



Yesemek



Yesemek Archaeological Site Visiting Hours

1 April-1 October						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30
19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00

1 October-1 April						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30
17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00

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The First Sculpture Workshop of the History





A Workshop Where The History Is Embodied

Yesemek is the largest quarry and sculpture workshop of the Near East between 14th Century and 7th Century BC. In this sculpture workshop where the history is embodied, statues of a lion, chariots, a bear man, a winged lion with a woman's head, a mountain man are awaiting for their visitors.



Chariot

The group of statues, made up of three blocks, features engravings of wheels representing the chariot, a prostrating man, a young deer and a bird.



Quarry and Sculpture Workshop

The sculptures which are made in Yesemek which houses the oldest stone quarry of the area, were used in other important cities nearby.



Mystery of Yesemek

The reason why the work on the quarried blocks ceased and the sculptures were left in a semi-finished state, is still a mystery.