

Kemal's Guest House is a friendly small hotel in the centre of the village of Göreme, in the heart of the Cappadocia National Park. Here you will find peace and quiet in the most beautiful hikers paradise in Turkey.

Kemal Dönmez and Barbara Duiven will welcome you warmly. We provide all the necessary information and hiking maps to explore Cappadocia. Barbara knows the area like the back of her hand and loves to guide her guests through the valleys. Kemal is a professional chef and cooks excellent traditional Turkish meals. We can arrange excursions around the area on request.

Relax and enjoy. Sit in our lovely flower garden full of cosmos and hollyhock, and enjoy our extensive fruit filled breakfast or Kemal's delicious dinner. Take your time to relax in the cool shade of our fruit trees and grapevines, or on one of our rooftop terraces, with spectacular views of the old village with its cavedwellings and the surrounding hills. Read a book from our private library in our inviting Ottoman restaurant, where you can enjoy a glass of Cappadocian wine or a pot of tea. Our fireplace will keep you warm in winter.

Our Ottoman style house has 13 clean and comfortable rooms for every budget: cave rooms carved in the rock, Ottoman rooms with high arched ceilings, and newly built rooms with balconies. We have doubles, triples and small dormitories, all with a private bathroom and decorated in Turkish style. The rooms are cool in summer, and heated in winter. Or ask about the self contained holiday house on our premises, which sleeps up to 12 people.

Enchanting Cappadocia is in Central Anatolia, the heart of Turkey. It is a true hikers paradise and a unique natural miracle. Millions of years ago 3 volcanos covered Cappadocia with a vast layer of soft tufa and lava. Fantastic rock formations were scraped and polished by wind and water into real works of art. You'll be breathless seeing this fairy tale landscape of hills and valleys full of gorgeous sculpted rocks and lovely pastel colours in unspoilt nature. Hittites, Christian monks, Byzantines and Ottoman people hid themselves in these canyons, carving out houses and frescoed churches. They even dug out giant underground cities from the soft rock.

Colours and shapes, calm and quiet, sun and freedom: you'll find it in Cappadocia. The National Park Göreme, protected by Unesco and the World Heritage List, offers hikers and nature lovers an inexhaustible source of culture and nature in every season. You'll be amazed by this oasis. Göreme and Kemal's Guest House are situated in the middle of the park, so you can easily wander into one of the lush shady valleys and pink, yellow and white hills, filled with fairy-chimneys, songbirds, butterflies and Cappadocian field flowers. It's a magical Garden of Eden!

Our most famous valleys are within walking distance from the Guest House and easily accessible. In Love Valley time and erosion shaped giant cones with pointed tops. White Valley is quite feminine with its soft marsmallow shaped rocks. Red and Rose Valley are like flowery coral reefs you can wander through freely. Fairy-chimney Valley is famous for its huge pillars with stones on top. Devrent Valley looks like a zoo where you can imagine all kinds of pink and orange animals. Pigeon Valley is known for its many dove coves in the walls of the canyons. Everywhere are abandoned churches, monasteries and cave dwellings in the rock, and tunnels shaped by streams. Take your best photos ever and enjoy a picnic under a tree with beautiful views while the birds are singing. Visit the famous Göreme Open Air Museum, an underground city, or Ihlara canyon. Fly in a hot air balloon at sunrise. Meet the local farmers in unspoilt villages.

The village of Göreme is fitted with all modern conveniences but has kept its authentic and cozy atmosphere. There are numerous restaurants, shops, internet café's and bars. Public transport around the area is frequent. You can rent a car, bike or horse. Take a balloon trip at sunrise, visit a Turkish Night with folk music, see the famous Dancing Dervishes, go to a Turkish bath, go for a swim or just quietly read your book on our huge Ottoman couch in the garden.... anything is possible! We will gladly help you with information and maps.

Cappadocia at its best. For hikers the National Park Göreme is a real paradise. Walk from the village into one of the beautiful valleys, with their amazing fairy-chimneys, churches and cave dwellings. Wandering freely on trails through orchards with fruit trees, grapevines and field flowers, surrounded by pink, yellow, white and green tufa hills, you'll enjoy songbirds like the golden oreole, the nightingale and the hoopa. See the long-legged eagle, the golden jackal, a fox or a hare, turtles and lizards. You'll see thousands of butterflies and rare varieties of wild flowers that are typically Cappadocian. Bring a small picnic and take the time to take extraordinary photos.

The hiking trails are not too difficult or rough (hiking category A/B): the stone is soft, the hiking distances comfortable. Sometimes you'll have to negotiate a small difference in height, but even people with vertigo love to hike here. Comfortable hiking shoes with good profiled soles are required. Don't worry about getting lost: with our own hiking maps you'll always find your way back to the Guest House. Of course you can always ask Barbara to accompany you on your hikes, she knows all the secret pathways and hidden churches.

The valleys and canyons are shaded by the many fruit trees, willows and poplars. Small streams provide cool water for flowers, animals and hikers. The gorges and valleys are separated by hills with orchards. Enjoy the spectacular views - on clear days you'll see Mount Erciyes, one of the volcanos that made this miracle fairyland.

Cappadocia is situated 1000 meters (3000 feet) above sea level. Summers are dry and not humid; there is always a cool breeze on the hills. Winters can be cold, it can even snow. Flowers in spring, golden trees in autumn: every season has good hiking weather. You can easily spend one or two weeks in magical Cappadocia and discover something new every day!

A small selection of excursions and activities:

- Visit Göreme Open Air Museum (half day)
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- Visit the town of Avanos (pottery and ceramics) and Fairy Chimney Valley (one day)
- Daytrip including Ihlara Valley, Derinkuyu (underground city) and Selime Monastery (one day)
- Hike with Barbara, i.e. Red Valley (5 hours), Pigeon-, White- and Love Valley (5 hours), Swords Valley (3 hours), Zemi Valley (4 hours)
- Turkish Folklore with dinner in a cave restaurant (unlimited food & drinks)
- Dancing Dervishes in Sarihan Karavanseray (after dinner)
- Hot Air Balloon flight (60 of 90 minutes) at sunrise
- Horse riding with guide (2 hours)
- Hot Springs or Turkish bath (including massage)
- Rent a car, motorbike, bicycle or horse & carriage
- Visit with Barbara other special sites plaatsen just outside the National Park, i.e. Çat Valley and Çat village, Soganli Valley, Bird Paradise, Hittit Stone near Agili (one day)



