

## POST-CONFERENCE TOUR

### CAPPADOCIA

*Cappadocia is a historical region in central Anatolia, largely located in Nevsehir province.*

*Cappadocia was known as Hatti in the late Bronze Age, and was the homeland of the Hittite power centred at Hattusa.*

*Cappadocia contains several underground cities (most famous being Kaymaklı Underground City), largely used by the early Christians as hiding places before Christianity became an accepted religion. Goreme became a monastic center in 300–1200 AD. There are many rock churches in Goreme.*



*Karanlik Church*

*The rocks of Cappadocia near Goreme had eroded into hundreds of spectacular pillars and minaret-like forms called Fairy Chimneys. The most important towns and destinations in Cappadocia are Urgup, Goreme, Ihlara Valley, Uchisar, Avanos, and Zelve. Among the underground cities are Derinkuyu, Kaymakli, Gaziemir and Ozkanak. The best historic mansions and cave houses are in Urgup, Goreme, Guzelyurt and Uchisar.*

*Hot-air ballooning is very popular in Cappadocia and is available in Goreme. Trekking is also enjoyed in Ihlara Valley, Monestry Valley (Guzelyurt), Urgup, and Goreme.*



*Fairy Chimneys*



*Hot Air Ballooning*