

Kültepe, Where the History of Anatolia Began

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Yeşilhisar Soğanlı Archaeological Site



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April 1-October 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00

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Where Nature meets Faith





Soğanlı Village is located in the triangle of Kayseri-Niğde-Nevşehir, 15 km away from the town center of Yeşilhisar district. It is in a valley where rock churches and caves are intertwined with today's houses. Yeşilhisar, Soğanlı Archaeological Site began to be used as a settlement area since the Roman Period. The rock spaces located on the slopes of the valley were used by The Romans as cemeteries, whereas The Byzantines functioned as churches. Soğanlı had become one of the centers of Christianity in Cappadocia since 4th century AD and maintained its importance during the 7th and 8th centuries. The wall frescoes in the churches reflect the style of the 10th-12th centuries.



In Yeşilhisar, Soğanlı, there are thousands of pigeon houses, caves and shelters besides many churches and monasteries carved into the rock. Here, it is possible to see the rock settlements and churches seen in Ihlara-Göreme and Zelve Valleys, as well as others, there are domed rock churches in Yeşilhisar, Soğanlı.



There are approximately 50 rock churches and caves in Yeşilhisar, Soğanlı Archaeological Site, which is built on tuffs. However, it is possible to visit only 8 churches today. (Karabaş Church, Domed Church, Tahtali (Saint Barbara) Church, Serpentine Church, Hidden Church, Tokali Church, Ballik Church and

Geyikli Church).

The gates and the apertures of the other church were blocked. In the churches there are graves, engravings of Jesus, His Apostles and frescoes with scenes from the Bible. In addition, the beauty of the fairy chimneys in the archaeological site mesmerise the visitors.

One of the most important sources of income in Soğanlı Village is the rag dolls (known as Soğanlı Baby) which are made by women inhabiting there and sold all over the Cappadocia Region.