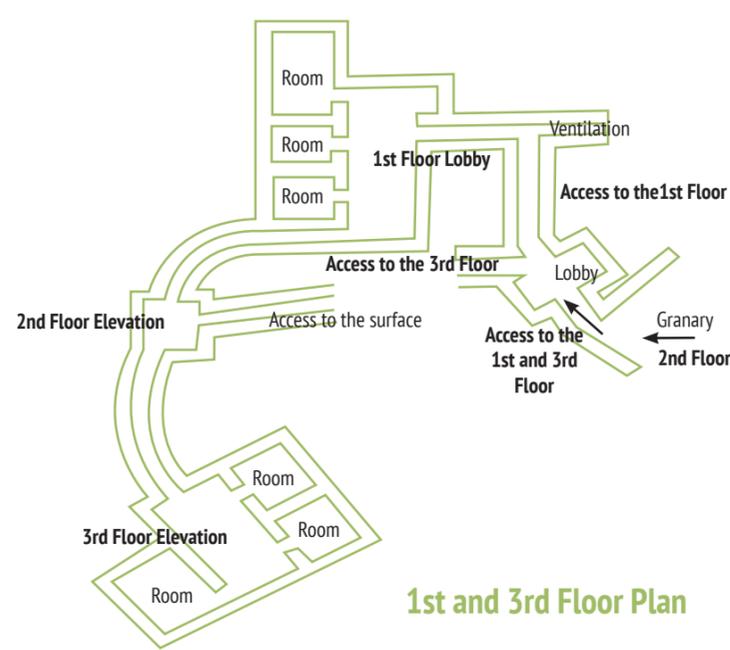
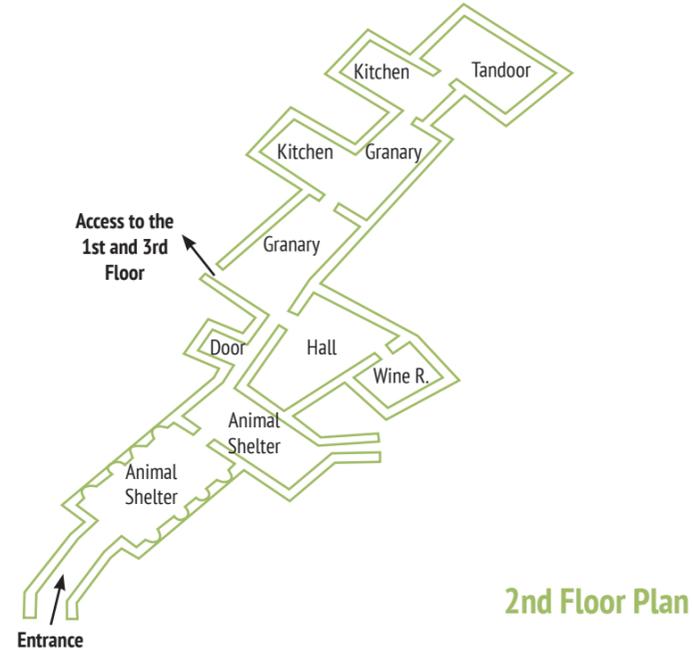


3rd Floor Plan



1st and 3rd Floor Plan



2nd Floor Plan



Visiting Hours		
<b>April 1-October 1</b> Opening Time: 08:30 Closing Time: 19:00 Ticket Office Closing Time: 18:30	<b>October 1-April 1</b> Opening Time: 08:30 Closing Time: 17:00 Ticket Office Closing Time: 16:30	Open everyday.
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# UNDERGROUND CITY OF SARATLI KIRKGÖZ

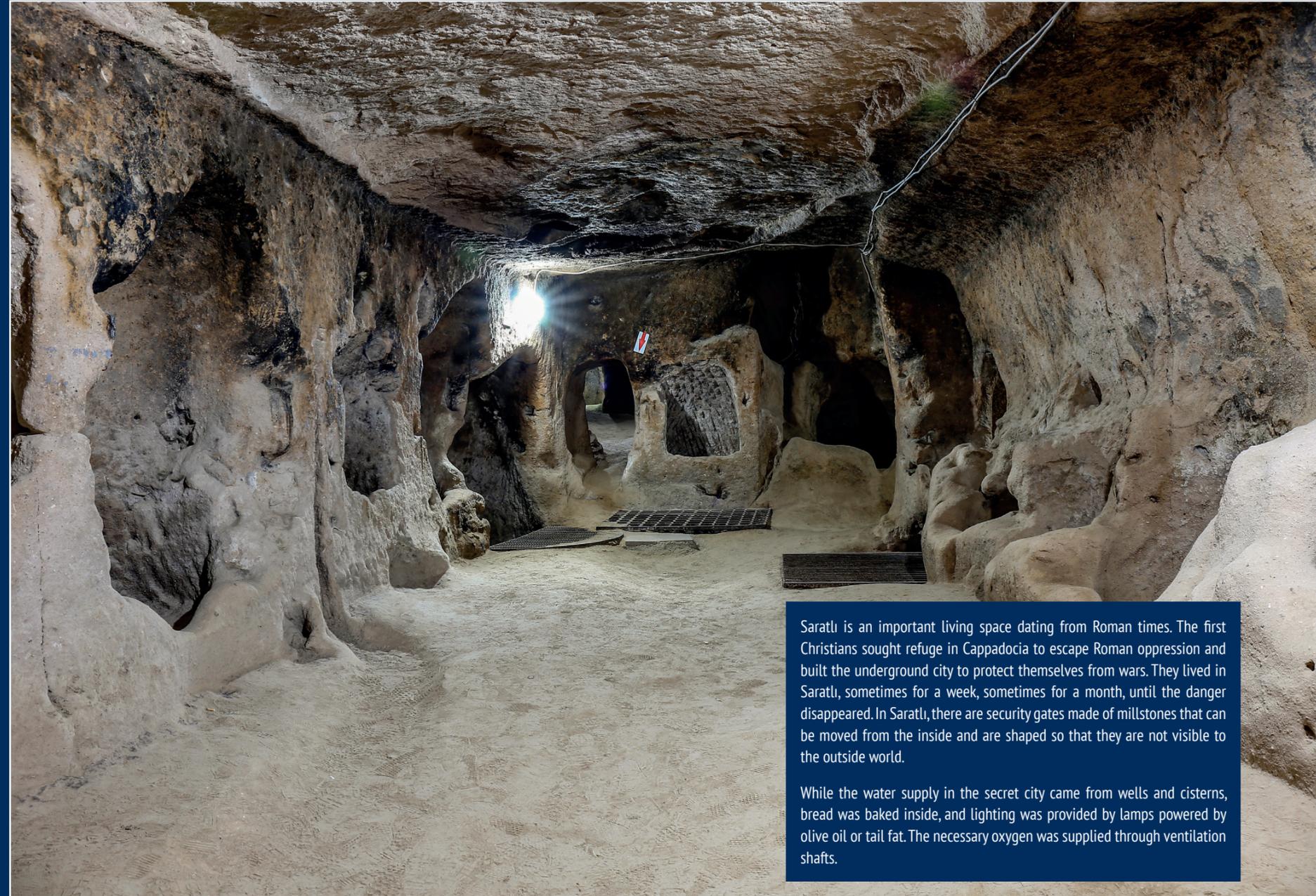
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Saratlı Kırkgöz Underground City, which has become popular in recent years with foreign tourists coming to the Cappadocia region, is located 50 km from Nevşehir and 22 km from Aksaray.

Three floors of Saratlı Kırkgöz Underground City were cleaned and opened up for tourism in 2001. The underground city, which has a toilet, bathroom, cellar, and a total of 40 rooms, has a ventilation system unlike its counterparts in the Cappadocia Region. The underground city is estimated to have 7 floors.

Saratlı Kırkgöz Underground City with its security gates made of millstones that slide inside and are not visible from the outside is attracting more and more attention from tourists coming to Cappadocia.



Saratlı is an important living space dating from Roman times. The first Christians sought refuge in Cappadocia to escape Roman oppression and built the underground city to protect themselves from wars. They lived in Saratlı, sometimes for a week, sometimes for a month, until the danger disappeared. In Saratlı, there are security gates made of millstones that can be moved from the inside and are shaped so that they are not visible to the outside world.

While the water supply in the secret city came from wells and cisterns, bread was baked inside, and lighting was provided by lamps powered by olive oil or tail fat. The necessary oxygen was supplied through ventilation shafts.



When you climb to the 2nd floor with tunnels, there is a water well that reaches a depth of 10 meters. While the ventilation shaft is opened on the water well, there is a tandoor carved into the ground next to the well. In another place in the continuation of this place, there are 3 rooms, while the tunnels leading in different directions from here were left unfinished.

When you pass from the 2nd floor to the 3rd floor, you go down through a sloping tunnel and enter the place where the water well called Kuyulu dam is located.

There is a room to the right of the well and 2 rooms to the left. With its landscaping and lighting, Saratlı Kırkgöz Underground City attracts the attention of tourists because it is located on the Silk Road and at the entrance of Cappadocia, it is easy to visit, it is unspoiled and well protected. Due to the simultaneous arrival of tours in recent years, sometimes the underground city is completely filled with tourists.

For this reason, St. Mercurius, which was opened as a second underground city in Saratlı, attracts the attention of tourists with its different features.

At the entrance of Saratlı Kırkgöz Underground City, there is a place used as a barn with 14 animal feeders. 7 animal feeders were unearthed in the second place that passes from here.