

Recommended Tour Itinerary

10 OCT 2012 (WED)

KAYSERI - CAPPADOCIA

Upon arrival in Kayseri, United Travel's English speaking lecturer/guide, who will be with you for your entire visit to Turkey, will greet you at the exit gate of the Domestic Arrivals, for departure by chauffeur driven a/c deluxe vehicle to Cappadocia.



You will enjoy your comfortable ride for an hour on the smooth highway from the Kayseri Airport to your hotel, as your dedicate lecturer/guide briefs you on the historical and natural marvels of this fascinating region.

Overnight at the **Yunak Cave Homes (cave hotel)**.

11 OCT 2012 (THU)

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The day's experience will start by visiting **Red Valley** for a promenade on turf in between the **FAIRY CHIMNEYS**, hailing "**Mothernature**" as "the most creative artist of the World", for these spectacular rock formations.

The ancestors of the Hittites were the first settlers of the area in the second millennium B.C.. **ZELVE OPEN AIR MUSEUM** is honeycombed with caves and there are some ancient cave churches from 9th Century A.D.



You will then enjoy a visit to a local rock carved house overlooking to the beautiful view of **Pigeon Valley**.



On the way back to your cave hotel, you will have the chance to meet one of the most colorful local personalities of the CAPPADOCIA region, the **Old Master of POTTERY**, at his primitive atelier, personally built in labyrinth – like caves of **AVANOS Village**, located by the shores of the longest river of Turkey – **KIZILIRMAK**, where the earth is soft and reddish in color – an ideal raw material for the area's traditional business of pottery making. The Old Master will show you how to use his kick-wheel, if you want to produce your own pottery item then and there.

12 OCT 2012 (FRI)

CAPPADOCIA

(OPTIONAL) If the velocity of the wind will be suitable today, it will be an early bird departure with your lecturer/guide from the hotel for a formidable "**Balloon Adventure**" over the enchanting "**lunar landscape**" of Cappadocia, to hail the slowly rising sun, with a glass of champagne. The balloon ride over Cappadocia at sunrise is an experience of a lifetime, with all the excitement of seeing from above, the farthest "**fairy chimneys**" of the vast region, as a lunar landscape, only possible in one's fantasies.



You will then return to your luxury cave hotel for a leisurely buffet breakfast, before you are ready for a new day in Cappadocia, with other "fun" experiences and wonderful cultural "surprises".



This morning, explore one of the most extraordinary treasures of sacred art, The rock-carved churches of Goreme, now an 'open-air museum'. This museum hosts some of the finest examples of ninth and tenth century. What survives at Goreme and other sites scattered about Cappadocia marks out the region's rock-cut churches and chapels as one of the greatest museums of medieval art in the world.



Next, you will visit another marvel of the region: the 'underground city' at Kaymakli. The enigmatic cellar villages, over 40 of which have been discovered empty, are among the wonders of Cappadocia.

Another cultural experience, unique to this region, is a visit to the group of young village girls from all over Cappadocia, at their "**Art School**", where they happily learn to become masters of the *national art of weaving Turkish carpets* and kilims to be able to contribute to their traditional dowry, before they get married.



13 OCT 2012 (SAT)

CAPPADOCIA – KAYSERI– ISTANBUL

You will be escorted to the Kayseri Airport to take Turkish Airlines flight to Istanbul to connect with your international flight.