



Babadağ

**FCB**  
FETHİYE GÜÇ BİRLİĞİ



Babadağ



## Babadağ

Mount Babadağ is surrounded by Belceğiz Village in the south, Ovacık and Hisarönü Districts in the west, Mount Mendos in the north and Eşen Stream in the east. Its unique location attracts great attention with nature, history, culture and enabling paragliding for adrenaline addicts day by day.

Mount Babadağ, situated just right beside Ölüdeniz which is an attraction center of national tourism with its lagoon meeting with pine trees, unique beach ( üç km) and Belceğiz Beach just next to the lagoon, is one of the prominent sports centers in the world with its ideal conditions for paragliding as well. What makes Mount Babadağ unique is the constant breeze all over the year which enables people to fly above the sea right after the



**Mount Babadağ, situated at the west point of Taurus Mountains where the father of mountains and mother of the seas meet, commands the spectacular beaches of the Mediterranean and the Aegean Sea. As a unique mountain being situated near the sea, Mount Babadağ has an altitude of 1975m above sea level. You have a chance to see Fethiye, Göcek Bays, Kaya Village and Rhodes from the top of Mount Babadağ, aside from Ölüdeniz and environs.**



take-off from 4 runways on 1200 m, 1700 m, 1800 m and 1900 m and the wonderful feeling of flying above the fantastic view of Ölüdeniz. The cable car, which will be a great means of transportation to take people from Ovacik to the runway on 1700 m, is estimated to draw even more attention.

Paragliding has become active in the region after German parachuters jumped here by paragliding in the early 1990s and within the next days, it has turned into the major touristic event of the region when the pilots learning paragliding offer it to holiday-makers.

It is an incredible experience to fly from the top of Mount Babadağ covered in snow in spring and land in Kumburnu and Belcekiz Beaches that invite parachuters to crystal clear blue waters and golden sands with all nature, sea and adventure lovers.

Paragliding is an extreme sport that is done by running from a high hill or a mountain with parachute and floating in the sky. The parachute is opened up and spread on a steep and high hill, fills with air when the pilot starts running and takes off with the pilot. While single flight is possible with paragliding, tandem flights enable two people to fly with proper equipment.

Mount Babadağ has a special location for sports and tourism as it is situated just by the seaside and



offers favourable weather conditions almost all over the year.

Tandem flight accompanied by a pilot and taking photos of the splendid view of Ölüdeniz while floating in the sky will make you have a spectacular experience not only on your holiday but also for all your life.

You may reach the top on 1975 m from a wild pathway with an exciting journey. Last preparations are completed before the flight. After the parachute and its equipment are checked, the pilot with whom you will fly gives you technical information and tells you what you should do. All you need to do is to run towards to wind for a few steps and leave yourselves to the sky. After the parachute opens, you will pass through the clouds and reach the sea view. Now you may relax and enjoy this excellent flight.

### **Adrenaline and freedom in the sky.**

All you need to do is to tell yourself "I want to do this." One of the most important factors that determine the time of your landing is the changing currents of air in the sky. In the middle of your flight that takes almost 30-35 minutes, you will have an extensive view including Butterfly Valley and Kaya Village and there are definitely impressive natural beauties in this region. This exciting and magnificent journey in the sky ends at Belçeğiz Beach.





Babadağ





## Air Games Festival

Mount Babadağ, the most interesting and fantastic paragliding centre in the world, draws adrenaline addicts from all over the world for the joy of paragliding with marvellous scenery of Ölüdeniz. Every October, hundreds of professional paragliding pilots from all over the world visit this region to join Ölüdeniz Air Games Festival and Mount Babadağ welcomes adrenaline addicts to the acrobatic shows in the sky and entertainments on the beach.





## Flora and Fauna of Mount Babadağ

Another unknown fact about Mount Babadağ is its endemic plants which has drawn the attention of botanists for years.

Known as Cragos in the ancient times, Mount Babadağ welcomes several rare and unique endemic plants for its warm climate as it is situated by the sea.

*Sternbergia candida*, one of the 47 rare taxons with the flora of the mountain, is shown one of the endangered species on Bern Convention.

69 of 249 plants found within the borders of Mount Babadağ are endemics for Turkey.

9 of them are endemic plants of Mount Babadağ, 1 plant is endemic on Mount Çal, 1 plant is endemic on Mounts Çal and Eren, 1 of them is endemic on Mount Babadağ and Egridir and 1 other plant is endemic on Mounts Babadağ, Sandras and Tuzla Hill; 4 regional endemic plants also grown here. Some of these splendid plants and flowers are dahlia, *sternbergia candida*, wild daisy, pyrethrum, thistle, salvia, yarrow, meadow saffron, cyclamen and euphorbia.

As on many other mountains in the Mediterranean, Mount Babadağ







has scrubs and red pine forests in the lower sides, cedar forests at tree lines, steep hills on subalpine woodland and vegetation on stony hills and top of the hills.

There are several important wild animals on the hills, steeps, in the valleys, bays and on the coasts of Mount Babadağ. Chevrotain, wolf, jackal, fox, wild boar, badger and sea otter are some of the species on the mountain.

The region is also one of the significant places for bird sanctuaries and breeding sites. Eagle owl, golden eagle, masked shrike and other birds have found sanctuaries in this region. Aside from a variety of reptiles, mertensiella luschani, which is one of the endangered species in the global aspect, is found in this region.

**FGB**  
FETHİYE GÜÇ BİRLİĞİ



## **Sternbergia Candida**

Despite the fact that it is only grown on Mount Babadağ in the world, sternbergia candida is not under preservation in its natural habitat. For this reason, almost 8 tons of this plant had been picked from the mountain and sold to abroad in the early 1990s. This trade, which has not been prevented or controlled by any means, has been revealed after European garden lovers reported. Based on the Turkish Regulation of Bulbous Plants, it is not allowed to pick and export this plant.







## Butterfly Valley

Mount Babadađ was formed after geological processes for millions of years. The most famous valley leading from the mountain to the sea is Butterfly Valley. The valley is considered within the same ecosystem of Mount Babadađ with similar natural vegetation and animal life as a continuation of the mountain.





## Lycian Way Passes through Mount Babadağ

Hiking on Lycian Way is the kind of hiking that you see more beauties at every step.

Lycian Way (509 km), which is shown one of the top 10 hiking trails in the world, passes from the foothills of Mount Babadağ and ends in Hisarçandır in Antalya.

Lycian Way, which was introduced with the project “Lycian Way from Fethiye to Antalya” by Kate Clow in 1999, is described as a transportation system situated in the borders of Ancient Lycia and formed by paths making city states unite, according to historical sources. These paths draw the interest of nature and hiking lovers today.

Taurus Mountains are flourished with rich vegetation and animals, enchanting sceneries of pine forests and the sea, ruins of ancient cities along the way. Friendly faces, hospitable people and interesting cultural values in mountain villages on the hiking route make you feel relaxed and introduce you the a variety of beauties of rural life.





Fethiye Güç Birliđi Tourism and Promotion Limited Company is a firm which is a part of Fethiye Chamber of Commerce and Industry with 99% shares and Ölüdeniz Tourism Development Cooperative with 1% share; it has been set up on June 16th, 2011 for building a cable car facility at Mount Babadađ Air Games Center and Recreation Area and operating the social facilities in this area.

Kirtut Company has won the cable car bid in return for building the related facility, which was opened with the name of SKYWALK FETHİYE, all the permissions have been obtained and arrangements have been completed by Fethiye Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The building process of SKYWALK Fethiye, which is carried out by Kirtur Company, is estimated to be completed by early 2019. After the cable car is opened to service, it will prove that Mount Babadađ is the most important Air Games Center in the world.





Babadağ

**FGB**  
FETHİYE GÜÇ BİRLİĞİ

[www.fethiyegucbirligi.com](http://www.fethiyegucbirligi.com)