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It's easy to lose yourself In Istanbul's grandiose history, but modern Istanbul is a simmering metropolis, well worth a visit in its own right. The shopping is world class and the nightlife pulsates around Taksim Square. Even though Istanbul is no longer the capital, it's still the country's business and cultural centre, still the city where new trends are created.



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THE CITY



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Constantinople, the centre of the Byzantine Empire which lasted over a thousand years, later became Istanbul, the capital of the Ottoman Empire for almost 500 years. The city is a mixture of Europe and Asia, a unique urban composition. A stroll around Sultanahmet, inside the city walls, among mosques, museums and the Great Bazaar is a trip through both history and daily life.

Modern Istanbul is on the other side of the Galata Bridge in Beyoglu, around Taksim and the northern suburbs with lots of good restaurants and shopping. Istanbul's Asiatic quarters have avoided much of the tourism and have retained a more humdrum character. Waterways play a central role in the life of the city and boat traffic on the Bosporus, the Golden Horn and the Sea of Marmara is extremely intensive. Along the banks you can find small cafés where you can enjoy a glass of tea and magnificent views over the town.

DO & SEE



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Istanbul is a vibrant city where you can lose yourself in Istanbul's grandiose history. Take a stroll around the city and admire the amazing mosques, museums and the Great Bazaar or why not visit a Turkish bath and get very clean!

Hidden Istanbul



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Turkish Baths

It's said that if you've never tried a Turkish bath then you've never been really clean. The visitor moves through several hot rooms and finally arrives at the massage table for a real going over. Men and women bathe separately, exceptions are made at certain times for tourists. Here is one recommended bathhouse:



Çemberlitas Hamam. Situated near the Bazaar, this is the oldest hamam in town and was reputedly built by the master architect Sinan.

Address: Vezirhan Cad. No: 8, Çemberlitaş

Phone: +90 212 522 79 74

Internet: www.cemberlitashamami.com.tr

Topkapi Palace

The palace of the sultans with its many courtyards and gates is more reminiscent of a fossilised camp than a palace, there are several special museums in the area. The Treasure Chamber, where the famous dagger and Spoonmaker diamond are the real rarities of the collection, and the harem, where the sultan's wives and children lived, is not included in the ticket price to the palace.

Address: Babihümayun Cad., Sultanahmet

Phone: +90 212 512 04 80

Aya Sofya

Aya Sofya is a remarkable mixture of Christianity and Islam, a church with minarets and a mosque with pictures of the Virgin Mary. The building is one of the wonders of world architecture which was only surpassed after a thousand years by St. Peter's church in the 16th-century.

Address: Ayasofya Meydani, Sultanahmet

Phone: +90 212 522 17 50

Sultanahmet Or The Blue Mosque

Built at the beginning of the 16th-century, this is the only mosque in Istanbul with six minarets. The building was given its name by the 20.000 blue Iznik tiles used in its construction.

Address: Hippodromen, Sultanahmet

Phone: +90 212 518 13 19

Süleymaniye

Süleymaniye is the largest mosque dating from 1557 and also contains the mausoleum of sultan Süleyman and his wife Roxelane. The master architect Sinan built many of

Istanbul's mosques during the 1500s and is buried next to the mosque.

Address: Prof Siddik Sami Onar Cad. Sultanahmet

Phone: +90 212 514 01 39

Chora Monastery / Kariye Camii

The Monastery was founded in the 5th century and contains wonderfully beautiful frescos and mosaics dating from 1000-1300 representing the Virgin Mary and the life of Jesus

Address: Kariye Camii Sok. Edirnekapi

Phone: +90 212 631 92 41

Great Bazaar

The Great bazaar attracts many people – far too many if you come at rush hour. It's a good idea to arrive early in the morning and enjoy a cup of tea in one of the cafés whilst the bazaar comes to life. There are thousands of stalls, selling virtually everything, carpets, gold, cloth, spices. The bazaar is a world of its own and it's easy, but fun, to get lost in the teeming alleyways.

Address: Carsikapi Cad. Beyasit, Sultanahmet

Boat trips

Boats travel along the shores of the Bosporus from Eminönü, they chug quietly under the bridges that connect Europe and Asia. One hour away is Anadolukavagi, a little Asian fishing village with lots of pleasant restaurants.

You can travel to the largest of the Prince Islands with a Seabus, departing from Kabatas below the Dolmabahçe Palace. If you want to visit more of these islands, you can take the ordinary boat from Eminönü.

Address: Eminönü

Sakip Sabanci Museum

A private mansion turned into a museum, a place where you can admire works from Turkish artists created between 1850 and 1950. There are also excellent



collection of calligraphy and its history, classical Turkish furniture and a nice garden. The museum is beautifully located on a hilltop, overlooking the Bosphorus.

Address: Sakıp Sabancı Cad. No:42, Emirgan 34467, İstanbul

Phone: +90 212 277 22 00

Internet: http://muze.sabanciuniv.edu/anasayfa

Istanbul Modern Museum

This is the first private museum to organize modern and contemporary art exhibitions in the city. It was founded in 2004 and is located in an old warehouse by the harbour. Istanbul Modern Museum offers two main exhibition halls; the museum's permanent collection is displayed on the upper floor and the temporary exhibition hall and photography gallery on the lower floor.

Address: Meclis-i Mebusan Caddesi, Liman Isletmeleri Sahasi Antrepo No:

4, 34433 Karaköy, Istanbul Phone: +90 212 334 7300 Internet: www.istanbulmodern.org

Hodjapasha Cultural Centre

For best local authentic events, head over to this Cultural Centre, housed in a old historical Turkish bath (over 500 years). It has two sections, first is an exhibition and foyer area, the other section is the performance area. This is a great place to enjoy belly dancing and other traditional dance performances with live music.

Address: Hoca Pasa Mh. Hocapasa Hamami Sokak 3, Sirkeci, Istanbul 34412

Phone: +90 212 511 46 26 Internet: www.hodjapasha.com

Emirgan Park

Emirgan Park is one of the oldest and largest parks in Istanbul. There are several playgrounds for children, trails for hiking and picnic tables. Every April there is a Tulip Festival, a period when the park is surrounded by blossomed tulips.

Address: Emirgan Korusu Emirgan, Sariyer, Istanbul

Eminonu Pier

Eminonu Pier is a busy place but reflects the true Istanbul. This is a great place to take a stroll by the sea and see locals fishing every day. There are also plenty of fish restaurants that offers the traditional fish sandwiches. Eminonu Pier has the real Turkish atmosphere and claimed to be the heart of Old Istanbul.

Address: Eminonu Pier

Istanbul Aquarium

This is a well organised aquarium with species from all over the world and is a great family attraction as well as a popular tourist sight. It offers approximately 1.500 species, 15.000 land and sea creatures in total. When you are feeling hungry or thirsty you will find a café inside.

Address: Şenlikköy Mahallesi, Yeşilköy Halkalı Cad. No:93, Florya-İstanbul

Phone: +90 212 574 2135

Internet: www.istanbulakvaryum.com

Rahmi M. Koc Museum

The first museum in Turkey dedicated to the history of transport. The collection contains of full size ships, aircrafts, trains and cars. This is a great place to explore and learn something new, both for children and adults.

Address: Hasköy Cad. No: 5, Hasköy 34445, Istanbul

Phone: +90 212 369 66 00 Internet: www.rmk-museum.org



DINING



Photo: John Picken

A meal often begins with meze—a number of small dishes such as aubergine purée, börek, various salads and cheese. Filling vegetables such as tomatoes, paprika, aubergines and zucchini with rice and minced meat is typically Turkish (dolmasi). There are special restaurants that only serve kebab or köfte, meatballs, look for Kebabci or Köfteci. Simpler restaurants are called Lokanta.

Pandeli

This is a lunch restaurant on the first floor of the Spice Bazaar, decorated with blue Iznik tiles. Serves traditional Turkish food with some Greek dishes.

Address: Misir Carsisi 1, Eminönü Phone: +90 212 527 39 09 Internet: www.pandeli.com.tr

Yakub 2

Yakub 2 is situated on a side street to Istiklâl Cad. The owner, Yakub Arslan, serves traditional meze to bohemian regulars and cultural celebrities.

Address: Asmali Mescit Cad. 35-37 Beyoglu Phone: +90 212 249 29 25

Kumkapi

Kumkapi means "sand gate" in Turkish and is a district near Sultanahmet, located along the Marmara Sea. This is a quarter famous for its many good fish restaurants.

Address: Kumkapi, Sultanahmet Internet: www.kumkapirestaurants.com

Galatasaray Fish Market and Çicek Pasaji

Halfway through the market runs the Nevizade, a lane with a string of good value Meyhanes—traditional taverns. The flower thoroughfare next to the market is a reconstructed restaurant street, but it's a little more expensive.

Address: Istiklâl Caddesi More Info: Nevizade, Beyoglu

Four Seasons

The luxurious Four Seasons hotel is a converted prison from around year 1800 near the Topkapi Palace. The restaurant is in a round outbuilding on what was once the prison yard, and here you can eat like a prince.

Address: Tevfikhane Sokak 1, Sultanahmet

Phone: +90 212 402 31 50

Internet: www.fourseasons.com/istanbul/dining.html

Imbat Restaurant

Enjoy Aegean and Mediterranean cuisine and at the same time admire the splendid views of Istanbul from the terrace. The chefs only use the finest and daily fresh products to get that perfect taste. Vegetarian and non-allergenic menus are available on request.

Address: Hudavendigar Street No: 34, 34210 Sirkeci, Istanbul

Phone: +90 212 520 71 91 Internet: www.imbatrestaurant.com

Ozi Pizza & Pasta

This Italian restaurant opened its doors in 2004 and serves pizza and pasta. Ozi Pizza & Pasta is a small charming restaurant with a friendly owner. On the menu you will find tasty pizza dishes like barbeque lamb, seafood and Margarita.

Address: Binbirdirek Mah. Su Terazisi Sk. No:15 Sultanahmet, Fatih

Phone: +90 212 516 44 47 Internet: www.ozipizzapasta.com

More Info: Across from Fernan Sultan Hotel

Barbecue House

Barbecue House is a hidden gem, located just minutes



from the Blue Mosque. This is the place where you can enjoy quality Turkish food at affordable prices in a warm and cost atmosphere. You can also expect excellent service from the smiling staff.

Address: Yerebatan Caddesi No:33, 34400 Sultanahmet, Istanbul

Phone: +90 212 511 03 61 Internet: www.barbecuehouse.net

Swaad

For authentic Indian food, head over to restaurant Swaad. Here you can have both lunch and dinner. This three floor restaurant is ideally located close to tourist attractions.

Address: Binbirdirek Mah. Peykhane Cad. No:9 Çemberlitas Fatih

Phone: +90 212 518 71 10 Internet: www.swaad.com.tr

House of Medusa

The restaurant is named after the goddess Medusa and is located in an old building that used to be a mansion before it restored into a restaurant. This charming restaurant provides a lovely courtyard where you can appreciate delicious Turkish specialties.

Address: Yerebatan Caddesi No: 9, Sultanahmet

Phone: +90 212 511 41 16

Internet: www.medusarestaurant.com

Eleos

Eleos is a warm and welcoming Greek restaurant which can be hard to find but it will be well worth the effort. The small menu changes daily, depending on the catch of the day. With your fresh food enjoy a glass of excellent wine, the house wine is recommended.

Address: Umraniye Mah. Yesilbahce sok. no: 9 Yesilkoy

Phone: +90 212 663 39 11 Internet: www.eleosrestaurant.com

Nostra Casa

This hidden delight is tucked away in the old town near the Sofia mosque and offers great views over the city from the roof terrace. The friendly owner serves delicious Italian dishes and fine wines. For dessert, the tiramisu is highly recommended.

Address: Küçük Ayasofya Cd 54/3, Küçük Ayasofya Mh., 34122 Istanbul

Phone: +90 212 517 58 19

Internet: www.nostracasaistanbul.com

Kayikci Restaurant

Seafood and Turkish food can be enjoyed at restaurant Kayikci, on the menu you will find plenty of delicious mezes as well as fresh fish. The drink menu includes a wide selection of Turkish wines, beers and soft drinks.

Address: Divanyolu Cad. Ticarethane Sok. No. 35, Istanbul 34400

Phone: +90 212 519 12 17

Internet: www.kayikcirestaurant.com

Topaz Restaurant

For fine dining, head over to this award-winning restaurant that boasts a breathtaking view of the Bosphorus. At this restaurant you can enjoy exquisite gourmet cooking in a Mediterranean and Ottoman style.

Address: İnönü Caddesi, Ömer Avni Mahallesi No.50, Gümüşsuyu

Phone: +90 212 249 10 01 Internet: www.topazistanbul.com

Beyti Restaurant

Beyti Restaurant is a unique Turkish meat restaurant and admired not only in the country but all over the world. The friendly owner Mr. Beyti comes to every table every evening to wish you "bon appetite". The dish called "Beyti Kebap" is highly recommended.

Address: Orman Sok. No:8, Florya Phone: +90 212 663 29 90

Internet: www.beyti.com



CAFES



Photo: Hussein Alazaat

Coffee has played an important role in Turkish lifestyle and culture so there is no wonder that Istanbul offers many old and new cafés. Why not try a cup of traditional Turkish coffee or tea which is served in a tiny gracious cup?

Patisseri Pera

Time has stood still here since 1892 and you almost expect Mata Hari to sit down at the next table to enjoy one of the delicious pastries. Patisseri Pera is located inside Pera Palace Hotel

Address: Mesrutiyet Cad. 98, Tebebasi, Beyoglu

Phone: +90 212 377 40 00 Internet: www.perapalace.com More Info: Pera Palace Hotel

Pierre Loti Kahves

This café is rightfully renowned for its fantastic view over the Golden Horn, a great place to enjoy a cup of traditional Turkish Tea on the terrace garden. It is extremely popular with Turkish families and tourists.

Address: Piyerloti Cd. No: 1 Sultanahmet, 34400 Cemberlitas, Istanbul

Phone: +90 212 518 57 00 Internet: www.pierrelotihotel.com More Info: Pierreloti Hotel

Mesale Restaurant

A local hotspot with great service and a vibrant atmosphere, stop by for some tea and shisha. The café serves cocktails, but nothing with alcohol, although the smoking of hookhas is frequent.

Address: Prof.Bulent Tarcan Sk.6/1 Mecidiyekoy

Phone: +90 212 272 01 61

Café Smyrna

A homey atmosphere with helpful staff, good food and soft lightling, these are the things awaiting you at Café Smyrna. A great place to relax and wind down while sipping a cup of turkish coffee.

Address: Akarsu Caddesi, No. 29, Cihangir

Phone: +90 212 244 24 66

Mangerie

This is the perfect place to go for breakfast or brunch.

Mangerie offers a nice ambience with a magnificent view of the water and street below. The staff also prepares fresh juices and cocktails.

Address: Bebek Mh., Cevdet Paşa Caddesi 69

Phone: +90 212 263 5199 Internet: www.mangeriebebek.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Photo: Jimmy Baikovicius

The really trendy places are outside the city centre, in Etiler, Levent and Örtaköy, but there's also plenty to do around Taksim.

Orient Express Bar

A nostalgic must where kings, spies, writers and film stars have all taken a drink. Don't forget to see Agatha Christie's room 411, which is now a museum.

Address: 34 Hüdavendigar Caddesi, Hocapaşa



Phone: +90 212 520 71 61

Internet: www.orientexpresshotel.com

Reina

Reina has become a well known and highly appreciated party venue, for locals as well as tourists. It opened in 2002 and has been seen frequently in the media, thanks to celebrity guests.

Address: Muallim Naci Cad. 44

Phone: +90 212 259 59 19 / +90 212 259 59 21

Internet: www.reina.com.tr

Hodjapasha

Hodjapasha is a Culture Center located in a former Turkish bath. These days you can come here an evening for inspiring music and dance shows. Here you can see solo oriental dances as well as group performances and dances from different regions of Anatolia.

Address: Ankara Caddesi, Hocapaşa Hamam Sok 3 Phone: +90 212 511 46 26 / +90 212 511 46 36

Internet: www.hodjapasha.com

Galata Tower

On the upper floors of this nine-story tower is a nightclub which hosts Turkish shows like belly dancing. The medieval stone tower is located just to the north of the Golden Horn and is an important landmark in Istanbul.

Address: Bostancı Mh. Özlem Sk 15 Phone: +90 212 293 81 80 Internet: www.galatatower.net

Roxy

Roxy is another reliable address that has kept its position over the years with performances by national and international stars. This is a crowded place with a great dance floor.

Address: Siraselviler Cad. Aslanyatagi Sok. No:1-3 Taksim

Phone: +90 212 249 12 83 Internet: www.roxy.com.tr

SHOPPING



Photo: Christopher

Formerly, the various guilds had their own special areas in the Great Bazaar, Kapali Çarsi, now it's mostly leather, carpets and gold. The Bazaar has over 5.000 shops and haggling is essential.

The Spice Bazaar is at the base of the Galata Bridge in Eminönü, and is also called the Egyptian bazaar because the imported spices came from Egypt. In the lanes around the bazaar you can buy cheese, honey and sausage.

Istiklâl Caddesi is a fashionable old street in the Pera district, now called Beyoglu. Much of the better shopping has moved to the suburb of Etiler, but some good shops still remain.

As well as being an old cinema, Atlas Han, Istiklâl Cad. 209, is also a shopping arcade with antique shops. Another fine street in Istanbul is Vali Konagi Caddesi in the Nisantasi district behind the Hilton Hotel, with many brand name shops.

A good shopping district is the long Bagdat Caddesi on the Asiatic side. There are many trendy brand name shops here and prices are sometimes lower than in town because few tourists find this area.

On the way to the airport next to the Sea of Marmara lies Galleria, a large shopping centre. Another modern bazaar is Akmerkez in Etlier/Levent. There are 241 shops and



restaurants on four floors. Take the Metro from Taksim.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Photo: Armada Hotel İstanbul

Istanbul is a city offering plenty of accommodation options, from budget hotel to 5-star hotel. There are basically two choices where to stay, south or north of the Golden Horn. It is on the South where you can find most of the budget and boutique hotels but also some upmarket hotels. In the North of the Golden Horn is the business and entertainment district, this is where you find most of the mid-range and high-class hotels.

Pera Palace Hotel

Pera Palace hotel, built in 1892, is an antique gem. Built for passengers on the Orient Express, numerous heads of state, authors and artists have stayed here. The décor is old-fashioned and oriental, far removed from modern trends. The lift is an experience in itself.

Address: Tepebaşı Çamlık Sokak No:52, 34430 İstanbul

Phone: +90 212 377 40 00 Internet: www.perapalace.com

Hotel Richmond

A centrally situated hotel, close to both Taksim and Tünel. Good café on the ground floor and occasional belly-dancing in the restaurant. Standard rooms are comfortable, but not very large.

Address: Istiklâl Cad. 227 Tunel Taksim, Beyoglu

Phone: +90 212 252 54 60 Internet: www.richmondint.com.tr

Ayasofya Pansiyonlari

A completely unique environment immediately behind Aya Sofya. The wooden houses from the 19th-century have been lovingly renovated and the rooms have a delicate, old-world charm.

Address: Sogukcesme Street 34400, Sultanahmet

Phone: +90 212 513 36 60

Internet: www.ayasofyakonaklari.com

Hotel Poem

Two old wooden houses with a garden, near Aya Sofya, where all the rooms are named after poets. Some rooms have views over the Bosporus.

Address: Terbiyik Sokak No:12, Sultanahmet 34400 İstanbul

Phone: +90 212 638 97 44 Internet: www.hotelpoem.com

Hotel Hippodrome

Hotel Hippodrome is a pink, three-storey building with a terrace overlooking the Blue Mosque. Traditional interior with lots of genuine oriental carpets. Rooms are decorated in warm colours.

Address: Mimar Mehmetaga Cad. 38, Sultanahmet

Phone: +90 212 517 68 89

Internet: www.hippodromehotel.com

Ararat

Ararat is a small boutique hotel located close to the Blue Mosque. All rooms are individually decorated in the Byzantine style by the Greek artist Nikos Papadakis.

Address: Torun Sok. 3, 34400 Sultanahmet, İstanbul

Phone: +90 212 516 04 11 Internet: www.ararathotel.com

Ciragan Palace Kempinski

This is truly an amazing 5-star hotel which is located in a 19th-century Ottoman palace. It features great hotel facilities like a swimming pool with amazing views over the sea and a spa-wellness centre where you can unwind and enjoy your holiday. The rooms include luxury bedding,



floor-to-ceiling windows and free Wi-Fi.

Address: Ciragan Caddesi 32, 34349 Istanbul

Phone: +90 212 326 46 46 Internet: www.kempinski.com

Maya Hotel

Maya Hotel is a three-star hotel and is located in the heart of the historical district, close to shopping and tourist attractions. It provides 50 rooms with private bathrooms, free Wi-Fi and 24-hour room service is available. Every morning a fresh buffet breakfast is served at the hotel restaurant.

Address: Fevziye St. No: 5 Sehzadebasi

Phone: +90 212 511 33 33 Internet: www.mayahotel.com

Kadikoy Zumrut Hotel

When staying at this two-star hotel you will meet friendly staff who will take good care of you. It provides 26 rooms and 4 of them are family rooms and 1 is a suite. All rooms are soundproofed with a flat-screen Tv and free Wi-Fi.

Address: Rihtim Caddesi Reşitefendi Sokak No:5, Kadikoy, 34714 Istanbul

Phone: +90 216 450 04 54 Internet: www.kadikoyzumrutotel.com

Cafe Halic & Guesthouse

This cosy guest house is located in the heart of historical Sultanahmet area, only five minutes' walk from Spice Bazaar. It only provides five beautifully decorated rooms with modern style and with air-condition. The hotel's popular restaurant is called Cafe Halic and offers tasty dishes for lunch and dinner.

Address: Demirtas Mah.Ayranci Sok.No:9 Suleymaniye, Old City

Sultanahmet, 34116 Istanbul Phone: +90 212 528 10 25 Internet: www.cafehalic.com

The Marmara Pera

Have a relaxing stay at this four-star hotel and enjoy hotel facilities like the rooftop pool and terrace which are

overlooking Istanbul. All rooms feature luxury amenities and designed with your comfort in mind.

Address: Mesrutiyet Caddesi Tepebasi, 34430 Istanbul

Phone: +90 212 334 03 00

Internet: http://pera.themarmarahotels.com

Hush Hostel Moda

For budget alternative, head over to this hostel which is located in the heart of Kadikoy district. Hush Hostel Moda offers 24-hour reception, free Wi-Fi, free buffet breakfast and a nice rooftop terrace; all to make sure you will have a comfortable stay.

Address: Caferaga Mah. Gunesli Bahce Sok. 50/B Kadıkoy, Kadikoy,

34710 Istanbul

Phone: +90 216 330 11 22 Internet: www.hushhostels.com

Q Inn Hotel

This three-star hotel provides spacious rooms with elegant colors and modern furnitures. Each room is fully air-conditioned and offers free Wi-Fi. Every morning the breakfast is served on the terrace which provides amazing views.

Address: Koska Cad. No. 30 Laleli Fatih

Phone: +90 212 638 20 00 Internet: www.ginnhotel.com

Galata Flats

Galata Flats is a luxury apartment style hotel, offering real apartments with living rooms, full equipped kitchens and bathrooms and dining tables. It comes with modern furnitures and free Wi-Fi. The hotel is set in a beautiful old restored building and located in the very heart of Istanbul.

Address: Mesrutiyet Caddesi No:84 Beyoglu, 34433 Istanbul

Phone: +90 212 244 26 76 Internet: www.galataflats.com

Ramada Hotel & Suites Istanbul - Atakoy

For a luxurious stay, head over to this contemporary five-star hotel which is located close to Ataturk Airport and



Atakoy Marina. This is an ideal place where you can relax and enjoy great facilities like spa, fitness centre and a restaurant.

Address: Zubeyde Hanim Cad. No:10 Atakoy 1.Kisim Bakırkoy, 34158

Istanbul

Phone: +90 212 444 93 34 Internet: www.ramada.com

EVENTS



Events from Nickes.Com

Galatasaray - Novi Zagreb

Basket - Euroleague - Women - Group C: 1/22/2014

Address: Istanbul, Abeli Ipekti Stade

Internet: http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=678979

Istanbul BBSK - Ankaraspor

Turkiet - Lig A: 1/25/2014

Address: Istanbul, bayrampasa Cetin Elmec

Internet: http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=697841

Galatasaray - Antakya Belediyesi

Basket - Turkiet - TBBL Women: 1/25/2014

Address: Istanbul, Abeli Ipekti Stade

Internet: http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid = 721866

Istanbulspor - Menemen Bld.

Turkiet - 3. Ligi - Group 3: 1/26/2014

Address: Istanbul, Güngören Belediye

Internet: http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=712448

Galatasaray - Anadolu Efes

Basket - Turkiet: 1/26/2014

Address: Istanbul, Abeli Ipekti Stade

Internet: http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=720668

Fenerbahçe Ülker - Mersin BSB

Basket - Turkiet: 1/26/2014

Address: Istanbul, Haldus Alagas

Internet: http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=720669

Fenerbahçe - Konyaspor

Turkiet - SüperLig: 1/27/2014

Address: Istanbul, Sukru Saracoglu

Internet: http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=688476

Fenerbahce - TS Wisla Can Pack Krakow

Basket - Euroleague - Women - Group B: 1/29/2014

Address: Istanbul, Haldus Alagas

Internet: http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=678936

Besiktas - Kayseri Erciyesspor

Turkiet - SüperLig: 1/31/2014

Address: Istanbul, Besiktas Inönü

Internet: http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=688484

Fenerbahçe - Besiktas

Basket - Turkiet - TBBL Women: 2/1/2014

Address: Istanbul, Haldus Alagas

Internet: http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=721869

Anadolu Efes - Fenerbahçe Ülker

Basket - Turkiet: 2/1/2014

Address: Istanbul, Abeli Ipekti Stade

Internet: http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=720681

Besiktas - Galatasaray

Basket - Turkiet: 2/1/2014

Address: Istanbul, BJK Aktar Sport

Internet: http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=720677



Pendikspor - Gaziosmanpasa

Turkiet - 2. Ligi - Group 1: 2/2/2014

Address: Istanbul, Pendik Stadi

Internet: http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=713630

Istanbulspor - 1930 Bafraspor

Turkiet - 3. Ligi - Group 3: 2/2/2014

Address: Istanbul, Güngören Belediye Internet: http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=712457

Galatasaray - Bursaspor

Turkiet - SüperLig: 2/2/2014

Address: Istanbul, Türk Telekom Arena Internet: http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=688482

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Airport

The international airport, Atatürk Hava Limani, lies near the Sea of Marmara, around 25 km from the city centre.

Buses run to Taksim Square every 30 minutes, journey time 45 min. The simplest and quickest journey is by Metro to Aksaray and takes around 35 minutes.

+90 212 465 55 55 www.ataturkairport.com

Istanbul's other airport, Sabiha Gökçen, is on the Asiatic side and is used mostly by domestic flights and some smaller airlines. There is no direct transport between the airports - change at Taksim.

+90 216 585 50 00 www.sgairport.com

Public Transport

There is one public and one private bus network, IETT and Halk Otobus, respectively. The underground, Tünel, runs from Karaköy till Istiklâl Cad. in Beyoglu and takes a few minutes. There is also a museum tram up toward Taksim Square.

Another tram route goes from Kabatas via Galata bridge and the Spice Bazaar to the south-western suburbs. The Metro goes from Taksim north to Levent and from Aksaray to Otogar in Esenler, where buses depart for other parts of Turkey and Europe and to the airport.

Dolmuses are minibuses or large taxis that depart when they are full, and stop where you want them to. They are the cheapest form of transport.

Ferries between Europe and Asia leave from Eminönü, Karaköy and Besiktas to Üsküdar, Kadiköy and Harem.

Akbil is a type of payment card that can be loaded with various sums and used on buses, boats and trams. Can be bought at major junctions.

Taxi

Taxis are yellow in the inner city and lilac in the suburbs.



There are numerous taxi companies. Different hotels work with different companies and can book your transport to the airport. It's best to hail a taxi on the street, or go to a taxi rank and ask for a business card. If you're satisfied with the company, keep on using it.

Post

The main post office is on Yeni Posthane Cad., near the railway station Sirkeçi. Other PTT-offices are on Taksim Square and Istiklâl Cad. Open 09.00-17.00 Closed Sundays.

Pharmacy

Pharmacy is called Eczanesi in Turkish. In the window of the pharmacy there is the address and telephone number of the current duty pharmacy. You can also call 111.

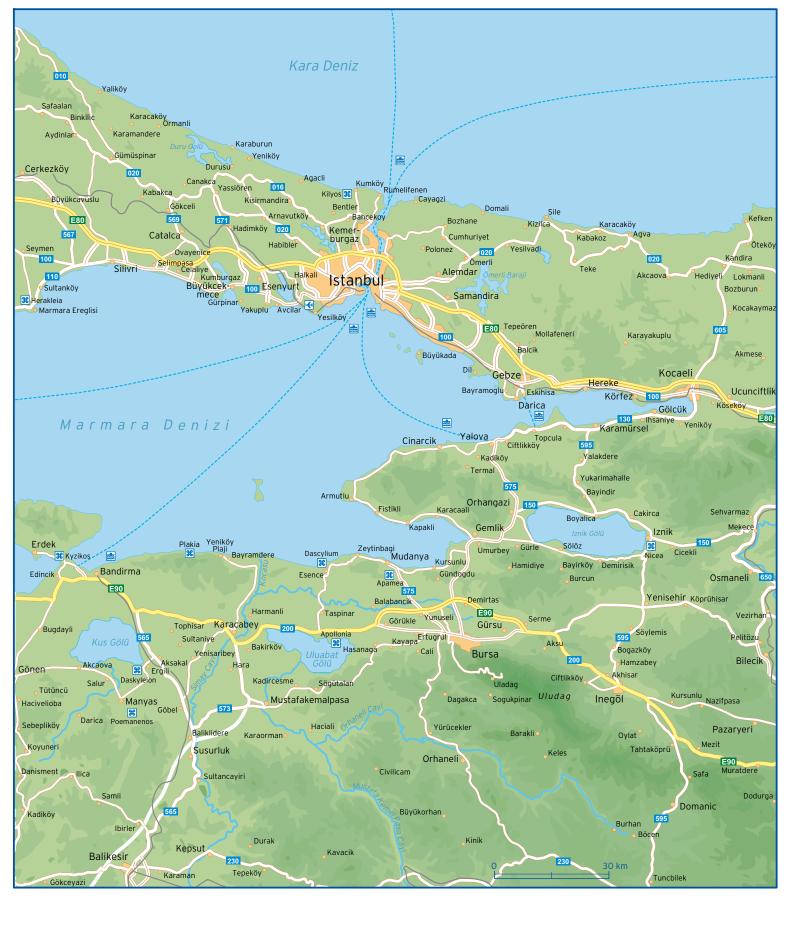
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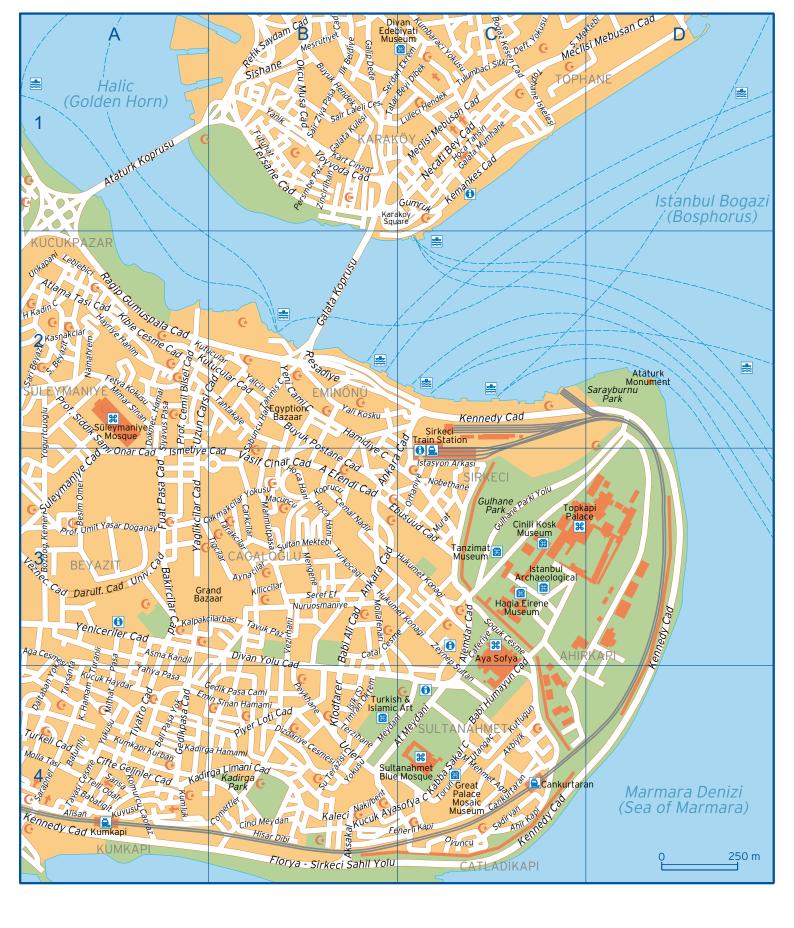
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