



DURATION
7 Hours



MIN AGE
85+



TOUR TYPE
Easy



LOCATION
Ihlara

\$239 / Group

★ Private Green Tour Experience

Embark on an extraordinary journey through time and nature with our **Private Green Tour (South Cappadocia Route)**. Uncover the hidden wonders of Anatolia with an itinerary that spans from the depths of ancient underground cities to the lush, river-carved canyons of the Ihlara Valley. While many see Cappadocia only from above, the true soul of the region lies beneath the volcanic tuff and within its verdant valleys.

In a region where standard 40-person group tours often feel rushed, Temren Travel redefines the “Green Tour” by stripping away the rigid schedules. We replace them with a sophisticated, private exploration led by expert historians. Whether you want to spend an extra hour photographing the Byzantine frescoes along the Melendiz River or need a slower, comfortable pace while navigating the tunnels of Derinkuyu, the itinerary moves entirely at your command.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ **Professional Licensed Guide:** An expert English-speaking historian dedicated exclusively to your private group.
- ✓ **VIP Private Transportation:** A luxury, air-conditioned Mercedes Vito (or similar) vehicle with a professional driver.
- ✓ **Private Hotel Transfers:** Door-to-door pick-up and drop-off from all hotels across the Cappadocia region.
- ✓ **Complimentary Refreshments:** Chilled bottled mineral water and light snacks provided in the vehicle.
- ✓ **Parking & Toll Fees:** All local taxes, highway tolls, and operational costs are fully covered.

☰ Tour Itinerary

- Step 1: Goreme Panorama – The Grand Opening**
Your private VIP vehicle picks you up from your hotel for the first breathtaking stop. Witness the vastness of the Cappadocia landscape and the unique fairy chimneys from the best vantage point, while your historian guide introduces the region's dramatic volcanic origins.
- Step 2: Derinkuyu or Kaymakli – The Underground Mystery**
Descend into the depths of history. Explore one of the world's most sophisticated subterranean cities, featuring ancient ventilation shafts, wine cellars, and rolling stone doors that once protected thousands of early Christians from invaders. Your private guide ensures a safe, unhurried, and highly informative navigation through the labyrinthine tunnels.
- Step 3: Ihlara Valley – Riverside Serenity & Trekking**
Arrive at the lush Ihlara Valley for a scenic, comfortable hike (approx. 1 hour) along the Melendiz River. This stunning gorge is home to over 100 rock-cut churches. We visit the most significant ones, such as Agacalti Church, to admire Byzantine frescoes surrounded by the soothing sound of flowing water and singing birds.
- Step 4: Selime Monastery – The Rock-Cut Cathedral**
Visit the largest and most impressive religious structure in Cappadocia. Selime Monastery features a massive cathedral-size church, intricate living quarters for monks, and even a stable for camels—all masterfully carved into a single volcanic hill. The view from the top is absolutely cinematic.
- Step 5: Pigeon Valley & Onyx Workshop – The Final Legacy**
Our final stop is Pigeon Valley, known for the thousands of pigeon houses carved into the soft tuff cliffs, essential for local agriculture. We conclude the day with a visit to a traditional Onyx Workshop to see local artisans transform volcanic stones into fine jewelry before returning to your hotel in private comfort.

✗ What's Excluded

- ✗ **All Museum Entrance Fees:** Skip-the-line tickets for Derinkuyu/Kaymakli and Ihlara Valley (Your guide will assist).
- ✗ **Gourmet Riverside Lunch:** A full traditional meal at a scenic restaurant in Belisirma Village (Customizable to your taste).
- ✗ **Personal Souvenirs:** Hand-made items from the Onyx workshop or local vendors.
- ✗ **Personal Gratuities (Tips):** Recognition for your dedicated guide and driver's exceptional service.

* Why Temren Travel?

- 📅 30% deposit to confirm
- 🔄 Free cancellation up to 24h
- 👥 100% Private & Licensed
- 🔍 No hidden fees

Frequently Asked Questions



How difficult is the hike in Ihlara Valley?

The hike is approximately 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) long and takes about 1 to 1.5 hours. The path is mostly flat and follows the Melendiz River, making it a moderate and very scenic walk. Since this...



Is the Underground City safe for people with claustrophobia?

The underground cities (Derinkuyu or Kaymakli) have narrow tunnels and low ceilings in certain sections. If you feel uncomfortable in confined spaces, your private guide will stay with you at the e...



Which Underground City will we visit: Derinkuyu or Kaymakli?

As this is a private excursion, the choice is yours! Derinkuyu is deeper and more adventurous, while Kaymakli is wider and slightly easier to navigate. Your expert guide will recommend the best opt...



Is the Green Tour suitable for seniors or young children?

Yes, it is very popular among families and mature travelers (ages 35-75+). While there are steps at the entrance of Ihlara Valley and in the underground cities, our private VIP service allows us to...



What should I wear for this tour?

We highly recommend comfortable walking shoes or sneakers for the valley trek and the uneven floors of the underground cities. A light jacket is also suggested, as the temperature inside the underg...

