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### 1. Geographical location

Cappadocia lies in Central Anatolia in Turkey at an altitude of 1000 m. The highest point in the plateau is the Mount Erciyes at 3916 m. The volcanic landscape is eroded to form mountains, valleys and pinnacles called 'Fairy Chimneys'. Several extinct volcanoes exist in the region like the Hasan Dağ, 3253 m. The Cappadocia region, covering an area of more than 5,000 square kilometers, is spread across five provinces in central Turkey. Its position in interior Turkey at a high altitude results in continental climatic conditions in Cappadocia with little rainfall, extremes in summer and winter, and a semi-arid landscape.



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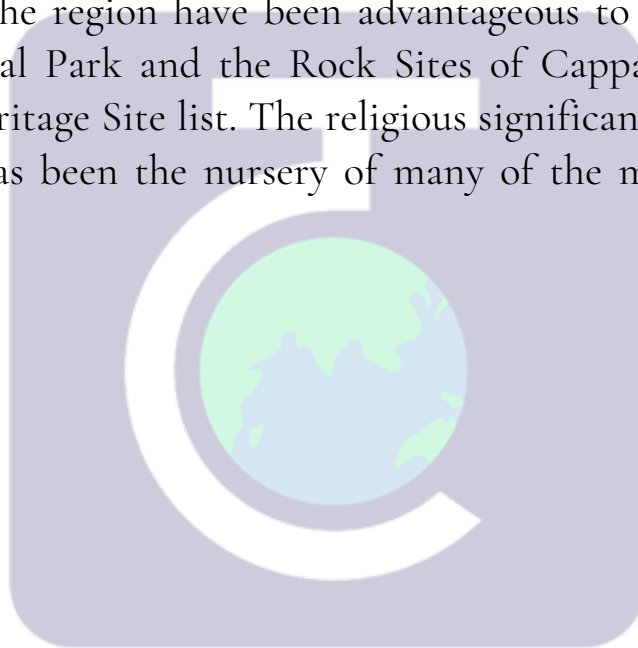
### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Lying In Five Provinces, The Cappadocia Region Is Surrounded By The Towns And Cities Of These Provinces. Istanbul Lies On The Western Side While Antalya Lies In The South. Ankara Is The Nearest City On The Western Side At A Driving Distance Of 5 Hours In A Bus. Istanbul Is 10 – 12 Hours Away By Bus Followed By 8 – 10 Hours From Antalya. Samsun Lying At The Northern Coast Of Turkey Is Situated At The End Of An Old Route From Cappadocia. Just Near The Boundary Of The Anatolian Region In The South-West Is Mardin.



### 3. Significance

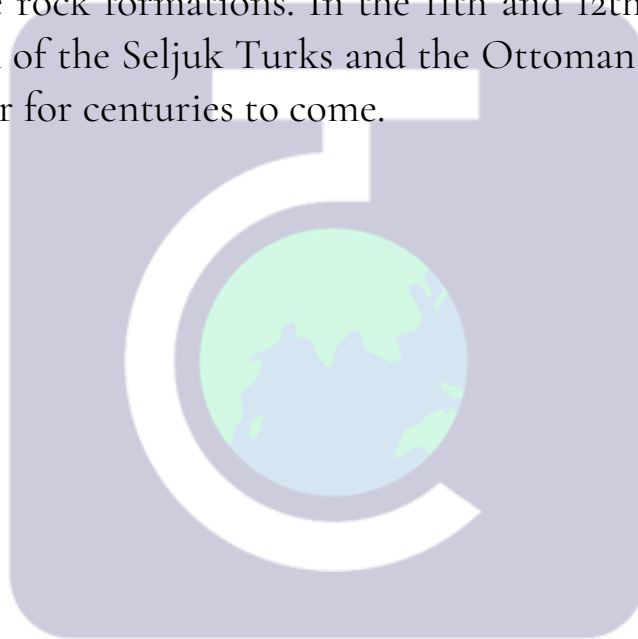
Cappadocia is a historically important tourist destination in the Anatolian region of Turkey. The region is mainly known for its unusual rock formations as a result of volcanic eruptions 2 million years ago. With cave buildings, underground cities, hills, rocks, and valleys Cappadocia has an otherworldly charm that attracts history lovers and nature explorers alike. The geological, cultural, and historic features of the region have been advantageous to its tourism industry. The Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia feature in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. The religious significance of Cappadocia lies in the fact that it has been the nursery of many of the major religions in the world.



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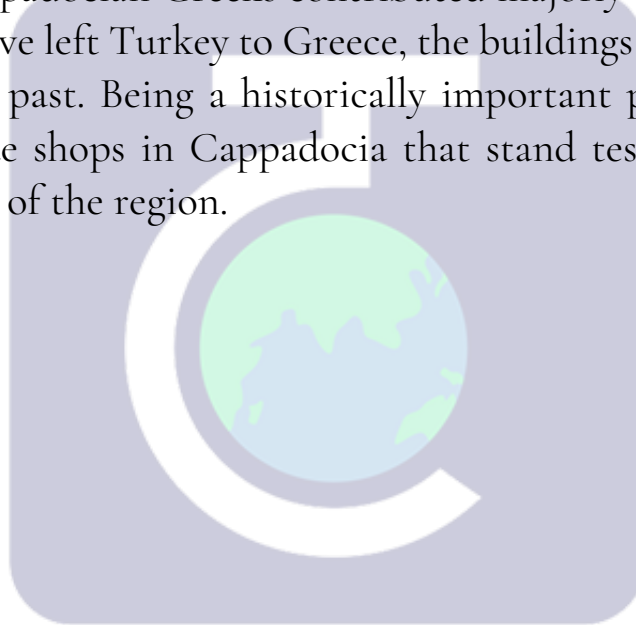
### 4. History

The earliest known history of Cappadocia dates back to the late Bronze Age and was the homeland of the Hittite Empire. When trade relations between the East and the West flourished, Cappadocia became an important junction of the Silk Road. In the later periods it became an important centre of Christianity. The monastic history of the region started around 4th century with churches and caves carved into the rock formations. In the 11th and 12th centuries the region came under the reign of the Seljuk Turks and the Ottoman Empire continued to be the supreme power for centuries to come.



## 5. Cultural identity

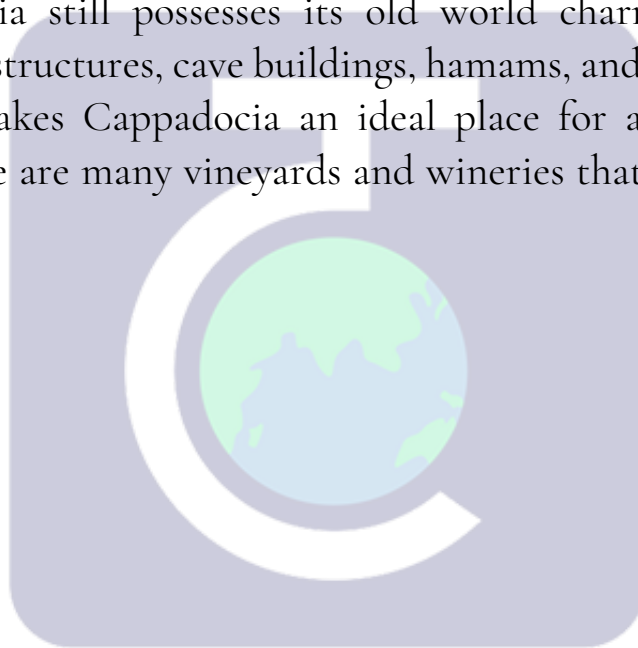
Cappadocia has a rich cultural heritage that goes back to as early as 1600 BC. Archeological findings from the Bronze Age show the craftsmanship of the earliest masters in making iron artifacts. Cappadocia has witnessed many religious movements and upheavals and has served as the seat of world religions in its early stages. Even today, people of several religions coexist peacefully in this idyllic land. The Cappadocian Greeks contributed majorly to the art and culture field. Though they have left Turkey to Greece, the buildings that they erected still remind of a colorful past. Being a historically important place, there are many museums and antique shops in Cappadocia that stand testimony to the varied culture and tradition of the region.



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### 6. Natural resources

Cappadocia is mainly known for its lunar landscape and rock formations which contribute to its popularity as a tourist destination. All the natural peculiarities and characteristics of the land have been utilized throughout the ages by the people who inhabited this region. From cave houses to stone cemeteries and funeral grounds, the land has been manipulated without disturbing its natural existence. Cappadocia still possesses its old world charm through a careful preservation of rock structures, cave buildings, hamams, and valleys. The mineral-rich volcanic soil makes Cappadocia an ideal place for agriculture, especially grape-growing. There are many vineyards and wineries that thrive on this fertile land.





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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. Kaymakli Underground City

This dramatic trail of the past houses artefacts of the Middle Byzantine era when it was used by Christian communities as a protection from Muslim Arabs. Being the widest underground in Cappadocia, Kaymakli has 8 underground floors of which 4 have been made accessible to the public since 1964.

Address : Kaymaklı, 50760 Kaymaklı/Nevşehir Merkez/Nevşehir, Turkey

Zipcode : 50760

Location : 38.460044, 34.75206860000003

Contact : +90 507 616 16 46

Nearest Public Transport : Kaymakli bus station

Entry Fee : 25 TRY per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

##### 7.1.2. Cappadocia Art & History Museum

The Cappadocia Arts & History Museum is owned by Sibel Gul who created one doll every month for 36 long years and hence the museum is known to display a host of historical settings, tales and incidents that speak about modern Turkey. Visit this museum to get a glimpse of the rich Turkish history and culture.

Address : Yukari Mah. Gazi Sok. No: 6 | Mustafapaşa Kasabası, Urgup 50400, Turkey

Zipcode : 50400

Location : 38.583574, 34.89470200000005

Contact : +90 384 353 52 21

Website : [http://www.kapadokyanatan tarih muzesi.com/#\\_=\\_](http://www.kapadokyanatan tarih muzesi.com/#_=_)

Nearest Public Transport : Himmetdede Tren Istasyonu train station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : 25 TRY per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:30hrs-18:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Güray Müze

Situated inside caves underneath the Guray showroom, the Guray Museum exhibits collections of ceramic art and other historical artefacts crafted over centuries dating back to the Chalcolithic period. The entry fees vary from exhibition to exhibition since the collection that is displayed in this museum is a private. Coupled with the antique pieces, the machine carved spaces are perfectly lit, making this museum even more entrancing to visit. You can also see stonewalls with different layers to it.

Address : Yeni, Dereyamanlı Cd., 50840 Avanos/Nevşehir, Turkey

Zipcode : 50840

Location : 38.7102732, 34.83502399999999

Contact : +90 384 511 23 74

Website : <http://www.guraymuze.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Himmetdede Tren Istasyonu train station

Entry Fee : Starting from 10 TRY

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:30hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.4. El Nazar Kilisesi

Having been restored by UNESCO, El Nazar Kilisesi entails a small old church located on the inside of a structure resembling a giant molar. Inside the church, you will find a Crucifixion painting and internal dome covered by frescoes. Note: Please enquire before visiting this site since it is not open on a regular basis.

Address : 50180 Nevşehir Merkez/Nevşehir, Turkey

Zipcode : 50180

Location : 38.638681, 34.83900219999999

Nearest Public Transport : Himmetdede Tren Istasyonu train station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : 8 TRY per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.5. Göreme Open Air Museum

The Goreme Open Air Museum houses a number of Christian buildings that date back to the 10th century. The paintings displayed here are from the Byzantine era. With a spectacular view of a church and well-maintained frescos and paintings, this museum is definitely worth your time. The beguiling techniques of the frescos and intricate architecture are something that you will love during your visit.

Address : Muze Yolu | Goreme, Nevsehir, Goreme, Turkey

Zipcode : 50180

Location : 38.639906, 34.844872399999986

Contact : +90 384 271 21 67

Nearest Public Transport : Himmetdede Tren Istasyonu train station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Entrance Fee: 15 TRY Dark Church: 8 TRY Parking: 6 TRY Audio Tour: 5 TRY

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Cappadocia Cave

The cave dwellings entail havens that were originally used by the locals as hiding places. The ancient architecture, as well as artefacts and artwork of the dwellings remain well-preserved to date. This is the ideal place to visit during sunrise or sunset as you get a jaw-dropping view of the entire city along with the scintillating lava landscapes.

Address : Urgup, Turkey

Zipcode : 50180

Location : 38.644048, 34.83466899999999

Contact : +90 384 271 29 00

Website : <http://cappadociacave.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Himmetdede Tren Istasyonu train station (Not Recommended)

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. Goreme National Park

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Goreme National Park consists of the volcanic sculptures that were formed by erosion. The national park is visited by a lot of tourists for its rock churches and the small caves that provide a spectacular view of Goreme. The 'fairy chimney' is the most popular attraction of this historical national park. These [fairy chimneys] appear to be magical mushroom-shaped rocks that have formed due to the ecological process of volcanic eruptions that occurred thousands of years ago.

Address : 50180 Göreme/Nevşehir Merkez/Nevşehir, Turkey

Zipcode : 50180

Location : 38.649218, 34.834720000000006

Contact : +90-3842713545

Nearest Public Transport : Himmetdede Tren Istasyonu train station (Not Recommended)

Time Required : 5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.3. Pasabag (Monks Valley)

Encompassing scenic rock formations carved by the ancient communities (for chapels and home) as well as wind and water erosions, Pasabag is an incredible site with significant historical relevance. It is also known as the 'Monks Valley' because of the carvings on tuff stones. The site has several varieties of fairy's chimney, which attracts a number of tourists throughout the year.

Address : 50500 Çavuşin/Avanos/Nevşehir, Turkey

Zipcode : 50500

Location : 38.6776234, 34.8428641

Nearest Public Transport : Himmetdede Tren Istasyonu train station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.4. Derinkuyu Underground City

Located in the Nevşehir Province, Derinkuyu is a multi-level underground city that is known for its history and architecture. Being one of the oldest underground cities in Cappadocia, Derinkuyu goes 200-feet deep and can shelter around 20,000 people together with food stores, religious schools, chapels and stables.

Address : Bayramlı, 50700 Derinkuyu/Nevşehir, Turkey

Zipcode : 50700

Location : 38.3736111, 34.7347221999999

Contact : +90-384-213-42-60

Nearest Public Transport : Himmetdede Tren Istasyonu train station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.5. Uchisar Castle

The pinnacle of the Uchisar Castle offers spellbinding views of the Mount Erciyes

and other scenic vistas. Though the outer architecture of the castle is not very visually appealing, its interiors are exquisite and most of the rooms inside are accessible via stairs, tunnels and passages. Having served as a defense point, Uchisar Castle is of immense historical importance for Cappadocia.

Address : Tekelli Mahallesi, 50240 Uçhisar Belediyesi/Nevşehir Merkez/Nevşehir, Turkey

Zipcode : 50240

Location : 38.629907, 34.80539299999999

Contact : +90 384 219 20 05

Website : <http://www.uchisar.bel.tr/>

Nearest Public Transport : Himmetdede Tren Istasyonu train station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 07:00hrs-19:45hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Mazi Underground City

Just like Derinkuyu, Mazi Underground City was used for hiding and was locked by large rolling stones. Built during the Roman period, the city has a chimney where inhabitants dropped grapes down to the winery. Also known as Mataza, this ancient city is sure to find its way to the heart of history and architecture enthusiasts.

Address : 50400 Mazi/Ürgüp/Nevşehir, Turkey

Zipcode : 50400

Location : 38.470351, 34.83988699999999

Nearest Public Transport : Himmetdede Tren Istasyonu train station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Kocabag Winery

Featuring vast storage stores carved as tuff outcrops, Kocabag Winery is a traditional winery in Cappadocia. The hollowed rock holes containing wine

ensure natural brewing of close to 700,000 bottles of wine each year. Started in 1972 as a small wine shop, Kocabag Winery is currently one of the leading wine producers in Turkey and has many medals associated to its name in contests worldwide.

Address : Adnan Menderes Cad. No:40, 50240 Nevşehir, Turkey

Zipcode : 50240

Location : 38.622611, 34.80408899999999

Contact : +90 384 219 29 79

Website : <http://www.kocabag.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Himmetdede Tren Istasyonu train station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. Art By Emre

Art by Emre is an art store known for displaying a vast collection of creative handmade designs and colorful gifts for your friends and family. It offers a range of interesting pottery and leather products, wine decanters and hundreds of pieces of arts. The place is one of the finest shopping destinations in Goreme.

Address : Hakkı Pasa Meydanı, Merkez Cami Yanı, Goreme 50180, Turkey

Zipcode : 50180

Location : 38.641898, 34.829283

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Naile Art Gallery

Located in Central Goreme, Naile Art Gallery houses a splendid selection of traditional as well as abstract artworks of Naile Bozkurt. The gallery also features modern Ebru art on ceramic and silk tiles. The unique and unceasing list of artworks displayed here reflect the culture of Goreme. Visit this gallery, if you want to know more about the culture of this Cappadocian valley.

Address : Orta Mahalle Gul Sokak No 6 Zemin Kat, Goreme 50180, Turkey

Zipcode : 50180

Location : 38.642905, 34.8289459999999

Contact : +90 544 477 31 44

Website : <http://nailesanat.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Himmetdede Tren Istasyonu train station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.10. Kolonlu Kilise

Made up of spectacular ancient designs with almost everything intricately carved right from the ceiling to the columns, the Kolonlu Kilise gets its name from being a columned church. Depicting a huge story in itself, the church strikes a balance between the peace and glamor with the influence of the religious culture.

Address : 50500 Avanos/Nevşehir, Turkey

Zipcode : 50500

Location : 38.655192, 34.855992000000015

Nearest Public Transport : Himmetdede Tren Istasyonu train station (Not Recommended)

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.11. Tribal Collections Nomadic Rugs And Textiles

This store is well-endowed with carpets, textiles, antiques and other treasures that you will love shopping for. The staff is very friendly and gives you quality products at affordable prices.

Address : Koese Cikmazi Sok. No 1 | Orta Mahalle, Goreme 50180, Turkey

Zipcode : 50180

Location : 38.642335, 34.828303

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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### 8. Key sites sports & adventure

Cappadocia is a haven for the lovers of adventure sports. The rugged landscape itself offers many thrilling experiences for the trekkers. Hot air balloon rides are the most popular sport and tourist attraction here. Tourists can try horseback riding, ATV rides, hiking, camping, mountaineering, snowboarding, skiing, rock climbing cycling, jeep safaris, rafting, canoeing, and a variety of other outdoor sports and activities in Cappadocia which has all the facilities for such adventures.

- **Hiking/Trekking -**

Address : El Sanatlari Carsisi No 24, 50180, Turkey

Location : 38.643459,34.82923499999999

Contact No : +90 384 271 21 66

Website : <http://www.newgoreme.com/index.html>

Entry Fees : Ranges from 154TRY-380TRY

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 5

- **Hot Air Balloon Cappadocia -**

Address : Sağlık Sk. No: 8/b, Göreme, 50180 Göreme/Nevşehir Merkez/Nevşehir, Turkey

Location : 38.644071,34.83003699999999

Contact No : +90 384 271 26 41

Website : <https://www.hotairballooncappadocia.com/>

Entry Fees : Ranges from 673TRY-11558TRY

Time Required : 2

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### 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

The annual Runfire Cappadocia Ultramarathon held in July is a multi-day race of six days covering 244 kilometers. The Kadir Has Stadium in Kayseri is an important sports venue in the Cappadocia region.

- **Kadir Has Stadium:**

Address : Keykubat Mahallesi Atatürk Spor Kompleksi Kadir Has Stadyumu / Kayseri, Kaykubat Mahallesi, 38060 Kayseri, Turkey

Location : 38.736982,35.42184199999997

Website : <http://www.sporaskayseri.com/>



## 10. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

**The Cappadocia Turkish Night Show @ Anatolia (1-31st)**

**Enjoy belly dance, traditional Turkish foods and local drinks. Whirling Dervishes @ Cappadocia (1st -15th)**

**Learn the complex local beliefs about the ancient rituals of turkey.**

**Cappadocia MTBO Cup 2016 @ Mustafapaşa (24-27th)**

**Racing and sprinting through the magical terrains of fairy chimneys is a wonderful experience for athletes and tourists.**

**Hot air ballooning festival 2 @ Goreme (17th)**

**The event showcases the underground dwellings and the beautiful landscape.**

**Cappadox festival @ spectacular landscape of Cappadocia in Central Anatolia (19-22nd)**

**Guests to enjoy gastronomy, live**

**music, art collections and interesting outdoor activities.  
Cappadocia MTB Festival @ Goreme (27th) and @ Urgup (29th)**

**Bikers from all over the world are invited to this festival to celebrate the marriage of bicycles**

**Mountain Bike Festival @ Cappadocia**

**It is an annual event for bikers from all over and is not a must that you be a professional.  
Cappadocia Avanos International Tourism and Handicrafts Festival @ Avanos (31st)**

**This festival showcases the pottery produced in this area.  
10th. Goreme Local Food Contest @ Goreme (24th to 30th)**

**This place organizes a cooking contest popularly known as the Forgotten Flavours of Goreme every September.  
Grape Harvest Festival @ Urgup (1st to 11th)**

**Cappadocia is among the best cities known for producing good**

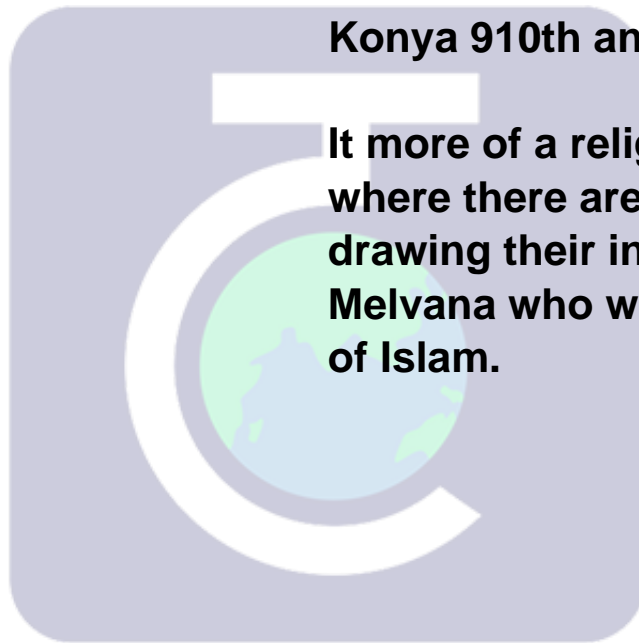
**grape and wine.**

**Salomon Cappadocia Ultra Trail  
@ Urgup, Cappadocia (2nd)**

**Runners get to experience nature  
trails along the valleys and hills  
of cappadocia**

**Mevlana Commemoration  
Ceremonies and Festival @  
Konya 910th and 17th).**

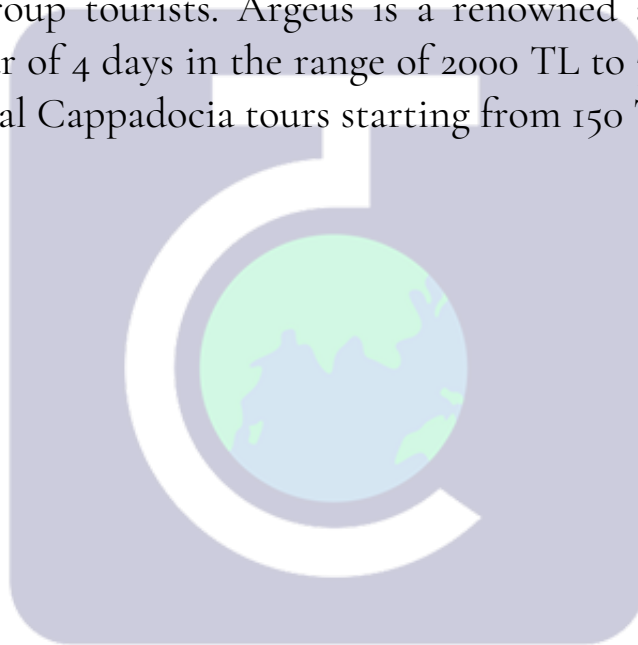
**It more of a religious festival  
where there are performances  
drawing their inspiration from  
Melvana who was a philosopher  
of Islam.**



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### 11. Key local guides and tours

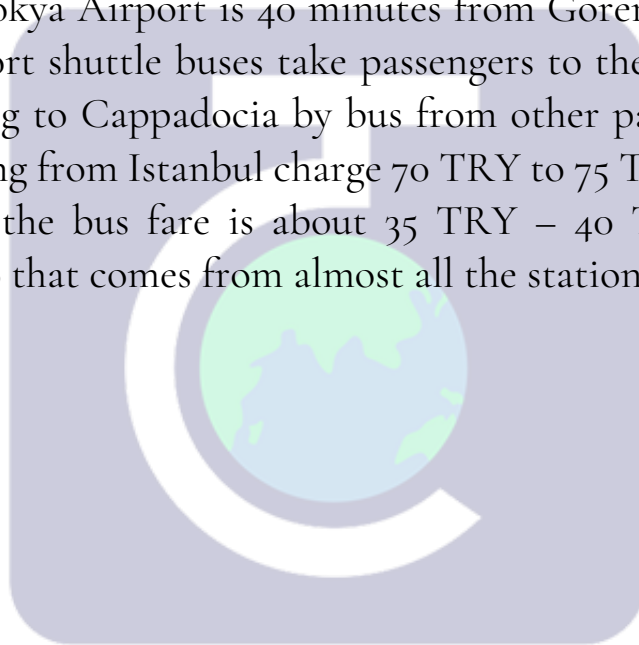
Many tour packages are available in Cappadocia for international tourists. The main day tours are the Green, Red, and Blue tours. Green and Blue tours will cost around 120 TL, and the Red tour at about 100 TL. The tours start from 9.30 am and last till 17.00 pm. It is a complete package with vehicles, guides, lunch, and entry fees. There are many agencies that conduct daily and packaged tours for private as well as group tourists. Argeus is a renowned agency that provides Cappadocia mini tour of 4 days in the range of 2000 TL to 3500 TL. Rock Valley Travel arranges several Cappadocia tours starting from 150 TL.



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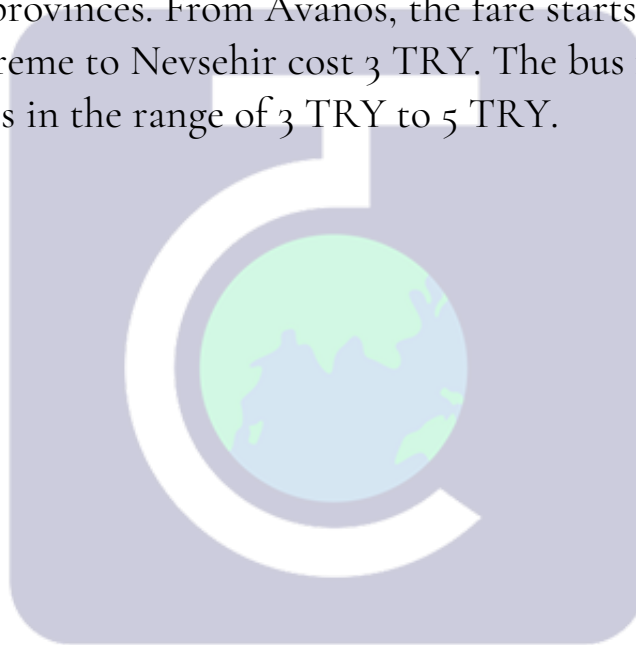
### 12. Transportation hubs

Cappadocia is accessed from the rest of Turkey by way of two airports that are located in two provinces. The Kayseri Erkilet Airport , ASR, in Kayseri and the Nevşehir Kapadokya Airport , NAV, in Gülşehir town in Nevşehir Province both have domestic flight services from Istanbul Atatürk Airport. The Kayseri airport is one hour away from the central region of Cappadocia as it is at a distance of 75 km. Nevşehir Kapadokya Airport is 40 minutes from Goreme with a distance of around 40 km. Airport shuttle buses take passengers to their hotels for 20 TRY per person. Travelling to Cappadocia by bus from other parts of Turkey is also possible. Buses starting from Istanbul charge 70 TRY to 75 TRY per person. From Ankara and Konya, the bus fare is about 35 TRY – 40 TRY. Kayseri can be accessed by train also that comes from almost all the stations in Turkey.



**Index****13. Transportation cost**

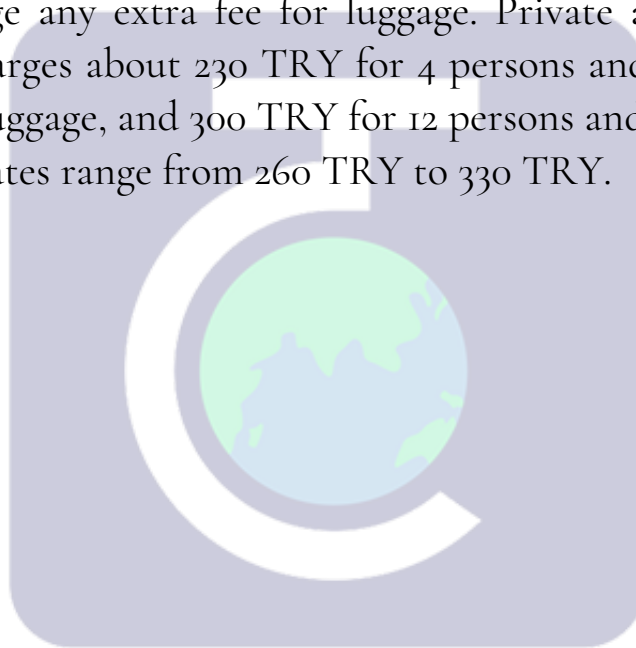
Cappadocia is not thickly populated and this accounts for limited public transportation in the region. Since the sites are spread across a vast area of land with varied landscape it is better to rent vehicles to get around the region or be a part of a tour package so that they will arrange the transport for the tourists. Renting a car will cost around 100 TRY per day. Public bus services start from many centers of the provinces. From Avanos, the fare starts from 2.5 TRY to 3.50 TRY. Buses from Goreme to Nevsehir cost 3 TRY. The bus fare from Nevsehir to various destinations is in the range of 3 TRY to 5 TRY.





## 14. Baggage allowance

Travelling with heavy luggage is not advisable in Cappadocia. The region is heavily spread out in five provinces and each area is at a considerable distance if going by public transportation. Carrying your luggage to all these locations will be inconvenient. If you do not intend to stay at Cappadocia, you can leave your luggage at the bus company till you return. Airport transfer services to hotels usually do not charge any extra fee for luggage. Private airport transfer from Nevsehir Airport charges about 230 TRY for 4 persons and 4 luggage, 260 TRY for 6 persons and 6 luggage, and 300 TRY for 12 persons and 12 luggage. From the Kayseri airport the rates range from 260 TRY to 330 TRY.



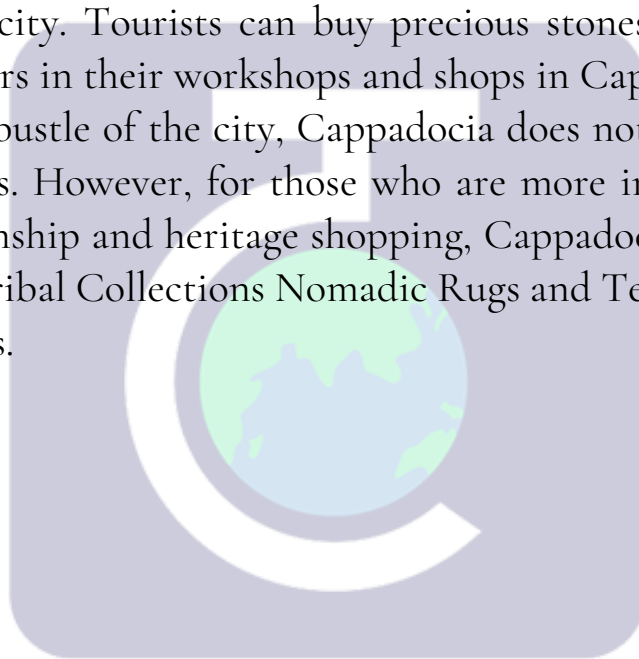
**Index****15. Average meal cost**

The basic meal for a day in a town like Cappadocia costs 25.65 TRY. This includes various types of meal for one person at an inexpensive restaurant. Alcohol is available at 5 TRY. A litre of water can be purchased at 2.50 TRY. Cookies are available at 1 TRY.



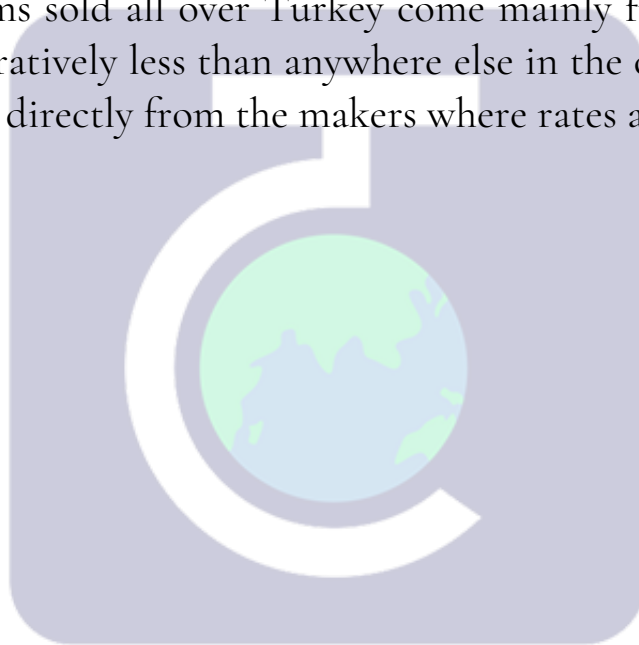
## 16. Shopping

Cappadocia is renowned for its carpets all around the world. Local markets and specialty shops sell handmade carpets, rugs, bags, and kilims at every price range. Pottery and ceramic shops in Avanos offer a unique experience of witnessing amazing handicrafts being made from scratch. You can buy vases, jugs, ashtrays, and many other souvenirs from the pottery showrooms or family-run pottery shops that line this city. Tourists can buy precious stones and artisan jewelry direct from the makers in their workshops and shops in Cappadocia. Being a way from the hustle and bustle of the city, Cappadocia does not have large shopping malls or luxury shops. However, for those who are more interested in the local artisan and craftsmanship and heritage shopping, Cappadocia is the best option. Sultan Carpet and Tribal Collections Nomadic Rugs and Textiles are some of the best shops for carpets.



## 17. Tourist benefits

VAT refunds are available for visitors on items purchased from shops in Cappadocia. The refund can be claimed at the airport at the time of leaving the city if you produce the receipt of purchase and other necessary documents from the shop. The refund rate is anywhere between 18% and 23%. Other than the VAT benefit, there are other discounts offered by sellers in Cappadocia. Since most of the art and craft items sold all over Turkey come mainly from Cappadocia, the rates here are comparatively less than anywhere else in the country. There is also the benefit of buying directly from the makers where rates are further reduced.



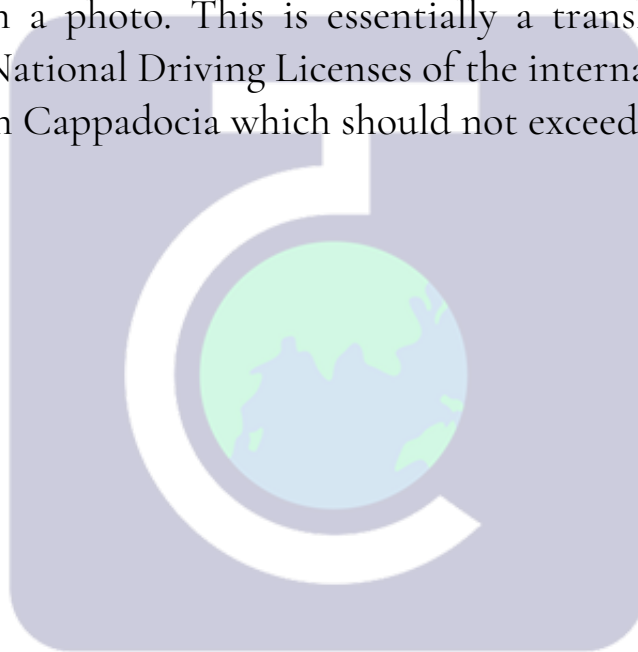
## 18. Essential local apps

Cappadocia Tourist Guide available from Google Play store is a useful travel app that gives information about hotels, shopping, transportation, places to see, and much more. Cappadocia DZLL is an iOS app for historical information and comes with more than 160 pictures of the region for easy guidance. This multi-lingual app is optimized for iPhone and iPad. Culinary Backstreets: Istanbul is one app that can help you find places to eat authentically and locally. You can use Bitaksi for booking taxis and even sending a request to them.



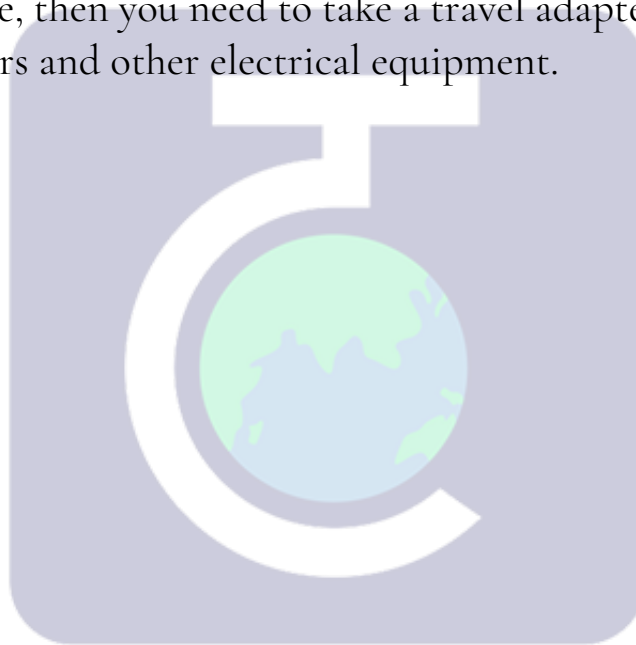
## 19. Driving

Driving around in Cappadocia in rented cars or bikes requires the foreign traveller to possess a valid driving license. A foreign driving license is accepted if it is printed in Latin alphabet and displays an identity photo. In such cases, the person does not require an International Driving License/Permit. If the license is printed in any other alphabet system, the driver will need the International Driving License with a photo. This is essentially a translation of the foreign driving license. The National Driving Licenses of the international tourist is valid throughout his stay in Cappadocia which should not exceed 90 days.



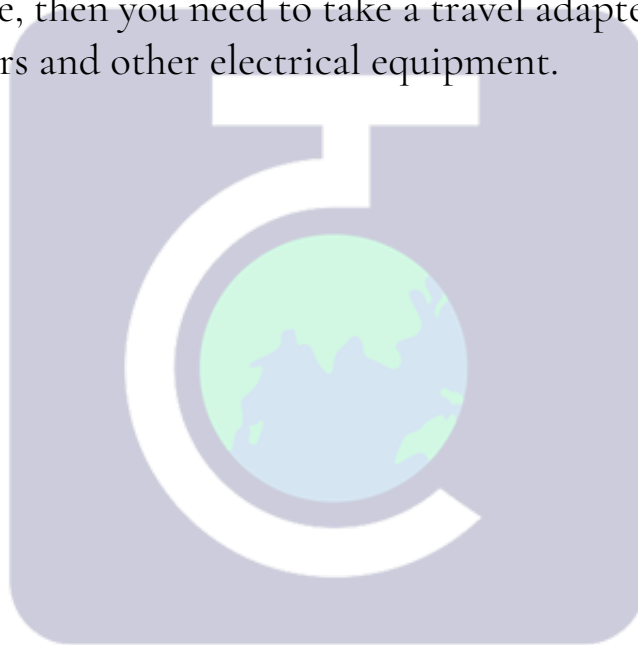
## 20. Travel essentials

One of the most essential things while packing your travel bag is travel adapter and power converter, which is suitable to the power outlets in here for using any electrical equipment, chargers mainly. Cappadocia runs on a standard voltage of 220 to 230volts at a frequency of 50Hertz. British style type F 2pin power sockets are used in here. If you are from a region with 100, 110 or any other than 220volts of power supply range, then you need to take a travel adapter with a Type F plug, for using your chargers and other electrical equipment.



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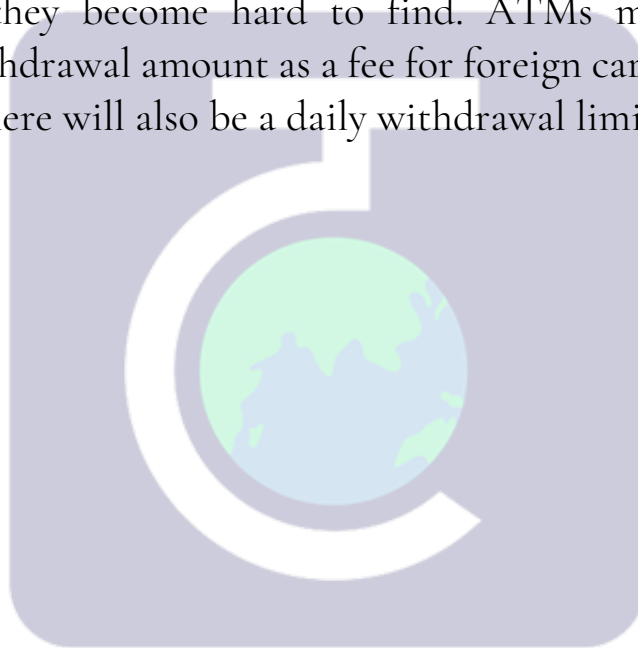
## 22. Local currency

Turkish Lira is the official and the local currency in Cappadocia. 1 US Dollar = 2.94 TRY



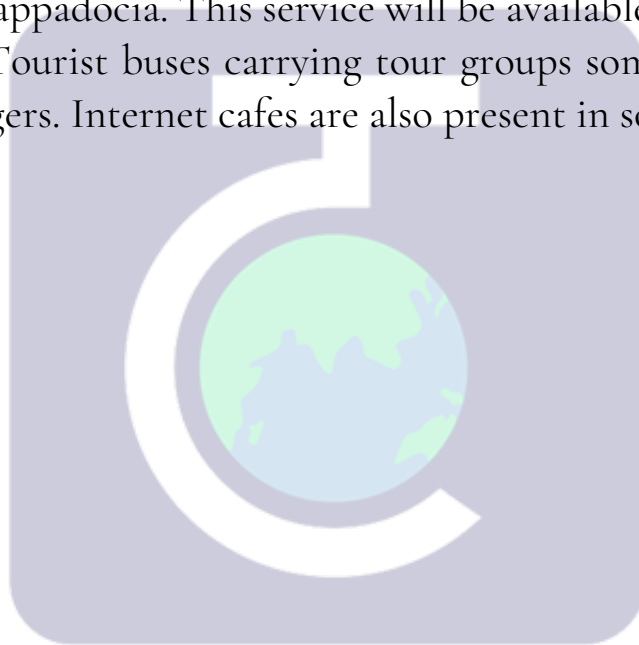
## 23. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Money exchanges are very less in Cappadocia. Only the provincial capital of Nevsehir has an exchange. However, many jewelry stores exchange foreign currency to help tourists, some even offering better rates than exchanges or banks that is approximately 3%. All major currencies of the world are accepted here. ATMs are found in the city regions in Cappadocia. However, when you travel into the interiors, they become hard to find. ATMs may charge a certain percentage of the withdrawal amount as a fee for foreign card processing which is approximately 1%. There will also be a daily withdrawal limit.



## 24. Staying connected

Prepaid SIM cards can be bought from mobile phone company stores in Cappadocia. Vodafone, Avea, and Turkcell are the only mobile service providers in Turkey and each of them have their own stores in city centers. Retailers also sell prepaid cards to tourists. Prepaid data cards are available in 1GB for use up to 1 month. You can even get 1 GB for 1 week. Free Wi-Fi is offered in many hotels and cave houses in Cappadocia. This service will be available in rooms and public spaces in the hotel. Tourist buses carrying tour groups sometimes provide wi-fi service to the passengers. Internet cafes are also present in some city areas.



## 25. Time Zone

The city of Cappadocia follows Central European Time Zone with UTC + 01:00 hours.



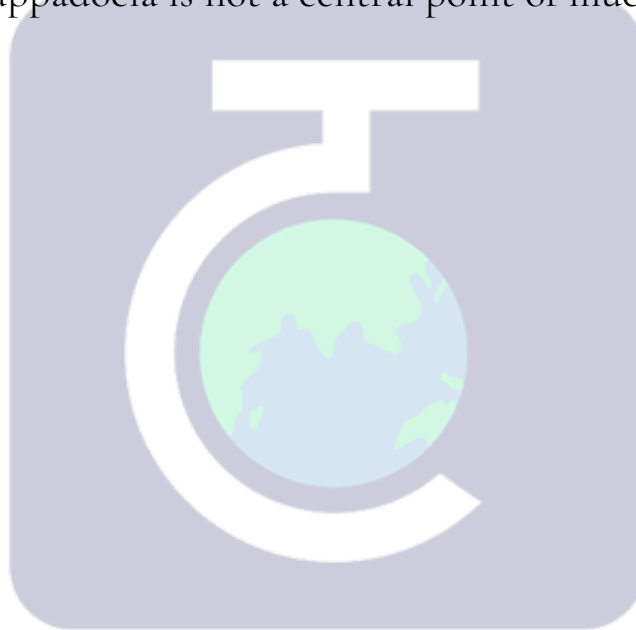
## 26. Languages

Ancient Cappadocian is the famous language here. You can also find people using dialects of Cappdocian Greek.



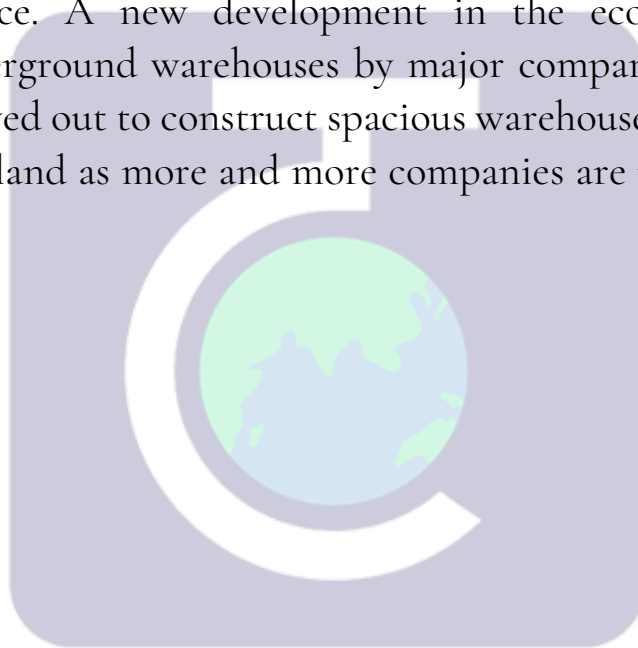
## 27. Political Scenario

The Cappadocia area is included in the provincial regions of Nevşehir, Kayseri, Kırşehir, Aksaray, and Niğde. The Justice and Development Party (AKP) has prominence in these provinces and the mayors of all the 5 provinces are leaders of the AKP. Being mainly a tourist region far removed from the city centers and with people actively involved either in tourism related industries or handicraft making and trade, Cappadocia is not a central point of much political activities.



## 28. Economic Scenario

Much of Cappadocia's economy depends on the tourism industry. Traditional handicraft is another source of income for this region. Handmade pottery, ceramic pieces, jewelry, and precious gem work crafted by the local artisans travel to other parts of the country. The famous Turkish carpets and rugs are mostly woven in Cappadocia. The wine industry also contributes to the economic stability of the place. A new development in the economic scene is the construction of underground warehouses by major companies. The soft rock in Cappadocia is hollowed out to construct spacious warehouses and this is bringing much income to the land as more and more companies are utilizing the facilities here.



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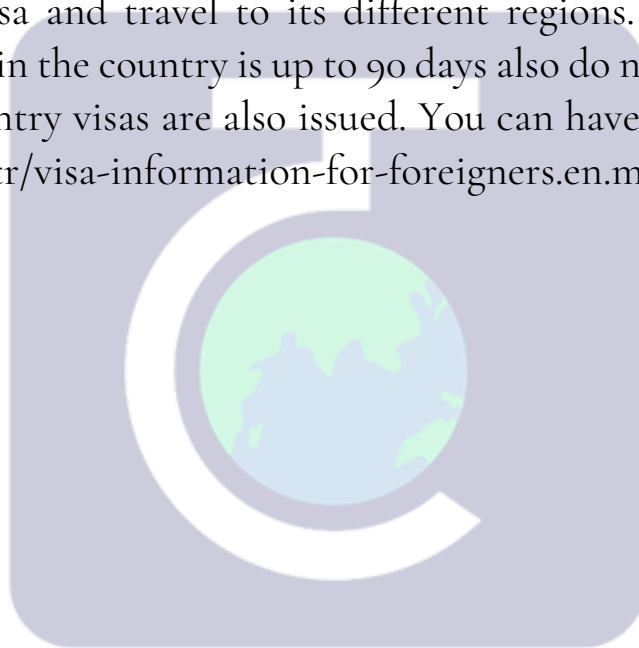
Cappadocia is a secular city, with the majority of religious population being Islamic believing in freedom of religion. However, tourists must be aware of the regulations that apply while visiting any religious places. Before entering a mosque or holy place, shoes should be removed; you can leave it there or carry in your hand. Neither women nor men should wear short, tight, or ripped bottom wear, full formal clothes are best. Women must cover their head, shoulders, and naked feet. If you are not carrying socks or scarves, you can get it at the mosque at free of cost.





**Index****30. Visa requirements**

Visa regulations for Cappadocia are the same as those for the rest of Turkey. Turkey has very strict regulations regarding the visa requirements of foreigners who enter Turkey as tourists. The rules can vary according to the country of origin from where the traveler has a valid passport. Accordingly, the visa types also change for a tourist. Those who hold an EU Schengen passport can enter Turkey without a visa and travel to its different regions. People from certain countries whose stay in the country is up to 90 days also do not need a visa. Single-entry and multiple-entry visas are also issued. You can have more information at <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>.



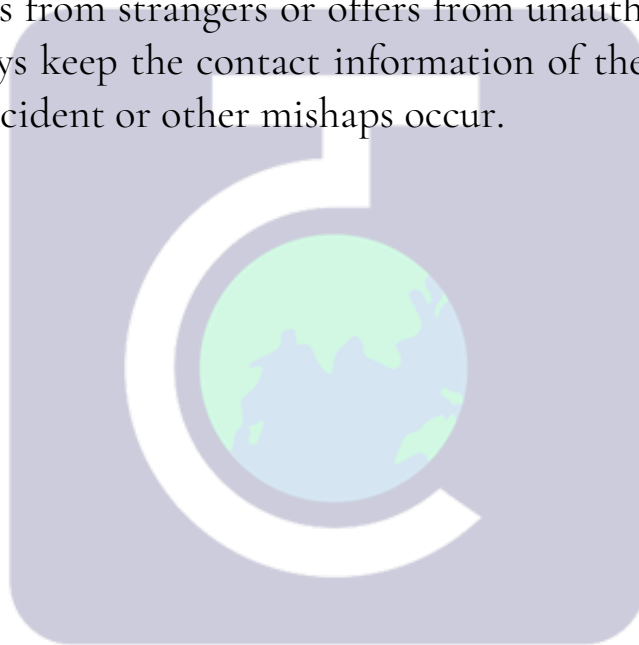
### **31. Essential vaccination**

There are no such strict vaccination regulations while visiting Cappadocia. However, it is recommended to have a general medical check-up before your departure.



## 32. Theft and Safety

Tour agents scamming the travelers with costly packages is a common issue in Cappadocia. It is advised to stay away from tour agents here and make all your bookings prior to the trip. Solo travelers should take care not to walk alone in the valleys of Cappadocia as attack on solitary travelers is a possibility. Also avoid dark and poorly lit areas or village roads when walking alone in the evening. Do not accept invitations from strangers or offers from unauthorized guides to visit remote valleys. Always keep the contact information of the place where you are staying in case any accident or other mishaps occur.



### **33. Embassy/Consulate**

There are very few foreign embassies and consulates in Cappadocia. You can have more information at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/turkey>.



## 34. Accessibility

Disabled accessible tourism is well developed in Cappadocia with almost all the tourist destinations, hotels, restaurants having wheelchair accessibility, disabled accessible elevators, bathrooms and restrooms. You can hire disabled accessible private vehicles for movement at easy availability.



## 35. Emergencies

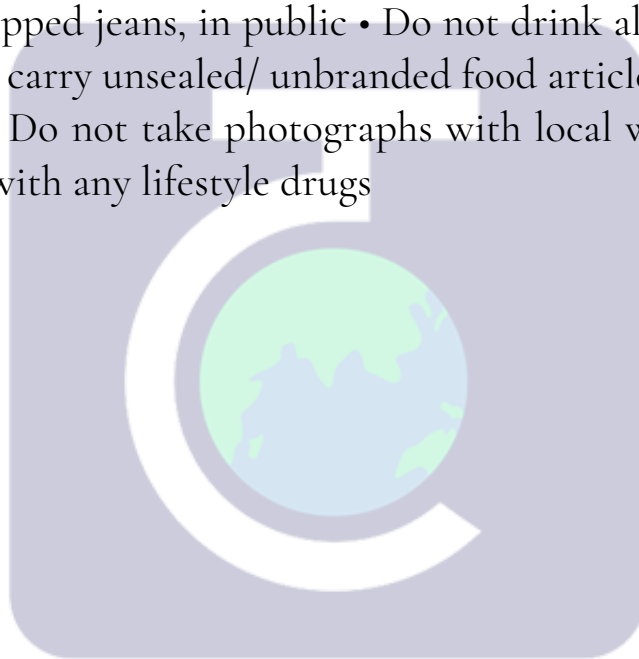
Keep emergency helpline numbers handy during your travel. Cappadocia's emergency numbers are, Ambulance 112; Police 155 and Fire Rescue 110. All the private hospitals accept travel medical insurance.



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### 36. Do's and Don'ts

Do's – • Do experience the hot air balloon it's one of the best in the world • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • Do take permission from surrounding people while photographing in any public area • Do investigate if it is legal if you are using any drugs or medical supplements Don'ts – • Do not wear very revealing clothes, miniskirts, ripped jeans, in public • Do not drink alcohol in public • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Do not take photographs with local women wearing black cape • Do not travel with any lifestyle drugs



## **37.Tipping basics**

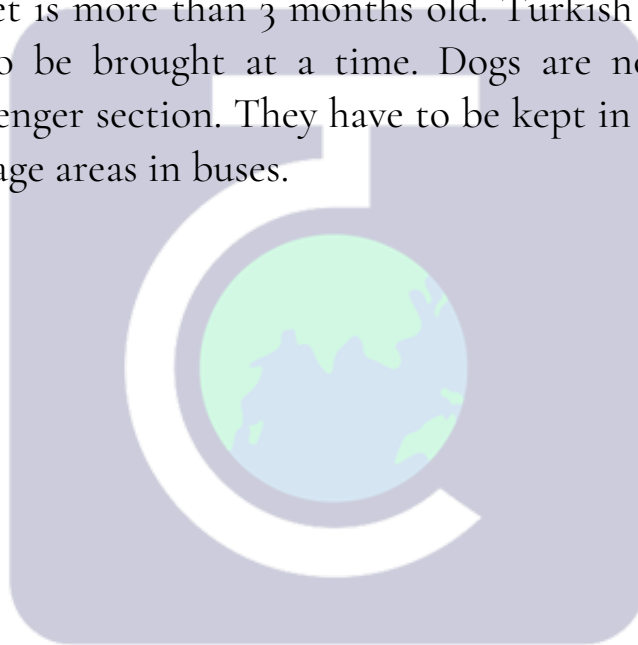
Tipping is customary in Cappadocia. Tipping 5 to 10% on total bill in restaurants is comfortable. For taxi and private vehicles just rounding up the bill is enough, there is no need for extra tip. You can tip personal attendants, waiting staff as you please.





### 38.Pet info

If a tourist wants to take a pet cat or dog to Cappadocia, it has to conform to the regulations concerning carrying pets to Turkey. The owner should carry sufficient documents like rabies vaccination certificate, an identification card or pet passport, and an International Health Certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian from the country of origin. There should also be a document certifying that the pet is more than 3 months old. Turkish airlines do not allow more than 3 dogs to be brought at a time. Dogs are not allowed in public transport in the passenger section. They have to be kept in cages in luggage vans in trains and in stowage areas in buses.



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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*Why choose Cappadocia ? Cappadocia is far removed from the crowded cities of Turkey. It is not just another tourist destination in the country. Steeped in history, culture, and geographical uniqueness, the region is a perfect choice for a peaceful retreat into the past. There is lot to do and see in Cappadocia. Fairy Chimneys are probably the first thing that comes to mind when Cappadocia is mentioned. These lava formations worked on by centuries of erosion offer an out-of-this-world experience to every visitor. The underground cities and cave churches are an entirely new experience for the city dwellers. The rustic living experience can be relived in many cave hotels that dot the region. Hot air balloon rides, the symbol of adventure is Cappadocia, provide the visitors an opportunity to view this magnificent land from high above and take in nature's bounty to the fullest. While shopping in rest of Turkey is a noisy and costly affair, the sellers in the Cappadocian stores have all the time in the world to show their wares to the customer, and they do not charge hefty amounts. The vast collection of carpets, handicraft, jewelry, and other handmade products is really enticing. If you want to take a trip to the cultural, political, and religious past of Turkey, this is the best place to experience all of it in a single region. One of the major reasons why Cappadocia is included in the Turkey travel itinerary is that the place is really affordable. And, the marvel called Anatolian cuisine cannot be experienced anywhere else in Turkey with its authentic local flavors.*

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