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GÖBEKLİTEPE & HARRAN

Göbekli Tepe is one of the most exciting sights in Turkey. The archaeological site of Gobekli Tepe Temple has been included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 2018. Göbekli Tepe is one of the first manifestations of human-made monumental architecture. The imagery found at Göbekli Tepe, adorning T-pillars and some small finds (stone vessels, shaft-straighteners, etc.), is also found at contemporaneous sites in the Upper Mesopotamian region, thus testifying to a close social network in this core region of Neolithisation.

The monumental round-oval and rectangular megalithic structures erected by hunter-gatherers in the Pre-Pottery Neolithic age between 9,600 and 8,200 BCE, were probably used in connection with rituals, most likely of a funerary nature.

Distinctive T-shaped pillars, some of which are up to 5.50 meters tall, are carved with images of wild animals, providing insight into the way of life and beliefs of people living in Upper Mesopotamia about 11,500 years ago.

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HARRAN

One of the major ancient cities in Upper Mesopotamia, Harran was the home of the Mesopotamian moon god Sin, under the Assyrians and Neo-Babylonians/Chaldeans and even into Roman times. The archaeological remains are in the ancient Harran, a major commercial, cultural, science and religious center first inhabited in the Chalcolithic Age. Being one of the world's first scientific centers, Harran is where you can see the remains of the world's first university buildings. Harran is also famous for its traditional "beehive" adobe houses, constructed entirely without wood. The conical design of the houses ensures the cool climatization of the interior area.



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