

DOCUMENTATION OF THE ROCK-CUT TOMBS AND THE BURIAL CUSTOMS AROUND OF NEVŞEHİR



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THE AIM OF THE PROJECT

One of the regions where rock-cut tombs, commonly found in many parts of Anatolia, are most densely observed is the Cappadocia Region. However, the tombs in this region are more informative regarding the Hellenistic and Roman periods, during which they were predominantly constructed. On the other hand, as in the case of the tumulus tombs in the region, the lack of research and literature on the region's rock-cut tombs and burial traditions is noteworthy. Based on this point, one of the objectives of the project titled "Documentation of Rock-Cut Tombs and Burial Traditions around Nevşehir" is to contribute to the preservation and sustainability of the region's heritage by increasing the visibility of these overlooked aspects of Cappadocia's cultural heritage and traditions in national and international scientific platforms. Within this scope, the project aims to identify the place of rock-cut tombs detected in Nevşehir and its surroundings both within the region and in interregional contexts, document them through digital archaeology methods, and create models of the best-preserved examples that best reflect the period they represent.



THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROJECT

Although ancient written texts indicate the existence of a vibrant cultural and religious life in the Cappadocia Region during the Hellenistic and Roman periods, the results to be obtained through archaeological research and documentation studies related to these periods will enable the combination of ancient written sources with archaeological data, offering a more comprehensive perspective on these periods.