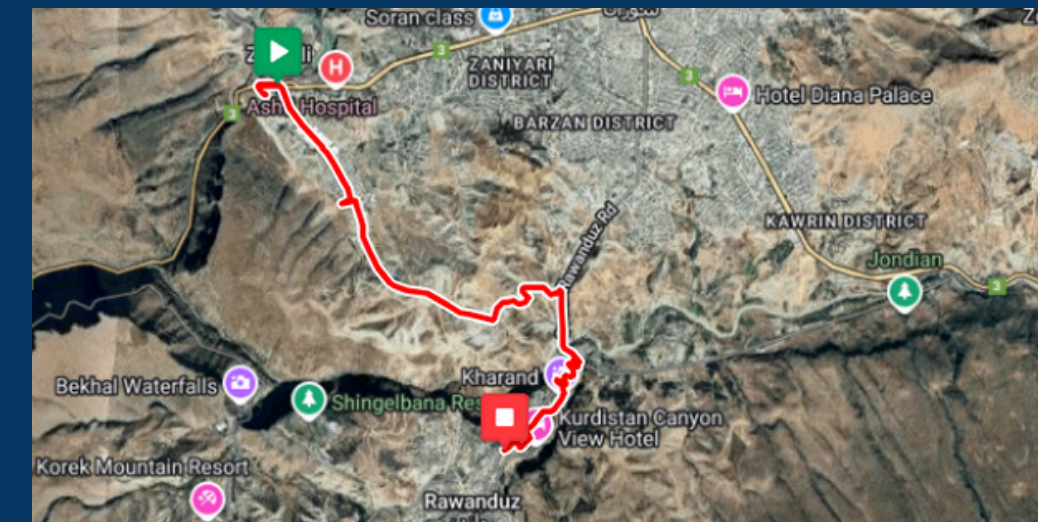
- Transfer to airport (departure)



Zagros Mountain Trail *Iraqi Kurdistan*



Day 3 - Shush to
Akre



Day 4 - Soran to
Rwanduz



Day 5 - Saran to
Dargala

How to book your trip

To confirm a spot, we require an initial non-refundable deposit of \$500 per traveler for each itinerary. Travelers can choose either or both itineraries. Spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. API may accommodate an additional group on alternate weeks based on the number of people on the waiting list.

Turkey Price: \$2,500

*Flights not included

Kurdistan Price: \$2,950

*Flights not included

\$500 Deposit Due:

June 1, 2025

Final Payments Due:

August 20, 2025

To Make a Reservation:

Email: visit@abrahampath.org

Or scan here:



More Information

Getting to the Path

Passengers are responsible for travel to and from the Path

For Abraham’s Path Turkey, please book your flight to Şanlıurfa GAP Airport (GNY) arriving no later than October 4, 2025.

For the Zagros Mountain Trail, please book your flight to Erbil International Airport (EBL) arriving no later than October 11, 2025.

API will share a suggested itinerary of connecting flights for travelers who would like to fly in a group.

Cancellation Policy

Payments, other than the deposit, are fully refundable until September 3, 2025.

Itinerary:

Itinerary may be subject to change; however, API will strive to schedule similar activities.

Traveler Insurance is mandatory for all participants. We recommend purchasing trip insurance that will cover evacuation to your home country in case of medical emergency.

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