

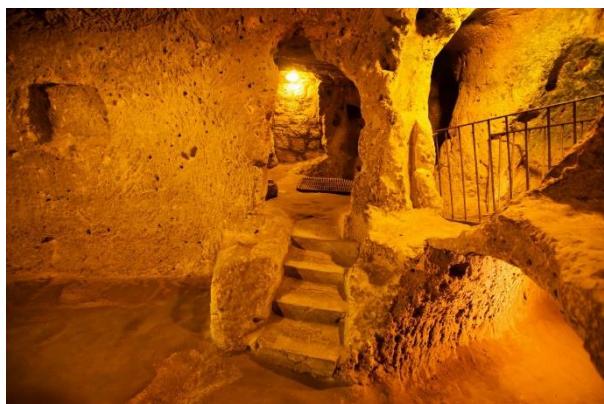
## UNV/24 – Mysterious Cappadocia

Operates both privately and regularly.

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.



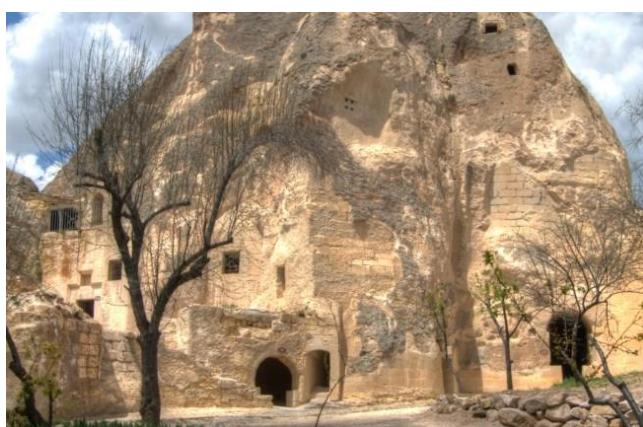
Multi-level **Underground City of Kaymakli**, is one of the largest underground cities in Cappadocia with eight stories. In the area there are 36 underground cities and the original establishment is not known. Some dated back to Hittites (5C BC) and some as late as 6th C AD. These underground cities 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, dining-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

**Soğanlı Valley** and **Sinasos (Mustafapaşa) Village** are the following stops.

Former name of **Mustafapaşa** during the Ottoman Empire era was **Sinasos**. It had a mixed population. Greeks and Karamanlides (Turkish speaking Christians) constituted the majority of the population and Muslim Turks constituted the rest. Although situated far from the seas Sinasiotes (Greeks from Sinasos) who temporarily migrated to Istanbul, were known to be the traders of seafood and especially caviare. Then visit **Taskinpasa Village** to see the ancient ruins of stonemasonry from mid 14<sup>th</sup> century.



**Keslik Monastery** dates from 7<sup>th</sup> century to 13<sup>th</sup> century. It houses 14 man made churches that are carved into rocks. You can see the frescoes on ceilings and walls, depicting stories from the Bible.