



The best time to tour one of Türkiye's exceptional vineyard routes is between April 'Bud Breaking' and early October 'Harvest Time'. Some even offer their guests the chance to help with the grape harvest.

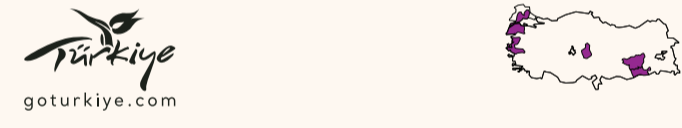
Today, Türkiye is a major player in global grape production with numerous indigenous grape varieties. And five major varieties dominate; **Boğazkere**, **Emir**, **Kalecik Karası**, **Narince** and **Öküzgözü**. Eastern Anatolia, **Cappadocia** and the **TurkAegean** regions have the highest production in the country.

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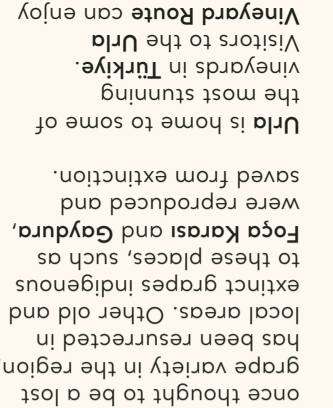


Stretching as far as Mesopotamia

The Anatolian Vineyard Route stretches some distance as far as the Southeastern Türkiye. And it is here where the merits and science of viticulture are really put the test as the grapes have to cope with extremities of cold winters and dry summers. Today, Türkiye is a major player in global grape production with numerous indigenous grape varieties. Ankara is known for Kalecik Karası and Tokat is famous for Narince. Furthermore, from the red wave of Malatya, Elazığ and Diyarbakır, the region benefits from the historical heritage from the Hattis and Hittites.

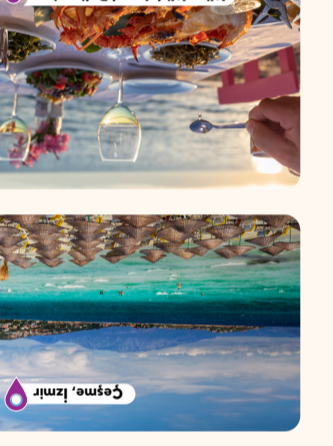
Meanwhile, a little further, the Midyat and Mardin varieties are famed for their millennia-old viticulture history in Eastern and Southeastern Türkiye. They are created from native grapes **Mazruna** and **Kerkus**.

With such diversity of landscape, flavour, and riches of wine, comes the enviable task of exploring flavours with these wonderful cheese pairings. From the characteristic and classic aroma of **Erzincan Tulumu**, the brined and stringy **Civil** cheese, the veiny delight of **Göğermiş**, and the quintessential excellence of **Kars Gravyeri**.



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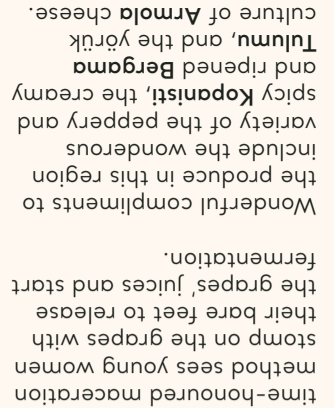


Urla's International Influence

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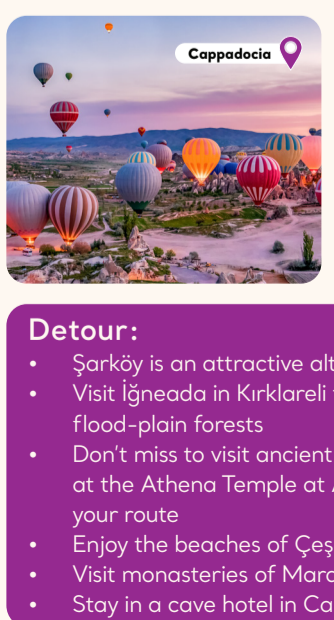


Wine Tasting in the Clouds

Cappadocia has a rich viticulture tradition and is famous for its white wine speciality made from the local Emir grape. The grape-growing estates thrive on Cappadocia's unique volcanic soil, so the Anatolian grapes **Öküzgözü**, **Kalecik Karası**, **Boğazkere**, **Narince** and **Emir**, as well as European grapes such as **Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Chardonnay**, and **Sauvignon Blanc**, produce a rich, full-bodied flavour.

The natural volcanic rock structures of Cappadocia are breathtaking in and of themselves and tasting the local wine with a view of the magical fairy chimneys is an unforgettable experience. The vineyard estates in Cappadocia are open to visitors all year round and are best combined with other activities such as hiking, hot air ballooning and horseback riding - all while enjoying the fascinating natural landscape.

Cappadocia is home to four local viticulture sites; the largest and oldest since 1943 and produces 25 varieties, whilst the smallest which still produces incredibly 300,000 litres annually.

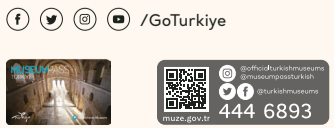


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- Şarköy is an attractive alternative spot for surf lovers.
 - Visit İğneada in Kırklareli to appreciate the beauty of flood-plain forests
 - Don't miss to visit ancient ruins of Troy, enjoy the sunset at the Athena Temple at Assos and to visit Ephesus on your route
 - Enjoy the beaches of Çeşme.
 - Visit monasteries of Mardin and Midyat.
 - Stay in a cave hotel in Cappadocia.



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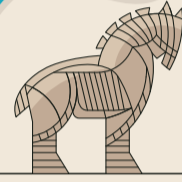
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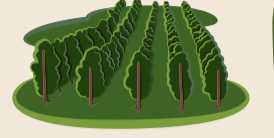
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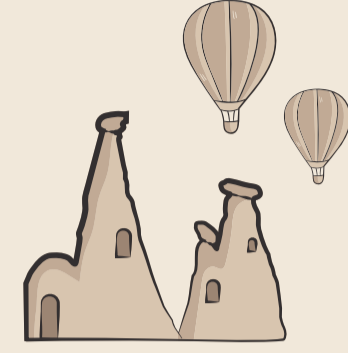


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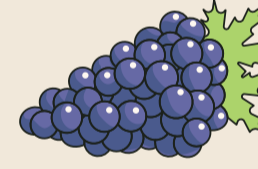


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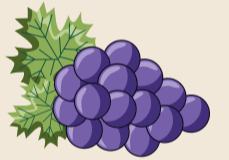


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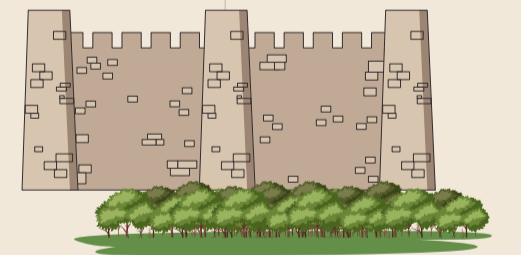
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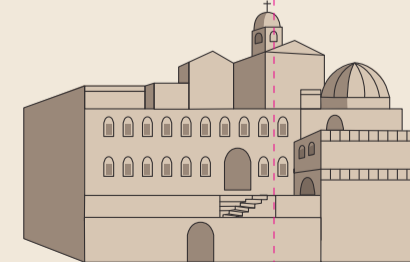
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