

Weekend Snowshoeing in Cappadocia

“Exploring Snowy Fairy Land with Snowshoes”

Duration: 2 Days

Best Season: January-February

Tour Type: Snowshoeing

Accommodation: Cave Hotel

Difficulty: Moderate

Overview

Cappadocia is one of the unique places in Turkey and the World. An extraordinary story of the geology resulted as this fairy land. An artistic sculpturing of nature turned some volcanic tuff deposits into a fantastic landscape. Minaret shape pillars of rocks rises from the valleys of Cappadocia among the vineyards. Rock carved ancient houses and hidden churches with wall paintings still stand in amazing spots. Past hugs present in daily life in Cappadocia where we have some of the most beautiful hikes of Anatolia. This trip, for no doubt, will put a spell on every visitor’s life.

Itinerary Outline

Day 1: Drive to Goreme, Cappadocia. Red Valley, Rose Valley-Goreme Walk. Optional snowshoeing in Gorkundere Valley under the moonlight.

Day 2: Love Valley – White Valley – Uchisar Citadel – Pigeon Valley – Goreme Trek, Transfer back to Ankara

Itinerary

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We leave Ankara early in the morning. After a journey that takes about 4 hours, we arrive in Cappadocia. After a quick check-in at our hotel and lunch in our restaurant with a panoramic view in Ortahisar, we start our walk from Kizilvadi, which will follow the historical orthodox churches. We will have in-depth conversations about “phrist life in rock dwellings, pigeon houses, beekeeping and volcanic formations” during our walk, which proceeds in the direction of Uzumlu Church (Kizilcukur), Saint Niketas Phrist Cell, Column Church (Rose Valley), Cross Church (Rose Valley).

Valleys and rock formations with magical atmospheres will make us feel like, we are moving on an another planet. Rock dwellings carved into volcanic ashes, secret tunnels, and secret tombs will reveal thousands of years of traces of intertwined cultures and lives. Our walk, which is not very challenging but rich in panoramic beauties, will end in the village of Goreme (Maccan) where we will stay. We will rest after the walk to our hotel and we will have dinner in Goreme, where is considered the heart of Cappadocia. Afterwards, we will go for a optional walk in the Gorkun Dere

Approx. Vehicle Transfer Time: 4 hour

Approx. Trek Time:5 Hours

Meals included: Lunch-Dinner

Day 2: Love Valley – White Valley-Uchisar Citadel – Pigeon Valley – Goreme Trek

We will have a very short walk in Goreme Town to a starting point .After we wear snowshoes, a short trek among the grape yards in the valley will take us to a spot where we see the huge fairy chimneys. After the photo break a gentle trail along the White Valley will take us to a flat land where Uchisar Citadel is in our panorama. Uchisar is the town where we will have deserved lunch.

We will take you to a local lunch table full of mind-blowing local tastes! Now time to burn calories. Descent to Goreme along Pigeon Valley.

Approx. Vehicle Transfer Time: 2:30 hours

Approx. Trek Time: 5 Hours

Meals included: Breakfast-Lunch-Dinner

Tour Dates & Tour Price

Best Season: January / February

Please ask for new prices for group of min 6, max 14 pax.

For groups under 6 people, please also contact us.

Please ask our special prices for closed groups and Travel Agencies

Optional Hot Air Balloon Tour is one of the best ways to discover and explore the area of Cappadocia. While you are soaring between the rock formations in the deep valleys of Cappadocia onboard your Hot Air Balloon, you will close your eyes and listen to the sound of silence and peace. Cappadocia Balloon Flights are getting more popular every year due to perfect weather conditions and amazing scenery which Cappadocia offers to the guests from all around the World.

Please contact with us about prices and availability in advance.

Price Includes

MONTIS Trips & Expeditions Leader & Guiding (English Speaking)

All Ground Transfers Mentioned In The Program

All Meals Mentioned In The Program

Snowshoes

Bed and Breakfast Accommodation At Twin Rooms Mentioned Hotels

Travel Insurance

First Aid Kit

Price Does Not Include

Entrance Fees For Historical Sights And Parks,
Hot Air Balloon Tour
Personal Equipment (Backpack, walking poles, boots etc.)
Out Of Program Demands And Expenses
Meals Which Are Not Mentioned In The Program
Beverages In The Hotels And Restaurants,
Insurance
Tips

Accommodation

Holiday Cave Hotel(or equivalent) in Cappadocia, Nevsehir: This unique Holiday Flintstones Cave Hotel, located on the southern corner of a small hill, sunshine from sunrise to sunset, has a beautiful garden, swimming pool.. When you are watching the breath-taking scenery of fairy chimneys and famous Pigeon Valley from your room.

<https://holidaycave.com/>

FAQ

Travel Plan

Recommended Domestic Flights:

This itinerary starts and ends in Kayseri or Nevsehir Airport in Cappadocia,Turkey. Some domestic flights are recommended to /from Cappadocia to connect flights to international flights. Please ask for a confirmation before you purchased your flights.

Itinerary can be customized for individuals and groups due to their travel plan. Domestic flights, extra tours and city sightseeing can be added to form an itinerary from/to Ankara and/or Istanbul. Please contact us for any requests.

Note: Our company is not responsible about the changes on the flights by the operators or airlines.

Visa

Holders of most European passports,UK, Austrian, Irish, Portuguese, Spanish and US passports require visas. Visas must be obtained in advance, passengers need to obtain an e-visa prior to their arrival. This can be done online at <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/> for approximately US\$20. The visa is valid for a stay of up to three months (dependent on passport holder's nationality). For a longer stay a visa from a Turkish Embassy is required. Please click for visa requirements to Turkey for detailed information:

<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

Vaccinations

There are no mandatory vaccination requirements.

Eating and Drinking

Food in Turkey is generally very good and varied, making use of fresh local ingredients. Breakfasts normally include boiled eggs, omelets, cucumber, tomatoes, cheese, honey or jam and yoghurt, olives and bread. Picnic lunches are provided for trekking days.

Restaurants in this trip are specialized in local dishes (Beef, chicken and veggie pottery kebab, Beef, chicken, trout and veggie clay pot, Ravioli Turk, mezes, Lamb Tandouri, green salad and soup. Vegetarians are well catered for.

Weather

If travelling in July and August you must be prepared for high temperatures up to 36 deg C down in the valleys. Otherwise spring and Autumn seasons are very suitable for trekking. Temperature is around 20-25 C. day time. Rain is rare, especially in Spring. (Possible drizzles and showers) Autumn is mostly dry. In winter time, Cappadocia gets cold and snowy. Temperature raises maximum 4-5 C day time, and min - 10- 12 C night time.

Is this trip for you?

Activity Level: 3 (Moderate)

This trip gives you the chance to see valleys of Cappadocia with different shapes of Fairy Chimneys, rock dwellings, rock cut churches, wineries, beehives underground cities and pigeon lofts. Also to taste apple tea and folkloric cuisine of the area.

However, to enjoy this trip to the full, a fair level of fitness and physique are required.

The itinerary is very active and long periods of time are spent outdoors. Anyone can have a day-off, rest in the hotel and enjoy the town in case they get tired. There is one trek we have an opportunity to enjoy swim in Crater Lake named Nar Lake on the way back from Ihlara Canyon Trek on day 2. So a pack-towel and swimsuit might be a good idea.

Please note that the Tour Leader reserves the right to refuse participation of any client on any activities on safety grounds or if they feel that their participation will compromise the safety and enjoyment for the rest of the group.

The order of activities, trekking routes may be changed to suit local weather conditions.

Packing

You are recommended to have a duffle bag. Only a day pack will be carried during the day. Duffle bags, suitcases will be transferred by vehicles from lodge to another once at the spot.

