



# APPNA 30th International Meeting Turkey 2019

ISTANBUL BURSA ANKARA CAPPADOCIA KONYA PLAN

**ROUTING:** ISTANBUL – BURSA – ANKARA – CAPPADOCIA – KONYA -- ISTANBUL

## Itinerary in brief:

Days	Date	Itinerary
Day 1	Sep 7, 2019	Arrival, Welcome Dinner & Overnight in Istanbul
Day 2	Sep 8, 2019	City tour, Bosphorus Yacht Cruise and Overnight in Istanbul
Day 3	Sep 9, 2019	Day trip to Bursa & Overnight in Istanbul
Day 4	Sep 10, 2019	Flight to Ankara, Ankara tour & Cappadocia Transfer & Overnight in Cappadocia
Day 5	Sep 11, 2019	Cappadocia Tour & Overnight in Cappadocia
Day 6	Sep 12, 2019	Hot Air balloon , Cappadocia Tour & Overnight in Cappadocia
Day 7	Sep 13, 2019	Konya Tour - visit Tumb of Rumi & Flight to Istanbul & Overnight in Istanbul
Day 8	Sep 14, 2019	Free day in Istanbul - Farewell Dinner & Overnight in Istanbul
Day 9	Sep 15, 2019	Departure

## Detailed Itinerary:

### DAY 1 - Sep 7 : Arrival, Welcome Dinner and Overnight in Istanbul

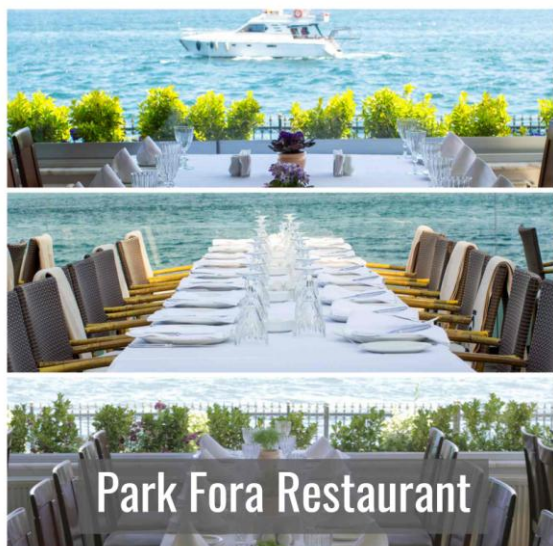
Arrival at Istanbul's Ataturk International Airport, We will welcome you at the Airport  
Transfer to the hotel can be 1 to 2 hours depending on traffic situation.





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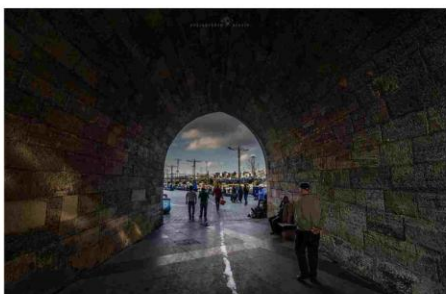
Park Fora Restaurant



Check -in at the hotel. Rest and refresh and your guide will go out with you to show you local night life and taking you to the welcome dinner at the “Park Fora” Fish and Seafood restaurant in company with the magnificent view of the Bosphorus.

- Meals: Dinner
- Overnight in Istanbul
- Activity Level: 1

## DAY 2 – Sep 8: City tour, Bosphorus Yacht Cruise and Overnight in Istanbul

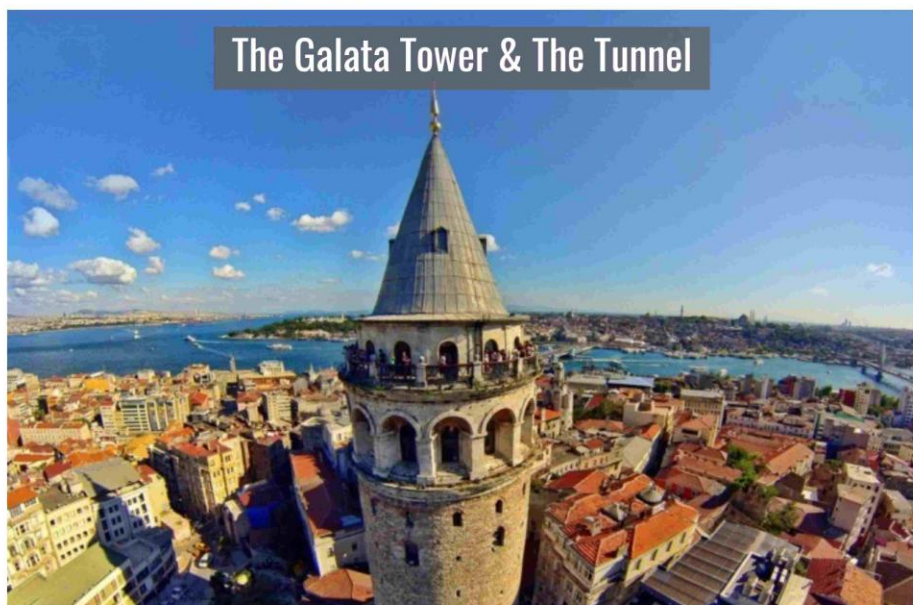


Breakfast at the hotel and meeting with your guide.

Today we will Show you most popular highlights & Istanbul highest Points for Panoramic view of Istanbul that you can understand how gigantic and beautiful she is.

### The Galata Tower & The Tunnel

It is one of the highest and oldest towers of Istanbul. 63 meter (206 feet) high tower provides a panoramic view of the old town. It was built in the 14th century by the Genoese colony as part of the defense wall surrounding their district at Galata directly opposite ancient Constantinople. After the conquest of Constantinople by Mehmet II, it served to detect fires in the city.

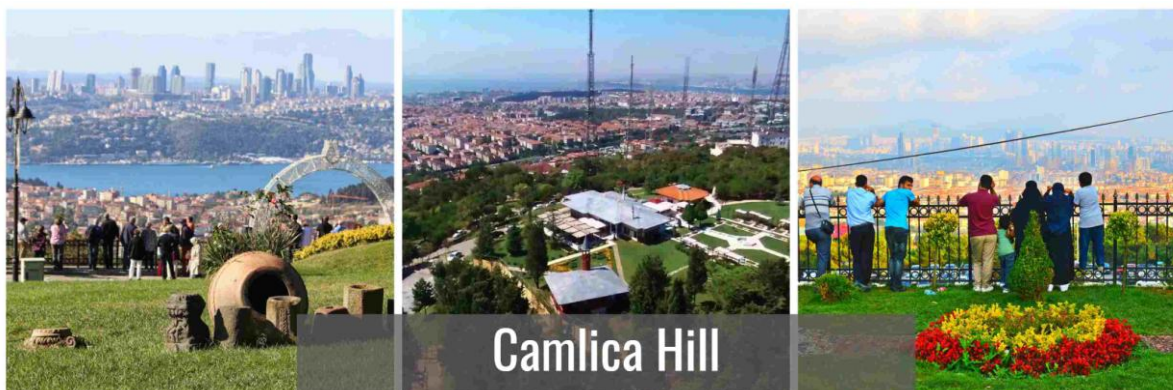






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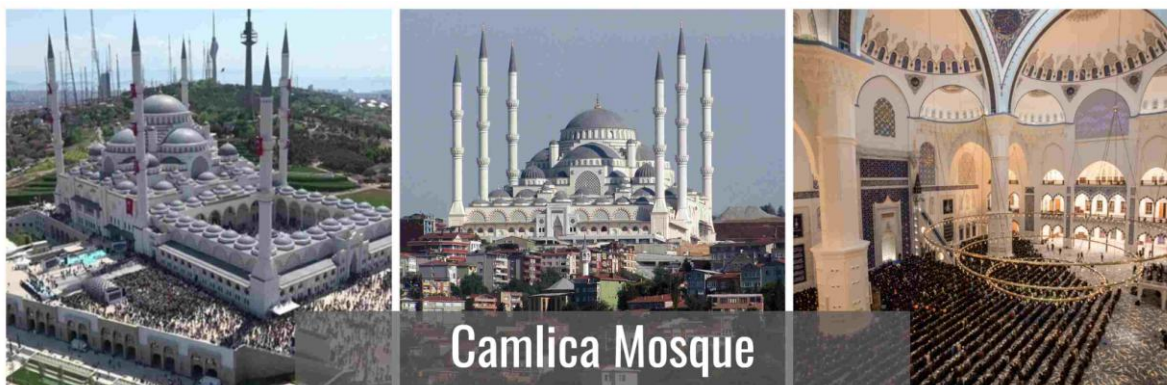
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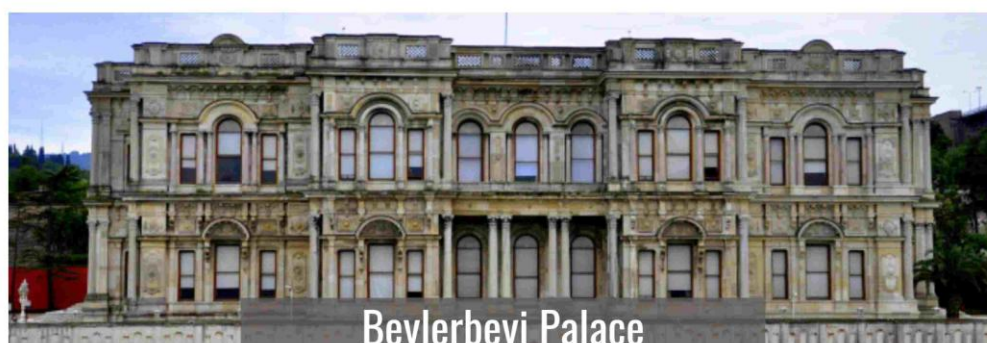
Camlica Hill

### Camlica Hill & Camlica Mosque

Camlica Hill located on Asian side just at the Uskudar district. ; Camlica, a place with two hills overlooking the Bosphorus and the Marmara Sea, is one of the most favored promenades in Istanbul, and also one of the highest and most charming places in the city. Camlica Mosque has been the biggest Mosque built since Ottoman Empire.



Camlica Mosque



Beylerbeyi Palace



### Beylerbeyi Palace & Beylerbeyi Area

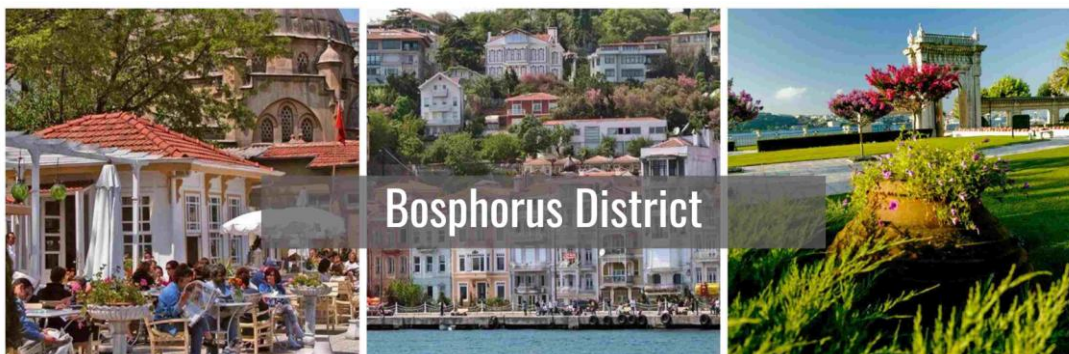
It is one of the cutiest palace for so many people ; built between 1861-1865 by head architects Sarkis Balyan and Agop Balyan, imperial architects of Armenian origins, in French neo-baroque style with a traditional Ottoman house plan. At the end of the visiting we will stop its beautiful Garden for Turkish Coffee. Beylerbeyi area is small **Bosphorus district** which has nice small pier and a lot of tasty Restaurant around it.





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Bosphorus District

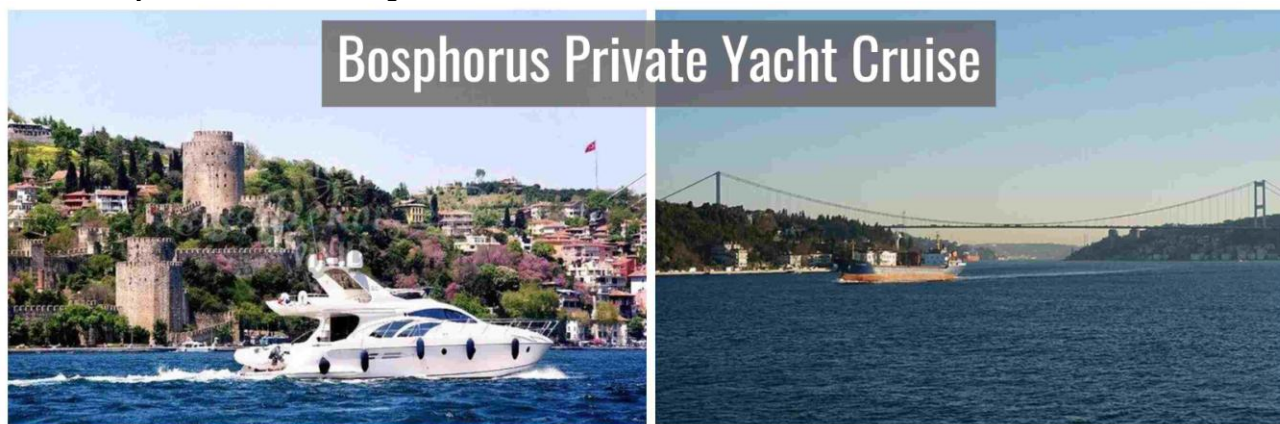
We will get Lunch at the Borsa Kandilli Restaurant where located at the old palace . Now this place using as school



Borsa Restaurant

## Bosphorus Cruise

Travel between the two continents and get enchanted by the all the beauty you will see! A cruise on Bosphorus is one of the best ways to discover the elegance of Istanbul



Bosphorus Private Yacht Cruise

At the end of the day we will drop you to your hotel.

Today is free night that you can discover the city by yourself but we can give list of nice restaurants you may visit or you can just feel it and go wherever you want.

- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Overnight in Istanbul
- Activity Level: 2





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## DAY 3 – Sep 9: Day trip to Bursa & Overnight in Istanbul



\*Breakfast at the Hotel.

Pick up from hotel around 08:00 am and you have Full day city tour with Lunch.

Departure from Istanbul to ferry-boat at Eskihisar. Enjoying the lovely country and seaside. Drive to Bursa, former Ottoman Capital. Opportunity to see local products of the region like ches nut, honey, olive oil, Turkish delight and outlet center. Climb to mountain for barbecue lunch, free time for Atv safari or ski motor and skiing. Visit Ulucami (Grand Mosque), the old silk market in the Covered bazaar. Late evening return to Istanbul and transfer to hotel.

Note: The cable car (teleferik) can not be operated due the weather conditions, If you want skiing, you should take minibus from restaurant to ski lopes, transportation and ski equipments are not included.





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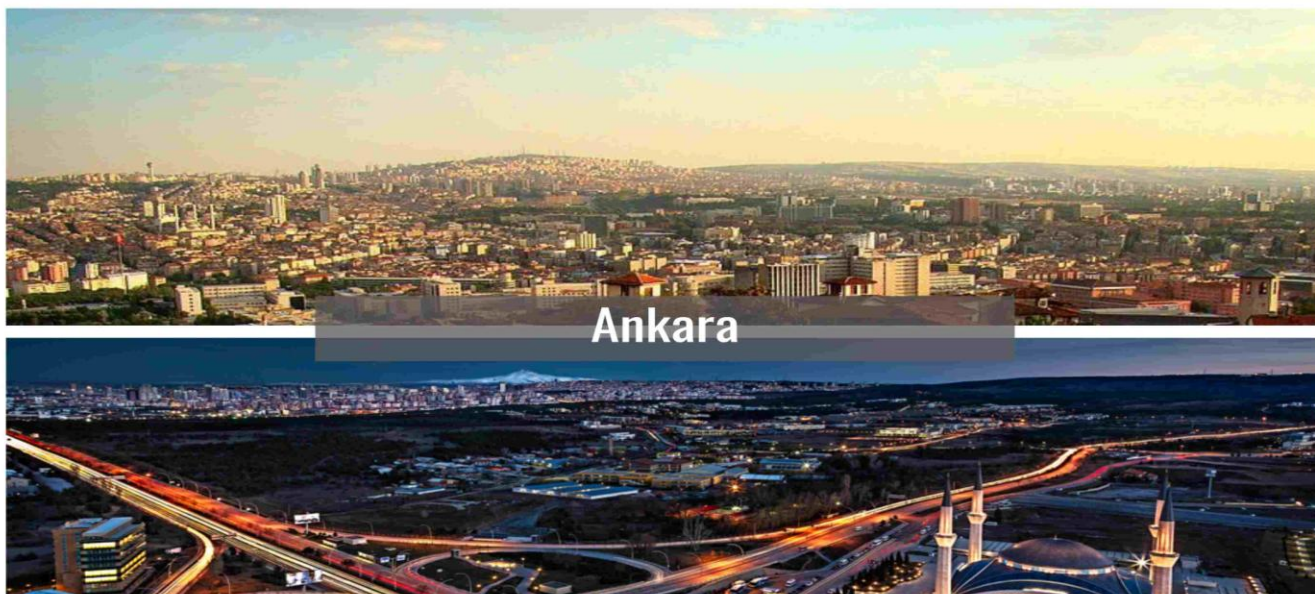
Bursa is the fourth most populous city in Turkey and one of the most industrialized metropolitan centers in the country.

#### **Where to visit in Bursa Tour!**

- \* Bursa Center.
- \* Grand Mosque (Ulu Camii).
- \* Uludag Mountain (Olympos Mountain).
- \* Green Mosque (Yesil Camii).
- \* Green Mausoleum (Yesil Turbe).
- \* Koza Han.
- \* Silk Market (The Covered Bazaar).
- \* 600 years old pine tree.
- \* Cable Car to mountain.

- Meals: Breakfast and Lunch.
- Overnight in Istanbul.
- Activity Level: 2

#### **DAY 4 – Sep 10: Flight to Ankara, Ankara tour & Cappadocia Transfer & Overnight in Cappadocia**



Breakfast box will be given at the hotel

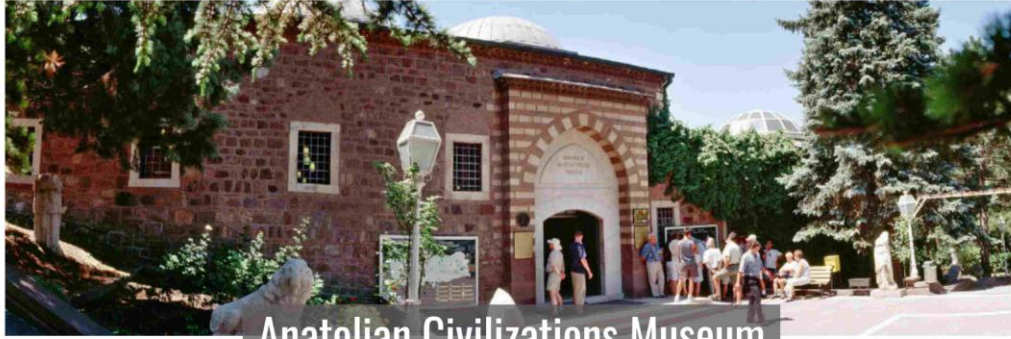
Early pick up at 06:30 am for Ankara 09:45 am flight Pegasus. Landing at Ankara Esenboga Airport

Welcoming you at the airport and transfer to City center



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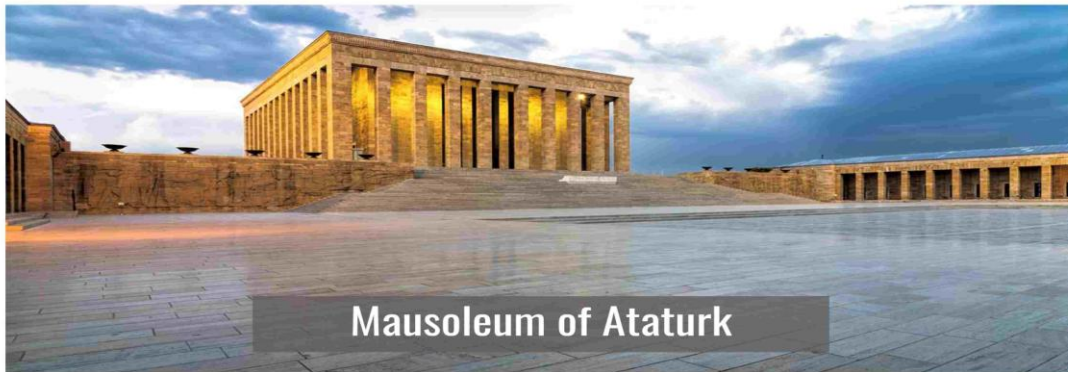
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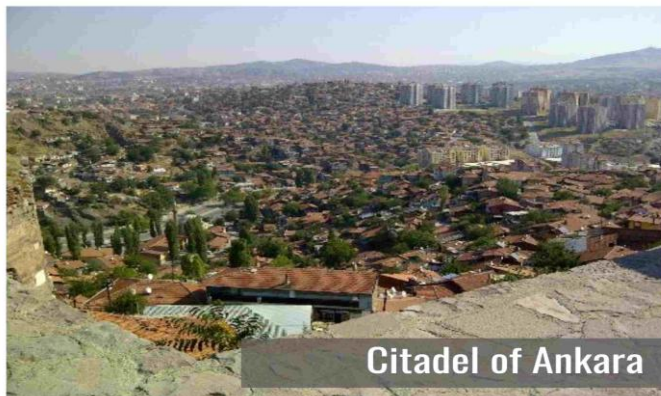
Anatolian Civilizations Museum



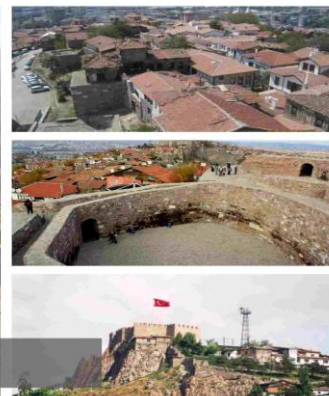
Visit to the **Anatolian Civilizations Museum** at which numerous remnants from Stone Age, Neolithic Age, Hittites, Urartians, Phrygians and many others are on display; **Citadel of Ankara** and the **Mausoleum of Ataturk**, the burial place of the national hero who founded modern Republic of Turkey.



Mausoleum of Ataturk



Citadel of Ankara







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We will have lunch at the Tavacı Recep Usta



At the end of the tour transfer to Cappadocia takes around 3 to 4 Hours drive.

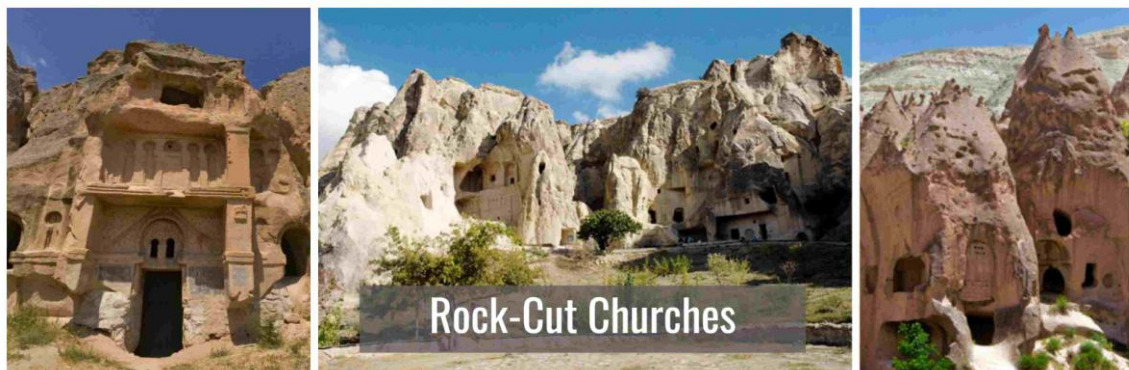
- Meals: Boxed Breakfast and Lunch.
- Overnight in Cappadocia
- Activity Level: 3

## DAY 5 – Sep 11 : Cappadocia Tour & Overnight in Cappadocia

Breakfast at the hotel. Pick up at 10:30 for the Cappadocia tour.



Depart from your hotel to visit **Red valley** and explore the famous **rock-cut churches** and hike 5 km through the **Gulludere valley**.





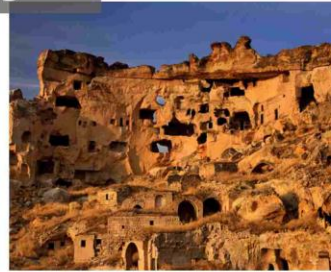


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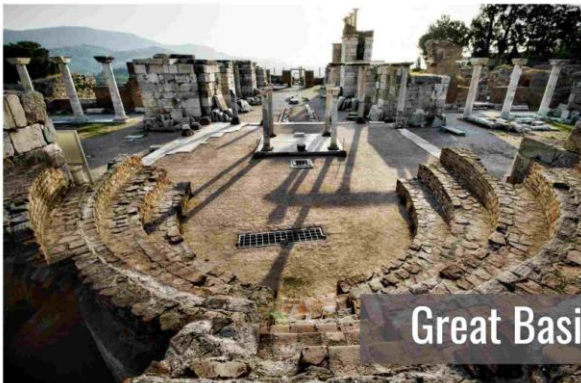
Cavusin Church & Village



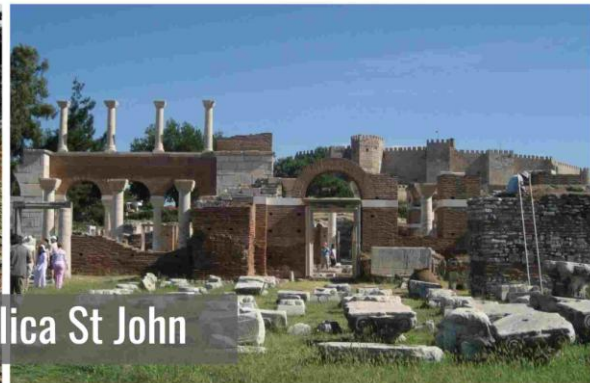
Then visit **Cavusin village**. Old Cavusin was abandoned several decades ago due to avalanches. The current village of Cavusin is located on the road. Old Cavusin, with its rock-cut dwellings and stone houses, had several hermitages.

The two most important churches in Cavusin are the **Great Basilica dedicated to St. John the Baptist** (located on the cliff above the village) and **Cavusin Church** or the

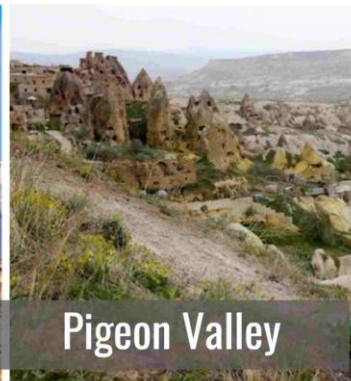
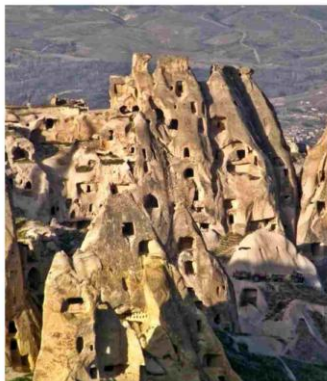
“Great Pigeon House” commemorating a visit of the famous Cappadocian Emperor Nicephorus Phocas.



Great Basilica St John



After lunch in Han Restaurant, we drive to the **Pigeon Valley**



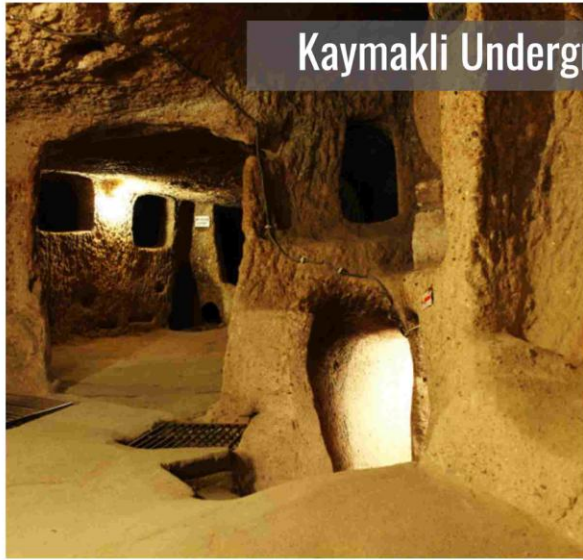
Pigeon Valley



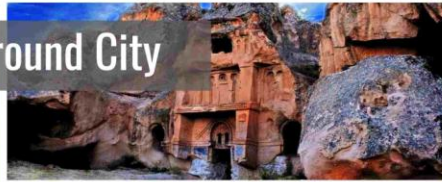


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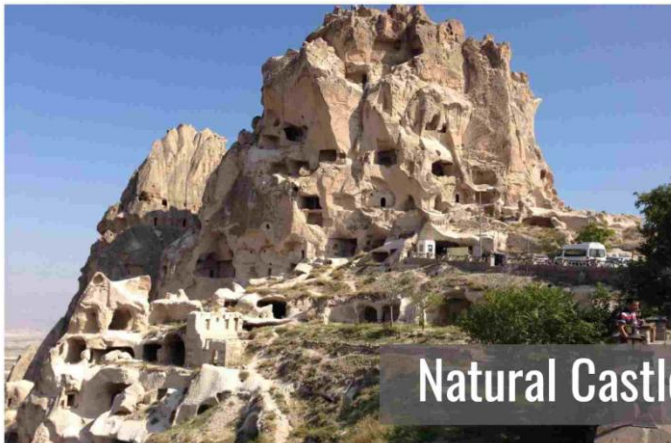
Kaymakli Underground City



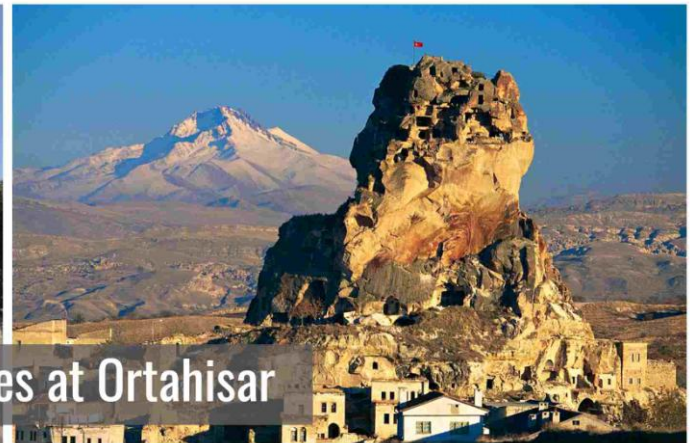
In the afternoon visit **Kaymakli Underground City**, where early Christians lived in fear and faith. The ancient name was Enegup. The houses in the village are constructed around the nearly one hundred tunnels of the underground city, which is one of the most interesting underground settlements in Cappadocia.

The underground city was originally carved out as eight floors; however four floors are available to visit. In wartime about 5000 people can refuge in. The tunnels are still used today as storage areas, stables, and cellars.

On the way back visit the **natural castles at Ortahisar**.



Natural Castles at Ortahisar



## SPECIAL NOTES

Guests must be able to walk approximately 1,5 miles over uneven and cobblestone surfaces. Comfortable shoes, a hat and plenty of sunscreen are recommended as shade is limited the order of the tour itinerary may vary in order to avoid congestion. Guests should watch their step at all times in order to avoid injuries. It is not recommended to visit underground cities for the guests who have asthma and claustrophobia.

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- Overnight in Cappadocia
- Activity Level: 4





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## DAY 6 – Sep 12: Hot Air balloon , Cappadocia Tour & Overnight in Cappadocia

Hot air balloon tour at the sunrise Breakfast at the hotel



### Hot Air Balloon Tour at the Sunrise

Our first real encounter with Cappadocia almost Martian landscape is in the **Dervent valley**.



### Dervent Valley

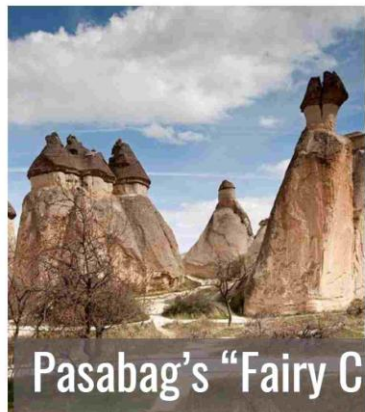




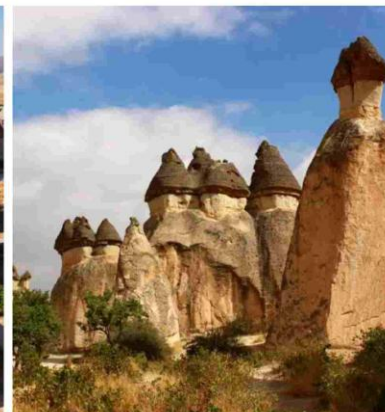
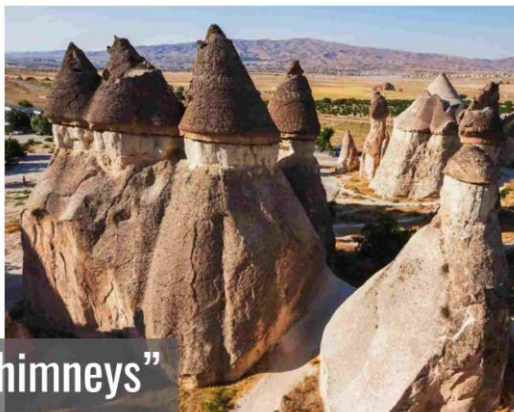
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We visit **Pasabag's "fairy chimneys"**, where the voice of the wind harmonizes with songs of the fairies.  
From here we pause at



Pasabag's "Fairy Chimneys"



**Avanos centre of terracotta art** which is a popular destination because of its attractive old town with cobbled streets, and views over the river and is its production of **earthenware pottery**; it is also the most economic activity in the town. The ceramic trade in this district and its countless pottery factories date right back to the Hittites, and the ceramic clay from the red silt of the Kızılırmak has always been used. A visit to ceramic & tile center to see how the ceramics made by hand.







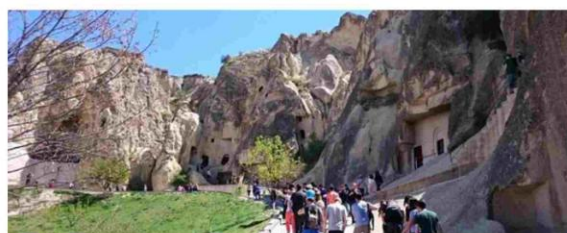
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After lunch in Sur Balik Restaurant we visit the famous **Goreme Open Air Museum** to see the best examples of Byzantine art in Cappadocia.

People of Goreme, at the heart of the Cappadocia Region, realized that these soft rocks could be easily carved out to form houses, churches, monasteries.

These Christian sanctuaries contain many examples of Byzantine art from the post-iconoclastic period. These frescoes are a unique artistic achievement from this period.



Goreme Open Air Museum

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Free evening to discover Cappadocia own your own

- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Overnight in Cappadocia
- Activity Level: 4

#### DAY 7 – Sep 13: Konya Tour - visit Tumb of Rumi & Flight to Istanbul & Overnight in Istanbul

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check out from Cappadocia hotel
- Transfer to **Konya** more or less 3 to 4 Hours drive.



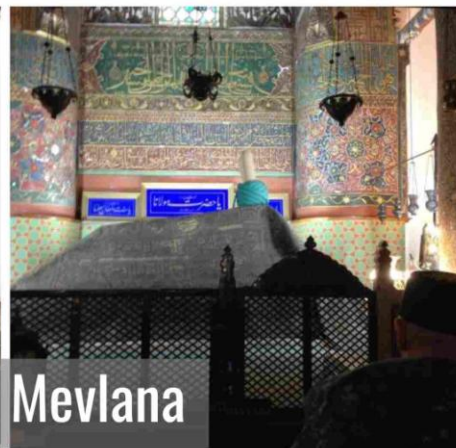
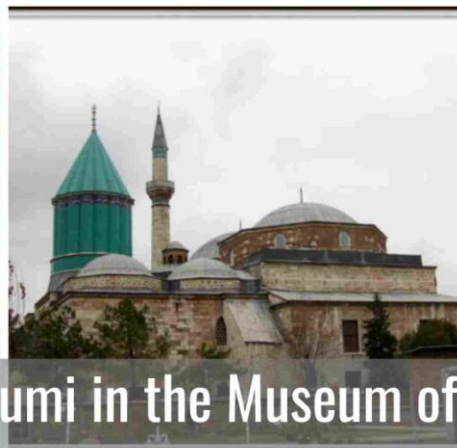
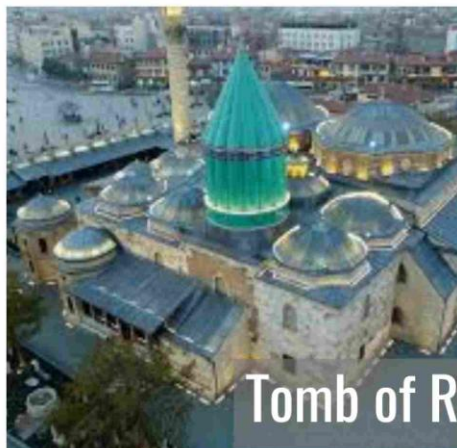


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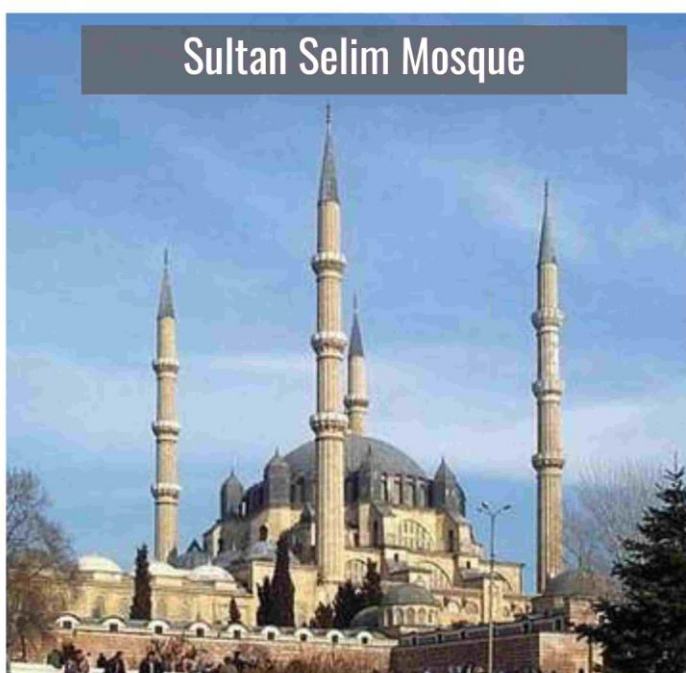


Visit the **Tomb of Rumi in the Museum of Mevlana**, an important place of pilgrimage for Muslims.



Tomb of Rumi in the Museum of Mevlana

Then, we visit the Ottoman-era **Sultan Selim Mosque** before having lunch in Kuzuku Ali.



Sultan Selim Mosque

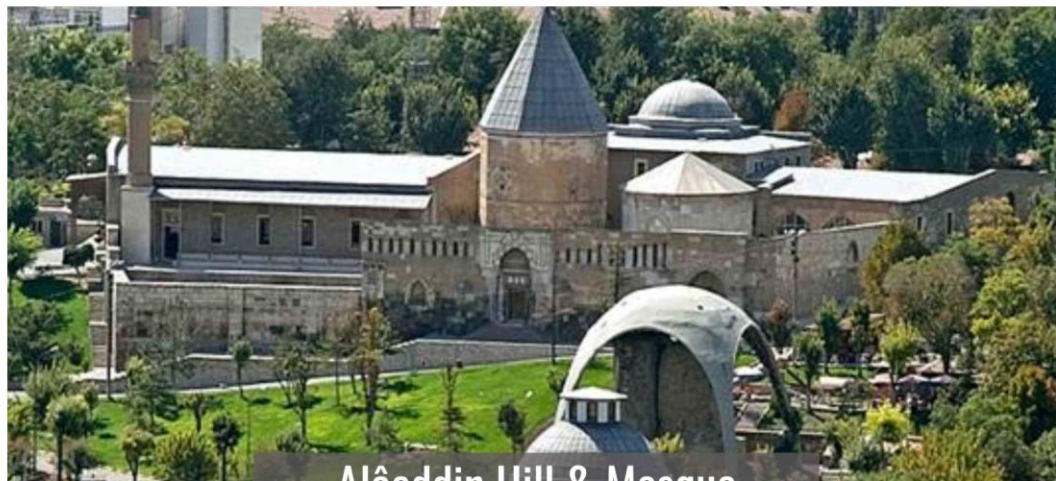






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Alâeddin Hill & Mosque



After our lunch we drive to the **Alâeddin Hill** (a prehistoric tumulus) to visit the 1000-year-old **Alâeddin Mosque**

In its courtyard are the tombs of many of the Seljuk Turkish sultans. Walking down the north side of the Aladdin Hill we pass the remains of the **Seljuk sultan's palace**, then cross the street for a view of the elaborate portal of the **Ince Minareli Medrese** theological college.



Sultan's Palace



Ince Minareli Medrese

At the end of the tour transfer to airport for your Istanbul flight.

Flight to Istanbul at 20:35

Arrival to Istanbul welcoming at the airport and transfer to your hotel.

- Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
- Overnight in Istanbul
- Activity Level: 2





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## **DAY 8 – Sep 14: Free day in Istanbul – Farewell Dinner & Overnight in Istanbul**

Breakfast at the Hotel

Free day // Optional tour Islamic tour.

Farewell Dinner at the Hotel

- Meals: Breakfast and Farewell Dinner
- Overnight in Istanbul
- Activity Level: 2

## **DAY 9 – Sep 15: Free day in Istanbul – Farewell Dinner & Transfer to Airport**

\*Breakfast at the Hotel

\*Check out from hotel and transfer to the airport depends on your flight timing.

- Meals: Breakfast.
- Activity Level: 1

**Disclaimer:** All daily activities are rated 1-5 levels:

Level 1: light to moderate walking and flat.

Level 2: Moderate walking; some hilly.

Level 3: Moderate to extended walking; walking on slopes/hills; high altitude walking.

Level 4: Extended walking ; Hills ; high altitudes.

Level 5: Extended walking; difficult terrains; Hills. (Not recommended for guests with Physical challenges like using wheel Chairs)

**IMPORTANT:** These levels are indicators for reference only; you can contact us for details