

Wishlist scenes Türkiye*

The Search for the Authentic Holiday

*Disclaimer: This document consists of dream scenes that I would like to keep in the back of my mind during shooting. However, this document will only be something we can hold onto. Reality will surprise us either way. Expect the unexpected😊

1. EXT RED VALLEY CAPPADOCIA, MORNING

A dark, empty valley. We only see the silhouette of the sharp sandstone ridges, softly exposed against the background of a very early morning cerulean blue sky. The moon still glows with a steady, silvery light. A few morning stars still shine. The Cappadocian landscape consists of dramatic expanses of soft volcanic rocks, that were once shaped by erosion into towers – also known as the fairy chimneys. The scenery looks peaceful. A soft autumn breeze blows against the fairy chimneys which are firmly anchored to the ground. This is their kingdom. It is quiet. You could have heard a pin drop. But those fairy chimneys know that it is just the calm before the storm.

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A glimpse of light in the darkness. From afar, we see a bright shining headlight coming closer. The headlight illuminates the large round rock formations. It abruptly reveals the moon-like landscape. We get blinded by the lights. A van drives through the valley on the unmarked dirt road. It is being followed by another pair of headlights. And another one. The whole red valley is now illuminated by the driving cars. We can see a caravan of vehicles heading in the same direction. We hear a cacophony of grinding brake sounds.



2. EXT RED VALLEY CAPPADOCIA, MORNING – A BIT LATER

A big field in the middle of the Red Valley is covered by uninflated air balloons, lying in the grass. Off-screen, we hear slamming car doors. A small moment of silence follows. Suddenly, the whole valley is abuzz. More than 200 fans and generators push air into large balloons, where it is then heated by flamethrower devices. We see a symphony of flames, dotting the darkened landscape of the Red Valley.

One by one, the now-inflated air balloons slowly float upwards, as if they are jellyfish in a dark, blue ocean. The people who were waiting near their vans offscreen, overwhelmed by the warmth of the fire and full of excitement for their upcoming flight, now enter the frame, guided by their tour guide. A queue quickly forms next to every air balloon. It takes a while to get everybody in the small basket. The passengers need to climb over the edge of the basket. Some of them are afraid of heights and ask the captain about safety risks. Others try to claim their favorite spot in the corner of the small basket.

When the captain fires up the balloon, it begins to rise. The selfie sticks and 360 cameras sticking out of the basket.



3. EXT CAPPADOCIA GÖREME VIEWPOINT – SUNRISE

The first rays of the sun illuminate the rugged landscape of the Cappadocian valley. The soft golden light casts a warm glow over the rock formations. But the sun is not the only round object in the sky today. She is accompanied by 200 air balloons, flooding the sky with a rainbow of different colors. The landscape is bathed in a warm and golden glow. The soft light and long shadows of the air balloons add depth and dimension to the mesmerizing scene. It is a real spectacle.

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The Göreme Hill, also well-known as the Panoramic Viewpoint. Hundreds of people have left their bed in the early morning and have gathered on the hill, to watch the balloons taking off at sunrise. Cameras shutter. Selfie sticks rise in the air. Everybody captures the balloons.

4. EXT CAPPADOCIA LOVE VALLEY VIEWPOINT – MORNING

*Love Valley. One of the most popular places in Cappadocia, and since the air balloons land here, it is also well-known for its photoshoots. Photography companies even bring a whole wardrobe with them, so girls can change clothes for the photoshoot. Women in long dazzling flying dresses strike a pose against the orange air background, filled with balloons. People do everything to take a perfect photo: they change clothes, rent old classical cars, or join a Turkish picnic on the rooftop of the Sultan Cave Hotel. The air balloon visitors land and their tour guides provide them with a glass of Champagne to celebrate the flight. **We'll film these shots in slow motion.***

5. EXT CAPPADOCIA LOVE VALLEY VIEWPOINT – MORNING.

A young couple from Australia is doing a photoshoot on the Love Valley Viewpoint. Classic Car Tour Cappadocia organized the shoot. A photographer and a man with a supersonic gimbal both capture the couple. The woman wears a long, red, flying dress. The man wears a suit and sunglasses. They both lean against a blue 1977 Cadillac car. The photographer gives the instructions. He asks the girl if she can turn her head and look over her shoulder. The girl does what she's being asked. As soon as the girl turns her head, her boyfriend bows on one knee, holding a little box in his left hand. The girl looks at him. She doesn't seem surprised, but still can't utter a word. She nods her head "Yes". She jumps into his arms. He circles her around. The photographer takes his pictures. The guy with the gimbal turns with them. It looks like a staged choreography. As soon as the man stops turning his now-fiancé, she interrupts the hug and looks at the photographer: "Did you get everything on film?".

6. EXT CAPPADOCIA LOVE VALLEY - AFTERNOON

A few meters separated from the air balloon spectacle, a few women stand next to a fairy chimney. What tourists don't know is that Cappadocia has an underground city, where once people lived and that is now been used to store thousands of tons of fruits and vegetables. These women work here every day. While they take a break and enjoy a cup of tea, they watch the tourists at the panoramic viewpoint.



7. EXT CAPPADOCIA RED VALLEY – SUNSET

An empty valley. A golden sunset has replaced the balloons. The sun starts to descend. There is no one left in the valley. The rock formations are bathed in the warm hues of the fading sun. The vibrant red cliffs create a stunning silhouette against the colorful sky. A couple of birds are passing through in the sky. The soft autumn breeze is back. The fair chimneys leave a long shadow behind them. They finally got their Kingdom back.

8. EXT CAPPADOCIA RED VALLEY – NIGHT

It is nighttime in the Red Valley. The peace has returned, and the valley finally has time to rest. The fairy chimneys are illuminated by minimal light pollution. The sky has become a canvas of stars. Cosmic dust forms the Milky Way galaxy. It looks like the Starry Night painting. The breathtaking scene is suddenly interrupted by a small group of people riding a horse. The screens of their iPhones illuminate the moonlike landscape. They try to picture the sky full of stars, while the guide leads them to a new prime stargazing spot. They only witness the sky through the lenses of their iPhones. A man tries to make a timelapse. We look at the Fairy Chimneys. Their small moment of quietness didn't last for long.

