

UNV/22 – Highlights of Cappadocia

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Duration: pick up - 09:30/10:00 drop off: 16:30/17:30

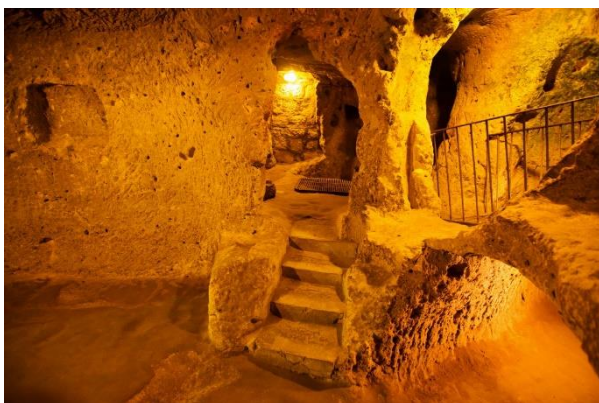
Notes:

- Year around guaranteed departure with no minimum number of guests requested.
- Departs: Daily
- Guests will be picked up and dropped off from/to their hotels.
- Basic lunch included.



Uchisar Rock-Castle, (the highest point in the region, **Esentepe** (a panoramic view of Goreme valley. This castle is like none you have ever seen before. Unlike the large walls of classic European castles, Uchisar looks like a maze of carved rooms. Venturing inside, you will be able to reach the highest point of the castle.

From there you will get to enjoy the best views of the **Pigeon valley**. This is the highest point in the entire area. Visit **Goreme Open Air Museum** which consists of steep cliffs and many hidden churches dating from second half of 9th century. (Rock-cut churches, frescoes, monastery)



Multi- level **Underground City of Kaymakli**, is one of the largest underground cities in Cappadocia with eight stories. In the area there are 36 underground cities and the original establishment is not known. Some dated back to Hittites (5C BC) and some as late as 6th C AD. These underground cities were used by early Christians escaping from persecution until 7th century. These underground cities cannot be noticed from the ground level. They carved air shafts as deep as 85 meters into the rock and

then made holes laterally at different levels in all directions. They hewed an elaborate system of the surface. They dug dwellings, bathrooms, kitchens, dinning-halls, storage rooms, wine cellars, chapels, graves and suchlike. Entrances at the surface level were also camouflaged. Underground City of Kaymakli covers an area of approximately 4 meter-square

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Visit **Pasabag** in Cappadocia, located on the road coming from Goreme. Highly remarkable earth pillars can be seen here, in the middle of a vineyard, hence the name of the place, which means: the Pacha's vineyard. Pacha means "General" in Turkish and it is a very common nick name. This site is also called **Monk's Valley**. The name was derived from some cones carved in tuff stones which stands apart. Currently, there is a vineyard and a number of tuff cones standing right next to the road.



Continue to visit the villages of **Avanos**. It is a small town famous for its pottery. It is built along the banks of Kizilirmak (Hayls River), the longest river originated and ending within the borders of Turkey with 842 miles of length. Those who want may also enjoy famous "testi kebab" as well.