



Cappadocia Visitor Guidelines

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Cappadocia is a sensitive natural-cultural landscape made up of fairy chimneys, valleys, underground cities, rock-cut structures, churches and historic settlements. The following guidance is intended to support both visitor safety and long-term conservation.

At All Visitor Sites

- Follow official signs, barriers, staff instructions and route guidance; do not enter closed or restricted areas.
- Do not climb fairy chimneys, rock-cut structures, frescoes or historic surfaces; do not damage them by touching, scratching or writing.
- Do not remove stones, plants, archaeological fragments or natural formations.
- Do not litter; where possible, carry waste to an appropriate collection point.
- Do not feed, capture or disturb wildlife, and do not damage vegetation.
- Do not light open fires; smoke or use fire only in areas where it is explicitly permitted.
- Keep noise low and respect local residents, private property and places of worship.
- For photography, video, drones and professional shoots, follow site-specific rules and required permissions.

Additional Rules by Site Type

Site Type	Key Guidance
Valleys / Hiking Routes	Use marked trails; keep away from cliffs and loose ground; carry suitable footwear, water and sun protection.
Rock Churches / Museums	Do not touch frescoes; obey flash/photo restrictions and quiet rules; stay outside barriers.
Underground Cities	Be prepared for narrow passages, low ceilings and steep stairs; do not rush and stay on the directed route.
Viewpoints	Do not cross railings or safety boundaries; do not block passageways with tripods/equipment.
Villages / Historic Streets	Do not use private homes/courtyards without permission; respect parking, noise and privacy.
ATV / Horse / Balloon	Follow the safety instructions of authorised operators and guides; avoid behaviour that damages the natural fabric.

Health and Safety

On the day of your visit, consider route, weather, physical conditions and current site rules together.

- Carry water, a hat, sun protection and appropriate clothing for heat and sudden weather changes.
- Consider your physical fitness on slippery, rocky or steep routes.
- Underground cities and narrow passages may be challenging for people with claustrophobia, mobility limitations or certain health conditions; check current conditions before visiting.
- Museum and archaeological-site opening hours, entry conditions and rules may change; check official sources on the day of your visit.

Quick Checklist

- I stay on marked routes.
- I do not touch or write on historic/natural surfaces.
- I carry my waste or use an appropriate bin.
- I respect local life and private property.
- I check current hours, tickets and site rules on the day of my visit.

Important

This guide summarises general visitor behaviour. Current rules issued by the Cappadocia Area Authority, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, museum/site management, municipality, security units or authorised tour operator always take priority.

Official Reference Framework

Cappadocia Area Authority - conservation and visitor-site information · Ministry of Culture and Tourism museum and archaeological-site information · 2026 natural-site registration notice concerning Mustafapaşa / Ayvalı surroundings.