

Talas City Tour



Old Gendarme Building, Talas

Both a holiday resort famous for its vineyards and gardens and a historical settlement hosting different civilizations for centuries, Talas is only 7 kilometers away from the city center. You must definitely explore the 5-kilometer “Talas City Tour” not to miss a series of details within the district borders.

Your Talas tour starts at the northern end of Ali Saip Paşa Street. The first historical location is the building dating back to the 19th century and called **Jandarma Mansion**. After visiting **Kiçiköy Aşağı Mosque** right next to it, you enter Ali Saip Paşa



Ottoman Tughra, Talas

Street and head to the left. The most important structures of the street, both sides of which are decorated with the visuality of indigenous stone buildings, are **Kiçiköy Underground City**, **Tol Church**, **Kız Mektebi (Girls School)**, **Cihannumali Mansion**, **Eryılmazlar House**, **Yamaklar House**, **Yücel Çakmaklı Movie Workshop**, **Bülbül Hafız Mansion** and **Ali Saip Paşa Mosque**. You must photograph the Ottoman coat of arms on the door of the mosque, which was built by Seraskier Ali Saip Paşa in 1888.

The historical street opens to **Gölbaşı Square**. At this point, you can visit **Ali Saip Paşa**, **Aksoylar** and **Samur Mansions** as well as other historical structures. Now take Erhan Street across and proceed. Again, by walking in company with the historical buildings that reflect the old city texture, you will reach Harman Square. Among the most important works that you can see in

Ali Saip Paşa Mansion, Talas



Harman Square are Rüştiye Mektebi (Ottoman Junior High School), which serves as the District Public Library, Cemil Baba Graveyard and Shrine, Harman Mosque and Okutan Mansion, which dates back to the 18th century. You can take a tea break in Okutan Mansion, which also serves as a restaurant.

When you start walking again, head towards Kazım Paşa Street. Turn right at the mosque after exploring the details of magnificent structures such as Han Mosque and Sübyan Mektebi (Infants' School), Ali Saip Paşa Turkish Hammam and General Trikopis House. In this area, where work for urban renewal continues, you will see Aynalı Church and Hacı Ahmet Efendi Fountain. Now turn left and keep on walking on an old narrow alley. In this part of the city which used to be the center of business life, there were workshops belonging to various fields of occupation. After walking for about 200 meters, you can see the rundown handicraft workshops such as ironsmith, silversmith, blacksmith and saddler.

As you ascend on Karaman Bayırı, the Aşağı (Lower) Talas part of the settlement will come into view with all its details. The first historical location of Yukarı Neighborhood, which you will reach at the end of the slope, is Kuyumcular Bazaar. Then, take the main road over Düzyol Street. You will see the public housing of the Old American Hospital and American College right across you. Turn left at this point and enter Kayabaşı Street. Alaybey and Feyzioğlu Mansions along with Devir Manor, which watch the entire Talas settlement from a high observation terrace, are among the most special locations of Yukarı Neighborhood.



Okutan Mansion, Talas



Civil Architecture Example in Yukarı Neighborhood, Talas

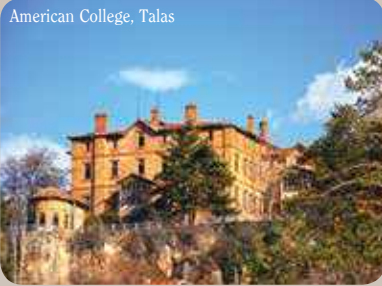


Aynalı Church, Talas

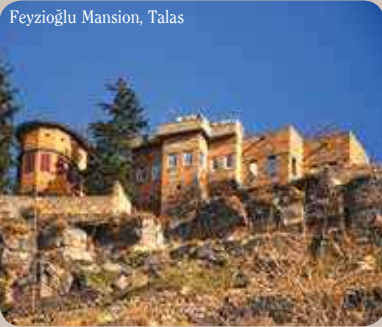
Kuyuncular Bazaar, Talas



American College, Talas



Peyzioğlu Mansion, Talas



Devir Manor, Talas



Take the pathway by turning left at the Old Teacher's Lodge (Eski Öğretmenevi), which you will see at the end of the street. This time, you can photograph the city texture under your feet from a different perspective. Proceed toward Yaman Dede Mosque (Greek Panaya Church), which will impress you with its spectacular architecture. Built by Metropolitan İonnis in 1886, the church was started to be used as a mosque after the population exchange in 1925. You can see Rifat Parlak and Karakullukçu mansions on the upper street. Muammer Bey Street, which you will reach after that, will take you to Yaman Dede Mansion, serving as a cultural house and ethnographic museum. You can take a coffee break here and find the chance to record in your memory all the details of the historical area that you have visited.

In the last part of the route, you enter Hükümet Street, right below the mansion, and start walking towards Aşağı Talas. Gömeçler Mansion, Tablakaya Mosque, Salih Ağa Fountain and the Old Municipality Building, which you will see in Tablakaya Neighborhood, will be the last historical locations of the city tour. Remember to add Talas Underground City to the end of your tour. After the tour of historical places that impresses the visitors with its narrow tunnels, cistern, church and linseed oil mill, those who have time can enjoy paragliding from Ali Mountain on the condition that they arrange it in advance.



Yaman Dede Church Mosque, Talas



Salih Ağa Fountain, Talas



Gömeçler Mansion, Talas

Talas City Tour

- 1- Gendarme Building
- 2- Aşağı Mosque
- 3- Cihannumalı Mansion
- 4- Kız Mektebi (Girls School)
- 5- Eryılmazlar House
- 6- Tol Church
- 7- Yücel Çakmaklı Movie Workshop
- 8- Yamaklar House
- 9- Bülbül Hafız Mansion
- 10- Ali Saip Paşa Mosque
- 11- Eriyebilirler House
- 12- Kiçiköy Underground City
- 13- Silver Workshop
- 14- Gölbaşı Square
- 15- Ali Saip Paşa Mansion
- 16- Samur Mansion
- 17- Kazım Paşa Street
- 18- Cemil Baba Shrine
- 19- Harman Square
- 20- Okutan Mansion
- 21- Rüştiye Mektebi (Ottoman Junior High School)
- 22- Harman Mosque
- 23- Atasoylar Mansion
- 24- Ali Saip Paşa Turkish Hammam
- 25- Han Mosque
- 26- Museum (Church)
- 27- Hacı Ahmet Ağa Fountain
- 28- Karaman Bayırı
- 29- Seyrani Street
- 30- Kuyumcular Bazaar
- 31- Old American Hospital
- 32- Kayabaşı Street
- 33- Aynalı Church
- 34- Devir Manor
- 35- Feyzioğlu Mansion
- 36- Alaybey Mansion
- 37- Old Teacher's Lodge
- 38- Yaman Dede Mosque
- 39- Rifat Parlak Mansion
- 40- Karakullukçu Mansion
- 41- Muammer Bey Street
- 42- Yaman Dede Cultural Center
- 43- Hükümet Street
- 44- Gömeçler Mansion
- 45- Tablakaya Mosque
- 46- Salih Ağa Fountain
- 47- Old Municipality Building

Kiçiköy Neighborhood

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Ali Saip Paşa St.

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Gölbaşı Square

Mezarlık St.

Yonca St.

Yunus Emre St.

Okutan St.

Karaman Paşa St.

Müsteşar St.

Harman Square

Devir St.

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Harman Square



Ali Dağı Underground

