

#### Visiting Hours

**April 1-October 31**  
 Opening Time: 08:30  
 Closing Time: 19:00  
 Ticket Office Closing Time: 18:30

**October 31-April 1**  
 Opening Time: 08:30  
 Closing Time: 17:00  
 Ticket Office Closing Time: 16:30

Open everyday.

**Address:** Kapısuyu Köyü, Samandağ/Hatay

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# ÇEVLIK ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

SWEAT, BLOOD AND TEARS OF A THOUSAND  
 SLAVES SHAPED HISTORY



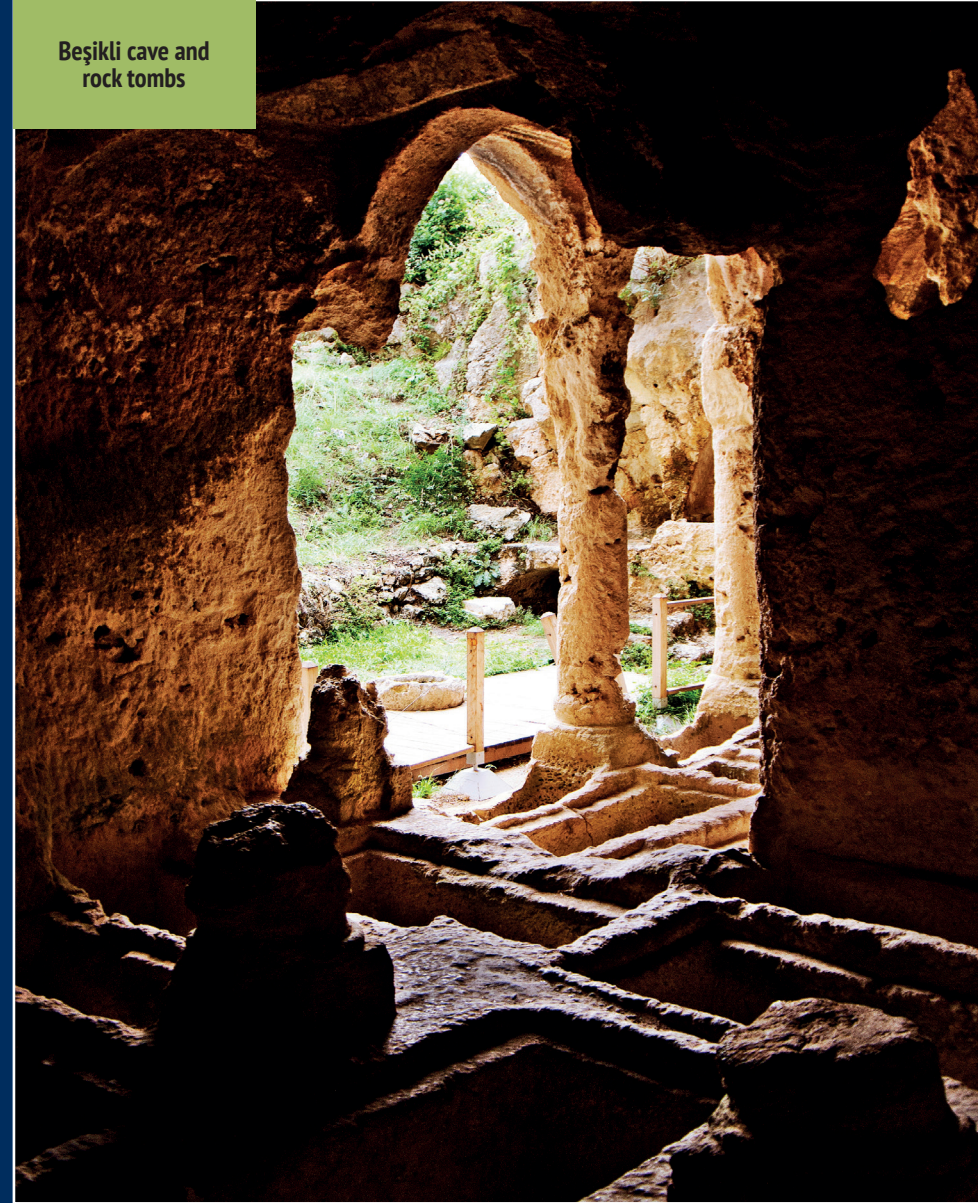
Titus Tunnel



Titus Tunnel, located in Samandağ Township of Hatay Province is an impressive structure with its length and height. The fact that it was constructed with manual labor increases its allure. Construction of the tunnel located just above the sea level had been started during the reign of Roman emperor Vespasianus (1st century CE) and completed during the reign of emperor Titus, his son. The tunnel, which was carved completely inside the bedrock, has a length of 1.380 meters, a height of 7 m, and a width 6 m whose 130 m is covered on top. The purpose of tunnel construction is to divert flood waters, to protect the city from floods and to protect the city port from alluvium coming from the mountains.

It is possible to access the entrance of Çevlik Archaeological Site, located at sea level, by car. The Titus tunnel, Beşikli cave and rock-cut tombs located in the site can be reached using the paths and an enjoyable cultural tour awaits the visitors.

Beşikli cave and rock tombs



The tombs, extending to a vast area as far as 100 km to the east of Titus tunnel, are carved into steep and rocky slopes. The most interesting rock tomb among them is called "Beşikli Cave" (Cradled Cave) by the people.

Beşikli Cave was completely carved into limestone with a pillared entrance and there are 12 tombs inside. There are 2 cists of the same size side by side inside the burial chamber.

