

# CAPPADOCIA

## POST-TOUR EXTENSION

### OVERVIEW

Spread across the middle of Turkey like a lunar landscape, Cappadocia has captivated travelers for centuries. Continue the Turkish adventure with Dr Chris Carter on this four-night tour extension as we experience the breathtaking landscape and fascinating subterranean refuges and churches of Cappadocia, home to the world-famous 'fairy chimneys'.

### TOUR DATES

**June 22-26, 2024**

### TOUR PRICE

**\$3,980** per person, twin share

**\$1,250** single supplement

### GROUP SIZE

Maximum number of **16** in group

### ITINERARY

Uçhisar (4 nights)

### INCLUSIONS

4 nights' accommodation in a 4-star hotel. All breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners. Economy flight Dalaman-Ankara. All ground transport, entrance fees and tipping.

### ACCOMMODATION

**Cappadocia, Taskonaklar Hotel**  
(4 nights)

This boutique four-star hotel is located in the natural rock citadel of Uçhisar, the tallest point in Cappadocia, with exceptional views across the valley. A cave style hotel, it features 23 rooms each with its own unique character and modern amenities for an enjoyable and comfortable stay.

[taskonaklar.com/en/](https://taskonaklar.com/en/)

### ITINERARY

Included meals are shown with the letters B, L and D.

#### **Saturday 22 June | On to the Anatolian Plateau**

After an early disembarkation, we take a flight to Türkiye's capital city, the cosmopolitan Ankara, where we transfer to our coach for the three-hour drive through the changing landscapes to Cappadocia. Dinner is in our hotel. Overnight Uçhisar (B, D)

#### **Sunday 23 June | Breathtaking Cappadocia**

For early risers, you can opt for a balloon ride (additional cost) over the fairy chimneys of Cappadocia, a unique landscape shaped by erosion, volcanic and human activity. This morning we visit the Göreme Open Air Museum, with rock-cut cave churches carved out by Orthodox monks between 900 and 1200 CE. After exploring the colourful churches, there is an option to walk through the Red and Rose Valleys to finish at the village of Cavusin. Evening at leisure. Overnight Uçhisar (B)

#### **Monday 24 June | Underground City & Whirling Dervishes**

We begin the day exploring the underground city of Kaymakli, excavated by Christian communities in the 6th and 7th centuries. From Kaymakli, our drive takes us to the Ilhara Valley in south-western Cappadocia. The scenery is superb as we descend into the Peristema Gorge where, once inside, we will see a number of Byzantine churches carved into the cliffs and decorated with beautiful frescoes. After a leisurely walk along the river, we enjoy lunch on the banks of the local stream before returning to our hotel. Tonight we attend a performance of the famous Whirling Dervishes, a mystical dance performed by members of the Sufi sect of Islam. Overnight Uçhisar (B, L)

#### **Tuesday 25 June | The natural wonders of Love Valley**

This morning we walk through the natural wonders of White Valley (also known as Love Valley) before we drive on to Avanos. Here we visit a terracotta factory where the traditional ceramics are made from red local clay, a practice dating back to the Hittites. Afterwards we make a few panoramic stops on the return to our hotel before an afternoon at leisure to enjoy some last-minute shopping. This evening we enjoy our farewell dinner. Overnight Uçhisar (B, D)

#### **Wednesday 26 June | Departure**

The tour concludes after breakfast with a transfer to either Nevsehir or Kayseri airport for connecting flights. (B)