



A Daily Tour to the Hittite Sites Alacahoyuk – Hattusa

Leave Ankara at 07:30 am. Distance is about 200 kms. (2,5-hour -drive). Firstly visiting the archaeological site of Alacahöyük, its museum and the excavation areas. Alacahoyuk is one of the earliest Turkish excavation site. Excavations started in 1930's and they are still going on. There are layers of settlements from the Chalcolithic Period (5500- 3200 BC), the Early, Middle and Late Bronze Ages (3200- 1000 BC- The Hittite Period was also in this era) and the Iron Age (1st Millennium BC).

Drive to Hattusa and lunch. After the lunch in a restaurant there visit the site. Hattusa was the capital of the mighty Hittite Empire from 1650 BC to 1180 BC. The visiting route will be as follows:

the Great Temple, the Lions Gate, Underground Tunnel, the Sphinx Gate, the King's Gate, the Palace Ruins, The Hieroglyphic Chamber and the fortification wall ruins... Drive to Yazılıkaya about 3 kms from Hattusa. Yazılıkaya was the open air sanctuary of the Hittites with quite well preserved rock relief sculptures. The guide will give you information about all of those archaeological artifacts and sites.

Return to Ankara at around 07:00 pm in the evening.

