



BALKAN CAVERS' CAMP 2019

1st Circular

13th Balkan Cavers' Camp

2 - 8 September 2019

Antalya, Turkey



Dear caver friends,

Since September 2002, BSU has united thousands of cavers from 12 different countries with the spirit of cooperation and friendship. Inspired by this environment, The Balkan Cavers Camp of BSU was first organized in 2007. Over the years, it has become one of the prominent events in the caving community, anticipated with excitement by cavers from many nations.

Now, on behalf of the BSU, Turkish Federation of Speleology is pleased to invite you to take part in the 13th Balkan Cavers Camp, which will be held in Antalya, Turkey, from 2nd to 8th of September 2019.

Antalya is a town located on the Mediterranean coast of Southern Turkey. It is a popular holiday destination where the visitors will find many tourist attractions including the old town for shopping and nightlife, nearby beaches, museums, and ancient cities just a few hours away. The camp space of the event will be on Lara Beach, one of the famous beaches in Antalya where you can enjoy the sea.

In addition, the area is characterized by the most remarkable and important karstic topography in Turkey, the Taurus Mountains, with a long history of speleological exploration. The geographical location of the event will allow many spectacular excursions, which will be ongoing throughout the event.

We are looking forward to meeting with our caver friends in Turkey soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'B' followed by a series of loops and a final downward stroke.

Bulent Genc
President of Speleological Federation of Turkey

Location and Accommodation

The main camp will be located on Lara Beach, which is one of the blue flagged beaches in Turkey. During the event, participants will be able to choose between staying in tents or hotel rooms. Lara Beach will also be the center of the event, with the registration desk and the cafeteria.

*Fees will be announced in the next circular.

Caves

Home to the thickest limestone massif in Turkey, Taurus Mountains host a plethora of caves, including the deepest caves of Turkey, EGMA Sinkhole and Kuzgun Cave. The excursions during the event will include visits to some of the most interesting caves in the Antalya region of the mountains, with trips for cavers at all levels. Below, we give a list of the caves that are being considered for trips. The final list and detailed information will be announced later.

Caves That Require Single Rope Techniques (SRT)

Kilise Sinkhole

Tabak 2

Bucakalan

Düdencik

Altınbesik

Caves That Do not Require SRT

Tabak 1

Kocain

Touristic Caves

Dim Cave

Weather

Antalya is a seaside city with a warm Mediterranean climate, and a warm and humid weather is expected in September. Average temperature in September is 25.2° C (highest 31.1° C and lowest 19.4° C).

Presentations and Exhibitions

The winning entries of a photography contest organized by the Speleological Federation of Turkey, titled “Caves and Us”, will be exhibited.

Presentations, which will be announced later, will be held in the evenings.

Transportation

To the Camp: Lara Beach is 30 km away from the Antalya Bus Station and 12 km from the Antalya Airport. Participants can use the local buses, minibuses, or taxis to reach the event location.

To Caves: There will be shuttles to the caves, with details to be announced later.

Cultural and Entertainment Activities

There will be cultural and historical tours to the ancient sites of Antalya, which has hosted a variety of civilizations for centuries. Antalya Museum, the ancient cities of Side (with the temples of Athena and Apollo) and Termessos will be the main attractions.

Visa

Please read Visa Requirements of Turkey from links below:

<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/general-information-about-turkish-visas.en.mfa>

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