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CAPPADOCIA

Valleys, Villages, and Ancient Wonders — A Turkish Extension

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike through Cappadocia's extraordinary Red and Rose Valleys, surrounded by fairy chimneys and dramatic rock formations.
- Explore ancient underground cities, rock-cut churches, and the region's fascinating cultural heritage.
- Experience Turkish traditions through hands-on cooking and pottery workshops with local artisans.
- Enjoy a sunrise breakfast overlooking Cappadocia's iconic hot air balloons, with an optional opportunity to take flight.
- Discover the dramatic beauty of Ihlara Canyon, historic Selime Monastery, and picturesque villages.



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Trip at a Glance

Location: Cappadocia and Istanbul, Türkiye

Activities: Hiking, Cultural Exploration

Arrive: After the main trip, arrangements will be made to fly from Dalaman to one of two airports serving Cappadocia (depending on flight availability)

Depart: You may depart at any time on this day from either Istanbul Airport (IST) or Sabiha Gökçen Airport (SAW)

Trip Overview

Extend your Turkish adventure into the extraordinary landscapes of Cappadocia, where towering fairy chimneys, colorful valleys, and ancient cave dwellings create a setting unlike anywhere else. This five-night extension combines scenic hiking, fascinating history, and authentic cultural experiences, offering a deeper connection to one of Türkiye's most remarkable regions.

Explore winding trails through Red and Rose Valleys, discover centuries-old churches carved into volcanic rock, and venture into underground cities that once provided refuge for entire communities. Along the way, connect with local traditions through hands-on cooking and pottery workshops, and experience the magic of sunrise over Cappadocia's valleys as colorful hot air balloons fill the sky. Your adventure concludes in Istanbul with an evening cruise along the Bosphorus, a memorable finale to your time in Türkiye.

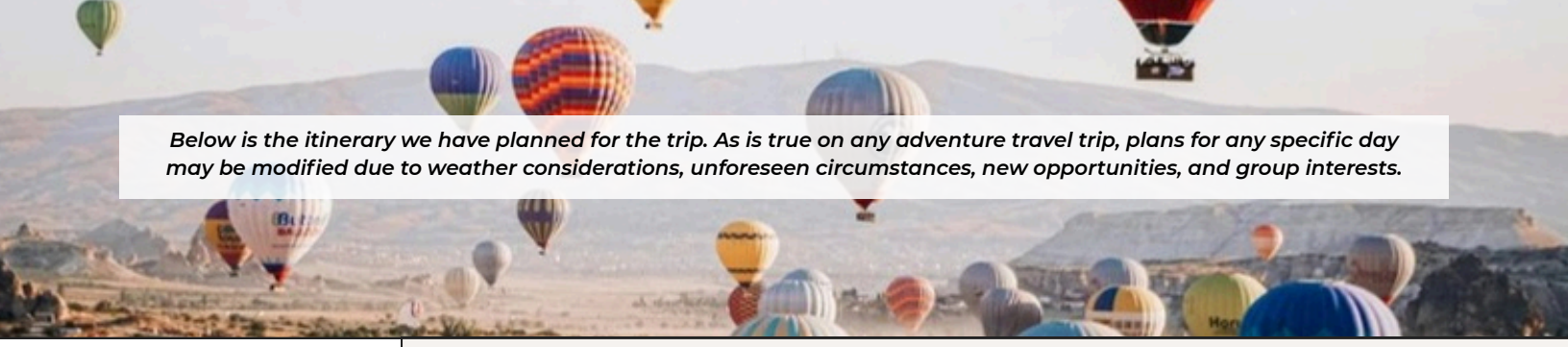
Ready for this adventure? Simply select the “Cappadocia Extension” option as a trip add-on when booking your main trip!

Minimum group size: 4
Maximum group size: 10
***Please note:** This extension will confirm separately from the main trip based on group size.*

What's Included

- Domestic flights from the Dalaman to Cappadocia and return to Istanbul
- Accommodations in Cappadocia (four nights) and Istanbul (one night)
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Private ground transportation and arrival and departure airport transfers
- English-speaking specialty local guides; an AGC guide will not be on the extension
- Guided sightseeing and cultural experiences
- Traditional Turkish cooking class and hands-on pottery workshop
- Bosphorus dinner cruise with entertainment and soft drinks

*Not included: **International airfare to and from Türkiye, meals not included in the itinerary (lunches on Days 1 & 5), alcoholic beverages, optional hot air balloon flight, gratuities for guides/drivers/hotel staff/cruise crew, items of a personal nature, and Travel Insurance.***



Below is the itinerary we have planned for the trip. As is true on any adventure travel trip, plans for any specific day may be modified due to weather considerations, unforeseen circumstances, new opportunities, and group interests.

DAY 1

Arrival in Cappadocia

Bid farewell to Türkiye's turquoise coast and travel to the enchanting region of Cappadocia. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and enjoy time to settle in and take in the extraordinary landscape of fairy chimneys, ancient rock formations, and picturesque villages. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to relax and explore your surroundings before gathering for a welcome dinner featuring traditional regional cuisine.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodations: Utopia Cave Hotel (or similar)
Daily Activity: Arrival after main trip departure



DAY 2

South Cappadocia, Turkish cooking



An optional sunrise hot air balloon ride may be available before the day's activities depending on weather and availability.

Discover the remarkable landscapes of southern Cappadocia on a day of hiking and cultural exploration. Walk among the colorful rock formations and hidden cave churches of Red and Rose Valleys before venturing into an ancient underground city, where generations once sought refuge. Admire sweeping views of Pigeon Valley, known for its pigeon houses carved into the cliffs. Enjoy a hands-on Turkish cooking experience, learning traditional recipes from a local cook before sharing the delicious meal you've prepared.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodations: Utopia Cave Hotel (or similar)
Daily Activity: Valley hiking, underground city, Turkish cooking class

DAY 3

Fairy Chimneys, Ancient Traditions

Begin the morning with a special sunrise breakfast overlooking Cappadocia's valleys, where colorful hot air balloons may fill the sky. Continue exploring the region's fascinating history at Göreme Open-Air Museum, home to centuries-old rock-cut churches adorned with beautiful frescoes. Wander among the towering fairy chimneys of Pasabag, discover the ancient cave dwellings of Çavuşin, and enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. Visit Avanos, a town celebrated for its centuries-old pottery traditions, and try your hand at shaping and decorating your own ceramic creation during a hands-on workshop.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodations: Utopia Cave Hotel (or similar)
Daily Activity: Balloon-viewing breakfast, pottery workshop







DAY 4

Ihlara Canyon

Venture into the scenic landscapes of Ihlara Canyon, where a peaceful riverside trail winds between towering cliffs, lush greenery, and ancient rock-cut churches. Enjoy a leisurely hike along the Melendiz River, discovering the natural beauty and fascinating history hidden within this dramatic gorge. Explore the picturesque village of Belisırma before visiting Selime Monastery, an impressive complex of churches, chambers, and passageways carved into the surrounding rock. Along the way, take in sweeping views of Cappadocia's distinctive landscape and discover traditional crafts before returning to your hotel for dinner.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodations: Utopia Cave Hotel (or similar)
Daily Activity: Ihlara Canyon hiking, Selime Monastery





DAY 5

Return to Istanbul, Bosphorus Dinner Cruise

After breakfast, bid farewell to Cappadocia and transfer to the airport for your flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival, settle into your hotel and enjoy some free time to explore Istanbul at your own pace, with lunch on your own. In the evening, board a dinner cruise along the Bosphorus, the scenic waterway separating Europe and Asia. Admire Istanbul's illuminated palaces, mosques, bridges, and waterfront landmarks as you sail through the heart of the city. Enjoy a festive evening of authentic cuisine, music, and cultural entertainment as you celebrate the final night of your adventure.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodations: DeCamondo Galata Pera Hotel (or similar)
Daily Activity: Travel to Istanbul, Bosphorus dinner cruise

DAY 6

Departure from Istanbul

Enjoy breakfast and a leisurely morning in Istanbul before preparing for your journey home. Depending on your flight schedule, you may have time to relax at the hotel or take in a few final views of this vibrant city. Transfer to the airport for your onward journey, taking with you memories of Turkey and Cappadocia's spectacular landscapes, rich cultural traditions, and the unforgettable experiences shared along the way.

Included Meals: Breakfast

