

The city of civilizations Hatay Archaeology Museum



Çevlik Archaeological Site



Çevlik Archaeological Site Visiting Hours

April 1-October 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30
19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00

Box Office Closing: 18.30

October 1- April 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30
17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00

Box Office Closing: 16.30

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Sweat and blood of a
thousand slaves guided the
history: **Çevlik Archaeological
Site**





Titus tunnel

Titus Tunnel located in Samandağ Township of Hatay Province is an impressive structure with its length and height. The fact that it was constructed with manual labour increases its allure. Construction of the tunnel located just above the sea level had been started during the reign of Roman emperor Vespasianus (1st century AC) and completed during the reign of emperor Titus, his son. The tunnel was dug completely by carving inside the bedrock has a length of 1.380 meters, a height of 7 m, and a width 6 m, 130m. section of which is covered on top. The purpose of constructing the tunnel was to divert waters of flood, protect the city against overflowing and the port from the effects of silting.

It is possible to accede the entrance of Çevlik Archaeological Site, located at sea level, by car. An enjoyable cultural tour awaits the visitors as the Titus tunnel, Beşikli cave (Cradled Cave) and rock-cut graves located in the site may be reached using the paths.



Beşikli cave and rock tombs

The graves extends to a vast area as far as 100 km to the east of Titus tunnel that are cut at steep and rocky slopes. One of the above mentioned rock graves drawing attention the most is named as Beşikli Cave (Cradled Cave) by the locals. Beşikli Cave is formed completely by carving the limestone and adorning with a pillared entrance. It contains 12 tombs inside. There are 2 graves side by side inside the burial chamber with the two ornamented coffins of the same size.

