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Transanatolie TA06M05: Kızılırmak (Red River) Tour- Cultural and Sight Seeing Turkey Tour: 5 days

Day 1. Ankara-Hattusas-Amasya

In the morning we drive via Kızılırmak Valley to the capital of the Hittite Empire Hattusas. Hattusas is currently registered as a Historical National Park. The main places we shall visit are from the last period of the Great Hittite Empire. On the way following the route of the park we shall see Big temple at Aşağı Sevir (temple numbered 1), city ramparts and its monumental gate (Arslanlı Gate (gate with lions)), Poterni and Yer Gates and Kral Gate. Numbered temples (until 31) at Yukarı Sevir are composed of Nisan Hill, Kingdom Palace, other buildings and Great Castle. Most important buildings of Frig Period are Bastionu and Güney Castles.

Yazılıkaya open air temple, a unique remnant of Hittite Empire Period, is at 2 km north east of Boğazköy. It was formed with two spaces, named big and little galleries, and arranged with possible formation that fits the natural location of local stones. Goddesses' embossments take place on the right wall, god embossments are situated at the left wall of Big gallery. Note that both groups described here is an symbol of a motion towards the main scene. i.e., meeting of Weather God Tesup and his wife Goddess Hepatu.

Lunch is a Hittite spicy menu prepared by local villagers.

In the afternoon, we drive to Amasya; birth place of Geographer Strabon and it is also the education and training centrum for the Otoman Princes.

During sunset time, walking through Yeşilirmak Valley, take photo of Amasya Yalıboyu Houses which are the best instances of Ottoman architecture.

Dinner and overnight at our Hotel in Amasya (Apple-Tusan Grubu 4*-Charme hotel category). [i](#)

Day 2. Amasya- Zile-Çekerek-Boğazlıyan-Cappadocia

After open buffet breakfast, we explore, the city of Ferhat and Şirin (also known as the city of Crown), Amasya: old houses, Rock Tombs of the Kings (belong to Hellenistic period), Amasya Castle, Burmalı Minaret Mosque, Bayezid II. Mosque and Kulliye, Gök Medresse, Bridges (Çağlayan, Alçak, Kuş), Daruşşifa-Bimarhane (Mental Asylum), and Amasya Museum which is one of the richest and most modern museums with its 27 000 items as an heritage from 11 civilizations.

Lunch at the local restaurant.

After lunch, we visit Zile Castle where Roman-Pontus wars took place and the Roman king Julius Cesar had made his well known speech (Veni-Vidi-Vici). Via Turhal-Zile- Çekerek-Sorgun-Boğazlıyan road we arrive to one of the most fantastic landscape in the world, Cappadocia.

Dinner and overnight at our 4* Burcu Kaya Hotel in Ortahisar. [i](#)

Day 3. Cappadocia

After open buffet breakfast, visit the ancient Ürgüp Houses, Üç Güzeller, Pigeon Valley, Uçhisar, Avcılar, Göreme Valley, Open Air Museum and surrounding churches.

Lunch at the hotel or open buffet in Koru Restaurant.

After lunch, we follow a relaxing program and explore handcrafts (carpet weaving and knitting).

Return to hotel for a little rest. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. [i](#)

Day 4. Cappadocia

After open buffet breakfast, visit Güller Valley, Develi Valley, Zelve,Paşabağ.

During lunch taste the region's specialty Çömlek Kebap at the restaurant while having the magnifacant Kızılırmak River view.

After lunch, walk through the streets of Avanos to see how pottery was produced, passing through bridge built on Kızılırmak River during Ottoman period. Afternoon, visit the

peaceful and wonderful landscape of Cappadocia and the old, tranquil and picturesque town of Mustafapaşa known formerly as Sinasos. Then, Cemil-Taşkınpaşa-Soğanlı Valley, Hasan and Erciyes Mountains. Authentic hand-made linen dolls are produced in Soğanlı. Handwork gloves and socks ornamented with Anatolian motifs, also attract attention. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. [i](#)

Day 5. Cappadocia- Kayseri-Ankara

Time-out after breakfast. Then we drive to Kayseri- Caesarea of Roman times. We visit the Huant Hatun Complex; the Medrese is now an Ethnography Museum. The beautifully decorated Döner Kümbet from 1276, a Seljuk mausoleum of classic simplicity is at the south of the complex. We then visit the anatomy school of Seljuks, i.e., the Gevher Nesibe Medical History Museum, the Sahabiye Medrese and the restored 12th century Ulu Mosque at the city's bedesten (market hall). After having lunch in Kayseri and we drive back to Ankara. [i](#)

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Exclusive

- Drinks in hotels and restaurants
- Optional visits, tips
- VAT. [i](#)

Options

- During Cappadocia tour, Turkish night with folk dances and Mevlevi performance all inc.
- Cappadocia by balloon flight. [i](#)

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TransAnatolie TA06MC1: Cultural Cappadocia Tour: 5 Days

Cappadocia

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The beauty of the unique landscapes of Cappadocia (valleys, fairy chimneys with caps) carved during ages by the nature-air, flood water and the fire of the volcanic mountains (Mt. Erciyes, Mt Hasan, Mt. Gollu) is spectacular. Light and time sensitive, continuously colour changing capped chimneys, curved paths along the trees, cultural heritages of Christians, Jews and Muslims decorated with natural coloured icons and dugout in rocks, animated by Saint Basile in Kayseri, Saint Gregoire in Nevsehir, Haci Bektas Veli in Haci Bektas...

5 day trip of this nature of its own unique character gives you the opportunity to discover the cultural richness of this area and enables you to interact with each other and with the hospitable local inhabitants... !

Day 1: Europe – Ankara

Arrival in Ankara. Transfer to a 3 or 4 star high QoS hotel for the welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight stay.

The city of Ankara lies in the center of Anatolia on the eastern edge of the Anatolian Plateau at an altitude of 850 meters. It is the center of the province of the same name which is a predominantly fertile wheat steppeland with forested areas in its northeast region ...

The history of the region goes back to the third millennium of the Bronze Age -- the indigenous population were called the Hattians. Akuwash -- the Hittite name for the city -- was established circa 3000 years ago at the intersection of 2 trade routes ...

After the decline of the Hittite Empire in the second millennium BC the (1)Phrygians -- (2)Lydians -- (3)Persians -- (4)Alexander the Great (333 BC) -- (5)Galatians arrived in succession. The city subsequently fell to the Romans. [i](#)

Day 2: Ankara

After breakfast at the buffet, our guide will lead us to the Anatolian Civilizations Museum; prize-winning museum of the best Worldwide Museums in 1995. This visit will be preceded by a tutorial on the Anatolian civilisations.

With historical buildings and solid origin, The Museum of Anatolian Civilizations in Ankara (Anadolu Medeniyetleri Müzesi) got the first place among the 68 museums and was awarded the title of "Museum of the Year" in Lausanne, Switzerland on 19 April 1997.

The Anatolian Civilizations Museum (Museum of Ancient Anatolian Civilizations) with its original collections is considered to be one of the top Museums in the world today. Anatolian archaeological creations are exhibited in a chronological order starting from the Palaeolithic Age up to the present time.

We then visit the ancient Ankara, the citadel-giving the opportunity to have a helicopter-view of the capital, the Konak Boyacizade, the Zenger Pacha Ethnographical Museum and the famous old Spice Bazaar of Ankara.

The Ethnography Museum is the museum where Turkish art from Seljuki to present time is exhibited.

Public clothes, jewellery, shoes, slippers samples collected from various regions of Anatolia, woman and man socks from Sivas region, various bowls, laces, scarves. Belts, handkerchiefs, bed sheets, bride costumes, bridegroom shaving sets, old traditional Turkish art are exhibited.

Technical material and designs unique to Turks and carpets, weaving benches from Uşak, Gördes, Bergama, Kula, Milas, Ladik, Karaman, Niğde, Kırşehir regions are exhibited. Among fine art samples of Anatolian Mine arts there are Memluk

boilers from 15th century, Ottoman sweet boilers, hand washing jugs, trays, coffee trays, meal tables, cups, candle scissors etc. are exhibited.

Arrows, bows, lighting pistols, rifles, sword and other things from Ottoman Period, Turkish pottery and porcelain and Kütahya porcelains, religious and sect properties, Turkish inscriptions are exhibited with the nice samples.

Seljuki Sultan Keyhüsrev III's throne a finest sample of Turkish wooden works (XIIIth century), Ahi Şerafettin Sandukası (XIVth century), Nevşehir Ürgüp Damsa Village Taşhur Pasha Mosque nish (XIIth century), Siirt Ulu Mosque Nish (XIIth century), Merzifon Çelebi Sultan Medrese Gate (XVth century) are some of the important arts of the Museum.

After a delicious lunch, we visit The Mausoleum of Atatürk and The Ataturk Museum. Here, one finds his pictures and other exhibitions recalling the key events of Ataturk's life and the evolution of the Turkish Republic.

The Museum of the 1st World War- the Dardanelles- in the Mausoleum, the symbol of the rebirth of the Laic Republic of Turkey is also explored.

We then drive to Cappadocia and pass through Aksaray.

Aksaray possesses the most frequently visited regions of Cappadocia, displaying natural beauties mingled with the pages of history. We explore Aksaray after our Cappadocia Tour.

Dinner and overnight is in Cappadocia. [i](#)

Day 3: Cappadocia

Cappadocia After breakfast, we visit the old houses of Urgup, Uçuzkeller, the Pigeons Valley, Uçhisar, Avcılar, the Goreme Valley and its Rupestrian churches.

After a delicious lunch in Cappadocia, we discover, observe and feel the unique silences of the Rose Valley, Camels Valley, Dolphins Valley, Owl Valley and the Valley of the Virgin Mary. We take a time-out in an onyx factory.

Later discovery of the 1st part of the Zelve Valley: Pasabağ. Drive across the Red (Halys) River, and take pictures of typical houses in Venessa-Avanos.

In the afternoon, we enjoy a relaxing programme aiming at discovering different craft industries (weaving and knotting of

Turkish carpets), the nomadic culture and imperial palaces. Dinner and overnight in our hotel. [i](#)

Day 4: Cappadocia- Aksaray-Selime-Ihlara-Saratli

After breakfast at the hotel, we drive towards Aksaray, the ancient Seljuk city of Karamanoglu, and visit its unique Pizze Tower (Kizil Minaret), and The Great Mosque (Ulu Camii) from the 13th century.

There are important historical buildings from Seljuk times, mostly from the 13th century, such as the Ulu Mosque and the Kizil (Egri) Minaret. The brickwork of the Kizil Minaret is elaborate

We walk through the Melendiz Canyon, via typical villages such as Selime, Yaprahisar, Belisirma and arrive in the Peristrema-Ihlara Valley. We discover primitive Syriaq churches dated from the 1st period of the Christian campus in Cappadocia.

Possibility to walk around and observe the nature for those who love nature and wild birds.

Free lunch at the Melendiz Canyon in Ihlara Valley.

The lava flowing from the Hasan Mountains cooled down and formed a beautiful Canyon with its breaks and splits in the Ihlara Valley, which is about 40 kilometers from Aksaray. The Melendiz brook flows through this valley. The valley reaches a height of almost 150 meters at some places. One finds many churches, shelters and tombs engraved into the rock surfaces of the valley. Some of these shelters and churches are connected to each other by means of many underground tunnels.

Ihlara is a 14 km-long fascinating canyon, formed by the Melendiz River. In this valley can be found Byzantine rock chapels cut into the canyon walls and decorated with wonderful frescoes. Of these chapels the Agacalti (Daniel) Church, the Yilanli (Apocalypse) Church, the Sumbullu (Hyacinth) Church, the Purenliseki Church, and St. Georges Church are the most interesting.

In the late afternoon, on the way back to Ankara we visit the underground town of Saratli-the town of Simone and Jean van Delft. In Saratli, one admires the hand-made linen poppies, and especially the gloves and socks with Anatolian drawings.

After Saratli, we head towards Ankara, and enjoy again the beauty of Central Anatolian landscapes and take photos of Lake Salt, rose flamingos and collect salty crystals.

Dinner and Overnight in our 3*+ in Ankara. [i](#)

Day 5: Ankara-Europe

After a rich breakfast at the hotel, the group members enjoy some free time to explore the city on their own pace, until to the transfer time to the airport for returning home. [i](#)

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Optional Activities

- Evening with typical Turkish dances in Cappadocia.
- Discovery of Cappadocia in hot air balloon.
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- Turkish Belly Dance. [i](#)

Rates Include

- Transportation in Turkey: air-conditioned bus Mercedes Sprinter, WW Wolt, Mercedes 304-403, Mitsubishi Safir, Isuzu Minibus-Turquoise
- Hotels: in Cappadocia 4* or 5*, in Ankara 3*+, HB.
- Certified multilingual professional guide. [i](#)

Rates Exclude

- Flights Europe/Turkey/Europe
- Airport taxes
- Drinks
- Insurance
- Tips. [i](#)

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Discover Ankara and Explore Top Museums in Ankara

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