UNV/23 – Wonders of Cappadocia

Operates privately. 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.



The **Derinkuyu underground city** is an ancient multi-level underground city in the Derinkuyu district in Nevşehir Province, Turkey, extending to a depth of approximately 60 meters. It is large enough to have shelter as many as 20,000 people together with their livestock and food stores. It is the largest excavated underground city in Turkey and is one of several underground complexes found throughout Cappadocia. The underground city at Derinkuyu could be closed from the inside with large stone doors. Each floor could be closed off separately.

Ihlara Valley, is a 16 km long <u>gorge</u> cut into volcanic rock in the southern part of <u>Cappadocia</u>, following several eruptions of <u>Mount</u> <u>Erciyes</u>. The <u>Melendiz Stream</u> flows through the valley. Ihlara Valley consists of 14km along the north-south Melendi River, which runs from Selime to Ihlara village. Sixteen of the valley's 105 churches are open to visitors, and most of these are within 1km of the official valley entrance in Ihlara.





While in Ihlara, visit *Belisirma Village* inside Ihlara Valley, which is located in the centre as well as *Güzelyurt Village*, which was a prosperous Ottoman-Greek town specializing in farming and goldsmithing.