



✘ **Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Experience**

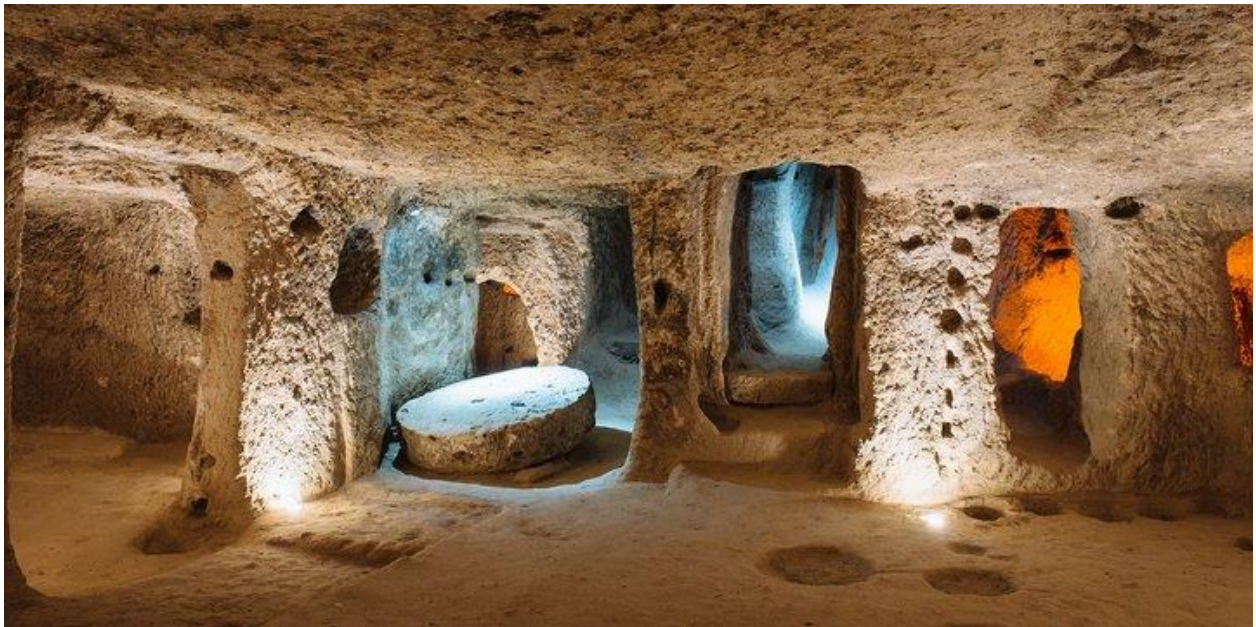
Interests: nature, once in a lifetime experience

*Enjoy an unforgettable experience as you embark on an shared hot air balloon ride over the nature-formed valleys. Starting off early in the morning (5.30 am), you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the open fields for a delicious breakfast before heading to the selected launch site for your hot air balloon experience. You will appreciate the tranquility of your morning over the colorful valleys and rock formations, gliding in your balloon. Concluding your experience, enjoy a glass of champagne to celebrate the joy of seeing Cappadocia from the air and get transferred to your hotel approximately by 8.30 am.*

✘ **Göreme Open Air Museum Tour**

Interests: nature, history

*Today's tour will allow you to explore the Goreme Open-Air Museum, an area that resembles a vast monastic complex composed of scores of refectory monasteries placed side-by-side, each with its fascinating church. Goreme Open-Air Museum is located only a 15-minute walk (1.5km, 1 mile) from Goreme village center. The Goreme Open Air Museum has been on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 1984 and was one of the first UNESCO sites in Turkey. This intriguing destination hosts the most important Byzantine cave churches in the world that where the monks and nuns pursued monastic life. You will be able to see the best-preserved Byzantine cave wall paintings and frescos from the Iconoclastic period through to the end of the Seljuk era, together with icons with scenes from the Old Testament and the New Testament above portraits of church fathers and saints depict the structure of the Byzantine universe.*



✘ Kaymakli Underground City Tour

Interests: nature, history

*Embark on a half-day exploration of the Kaymakli underground city, built under the hill known as the Citadel. Kaymakli's history dates back to the Hittites and Phrygians Period in the 7th and 8th century B.C. Kaymakli Underground City has acted as a haven for those fleeing from religious persecution, and it was mainly used by Christians during the Byzantine era for protection from invading Arabs. They estimate that up to 3,500 people once lived here. The inhabitants of the region still use the most convenient places in the tunnels as cellars, storage areas, and stables, which they access through their courtyards. While the underground city consists of 8 floors below ground, only 4 of them are open to the public today, with the fourth level being 20 meters below ground (65 feet). As you explore the caves and tunnels, you will notice that the deeper you go, the smaller the settlements become, meaning that the top floors were reserved for wealthier members of the community. You will also have the chance to explore the communal areas where food was prepared for the entire population.*

✘ Whirling Dervish Ceremony

Interests: culture, dance

*Discover the Mevleviye, renowned for their of whirling dances and dervishes by witnessing a Sema, one of their dancing ceremonies. The Mevlevi Order, or the Whirling Dervishes as they are known all over the world, was founded by Mevlana Rumi in the 13th century. Mevlevi believed that during the Sema, the soul was released from earthly ties, and able to freely and jubilantly commune with the divine. After a welcome drink and complimentary Turkish delight upon your arrival, the main program will start at 7 PM with a short traditional Turkish orchestra performance followed by a 45 minute Sema ceremony under the amazing lighting and mystic atmosphere of Hodjapasha.*





✘ Zelve Open Air Museum Tour

Interests: nature, history

*Discover the riches and secrets of the Zelve Open-Air Museum, an amazing cave town that once housed one of the largest communities in the region, honeycombed with dwellings, religious and secular chambers. Here, the Christians and Muslims lived together in perfect harmony, until 1924 when Christians left the Valley due to the exchange of minorities between Greece and Turkey, and the Muslims were relocated in the '50s setting up a modern village, a little further on which they named Yeni Zelve (New Zelve). The museum spreads over three mountain valleys and showcases the remains of a community that thrived from the Byzantine era into the 20th century. See the places where people lived, worked, and prayed and learn how they used the landscape to carve out the buildings that were both functional and beautiful.*

✘ Off-road Safari Adventure in Cappadocia

Interests: safari, nature, history

*Embark on an off-road adventure through eco-gardens and undiscovered valleys and ancient churches of Cappadocia. This tour will take you through rock formations, spectacularly colored landscapes and the mystery of the fairy chimneys that every history buff will appreciate. Cappadocia Jeep Tours gives you the thrilling non-stop 360-degree panoramic view of one of the most unique landscapes in the world and combines history, nature and ecology in an immersive experience that you will give you some serious bragging rights once you return home.*



✘ **Cappadocia Discovery Tour**

Interests: nature, history

*After breakfast, you will set off on a full day of sightseeing in Cappadocia starting with a visit to the Mustafapasa Village (Sinassos). Your next destination will be the Derinkuyu Underground City. Formerly known as Melagobia, this used to be one of the biggest settlements in Cappadocia and its 8 level underground city is the deepest one in the region. After lunch, you will continue on to the Soganli valley, which has been continuously inhabited since the earliest days of the Christian era and has churches that date from the 9th to 13th centuries. Some of the churches contain inscriptions giving the exact dates of construction and thus have provided scholars with valuable clues to help date other churches in Cappadocia. Soganli, like other valleys in Cappadocia, exemplifies the harmony between man and nature. Over the centuries men carved shelters in the cliffs and rock cones of the valley. They also used the rocks provided by nature to create expressions of their religious faith and devotion to God.*

✘ **Home Cooking with a Local Family in Cappadocia**

Interests: cooking, foodie, culture

*Immerse yourself in the local culture and embark on a culinary adventure with a Cappadocian family. You will head to a unique stone house for a day of traditional home cooking. The house is decorated in traditional style (arched ceilings, Turkish textiles & Cappadocia rugs) so that you can experience the real village life of Cappadocia and enjoy world-renowned Turkish hospitality and customs. Savor authentic Turkish food after you have prepared it! All ingredients used are organic, including fresh eggs from the homestead, honey from their beehives, and a variety of fruits, vegetables, and spices that are grown in the garden.*