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**TOUR OF TÜRKİYE 2022
STAGE 5 MANİSA – AYVALIK
ROUTE NOTES**

Stage 5 – April 14, Thursday Manisa-Ayvalık 191.7 km

Signing Ceremony: 09:00 am-09:50 am
Start: 10:00 am-Manisa Governor's Building
Finish: Ayvalık Marina
Expected Finish: 02:33 pm
Total Distance: 152.1 km

The fifth stage of the Tour of Türkiye will be ridden between Manisa and Ayvalık with a distance of 191.7 km. Starting at 10:00 am in front of the Manisa Governor's Office, the stage will continue in the direction of Akhisar from Manisa.

Going straight from Yeniköy, Saruhanlı and İshakçelebi, the cyclists will turn right from the highway entrance and pass to Akhisar crossroads. They will pass through Çobanhasan Viaduct at 54.3 km and continue to Soma via Kırkağaç famous for its delicious and fragrant melons after passing through the KOM Sprint at 283 km. Riders, going through the provincial border from Soma and saying goodbye to İzmir, will arrive at the Sprint Prime at 118 km towards Bergama. Passing through Kozak Akropol crossroads to Bergama, then Ovacık and continuing on the İzmir-Çanakkale road, they will enter the provincial borders of Balıkesir from the Altınova Bridge following the Beauties of Turkey Sprint Prime at 145.2m with the smell of olive and thyme. The cyclists will arrive at Ayvalık famous for its traditional harvest festivals and known as the "Olive Riviera" by the international authorities after riding along the left side of St. Tuka Salt Lake, and they will continue on the Mareşal Fevzi Çakmak Boulevard. 191.7km-long Stage 5 will be ended at Ayvalık Marina.

Stage 5 Route Notes:

From Manisa to Ayvalık

Manisa is a magnificent city for those who want to feel the spirit of ancient times. It has become the leading political, educational and cultural center of Western Anatolia.

Manisa was the home of the first Christians and some important civilizations of ancient times. Three of the seven churches mentioned in the Bible; Sardis, Thyatira and Philadelphia, also known as the Seven Revelation Churches, were located in Manisa.

In addition to many archaeological sites around Manisa, visitors can enjoy the natural wonders such as Kula-Salihli Geopark (UNESCO) and Spil Mountain National Park.

Balıkesir

Balıkesir is one of the important tourist attraction of the Marmara Region with its unique bays, islets, mountains and hot springs.

Bergama (Pergamon)

The name of Bergama comes from the ancient times. It was a great city and the center of the Hellenistic Pergamon Kingdom with its magnificent monuments in the first age.

Bergama has always been a cultural, scientific, religious and political center in the Aegean Region, where different cultures come together at the center of the trade routes between Asia and Europe since ancient times.

Bergama is surrounded by Soma and Kınık in the east, Burhaniye and İvrindi in the north, Ayvalık and Dikili in the west and the Aegean Sea coast in the southwest. Thanks to its historical and cultural values, Bergama is the 999th UNESCO World Heritage city in the world, the 13th in Turkey and the first in İzmir.

Akropol:

Kale Tepesi, the capital of the Pergamon Kingdom, has a strategic location at an altitude of 330m between the fertile lands and the streams of Selinos and Kestel where the nature meets culture.

From the Attalid Dynasty, having started with Philitairos in 283 BC and lasted for 150 years, the Temple of Athena, the world's steepest theater structure, the Library consisting of 200 thousand rolls, the Heroon, the baroque-style Altar of Zeus made by the Pergamon Sculpture School, the Temple of Dionysos, the Sanctuary of Demeter, Palaces, Stoas, Agora, Gymnasion, nymphaeums and peristyle structures of Hellenistic period are the most distinguished artworks in Akropol.

Ayvalık

You can visit Şeytan Sofrası and enjoy the amazing sunset in Ayvalık.



Ayvalık, known as the “Olive Riviera”, has an industrial landscape on the tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Centre. Do not forget to visit the holy places such as Taksiarches Church and historical artifacts...