



## Shopping

Shops and market places selling local handicrafts provide a wide palette of colours, patterns and designs. Local onyx stone Works are given a form which will appeal to your taste. The “rag dolls” reflecting the warmth and sweetness of the region with their colorful designs and costumes are mostly preferred by the collectors. Terracotta pots, tiles, statuettes of carved tuff and rock, hand woven carpets and kilims, as well as good quality wines should also be on your shopping list.



## Do not leave Cappadocia unless:

- You have visited Ahi Evran Mosque, Çağatay Madrasah, Ihlara Valley, Güzelyurt and Niğde Museum
- You have enjoyed trekking on Aladağ Mountain which is known as the trekking capital of Turkey
- You have enjoyed rafting on Zamantı River
- You have visited the rock churches, and seen the Byzantine frescoes
- You have explored Cappadocia with a balloon
- You have bought terracotta items decorative items made out of onyx, copper, or leather souvenirs
- You have tasted the local wines...



# CAPPADOCIA



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Cappadocia is the one of the most popular area in our country. The distance from Ankara is about 250 km. Every year a lot of people from Ankara goes to visit there for visiting. The area is a popular tourist destination, as it has many areas with unique geological, historic, and cultural features. The best historic mansions and cave houses for tourist stays are in Ürgüp, Göreme, Güzelyurt, and Uchisar. Hot-air ballooning is very popular in Cappadocia and is available in Göreme.



The first period of settlement in Göreme goes back to the Roman period. The Göreme Open Air Museum is the most visited site of the monastic communities in Cappadocia (see [Churches of Göreme, Turkey](#)) and is one of the most famous sites in central Turkey. The complex contains more than 30 carved-from-rock churches and [chapels](#), some having superb [frescoes](#) inside, dating from the ninth century to the eleventh century. Last year Cappadocia was visited 542,371 by tourists.



Trekking is enjoyed in Ihlara Valley, Monastery Valley (Güzelyurt), Ürgüp, and Göreme. The rocks of Cappadocia near [Göreme](#) eroded into hundreds of spectacular pillars and [minaret](#)-like forms. People of the villages at the heart of the Cappadocia Region carved out houses, churches, and monasteries from the soft rocks of volcanic deposits. Göreme became a monastic center in 300—1200 AD.

