



# PRE-03 Soaring Over Cappadocia: Fairy Tale Spires and Underground Cities

**9 -12 NOVEMBER**

Cappadocia, a land of surreal beauty and ancient enchantment, is famed for its otherworldly landscapes dotted with whimsical fairy chimneys carved by nature's hand. Witness the magic of Cappadocia from above as colorful hot air balloons float serenely over the rocky terrain, offering a breathtaking perspective of this mystical region. Delve deeper into Cappadocia's rich cultural heritage with a pottery workshop, where you can immerse yourself in the ancient art of pottery making. For a taste of the region's flavors, indulge in a wine-tasting experience, savoring the unique wines that thrive in Cappadocia's fertile soils.

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### **DAY 1 / 9 NOV SAT/ ARRIVAL**

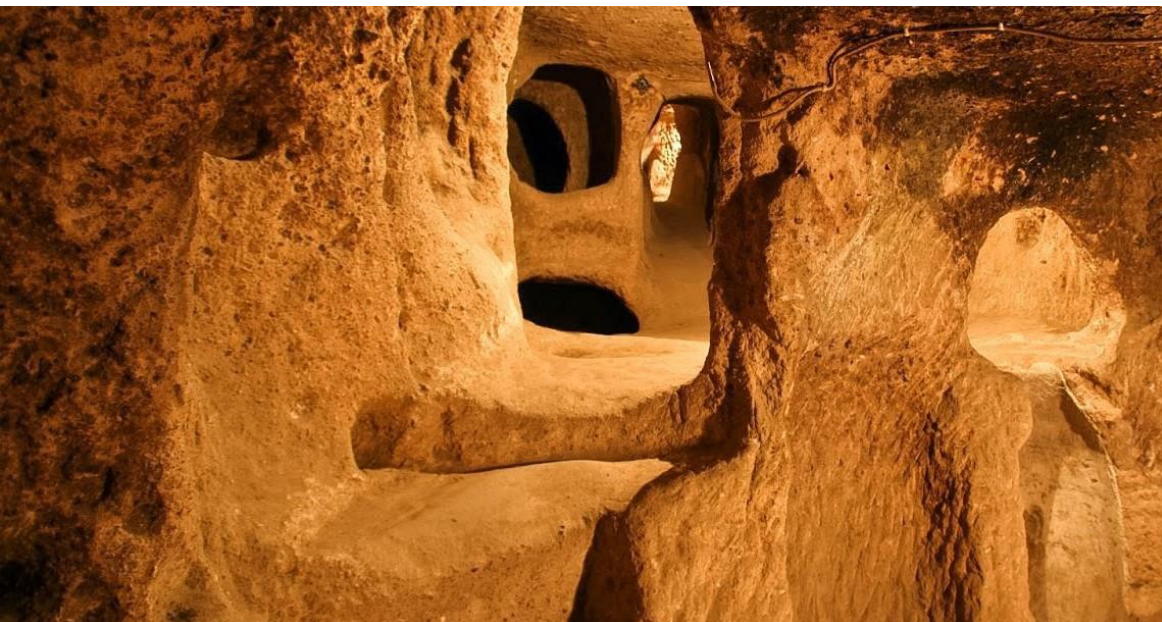
Arrive at İstanbul Airport for your flight to Kayseri with TK2014 14:15 – 15:45. Upon arrival, meet at the airport with SATW Conference logo sign transfer to your hotel, check-in, and refresh. Transfer to Areni Restaurant for dinner between 19:30 – 21:00. Overnight Avantgarde Hotel Cappadocia. (D)

### **DAY 2 / 10 NOV SUN / CAPPADOCIA**

Your adventure starts early with an unforgettable hot air balloon ride over Cappadocia's surreal landscape, offering breathtaking views of the fairy chimneys and unique rock formations bathed in the golden light of dawn. Depending on the weather conditions your guide will inform you the pick up time from the hotel a day before. After landing, you will be transferred to the hotel for breakfast. Your guide will meet you at 09:00 at the lobby. The first destination is the Göreme Open Air Museum, 30 minutes away from your hotel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its rock-cut churches, intricate frescoes, and monastic communities. Here, you will explore the Karanlık Church and the Tokalı Church, both exemplary of Eastern Roman Empire (Byzantine) art and architecture. Göreme Museum will take around 1,5 hours. Following a morning steeped in history, you will transfer to a local restaurant for lunch to savor traditional Turkish cuisine between 12:30 – 13:30. After lunch, your journey continues to Paşabağ Valley, famed for its remarkable fairy chimneys and serene landscape. Afterward, you will visit a pottery workshop, where you get a firsthand look at the ancient craft, unique to the region. Return to the hotel at 18:00 for a brief refreshment then transfer to Old Greek House restaurant for dinner between 19:30 – 21:00. Overnight Cappadocia Avantgarde Hotel Cappadocia. (B/L/D)

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### **DAY 3 / 11 NOV MON/ CAPPADOCIA**

Your day begins with a delightful breakfast at the hotel, gearing up for a culturally rich tour in Cappadocia. The morning continues at 09:00 with a visit to the Kaymaklı Underground City, 30 minutes drive from your hotel, one of the largest and most fascinating underground systems built by ancient communities to protect themselves from invasions.

Underground city visit takes around 45 minutes. Next, you head to Mustafapaşa Village, also known as Sinasos, famous for its beautifully preserved Greek architecture and rich cultural heritage. Have lunch at a local restaurant between 12:30 – 13:30. After lunch, transfer to a local winery for vine tasting celebrating the region's ancient tradition of winemaking. Transfer back to hotel for refreshment at 18:00. In the evening, transfer to Argos Nahita restaurant for a sumptuous dinner paired with more exquisite local wines. Overnight Avantgarde Hotel Cappadocia. (B/L/D)

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- Underground city may depress those who have claustrophobia.

### **DAY 4 /12 NOV TUE/ DEPARTURE**

Meet at the hotel at 08:30 and transfer to Nevsehir for flight to İstanbul with TK2005 11:30 – 13:05. Arrival at İstanbul Airport is at 13:05. From there, transfer directly to your convention hotel for check-in. (B)

- **What's Included:**

- All hotel accommodations as indicated in the itinerary, all taxes and breakfast included.
- All meals, as indicated: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner. (B/L/D)
- Water, soft drinks and limited alcoholic beverage with meals included.
- Professional English-speaking guide and all expenses.
- Air-conditioned tour bus with professional driver, minibus with 14 seats for 4-12 pax, Midibus with 31 seats for 13 - 15 pax.
- All tours and all group transfers as mentioned in itinerary.
- All parking fees and toll roads.
- All entrance fees and admissions.
- Baggage handling.
- Domestic Flights.
- Winery visits.
- Hot Air balloon.

- **Not Included:**

- International flights
- Turkish bath, massage, etc.
- Visa to Türkiye.