

14th Annual Advisory Forum on
the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe
Practical Information



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 14th Annual Advisory Forum on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, taking place in Cappadocia, Türkiye, from 22 to 24 October 2025. This document aims to provide you with practical information to ensure a smooth and comfortable experience during your visit. You will find important details regarding

visa requirements, currency, travel, local transportation, accommodation, and health, as well as information about the forum venue and the unique cultural landscape of Cappadocia. We look forward to welcoming you to this exceptional event, set in a place where history, culture, and natural beauty come together.



ABOUT CAPPADOCIA

Cappadocia is a unique cultural landscape located in central Türkiye, renowned for its extraordinary natural formations, cultural heritage, and vibrant traditions. Shaped by volcanic activity and millions of years of erosion, the region is famous for its "fairy chimneys," cave dwellings, underground cities, and rock-cut churches.

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Cappadocia has been home to diverse civilizations, including the Hittites, Persians, Romans, Eastern Romans (Byzantines), Seljuks, and Ottomans. This rich historical layering has given the region its distinctive character, where nature and culture are beautifully intertwined.

Today, Cappadocia is one of Türkiye's most iconic destinations, attracting visitors from all over the world who come to experience its breathtaking landscapes, sunrise hot-air balloon rides, and deep-rooted cultural expressions. It offers a perfect backdrop for the 14th Annual Advisory Forum on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, where heritage, dialogue, and discovery converge.

For more information, please visit:

- <https://cappadocia.goturkiye.com>
- <https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/357>





VISA REQUIREMENTS

Visitors to Türkiye are kindly advised to check their visa requirements well in advance of their travel dates. Citizens of many countries may enter Türkiye without a visa for short stays, while others will need to obtain an e-Visa or a visa in advance through Turkish diplomatic missions. It is recommended to visit the official Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Foreign Affairs website or the official e-Visa portal to obtain the most accurate and up-to-date information. Please ensure your passport is valid for at least six months beyond your planned date of entry. Should you require any assistance with visa procedures, please do not hesitate to contact the Forum Secretariat.

Useful links:

- Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Foreign Affairs: www.mfa.gov.tr
- Official e-Visa portal: www.eviza.gov.tr



CURRENCY

The official currency of Türkiye is the Turkish Lira (TRY). It is recommended to carry some local currency for small purchases and transportation, although credit and debit cards are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, and larger stores. Currency exchange offices and ATMs are easily accessible in Cappadocia and major cities. For your convenience, it is advisable to inform your bank of your travel plans to avoid any issues with card transactions.



TRAVEL

Cappadocia is accessible by air, road, and rail. The nearest airports are Nevşehir Kapadokya Airport (approximately 40 km from the forum venue) and Kayseri Erkilet Airport (about 75 km away). Both airports have regular domestic flights from İstanbul, Ankara, and other major cities. From the airport, you can reach the forum venue by taxi, shuttle services, or pre-arranged private transfers.

By rail, the closest major train station is in Kayseri, which connects to Ankara and İstanbul by intercity train services. From Kayseri Train Station, you can continue your journey to Cappadocia by bus or taxi (about 75 km).

By bus, there are several daily services connecting Cappadocia to major cities. For example, the bus journey from İstanbul to Cappadocia takes approximately 10 to 12 hours, covering around 730 km, while from Ankara it is about 3 to 4 hours, covering roughly 300 km. Buses are comfortable and offer a practical alternative for those who prefer road travel.



LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Local transportation within Cappadocia is generally easy and accessible. Taxis are available in most towns and tourist areas, and many hotels offer shuttle services to nearby attractions. In addition, car rental is a popular option for visitors who wish to explore the region more independently, especially due to the dispersed nature of the historical and natural sites.

Please note that public transportation options such as minibuses (dolmuş) are limited in rural areas and may not operate frequently. It is therefore recommended to arrange transportation in advance, particularly for travel between towns or visits to less central areas.

For participants staying at the selected hotels recommended in the dedicated document, regular shuttle services to and from the venue will be provided during the Forum dates.



ACCOMMODATION

A selection of additional accommodation options in various price ranges will also be available in the nearby towns of Ürgüp and Göreme. The Forum Secretariat will provide a list of recommended hotels, including information on rates, booking procedures, and transportation arrangements to the venue.

We strongly advise early booking, as Cappadocia is a popular destination in October and accommodations may fill up quickly.



WEATHER

In October, Cappadocia enjoys mild autumn weather, with average daytime temperatures ranging between 15°C and 20°C, and cooler evenings that may drop to around 5°C to 10°C. While the region is generally dry, occasional rain showers may occur, especially in late October.

Cappadocia's rich natural and cultural landscape will be a central part of the forum experience, including outdoor activities and cultural visits. For this reason, participants are advised to bring:

- Layered clothing to adapt to changing temperatures
- A light jacket or coat for evenings
- Comfortable walking shoes for uneven terrain
- A hat or cap, sunscreen, and sunglasses for daytime excursions
- A small backpack or bag for carrying essentials

For up-to-date forecasts closer to the Forum dates, you may consult:

- <https://mgm.gov.tr>
(Turkish State Meteorological Service)
- <https://www.accuweather.com>
- <https://weather.com>

VENUE OF THE FORUM: MARRIOTT CAPPADOCIA

The 14th Annual Advisory Forum on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe will take place at the Marriott Cappadocia Hotel, a modern and comfortable venue ideally located in the region's breathtaking cultural landscape. The hotel offers fully equipped conference facilities, spacious accommodation, and inspiring views of Cappadocia's unique rock formations and valleys.

The venue is designed to provide a welcoming and professional environment for all participants. It is easily accessible from both Nevşehir Kapadokya and Kayseri Erkilet Airports.

The hotel's proximity to major sites of cultural interest also makes it an ideal base for informal networking and post-forum exploration.



MEALS

Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided to all registered participants during the Forum days at the venue. These will offer a variety of local and international options, with vegetarian and other dietary requirements taken into consideration.

Participants attending evening events will also be invited to official dinners and cultural receptions as part of the Forum programme. Details about the social events and meal arrangements will be shared closer to the event dates.

Please inform the Forum Secretariat in advance of any specific dietary restrictions or allergies to ensure appropriate accommodations.



LANGUAGES

The official working language of the Forum will be English, French and Turkish. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in French and Turkish during all plenary sessions and selected workshops.

All participants are kindly asked to ensure that their presentations and materials are available in English. In case of additional language needs, please contact the Forum Secretariat in advance so that necessary arrangements can be considered.

HEALTH

No specific vaccinations are required for travel to Türkiye. However, all participants are advised to have valid travel health insurance for the duration of their stay.

Health services in Türkiye are of a high standard, and medical facilities are available in the region. In case of emergency, participants can dial 112 for ambulance services. The nearest hospitals and clinics to the forum venue are located in Nevşehir and Ürgüp, both reachable within 20–30 minutes.

If you require regular medication, it is recommended to bring a sufficient supply with you, along with a copy of your prescription. Should you have any specific health concerns, please inform the Forum Secretariat in advance so that support can be arranged if necessary.





CONTACT

If you have any questions or require further information regarding the 14th Annual Advisory Forum on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Cappadocia, Türkiye, please feel free to contact the Forum Secretariat:

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You will also find regular updates and announcements through the official websites of the Council of Europe.

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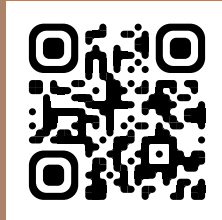
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