

25/25 Istanbul Turkey

Doing business in Turkey can be fraught with misunderstandings and bureaucracy but it's a burgeoning destination that is becoming an important hub for East/West deals. Istanbul also remains the imperial capital built on Seven Hills – that means pack a sturdy pair of trainers. Traverse the old city within the ruined walls built by the Romans. At night, treat yourself to a cold Efes beer in the Tünel neighbourhood of Beyoğlu.

Essentials

- 01 Ask a local to tell you the story of where the country got its name.
- 02 On each weekday a different neighbourhood features its fresh produce in the open markets.
- 03 Take a ferry ride to the Asian side with a brief stop at the breathtaking Haydarpaşa station, then on to Kadıköy.
- 04 Walk on the Ottoman city walls at the Yedikule Fortress Museum.
- 05 Take a cooking course at the Istanbul Culinary Institute.

Guide/Info

Hotels

Independent and easy

Istanbul Suites
Harbiye Çayırı Sokak 111,
Harbiye
+ 90 212 224 53 10
istanbulsuites.com

Dependable chain

Park Hyatt – Maçka Palas
Tevsikiye, Bronz Sokak 4
Sisli
+ 90 212 315 12 34
istanbul.park.hyatt.com

Premium

Sumahan
Kuleli Caddesi,
51, Çengelköy
+ 90 216 422 80 00
sumahan.com

Dining

Fast breakfast

Namli Gurme
Katli Otopark Altı
1, Karaköy
+ 90 212 293 68 80

Business breakfast

Happily Ever After
Cevdetpaşa Caddesi 24/A,
Bebek
+ 90 212 263 41 38

Mid-morning coffee

Hotel Empress Zoe Schwarzenbach
Akbiyik Caddesi
4/1 Sultanahmet
+ 90 212 518 25 04
emzoe.com

Working lunch with colleagues

Dükkan
Fatih Sultan Mehmet
Mahallesi v/
Atatürk Cad
6 Küçükarmutlu
+ 90 212 277 88 60
dukkaniistanbul.com

Lunch on your own

Kantin
Akkavak Sokak 16/2
Nisantasi
+ 90 212 219 31 14
kantin.biz

Afternoon tea

Leb-i-derya
Kumbaracı Yokusu 57/6,
Tünel
+ 90 212 293 49 89
lebiderya.com

Private dinner

Vogue
Spor Caddesi,
BJK Plaza, A Block,
13F Akaretler, Beşiktaş
+ 90 212 227 44 04

Dinner with colleagues

Asmalı Cavit
Asmalimescit Caddesi
16/D, Asmalimescit
+ 90 212 292 49 50

Big dinner with partners/clients:

Sunset Grill & Bar
Adnan Saygun Caddesi,
Yol Sokak 2, Ulus Parki
+ 90 212 287 03 57
sunsetgrillbar.com

Drink after dinner

Lucca
Cevdetpaşa Caddesi 51/B
Bebek
+ 90 212 257 12 55
luccastyle.com

On the tiles

Hotel Les Ottomans 29
Adnan Saygun Cad, Ulus
Parki İçı 1, Ulus
+ 90 212 358 29 29

Reading

Newsstand

Robinson Crusoe Kitabevi
İstiklal Caddesi
389 Taksim
+ 90 212 293 69 68
rob389.com

Thank yous

Turkish Sweets

Ali Muhiddin Hacı Bekir
Hamidiye Caddesi 83,
Eminönü
+ 90 212 522 85 43

Shopping

Something you can't get anywhere else

Hand-printed fabrics from Sivaslı Yazmacı
Yağlıkçılar Caddesi 57,
The Covered Bazaar
+ 90 212 526 77 48

Lost luggage – where to buy shirts, socks and underwear

YKM Cevahir
Cevahir Alisveris Merkezi
Büyükdere Caddesi 22,
Sisli
+ 90 212 380 03 42
ykmnden.com

Something for the kids

Custom-drawn cartoons from Yalvaç Abi Kitabevi
Kanyon
AlisverisVM
Kat: B2 Levent
+ 90 212 353 07 98

Something for someone you love

Jewellery by Özlem Tuna Design Zone
Alibaba Türbe Sokak 21/4,
Nuruosmaniye
+ 90 212 527 92 85

Two-hour tour

- 01 **The Hagia Sophia, Sultanahmet (“Blue”) Mosque, Covered Bazaar, and Yerebatan Cistern**
The Covered Bazaar is closed on Sundays and the others are closed on Mondays, so plan accordingly.
- 02 **Head for one of the Princes' islands**
to escape from the traffic, as these are car-free isles.
- 03 **Climb the fortress ramparts at Rumeli Hisari.**
- 04 **Take in an exhibition at the Sakip Sabancı Museum** (Muzedeçanga café for lunch).
Sakip Sabancı addesi 22, Emirgan
+ 90 212 323 09 01
muze.sabanciuniv.edu/changa-istanbul.com

Limousine/car

Travelium
+ 90 212 240 88 20
travelium.com.tr

Transport

Get AKBİL – an all-access pass for every mode of public transport in the city (there is an AKBİL kiosk in Taksim Square).

Fitness

Good gym

Mars Athletic Club
Harbiye Kadırgalar
3, GMall, Maçka
+ 90 212 232 44 40
marsathletic.com



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