

GUEST- AND CULTURE HOUSE BABAYAN IN CAPPADOCIA TURKEY
Artist-in-Residence - Art Workshops - Art/Eco Platform - Culture - Nature
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In the *Guesthouse of the Babayan Culture House*, Cappadocia, Turkey you can stay throughout the year in comfortable cave rooms in a small Turkish village. The guesthouse is the starting point for the most beautiful walks in a fascinating nature. One can be inspired and make art or follow courses and workshops in good studios. The *Babayan Culture House* has Dutch Management.



CAPPADOCIA, TURKEY

Cappadocia is a surrealistic landscape with tufa stone valleys, shaped centuries ago by the 'Erciyes' and other volcanoes. A part of this 40.000 square km area is a national park and an open-air museum with many rock churches and monasteries, restored by UNESCO,

because it is an official world heritage area. On the – 1000 meter high – Anatolian Plateau, where my village is located, a severe land climate rules. This gives a dry heat in the summer and a bitter cold in the winter. Despite this, one can live here very well throughout the year, because the thick stones of the houses are cut from and built with volcanic tufa, which keeps the climate outside. For this reason the region has been inhabited from times immemorial; and because the famous silk route passed by here, the area has a very rich cultural inheritance.

THE GUESTHOUSE BABAYAN

The guesthouse Babayan Culture House is situated in the ancient village of Ibrahimpaşa/Babayan in Cappadocia, Central Anatolia in Turkey. We are the only place in the village with rooms available.

From the house you walk directly into nature with its bizarre valleys and ancient open-air rock churches: the painted iconographic remains of Christianity. The 200 hundred-year-old house was successively inhabited by Armenians, Greeks and Turkish.

The guesthouse has three terraces, an inside courtyard, rooms with arched ceilings and cave rooms. In May 2006 opened its doors. The six cave rooms are comfortable double guestrooms with shower and toilet facilities. Restoration took place under the guidance of the archaeological museum of the region of Nevsehir.

Some cave rooms are large (50 m²) and boast a kitchenette and a well-facilitated studio; other rooms profit from a large private balcony or terrace with incredible views of the valley. The rooms have central heating and double glazed windows for winter guests. Also you can bring your laptop computer because we have adsl-internet (wireless connection).

The *Babayan Culture House Foundation* organizes all art and cultural programs and daily activities/walks.



ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE, ART/ECO PLATFORM, ART-MAKING AND WORKSHOPS

Artists and other art-interested guests of all levels can relate to the beautiful nature by practicing drawing, painting, stone-carving, photography in the Culture House. Pottery-making and ceramics is possible in the well-equipped Avanos studios. Especially stone-carving is a specialty of this region due to the fact that there is the natural material made of tufa: the millions of year's compressed ashes of the volcanic outbursts. This light material can be worked on by everybody with an eye for shapes. All necessary basic materials will be provided and good facilitated studio's in caves are available... Professional artists and art students can work on art projects related to the Art/Eco Platform, water theme. And one can join workshops art or choose for individual lessons.

Art information on website www.WBouman.com.



RATES 2008

- Room rates: around € 22,50 p/p/night including breakfast (excluding extra charge 1-person at room).
- Rates walking: starting price € 25, going-up from third person with € 10 p/p (exclusive entrance fees).
- Rates workshops art:
 - € 27,50 p/p/part of day.
 - € 100 p/p/four part of days.

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