

## CAPPADOCIA TOUR

### Day 1)

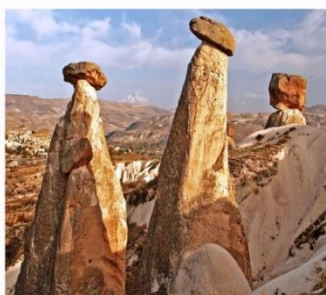
Leave Ankara at 07:30 am in the morning. Ankara to Cappadocia is around 3,5 hour drive. Drive to Cappadocia via the Salt Lake. Stop for a break by the Salt Lake. Reach Cappadocia in the noon time. Have lunch in a traditional restaurant. Visit the rock formations that were created by the volcanic eruptions of the Erciyes and Hasan Mountains millions of years ago. Those are called the fairy chimneys. Visit the Göreme Open Air Museum, one of the earliest Christian Orthodox Monasteries of the world and the churches were carved into the rocks with frescoes and wall paintings. Visit a traditional pottery workshop to see how pottery is made on potter's wheel and you can take a look and buy beautiful ceramics, vases or souvenirs, etc. Drive to the Devrent Valley and see the unusual shape of "fairy chimneys". Drive to the hotel and overnight in Cappadocia.

### Day 2)

Meet your guide at the lobby. Drive and visit the Zelve Open Air Museum. Drive to Uçhisar and have a photo break by the Pigeons' Valley. Visit the sites near the Uçhisar Castle. Lunch in a traditional restaurant. Visit Ortahisar and the view point of its castle. Visit the "3 beauties fairy chimneys" with caps and visit the Paşabağ area where some of the early Christian hermits lived. Visit one of the wine factories of Cappadocia. The area is famous for its grapes and wines. Drive back to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel in Cappadocia.

### Day 3)

Drive to the excavation site of the ancient city of Sobesos, that is considered as the capital of the Province of Cappadocia during the Roman Empire Period. Continue to the town of Mustafapaşa (Sinasos) the town which was occupied by the Greek speaking people of Cappadocia before the population shift in 1924. Lunch in a traditional restaurant. Continue the tour to reach the Ihlara Valley for around a 2- hour hiking in the wonderful canyon of Ihlara and head back to Ankara. Reach Ankara around 08:00 pm in the evening.



**Hotel:** A Traditional Cappadocian Cave Hotel. There are several nice hotels in Cappadocia that are carved into natural tuff rock formations.