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WELCOME | Editor's Letter

Happy Valentine's Day!

There's a lot to do in İstanbul this month! Music lovers can choose among top performers such as opera singer Andrea Bocelli and passionate flamenco singer Concho Buika, as well as classical ensembles the Polish Chamber Orchestra and Bursan Philharmonic orchestra. The children are sure to have a wonderful time at a performance of Snow White And The Seven Dwarves, and the Cuban Circus (p. 20). This month's line up of art exhibitions will keep even the most ardent art fan busy. Salt Galata hosts a collection of calligraphy, music and photographs from the Ottoman and Republican periods, while Gallery Selvin's exhibition of paintings illustrating 2,000 years of İstanbul's culture will help you grasp something of the city's history and art. This month's issue of Where İstanbul also includes an interview with the chef at Hilton İstanbul's popular restaurant Al Bushra (p. 8); Korhan Başaran of Akbank Sanat – host of the show *İkilişkiler* (p. 22)– about dance and choreography; and an inside look at the impressive new nightclub, Masquerade Club (p. 24). Valentine's Day is coming, and İstanbul offers you no end of choices. After a fantastic day in the city, celebrate the occasion with a romantic dinner at a top restaurant – we offer you endless tempting venues. If you have time, check out the sales at stores around town, take in the bohemian atmosphere of Beyoğlu and Karaköy and, of course, set aside a good portion of a day for İstanbul's wonderful Grand Bazaar (p. 32).

Wishing you a month of love,

DİLEK KOÇ
Editor, Where İstanbul



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HOT DATES

SATURDAY

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CATS

Based on T.S. Eliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats, Andrew Lloyd Webber's Cats broke records to become the second longest-running musical in Broadway history. See the world through the eyes of cats with now-immortal songs and magical choreographies at Zorlu Center (1-9 Feb) in this charming show first performed in London in 1981 (p. 23).



MONDAY

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VIKTORIA TOLSTOY

Don't miss a concert by Sweden's famous jazz vocalist Viktoria Tolstoy tonight at Cemal Reşit Rey Auditorium. Beloved for her clean, pure voice, Tolstoy sings jazz pieces plus brand new interpretations on songs by musical greats such as Peter Gabriel and Stevie Wonder (p. 21).



THURSDAY

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9th MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

Anyone with a passion for nature, exploration and adventure will want to head to the 9th Mountain Film Festival (25 Feb-2 Mar). Free of charge and organised by the Mountain Culture Association, the festival presents nearly 50 films that will get your adrenaline pumping – and don't worry, you don't need your boots (p. 19).



FEBRUARY

- 1 Watch Andrew Lloyd Weber's world-famous musical, Cats. Zorlu Center PSM (p. 23)
- 2 Last day to see Anish Kapoor's sculptures at the Sakıp Sabancı Museum (p. 19)
- 3 Enjoy amazing 360° view of the city from the top of the historic Galata Tower (p. 11)
- 4 Taste tender kebabs and enjoy Golden Horn view at Ali Ocakbaşı in Karaköy (p. 62)
- 5 Seljuk and Ottoman themed jewellery, and home accessories at Armaggan (p. 44)
- 6 Enjoy flamenco music by Spanish singer Estrella Morente at İş Sanat (p. 23)
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- 8 Celebrate Bob Marley's birthday with Sattas and famous DJs at Babylon (p. 22)
- 9 Get your tickets for The Original Cuban Circus at TİM Show Center (p. 13)
- 10 Enjoy soothing voice of Swedish jazz vocalist Viktoria Tolstoy at CRR (p. 21)
- 11 See Joshua Garrick's photographs at the Sismanoglu Megaro (p. 19)
- 12 Enter the Süleymaniye Mosque, a masterpiece by architect Sinan (p. 15)
- 13 Hear great pieces of French music by Soli Tutti at Borusan Music House (p. 22)
- 14 Check out traditional designs on rugs and textiles from Anatolia at Nakkaş (p. 36)
- 15 Witness the Conquest of Constantinople at the Panoramic 1453 Museum (p. 12)
- 16 Turkish rock music at Emre Aydın's concert at Bostancı Show Center (p. 22)
- 17 Sample the tastes of Asia in a modern atmosphere at P.F. Chang's (p. 52)
- 18 Enjoy a concert of Württemberg Orchestra at the İş Sanat (p. 21)
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- 21 Ride the historical tram to enjoy Beyoğlu's historic architecture C5
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- 23 Delicious brunch by the Italian chefs at Aqua restaurant in the Four Seasons Bosphorus (p. 60)
- 24 Take exciting ride over the treetops on the Maçka-Taşkişla teleferique B6
- 25 Spoil yourself a little with La Misura's personally designed stylish shirts and suits (p. 38)
- 26 After touring Topkapı Palace, Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque, taste authentic Ottoman cuisine at Matbah (p. 62)
- 27 From dried medicinal herb medicines to spices from around the world plant seeds, explore the Spice Market (p. 32)
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Ramazan Değirmenci
Chef

Tell us the story of how you got started in your profession.

I was born in Adana, and began helping chefs when I was still quite young; I took further steps toward the profession when I started school. Later I spent years working with different cuisines in restaurants all over Turkey. After that came years working abroad in different countries – I even prepared meals for several Arab kings.

Tell us about your restaurant and its menu? Above all else, Al Bushra's goal is to give its guest a new and different experience through its food. Lebanese and Antakya/Antiochian cuisines are quite similar, and by blending them we can truly say that we serve authentic Lebanese and Antiochian food in Istanbul. We serve our food at the table on

spun copper trays. With gleaming décor and details like the special Sultan's Corner, Al Bushra appeals both to the eye and the palate.

What does Al Bushra have planned for Valentine's Day? We've created a special menu featuring wonderful meats and a delicious selection of different mezes. In addition to special decoration for the day, we promise an unforgettable night with live music and a special dance performance.

What items on the menu would you especially recommend? One of the finest dishes on the menu is the *warekenab*, Lebanese style stuffed vine leaves. In terms

of mezes, there is a flat stuffed grilled köfte, and *sambousek* – a börek with ground meat and pistachios. For mains are many choices of charcoal grilled meats and chicken, and Lebanese-style lamb cooked in a pit oven (*tandır*). Diners are always hugely impressed by our *künefe*, and the pumpkin and walnut sweets we bring specially from Antakya.

What do you think about Turkish cuisine, and what are your favourite Turkish dishes? With the variety inherited from the Ottoman period plus its Balkan influences, Turkish cuisine is a rich varied cuisine. Out of all this variety, I most enjoy *kuzu tandır* (roast tender lamb).

What are your favourite spots around the city? I love the Bosphorus, Karaköy, İstiklal Caddesi and Asmalimescit.

When I have time I love taking in the atmosphere of the city in these areas, and exploring the different neighbourhoods (p. 61).



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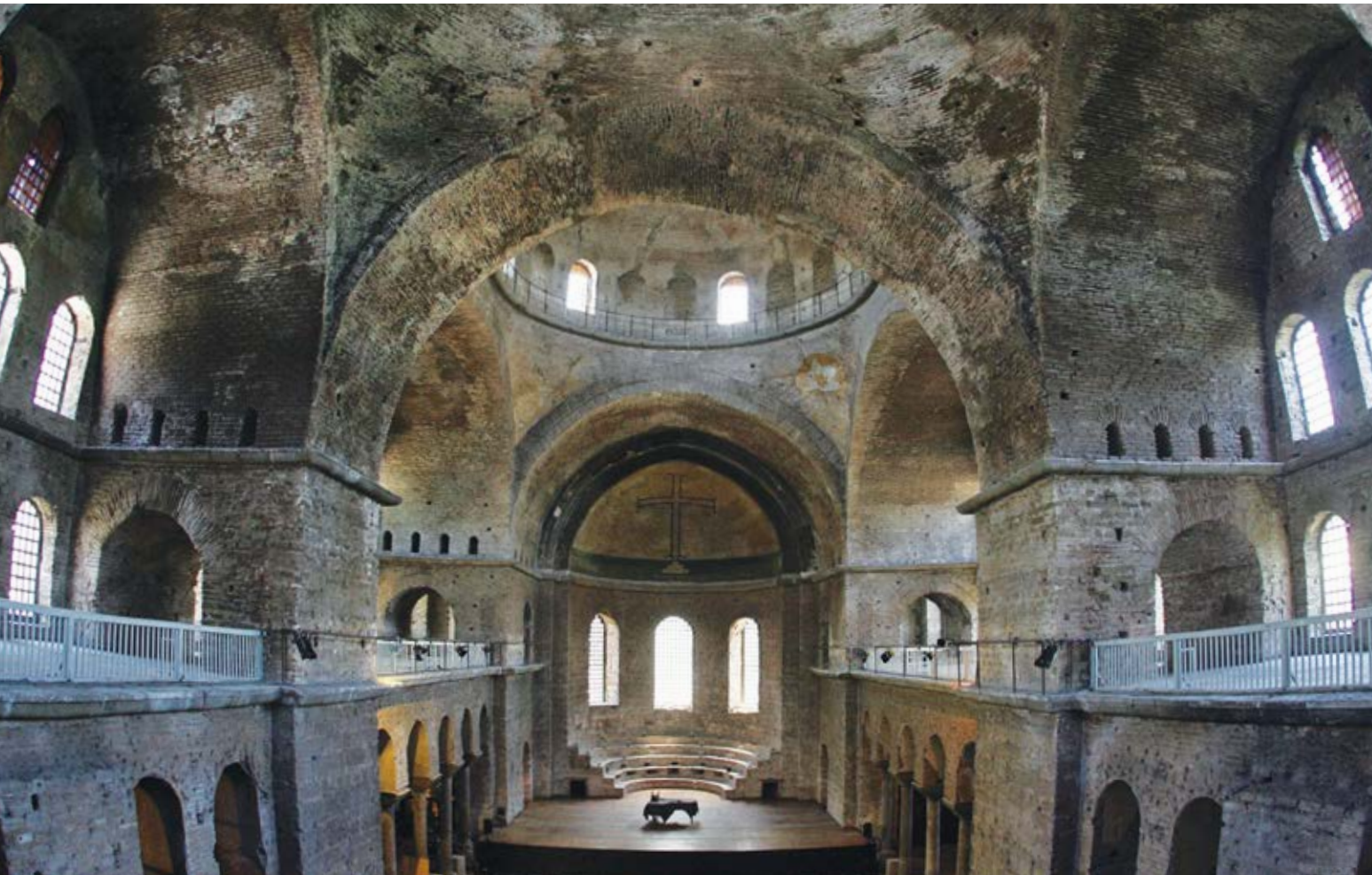


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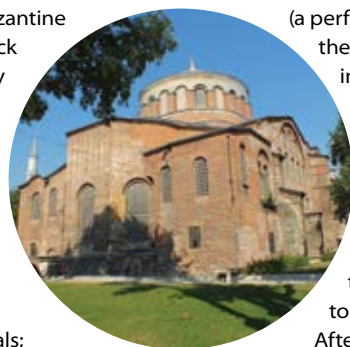


Byzantine Chapel of the Patriarchate

Hagia Irene (St. Irene), one of İstanbul's most distinctive landmarks, is rarely open to the public but when it is, make the most of it.

You'll find this Byzantine church dating back to the 6th century and built during the reign of Justinian in the first courtyard of Topkapı Palace. Consisting of an atrium, a three-naved naos and an apse, it is typically Byzantine in its structure and materials; during this period, the emphasis was on a building's interior, rather than exterior adornments.

Because of its proximity to Hagia Sophia



(a perfect example of architecture of the period), it was not converted into a mosque after the Conquest in 1453, and has not undergone any major changes since.

In 1869, Hagia Irene was renamed the *Müze-i Hümayûn* (Imperial Museum), but because it eventually proved too small, the museum was moved in 1875 to the *Çinili Köşk* (Tiled Pavilion).

After 1908, it was used as the Military Museum. Following its latest restoration, it was reopened to visitors, and now hosts many concerts and cultural events (p. 11).

A Fantastic World

Located inside the mall Forum İstanbul, **Jurassic Land** sheds light on amazing prehistoric life. Through its dramatic Dino Laser shows and films, experience the lives of nearly 70 of these powerful creatures – perfect for all ages who are passionate about dinosaurs (p. 11).



SIGHTSEEING

Basilica Cistern (Yerebatan Sarnıcı)

The largest covered cistern in İstanbul, named after a basilica once located nearby. Built during the reign of Justinian I (527-565) to provide water for neighbouring palaces. 143m long, 65m wide, with a total area of 9,800 square metres. Open daily between 09:00 am and 17:00 pm Admission fee: TL 10. www.yerebatan.com. Alemdar Mah. Yerebatan Cad. 1/3, Sultanahmet. T: 0212 522 1259. **F5**.

Cistern Of Philoxenos (Binbirdirek Sarnıcı)

The second-largest water reservoir in İstanbul after the Basilica Cistern, this structure was built in the 4th century according to Byzantine sources. When Emperor Constantine I rebuilt the city, it was constructed to provide water to the Byzantine palace. Columns bear pyramid-shaped capitals. The Cistern of Philoxenos serves as a museum today. Daily 9am-8pm. Admission fee: TL 10. www.binbirdirek.com. İmran Öktem Cad. 4, Binbirdirek, Sultanahmet. T: 0212 518 1001. **F5**.


Dolmabahçe Palace Museum (Dolmabahçe Sarayı Müzesi)

Commissioned by Sultan Abdülmecit I, this palace was built between 1843 and 1856. It reflects the Western influence in Ottoman architecture in the late 18th century. Design contains eclectic elements from the baroque, rococo and neoclassical styles. It served as Atatürk's residence during the early Republican Period and hosted many high level foreign guests before being converted into a museum. Daily open except Mon&Thu 9am-3pm. Admission fee: TL 40. www.dolmabahce.gov.tr. Dolmabahçe Cad. Beşiktaş. T: 0212 236 9000. **B7**.

Galata Tower (Galata Kulesi)

Located in the Galata district, it was built in 1348 by the Genoese in addition to the city walls to defend the region from outside attacks. The tower has a superb panoramic view of the Bosphorus, the Golden Horn and the city. The restaurant located at the top floor of the tower offers Turkish and international dishes. Daily 9am-7pm. Admission fee: TL 13. www.galatatower.net. Bereketzade Mah. Büyük Hendek Cad. 2, Kuledibi, Şişhane. T: 0212 293 8180. **D4**.

Galata Mevlevihanesi


Founded in the late 15th century, this Mevlevi lodge is a fine place to acquaint yourself with the Islamic Mystic philosophy and practices which hold such an important place Anatolia's cultural heritage. Operating as a museum since the last quarter of the 20th century, this historical site consists of three floors, including the Semâhâne, where the dervishes perform their famous ritual whirling dance. The museum's collection also includes calligraphic panels, musical instruments, costumes and other items from Mevlevi culture. Daily open except Tuesdays. **Museum Pass Point**  www.rumievlevi.com.tr. Galip Dede Cad. 22, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 252 0773. **D5**.

Hagia Irene Museum

Located in the outer courtyard of the Topkapı Palace, Hagia Irene is a Byzantine structure dating back to the 4th century. It is the second largest Byzantine church after Hagia Sophia and the only one with a surviving atrium. Also open for special events and ceremonies, the museum hosts various

events. Requires prior appointment by phone. TL 5. Topkapı Palace 1st Courtyard, Sultanahmet, Eminönü. T: 0212 512 0480. **F5**.

Hagia Sophia Museum (Ayasofya Müzesi)

Built between 532 and 537 by Byzantine Emperor Justinian I in the old city centre, Hagia Sophia, or Church of the Holy Wisdom, is the oldest and most quickly constructed cathedral in the world, and fourth largest in terms of its area. A masterpiece of art, history and architecture, it served two Abrahamic religions -916 years as the central church of the Byzantine Empire and 477 years as mosque - before being converted into a museum in 1935. Tue-Sun 9am-6pm. Admission fee: TL 25. **Museum Pass Point**  Sultanahmet. T: 0212 522 0989. **F5**.



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Kılıç Ali Paşa Mosque

This mosque, designed by Mimar Sinan, resembles a small Hagia Sophia, and is adorned with famous Iznik tiles of the period. It also includes a külliye, or complex consisting of a Turkish bath, a tomb and a madrassah. Tophane, Beyoğlu. **D5**.

Maiden's Tower (Kız Kulesi)

Built on a small Bosphorus islet off the coast of Üsküdar, the Maiden's Tower has been at the centre of many myths. According to one, it was built by an emperor to protect his daughter who he saw die of snakebite in a dream. The effort proved futile as the snake hid itself in a fruit basket and bit her anyway. Having served as a customhouse, watchtower, lighthouse, radar station, and warehouse throughout its 2,500-year history, it also marked the entrance of the Bosphorus. The foundations and most of the lower storey of the tower were built during the reign of Mehmet II, and it took its final shape during the reign of Mahmut II. Daily 9am-00:30am. Museum cafe 9am-6:45pm. Live music-dinner (Reservations required) 8:15pm-12:30am. **Museum Pass Advantage Point** (25% off adult tickets and 20% discount on Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner/Brunch purchases)  www.kizkulesi.com.tr. Salacak Mevkii, Üsküdar. **D7**.

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Yıldız Palace, Şale Mansion (Yıldız Sarayı, Şale Köşk)

Part of Yıldız Palace, Şale Köşk is one of the most fascinating examples of 19th-century Ottoman architecture. It consists of three main buildings constructed in between 1880 and 1898, located in a garden surrounded by high walls. Its last two sections were constructed to host Kaiser Wilhelm II during his visit to İstanbul. Daily except Mon-Thu 9:30am-4pm. www.millisaraylar.gov.tr. Admission fee: TL 10. Palanga Cad. 53, Yıldız, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 259 8977. **A8**.

MUSEUMS

Adam Mickiewicz Museum

Residence of one of Poland's three national poets, who came to Turkey during the Crimean War to organize the Polish troops on the allied side. Tue-Sun 9am-4:30pm. Admission free. Serdar Ömer Cad. Tatlı Badem Sok. 17, Dolapdere. T: 0212 237 2545. **B5.**

Aşyan Museum

Residence of prominent poet and writer Tevfik Fikret. Personal belongings of Tevfik Fikret and Abdülhak Hamid as well as photographs and belongings of other prominent members of the Edebiyat-ı Cedide literary movement. Free of charge. Tue-Sat 9am-4pm. Bebek, Aşyan Yolu 15. T: 0212 263 6986. **Off map.**

Beylerbeyi Palace Museum (Beylerbeyi Sarayı Müzesi)

Built by architect Serkis Balyan during the reign of Sultan Abdülaziz (1861-1865), this replaced the previous wooden waterfront palace. Previously it was generally used in summers, particularly to host foreign heads of state including the Prince of Serbia, King of Montenegro, Shah of Iran and French Empress Eugenie. Garden contains a cafeteria and sales booths. Daily except Mon&Thu 9am-4pm. Admission fee: TL 20. Abdullağa Cad. Beylerbeyi, Üsküdar. T: 0216 321 9320. **Off map.**

Chora Museum (Kariye Müzesi)

First built as part of a monastery in 534, this is the only remaining structure from a larger complex. Since its construction, it has seen major renovations in the 11th and 14th centuries. The modern building consists mostly of the portions renovated during the Ottoman and Republican periods. Its magnificent mosaics and frescos are among the finest examples of Byzantine art. Daily except Wed 9am-6pm. Admission fee: TL 15. **Museum Pass Point** (You can buy the ticket with a special discount) Ayvansaray Mah. Kariye Camii Sok. 26, Eirnekapı, Fatih. T: 0212 631 9241. **C2.**

Doğançay Museum

Housed in an historical 5-storey building, this museum presents paintings by Adil Doğançay and his world-renowned son Burhan Doğançay. Free of charge. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free. www.dogancaymuseum.org. Hüseyin Ağa Mah. Balo Sok. 42, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 244 7770. **C5.**

İstanbul Archaeological Museums (İstanbul Arkeoloji Müzeleri)

Founded in 1891 by painter and archaeologist Osman Hamdi Bey, this museum houses artefacts from the many civilizations that have left their marks upon history. It is also the first museum founded in Turkey, and considered one of the ten foremost of its kind in the world. It is actually three different museums under the same administration: The Archaeological Museum, the Ancient Orient Museum (Eski Şark Eserleri Müzesi) and Tiled Kiosk Museum (Çinili Köşk Müzesi), which together form an outstanding attraction in the city. www.istanbularkeoloji.gov.tr. Tue-Sun 9am-4pm. Admission fee: TL 15. **Museum Pass Point** (10% discount at the Shop and Café) Cankurtaran Mah., Alemdar Cad Osman Hamdi Bey Yokuşu, Sultanahmet. T: 0212 520 7740. **E5.**

İstanbul Modern

Non-profit cultural institution offering exhibitions

and events held with the support of private individuals, institutions and establishments as well as local governments through joint projects. Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, Thu 10am-8pm. Admission fee: TL 14. www.istanbulmodern.org. Meclisi Mebusan Cad. Liman İşletmeleri Müd. Antrepo 4, Karaköy. T: 0212 334 7300. **D5.**

İstanbul Railway Museum

This collection of 300 rail-related items explores all aspects of the Turkish Railways, including items from the original Orient Express. Tue-Sat 9am-5pm. Sirkeci Train Station, Eminönü. T: 0212 520 6575. **E5.**

Museum for the History of Science and Technology in Islam (İstanbul İslam Bilim ve Teknoloji Tarihi Müzesi)

This museum displays modern copies of inventions and discoveries by Muslim scholars which were used for centuries but largely forgotten. The displays illustrate clearly how works of Islamic science in areas including astronomy, geography, mathematics, optics, medicine, chemistry, technology and architecture were discovered, reached Europe via various routes, and gradually absorbed into those cultures. **Museum Pass Point** (You can buy the ticket with a special discount) Gülhane Parkı İçi, Eminönü, Fatih. www.ibttm.org. T: 0212 528 8065. **E5.**

Mustafa Kemal Museum

This three-storey house in the Akaretler Row Houses, where the founder of the Turkish Republic Mustafa Kemal Atatürk stayed frequently between 1912 and 1919, was also the residence of his mother Zübeyde Hanım, his sister Makbule Atadan and his adopted son, Abdurrahim Tunçak. Now a museum displaying Atatürk's belongings and historical items from the time. Süleyman Seba Cad. Akaretler Sıraevler, 36, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 236 3329. **A7.**

Military Museum (Askeri Müze)

Constructed in 1841 as a Military Academy, this building serves today as the Military Museum. 5,000 objects selected from the museum's collection of 45,000 items include arms, uniforms, tents, flags, swords, helmets and Ottoman-era artefacts. One of the oldest military bands in the world, the Janissary Band gives concerts between 3 and 4pm. Wed-Sun 9am-5pm. Admission fee: TL 4. www.tsk.tr. Valikonağı Cad. 2, Harbiye. T: 0212 233 2720. **B6.**

Naval Museum (Deniz Müzesi)

Largest maritime museum in Turkey and among the most important worldwide with its rich collection of 40,000 items. Barges, marine uniforms, manuscripts, scale models, standards, maps, paintings, sultans' seals, coats of arms, galleys, navigation tools and weaponry. Tue-Sun 9am-5pm. Admission fee: TL 5. www.denizmuzeleri.tsk.tr. Deniz Müzesi Komutanlığı, Barbaros Hayrettin Cad. Beşiktaş. T: 0212 327 4345. **B7.**

Panorama 1453 History Museum

Witness the conquest of İstanbul 560 years later and relive the moment Mehmet II entered the city. Open daily between 08:30 am and 17:30 pm. Admission fee: TL 10. www.panoramikmuze.com. Maltepe Mah., Topkapı Kültür Parkı Panorama 1453 Tarih Müzesi Topkapı – Zeytinburnu. T: 0212 415 1453. **Off map.**

Pera Museum

Founded by the Suna and İnan Kırac Foundation,

museum hosts three permanent collections including Anatolian weights and measures, Kütahya tiles and ceramics, and orientalist art, consisting of 300 paintings. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12am-6pm. Admission fee: TL 10. **Museum Pass Advantage Point** (20% off adult tickets and 10% discount on Perakende Artshop and Pera Café) www.peramuzesi.org.tr. Meşrutiyet Cad. 65, Tepebaşı. T: 0212 334 9900. **C5.**

Press Museum (Basın Müzesi)

Transformed into a museum in 1988, this is the first press museum in Turkey and the fourth in the world. The incredible variety of objects exhibited includes lithography samples, platen machines, letterpresses, proofing tables, old typewriters and telex machines. Mon-Fri 10am-5pm. Admission free. Divanyolu Cad. 76, Çemberlitaş. T: 0212 513 8458. **F4.**

Rahmi M. Koç Museum

The first major museum in Turkey dedicated to the history of transportation, industry and communication. Located on the shores of the Golden Horn, its collection includes thousands of objects from gramophone needles to ships and aircrafts. Tue-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun 10am-6pm. Admission fee: TL 12,50. **Museum Pass Advantage Point** (20% off adult tickets and 10% discount on gift shop purchases) www.rmk-museum.org.tr. Hasköy Cad. 5, Hasköy. T: 0212 369 6600. **B3.**

Sadberk Hanım Museum

Funded by the Vehbi Koç Foundation, this museum is located in a renovated old waterfront mansion. Exhibiting a collection of archaeological artefacts, it earned the 1988 Europa Nostra Award for its modern museum practices. Thu-Tue 10am-5pm. Admission fee: TL 7. **Museum Pass Advantage Point** (You can buy the ticket with a special discount) www.sadberkhanimmuzesi.org.tr. Büyükdere Cad. 25/29, Sarıyer. T: 0212 242 3813. **Off map.**

Sakıp Sabancı Museum

The main building of this museum is a villa built in 1927 by Italian architect Eduard De Nari for Prince Muhammad Ali Hasan of the Egyptian Khedive family. Purchased by the Sabancı Family in 1950. In 1998, it was given to Sabancı University along with its collections and furniture to serve as a museum. The mansion houses a rich calligraphy and painting collection. Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun 10am-6pm. 10am-8pm, Wed & Fri 10am-8pm. Free entrance at Wednesdays. **Museum Pass Advantage Point** (TL8 for adult ticket and 10% discount on Museum Gift Shop) muze.sabanciuniv.edu. Sakıp Sabancı Cad. 42, Emirgan. T: 0212 277 2200. **Off map.**

Santralistanbul

The first power plant in the Ottoman Empire, this complex was later upgraded in keeping with advances in technology and served İstanbul until 1983 as the Silahtarağa Power Plant. Now within the campus of a private university, the historical building has recently been renovated to serve as an art and culture centre. Highlights include the old engine rooms preserved to establish an Energy Museum, plus contemporary art exhibitions and cultural events. Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. Admission fee: TL 15TL. www.santralistanbul.org. Eski Silahtarağa Elektrik Santrali, Kazım Karabekir Cad. 2/6, Eyüp. T: 0212 311 7809. **Off map.**

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Magnificent Ottoman Architecture

Süleymaniye Mosque, commissioned by Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent to Sinan the Architect (1551-1558), is actually the centre of an entire külliye, or mosque complex including a madrasah, soup kitchen, library, hamam and shops. With four minarets, the mosque's walls are decorated with tile work, and its stained glass windows are exquisite. One of the finest examples of classical Ottoman architecture, the mosque offers a sweeping view of the Historic Peninsula, the Golden Horn, Topkapı Palace and the Bosphorus (p. 15).

by Nobel prize-winner Orhan Pamuk, is the first museum in history inspired by a novel and made reality. **Museum Pass Advantage Point** (30% off adult tickets, 10% discount on Museum Gift Shop and Café)  www.masumiyetmuzesi.org. Çukurcuma Cad. Dalgıç Çıkmazi, 2, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 252 9738. **C5**.

The Quincentennial Foundation Museum Of Turkish Jews (500. Yıl Vakfı Türk Musevileri Müzesi) (Also Known As Jewish Museum)


Historical documents, information and objects documenting the 700-year of history of Jewry in the Ottoman Empire. A work by sculptor Nadia Arditti to commemorate the Turkish-Jewish soldiers fallen while defending their country greets visitors at the entrance. Mon-Thu 10am-4pm, Fri-Sat 10am-2pm. Admission fee: TL 10. www.muze500.com. Karaköy Meydanı, Perçemli Sok. 1 (Behind Selanik Arcade), Karaköy. T: 0212 292 6333. **D5**.

Topkapı Palace (Topkapı Sarayı)


Built in 1478, during the reign of Mehmet II (the Conqueror), Topkapı Palace served as the seat of government of the Ottoman Empire and the residence of Sultans for 380 years, until the construction of Dolmabahçe Palace. It was organised as a museum during the reign of Abdülhamid II, but not opened to the public until 1924. It consists of several sections, including the Imperial Gate, the First Courtyard (Court of the Janissaries), the Second Courtyard (Divan Square), the Third Courtyard (Enderun Courtyard), the Fourth Courtyard (Imperial Sofa) and the Harem. Guided tours in the Harem section require additional ticket purchase. Wed-Sun 9am-5pm. Harem, 9:30am-15:30pm. Admission fee: TL 20.

Museum Pass Point  www.topkapisarayi.gov.tr. Sultanahmet Meydanı. T: 0212 512 0480. **E5**.

Turkish And Islamic Arts Museum (Türk ve İslam Eserleri Müzesi)

First museum in Turkey to offer a joint exhibition of Turkish and Islamic art. Collection of rare works from various countries in the Islamic world including precious examples of stone, metal, ceramic and glass objects as well as manuscripts. Hand-woven Turkish carpets dating from 13th to 20th centuries. The lower floor of the carpets section hosts an ethnography section exhibiting Turkish daily life over the centuries. Tue-Sun 9am-5pm. Admission fee: TL 10. **Museum Pass Point**  www.tiem.org. İbrahim Paşa Sarayı, Sultanahmet. T: 0212 518 1805. **F4**.

Yıldız Palace Museums (Yıldız Sarayı Müzeleri)

Complex of former imperial Ottoman pavilions and villas representing the last examples of Ottoman palace architecture. The first building in the area was constructed during the reign of Ahmet I in the 17th century. The palace in its current form was built at the order of Abdülhamid II in 1880, who wanted his seat of government beyond the reach of bombardment from the sea. Items exhibited today originally belonged to the palace, including Abdülhamid II's personal belongings and gifts presented to him, and products of the Yıldız Porcelain Factory still located on the palace premises. Wed-Sun 9am-6pm. www.yildizsarayi.com. Admission fee: TL 8. **Museum Pass Point**  Yıldız, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 258 3080. **A8**.

MOSQUES

İstanbul's mosques are among the most outstanding witnesses to the city's long history. Each has a unique history and architecture, and is open to visitors at various times of the day. The following is a list of some of the highlights. Most open daily from dawn to sunset. No admittance during the Friday prayer times between approx 12pm-1pm. Before entering the mosque, visitors should cover their arms and legs; women should cover their heads.

Eyüp Sultan Mosque—Located in Eyüp on the northern tip of the Golden Horn, where one of the first followers of Islam, Eyyubu El-Ensari was buried after he was killed during the Arab siege of Constantinople. Mehmed II ordered the construction of a shrine and a mosque on the location. The first mosque, which was completed in 1458, was later destroyed, with the present structure constructed by Uzun Hüseyin Efendi between 1798 and 1800. Eyüp. T: 0212 418 9393. **A1**.

Hirka-I Şerif Mosque

Built in 1851 by Sultan Abdülmecid in Ottoman style, to house the Hirka-ı Şerif (the cloak of the Prophet Mohammed presented to him by Uwais al-Qarani) this mosque is open throughout the month of Ramadan. Daily 10am-4.30pm. Fatih. T: 0212 631 6453. **D2**.

Nuruosmaniye Mosque

Commissioned by Sultan Mahmud I in 1748, this mosque was completed during the reign of his brother Osman III, built by Mustafa Aga. With its baroque style and the three-dimensional stone patterns, it is one of its kind in world architecture. The mosque's two minarets feature the first stone combs used instead of lead ones. Nuruosmaniye, Eminönü. T: 0212 513 0692. **E4**.

Ortaköy Mosque

Located next to Ortaköy Pier, this mosque was commissioned by Sultan Abdülmecid to Karabet Balyan. The structure underwent restoration between 1960 and 1972. It is a baroque structure featuring a single dome with two slim minarets. White stone was used for walls, mosaic and marble for the mihrab, and porphyry for the pulpit. Ortaköy, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 359 5908. **A9**.

Rüstem Paşa Mosque

This mosque in the Tahtakale area, near the Egyptian (Spice) Market, was commissioned to the famous architect Sinan by the daughter of Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent. Begun in the year 1561, it is a classical Ottoman structure, adorned with beautiful 16th-century İznik tiles bearing floral and fruit motifs. Tue-Sun 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm. Hasırçılar Çarşısı, Eminönü. **F4**.

Sokullu Mehmet Paşa Mosque

With a single dome and minaret, and built in Kadırga in 1507, this mosque was commissioned by Ottoman Grand Vizier Sokullu Mehmet Pasha to Mimar Sinan for his wife. Its interior features İznik tiles and special hand-carvings, with a mihrab covered with calligraphic tiles. Şehit Mehmet Paşa Yokuşu, Kadırga, Eminönü. **F4**.

Sultanahmet (Blue) Mosque

One of the most famous landmarks of the Turkish and Islamic world, Sultanahmet Mosque is a highly admired structure by all visitors. An example of classical Turkish art, it is the only one of its kind

to be originally built with six minarets, and stands out on the city's skyline from the Bosphorus. It is also known as the Blue Mosque for the İznik tiles that adorn its interior. Entering the structure through one of its three gates, visitors are greeted by its rich and colourful ornamentation including engravings, tiles and stained glass windows that complement the grandeur of its exterior. Sultanahmet. T: 0212 458 4468. **F4/F5**.

Süleymaniye Mosque

Commissioned by Sultan Süleyman I (Süleyman the Magnificent), this mosque was built between 1550-1557 by Sinan the Architect. Described as a work from Sinan's apprenticeship period, the mosque is actually part of the Süleymaniye Complex (Külliye), also including a madrasah (religious school), library, hospital, bath, soup kitchen, treasury and shops. Resting on four massive columns, the mosque's dome is 53 metres high and 26.5 metres in diameter. Its interior is subtly decorated, with the windows on the mihrab wall executed in with stained glass. Süleymaniye, Beyazıt. T: 0212 532 0623. **E3/E4**.

Valide Sultan Mosque (Yeni Camii)

Located in Eminönü Square next to the Egyptian Bazaar (Spice Market), this mosque in the centre of a complex is one of the most glorious of the monumental mosques built on the coastline. It was commissioned by Safiye Sultan in 1597 and built by Architect Davud Ağa, an apprentice of Sinan. Upon his death in 1598, Dalgıç Ahmet Çavuş became its architect. Largely destroyed by a fire in 1660, it was reopened in 1665. Eminönü. **E4**.

CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES

Churches and synagogues hold an important place in the vast cultural geography of İstanbul, which has served as capital of three major empires over 1,600 years. The following are the most important of İstanbul's churches and synagogues for their history and architecture. Synagogues require a permit, available from the İstanbul Chief Rabbinate. T: 0212 293 8794.

Armenian Patriarchate

Just a 20-minute walk from Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque and Topkapı Palace. In 2001, almost the entire Armenian community of İstanbul celebrated the 540th anniversary of the Armenian Patriarchate at this church. Open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm. Sevgi Sok. 6, Kumkapı. T: 0212 517 0970. **B4**.

Ayios Dimitrios Church

Unusually for a 16th century Greek Orthodox church, it displays clear Ottoman architectural influence. Formerly the church of Ayios Athanasios, it is said to have changed its name when an icon of St. Dimitrios was brought here from a small church in the Kasımpaşa district. Kurtuluş Square, the last bus stop on Kurtuluş Cad. Atesböceği Sok. 2, Şişli. T: 0212 250 6248. **Off map**.

Beth Israel Synagogue

Built in 1920, this synagogue provides religious services under the Neve Shalom Foundation. It is the most active synagogue in Turkey. Bomonti,

Kazım Orbay Cad.Efe Sok. 29, Şişli. T: 0212 240 6599. **Off map**.

Church Of St. George Of Fener Greek Orthodox Patriarchate

The centre of the Orthodox Christian world, this church hosts many relics including the column on which Jesus was whipped and remains of three great saints. Fener Rum Patrikhanesi, Dr. Sadık Ahmet Cad. 35, Haliç. T: 0212 531 5152. **C3**.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

Located at the intersection of Siraselviler Street and İstiklal Street in Taksim, this church is a synthesis of Byzantine and modern architecture with a cruciform plan and twin bell towers. Daily 9am-5pm. Meşelik Sok. 11/1, Taksim. T: 0212 244 1358. **C5**.

Neve Shalom Synagogue

The most famous Jewish synagogue in the city. Shabbats, weddings, funerals, brit milahs, bar/bat mitzvahs as well as high holidays are celebrated here. Büyük Hendeck Cad. 67, Kuledibi, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 293 7566. **D4**.

St. Anthony Of Padua Church

Roman Catholic church with the largest congregation in İstanbul. The entrance to the church is between the two apartment buildings where priests reside. Reinforced concrete construction built in Italian neo-Gothic style by architect Guilio Mongeri. Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sun 9am-12:30pm, 2pm-5pm. İstiklal Cad. 171, Galatasaray, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 244 0935. **C5**.





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Engravings and ceramics from the house of his birth

The Pera Museum, funded by the Suna and İnan Kırâç Foundation, welcomes two new exhibitions this month.

Famous for his work depicting the bombing of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War, Pablo Picasso was influenced by classicism and mythology, and was a pioneer in the cubist movement. Picasso produced almost 100,000 prints, 34,000 paintings and 300 sculptures, plus many ceramic pieces and drawings.

The exhibition *Engravings and Ceramics from*



the House of his Birth (from 5 Feb) presents a selection of works from the Museo Casa Natal, housed in his original home in Malaga, Spain, and illustrates the transitions in his life as an artist. The collection includes engravings, which range from realist illustrations to cubist

interpretations of a variety of subjects, plus ceramic pieces and personal effects from his childhood. *Meşrutiyet Cad. 65, Tepebaşı. T: 0212 334 9900. www.peramuzesi.org.tr.*

Modern Glass Art

Exhibited for the first time in Turkey, this exhibition (from 5 Feb) presents a collection of more than 50 works by some 25 artists from Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Iceland. The pieces en masse form a striking illustration of how an everyday material such as glass can be transformed into a medium of extraordinary artistic expression. *Pera Museum.*



Anamed

To 2 Feb: This exhibition celebrates the 200th birthday of James Robertson, chief engraver at the Ottoman Mint, who shot the first ever panorama of Istanbul and created exquisite coins and medals at the orders of four Ottoman sultans. *İstiklal Cad. Nuru Ziya Sok. Beyoğlu. T: 0212 393 6061. C5.*

Art Limits

A varied collection ranging from fashion photos, nature and abstract geometric works to figurative illustrations, inc works by several international artists, in a variety of photographic, digital and mixed techniques. Open daily except Sun 10:30am-7pm. *en.artlimits.com. Şair Nedim Cad. 14, Akaretler, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 258 2195. B7.*

Arter

To 7 Apr: In *Hasret, Husumet, Rezalet* ('Envy, Enmity, Embarrassment') 13 artists transform the concepts of politics, love, friendship and solidarity into striking works of art. Tue-Thu 11am-7pm. Fri-Sun 12pm-8pm. *www.arter.org.tr. İstiklal Cad. 211, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 243 3767. C5.*

Borusan Contemporary

To 16 Feb: Artist Rafael Lozano-Hemmer uses both simple and advanced technology such as biometric receptors, projection devices, special software programs and motors, in his exhibition *Vicious Circular Breathing*. *www.borusancontemporary.com. Perili Köşk 5, Baltalimanı Hisar Cad. Rumeli Hisarı, Sarıyer. T: 0212 393 5200. Off map.*

C.A.M Gallery Akaretler

6 Feb-28 Feb: Burcu Çorbacı otherwise known as Cenin, presents her first solo show, *Protez Bellek* ('Prosthesis Memory'). A contemporary surrealist artist, her works feature themes of self-healing through complex, personal and iconographic symbols. Tue-Sat 10am-7pm. *www.camgaleri.com. Şair Nedim Cad. 25, Akaretler. T: 0212 245 7975. A7/B7.*

City's Nişantaşı

1-28 Feb: *Minik Ressamlar* ('Little Painters') presents imaginative paintings by eleven children, selected by the Esra Üner Workshop. Daily 10am-10pm. *www.citysnisantasi.com. Teşvikiye Cad. 162, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 373 3333. A6.*

Daire Sanat

To 8 Feb: Elçin Ekinci's exhibition *Düzenin Doğası* ('The Nature of Order') features works that slip among nature and culture, and struggle to strike a balance between them. Tue-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 11am-7pm. *www.dairesanat.com. Boğazkesen Cad. 65D Tophane, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 252 5259. C5.*

Doruk Sanat Galerisi

From 11 Feb: A joint exhibition by Gül Erali and Hale Karaçelik features sculptures and paintings on the themes of love and human relationships. *www.doruksanatgalerisi.com. Boğazkesen Cad. 21/A Tophane. T: 0212 252 0535. C5.*

Galata Greek Primary School

To 22 Feb: *Yine, Yeni Dünya Kenti İstanbul* ('İstanbul, City of the World') readdresses the question: "Where were we, and where are we going?" This intense concept was initiated by the recent Gezi Resistance as a cry to preserve İstanbul's urban rights, history and memory. *Kemeraltı Cad. 81, Karaköy. D5.*

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Ancient Greece in Photographs

The **Sismanoglu Megaro** gallery hosts American photographer J. Joshua Garrick's exhibition *Antik Güzelliği Görüntülerken* ('Picturing the Beauty of the Antiquity'), curated by art historian Iris Kritikou. His photographs of ancient Greek sculptures are a real labour of love, focusing on details of these huge works and also bringing out the quality of the raw materials of classical art, touching on themes such as life and death, youth and age, power and meekness, beauty and pain (to 9 Mar) (p. 19).

Galeri Apel

To 25 Feb: The works in the group exhibition *Mutfak Üzerine* ('On The Kitchen') addresses the relationship between art and food, and especially centres around the stove and the nurturing of warmth. Artists include Zeynep Birced, Bayram Candan and Suzy Hug Levy. Tue-Sat 11:30am-18:30pm. www.galleryapel.com. Hayriye Cad. 5A, Galatasaray. T: 0212 292 7236. **C5.**

Galeri Artist Çukurcuma

To 13 Feb: Ahu Akgün's second solo exhibition *Holosen* ('Holocene') highlights of the relationship

between nature and human beings. Mon-Sat 11:00am-19:00pm. artistcukurcuma.com. Kuloğlu Mah., Ağa Kılhanı Sok. 10/A, Çukurcuma. T: 0212 251 9163. **C5.**

Gallery İlayda Teşvikiye

To 23 Feb: Atilla Galip Pınar's colourful, chaotic and surreal paintings in his solo exhibition *Farkında* ('Aware') deal with the arrogance of those blinded

DORUK SANAT GALERİSİ
Gül Erali and Hale Karaçelik (p. 17).

by materialism. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.galeriilayda.com. Hüsrev Gerede Cad. 37 Teşvikiye. T: 0212 227 9292. **A7.**

Gallery Mana

From 13 Feb: The pieces in Barbara and Zafer Baran's exhibition *Ay Ve Yıldız Çizimleri* ('Drawings of Moon and Stars') include complex abstract forms, star maps, meteor showers and natural landscapes created by the movement of cameras focused on light from the moon and stars. www.galerimana.com. Kemankeş Mah. Ali Paşa Değirmeni Sok. 16-18, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 243 6666. **C5.**

Gallery Selvin

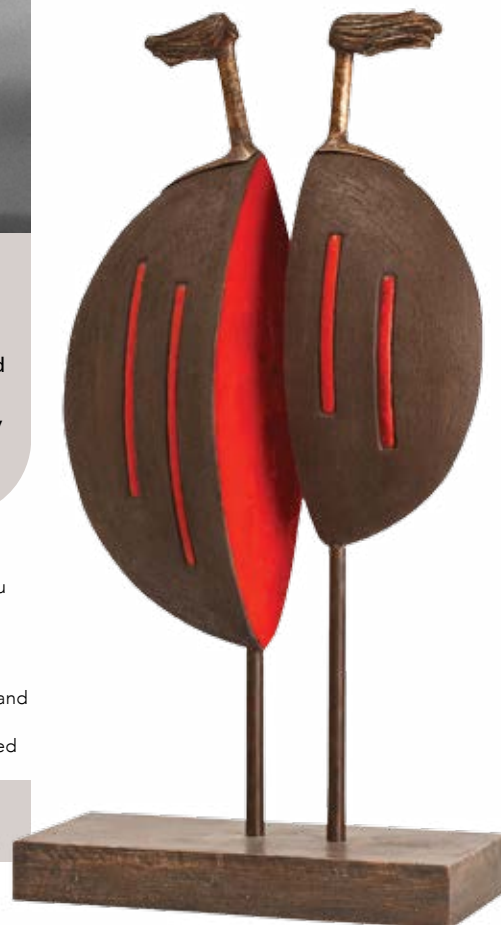
5-28 Feb: *İstanbul'un Bütün Renkleri* ('All the Colors of Istanbul') presents paintings by Dilek İşksel, expressing the city's quick pace, energy and multiple layers of culture. Tue-Sat 11am-7pm. www.galeriselvin.com. Dere Sok. 3, Arnavutköy. T: 0212 263 7481. **Off map.**

Gallery Zilberman

To 22 Feb: Works including Sophie Dvorak's drawings, Claudia Larcher's video animation and Berat Işık's videos form just part of the group exhibition *İstem Dışı Körlük* ('Inattentive Blindness'). It refers to the concept of not noticing an object which is fully visible yet unexpected, because attention is focused on another task or object. Tue-Fri 11pm-7:30pm. Sat 12pm-7pm. www.galerizilberman.com. İstiklal Cad. 163, Mısır Apt. K:3 D:10, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 251 1214. **C5.**

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To 23 Feb: The video exhibition *Uluslararası Sanatçı Filmleri* ('Artists' Film International') gathers images from modern video, short films and moving images. **To 27 Apr:** *Rasathane* ('Observatory') is made up of recent photographs by Barbara and Zafer Baran. These images portray ideas of nature, science and aesthetics through botanical elements, geographical features and objects in space. Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, Thu 10am-8pm. www.istanbulmodern.org. Meclis-i Mebusan Cad. Liman İşletmeleri Sahası 305, Antrepo 4, Karaköy. T: 0212 334 7300. **D5.**

Kare Art Gallery

To 28 Feb: The group exhibition *Kırılma* ('The Break' consists of a works in variety of media in connection with technology, by Turkish contemporary artists such as Erdal İnci and Serkan Yüksel. It explores how modernity and concepts of labour and production associated with modernity have come to an end. www.karesanat.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 22/9, K:3, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 240 4448. **A6.**

Pi Artworks Galatasaray

To 22 Feb: Osman Dinç uses a variety of materials including metal, glass, wood and concrete to create figurative works that tell their own conceptual stories in his exhibition *Teorem* ('Theorem'). Mon-Sat 10:30am-7:30pm.

Proje 4L Elgiz Museum Of Contemporary Art

To 28 Mar: This exhibition in recognition of the Museum's 14th year features groundbreaking two- and three-dimensional pieces plus video projects. Wed&Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm. www.proje4L.org. Meydan Sok. Beybi Giz Plaza, B Blok, Maslak. T: 0212 290 2525. **Off map.**

Rahmi M. Koç Museum

The 15-metre-long Hiawatha Boat, produced by the American Car company and a part of Bosphorus history since 1932, is among the important pieces in the *Seafaring Collection* display. Tue-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun 10am-6pm. www.rmk-museum.org.tr. Hasköy Cad. 5, Hasköy. T: 0212 369 6600. **B3.**

Rezan Has Museum

To 28 Feb: *Küstüm Oynamıyorum* ('I'm angry, I'm Not Playing'), a photographic exhibition by Naz Köktentürk, tells of the helplessness of lives destroyed, based on a personal experience. www.rhm.org.tr. Kadir Has Üniversitesi, Kadir Has Cad. Cibali. T: 0212 533 6532. **D3.**

Sakıp Sabancı Museum

To 2 Feb: English conceptual artist Anish Kapoor exhibits a collection of astounding, abstract works blending sculpture with architecture, engineering and technology. Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun 10am-6pm. 10am-8pm, Wed & Fri 10am-8pm. Free entrance at Wednesdays. **Museum Pass Advantage Point** (TL4 for adult tickets and 10% discount on purchases in the museum shop) muze.sabanciuniv.edu. Sakıp Sabancı Cad. 42, Emirgan. T: 0212 277 2200. **Off map.**

Salt Galata

To 23 Mar: The exhibition *Arşivi Parçalamak: Bir Osmanlı Ailesinde Temsil, Kimlik Hafıza* ('Dismantling the Archive: Representation, Identity, Memory in an Ottoman Family'), uses material from the Said Bey Archive, covering three generations from the late Ottoman to modern Republican period. www.saltonline.org. Tue-Sat 12pm-8pm, Sun 10:30pm-6pm. Bankalar Cad. 11, Karaköy. T: 0212 334 2200. **D5.**

Sismanoglu Megaro

To 9 Mar: *Antik Güzelliği Görüntülerken* ('Picturing the Beauty of Antiquity'), an exhibition by American photographer J. Joshua Garrick, is inspired by Ancient Greek art on the themes of life and death, youth and age, power and meekness. İstiklal Cad. 60, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 245 0596. **C5.**

Soda

To 22 Feb: Inspired by nature, Estonian contemporary jewellery artist Tanel Veenre presents his exhibition *Naturesque*, featuring organic materials. Tue-Sat 11am-7pm. www.sodaistanbul.com. Şakayık Sok. 37/1, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 231 8988. **D6.**

The Empire Project

To 1 Mar: The boundaries between nature and technology blur in the photographic exhibition *Yüzey Fenomenleri* ('Surface Phenomena'). Mon 12am-7:30pm. Tue-Sat 11am-6:30pm. www.theempireproject.com. Sıraselviler Cad. 10, K:1 D:4 Taksim. T: 0212 292 59 68. **C5.**

Fairs

ALL DESIGN

2014 International Design Conference and Creative Industries Fair presents the latest and newest designs from countless local and international companies. 21-22 Feb. Hilton Convention and Exhibition Centre

JEWELLERY SHOPPING FESTIVAL

See a dazzling collection of designs from the world's foremost diamond, jewellery and precious stone manufacturers. 6-9 Feb. İstanbul Lütfi Kırdar (ICEC). Gümüş Cad. 4 Harbiye, T: 0212 373 1100. www.icec.org.

FERCO MOTOR FAIR

The Motorcycle, Bicycle and Accessory Fair introduces a host of special models by Vespa, Piaggio, Aprilia and Moto Guzzi. Vespa's latest model, the Primavera, makes its Turkish debut. 27 Feb-2 Mar. İstanbul Fair Centre.

9TH MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

The festival brings together fans of nature, exploration, adventure and documentaries, with close to 50 award-winning films. Come and get your adrenaline rush free of charge. 25 Feb-2 Mar. French Cultural Centre, Galatasaray Aynalı Geçi and Pusula Gallery.



3RD INTERNATIONAL GREEN BUILDING SUMMIT

Aiming to lead the construction sector in 'Green Transformation', the Environmentally Friendly Green Building Association (ÇEDBİK) is holding the third world summit with presentations by world-renowned architects and engineers. 20-21 Feb. İstanbul Lütfi Kırdar (ICEC). Gümüş Cad. 4 Harbiye, T: 0212 373 1100. www.icec.org.



An Extraordinary Show

The Original Cuban Circus presents a breathtaking array of extraordinary clowns, stunning fire and sword shows, acrobatics and choreography, with 18 singers and 7 groups, on stage at **TİM Show Center**.

Trio de Contorción

inners in the 2011 Havana International Circus Festival, these three contortionist 'snake women' stretch their elastic bodies into unbelievable shapes.

Las Musas Three beautiful, courageous women in colourful costumes perform breathtaking aerial acts, moving like bats between lengths of rope, hoops and fabric, including a skilful unicycle show.

Duo Rodyal This dazzling duo puts on a bold and exciting floor acrobatic show, including a balancing act on a metal octahedron in a never-before performed act.

Yianyi A highlight of the evening, the duo combines balance and dance on a beam high in the air.

Cuqui y Nesti You can't have a circus without clowns. Two of Cuba's most talented clowns perform an amazing, hilarious show that appeals to all ages.

Geysers A fascinating group in every way, these acrobatic young men dazzle with their perfectly-timed jumps and stunts using ropes and bars.

Suyinka The 'wild man' Suyinka puts on an unbelievable act combining swords and fire – a daredevil show not for the fainthearted. Swallowing swords and breathing fire, he brings out the full spirit of the Caribbean.

Tim Show Center, Büyükdere Cad. Derbent Mevkii (Darüşşafaka Kampüsü Yanı) Maslak, Sarıyer. T: 0212 286 6686. www.timshowcenter.com.

Clowning Around

IMA offers a mix of classic songs including *Que Sera Sera* and *Gracias Al La Vida*. Hear this rising Canadian star in a concert of unforgettable love songs at **Cemal Reşit Rey Auditorium** (25 Feb) (p. 21).



YOUN SUN NAH, 6 Feb, 8pm.
Borusan Music House (p. 21).

CONCERTS: CLASSICAL

Akbank Sanat

Can Okan, 13 Feb, 8pm: Hear this young pianist perform a selection of classic works. www.akbanksanat.com. İstiklal Cad. 8, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 252 3500. **C5**.

Fulya Sanat

Özsoy Quartet, 13 Feb, 8pm: Featuring first violinist Aslı Özsoy Körner, the quartet performs popular pieces by Dvorak and Schubert.
Oleksandr Samoylenko & Başak Dilara Özdemir, 27 Feb, 8pm: The duet performs Beethoven's Spring Sonata, plus works by Brahms, Debussy and Paganini. www.fulyasanat.org. Hakkı Yeten Cad. No:10, Dikilitaş. T: 0212 215 6037. **Off map**.

İstanbul Lütfi Kırdar (ICEC)

Borusan İstanbul Philharmonic Orchestra (BİFO), 20 Feb, 8:30pm: Conducted by Sascha Goetzl, the orchestra accompanies pianist Alexander Gavrylyuk in a concert of Strauss and Prokofiev. **27 Feb, 8pm**: The orchestra plays alongside violinist Valeriy Sokolov in a concert of Strauss and Prokofiev, conducted by Güler Aykal. www.icec.org. Gümüş Cad. 4 Harbiye, T: 0212 373 1100. **A6**.

İş Sanat

Polish Chamber Orchestra, 11 Feb, 8pm: Prominent violinist Maxim Vengerov performs selected works by Tchaikovsky and Mozart.
Württemberg Chamber Orchestra Heilbron, 18 Feb, 8pm: The orchestra's repertoire includes Mozart's romantic and avant-garde compositions. www.issanat.com.tr. İş Towers, Levent. T: 0212 316 1083. **Off map**.

Ülker Sports Arena

Andrea Bocelli, 22 Feb, 8pm: Hear this world-famous tenor in a programme of arias from Italian and German operas. www.ulkersportsarena.com. Barbaros Mah. İhlamur Sok. Batı Ataşehir. T: 0216 687 2100. **Off map**.

Zorlu Center PSM

Cenk Karaferya & the Broschi Ensemble, 11 Feb, 8pm: Up and coming countertenor Cenk Karaferya joins the ensemble in a concert of Baroque and classical works. **Nana Mouskouri**, 16 Feb, 8pm: The famous Greek singer, performs

songs with four different French singers on her 'Happy Birthday' tour. **Nikolaj Zinader**, 18 Feb, 8pm: One of today's foremost violinists, Zinader joins pianist Robert Kulek in a programme of chamber music by Brahms and Mozart. www.zorlucenter.com. Barbaros Bulvarı Kavşağı, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 444 9496. **Off map**.

CONCERTS: JAZZ

Borusan Music House

Youn Sun Nah, 6 Feb, 9:30pm: The South Korean jazz vocalist is accompanied by her quartet in a selection of songs from her new album *Lento*. www.borusanmuzikevi.com. İstiklal Cad. Orhan Adlı Apaydın Sok. 1, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 336 3271. **C5**.

Cemal Reşit Rey Auditorium

Viktoria Tolstoy, 10 Feb, 8pm: Critically acclaimed for her simple but magnificent style, the Swedish vocalist and great great granddaughter of Leo Tolstoy has gained fame with her album, *Shining on You*. www.crrks.org. Darülbeydi Cad. Harbiye. T: 0212 232 9830. **B6**.

Nardis Jazz Club

Kerem Türkaydın Group, 3 Feb, 9:30pm: Studio musician Türkaydın is known for his commercial music; here he performs a selection of jazz standards. **Asena Akan**, 4 Feb, 9:30pm: Akan presents an evening of classic Brazilian jazz plus contemporary pieces. **Dilek Sert Erdoğan**, 7 Feb, 9:30pm: Erdoğan performs jazz interpretations of soul, funk and R&B. **Sibel Köse**, 7 Feb, 9:30pm:



NANA MOUSKOURI, 16 Feb, 8pm.
Zorlu Center PSM (p. 21).

Köse has shared the stage with such performers as Dee Dee Bridgewater, Raul Midon and Stacey Kent, and sings pieces by major jazz singers like Nina Simone. **Triosome**, 11 Feb, 9:30pm: Three musicians with very different musical pasts join in a colourful concert ranging from jazz to rock, avant-garde and contemporary. **Kaan Mete**, 13 Feb, 9:30pm: Mete presents a concert of songs by Django Reinhardt plus popular jazz pieces. **Çağıl Kaya Quintet**, 14 Feb, 10:30pm: The lead singer of the group *Happy People* puts



The Passionate Voice of Love

Concha **Buika** serves up a spicy blend of flamenco and jazz in her latest album, *La Noche Mas Larga*, featuring her own songs as well as classics like *Siboney*, *Ne Me Quitte Pas* and *Throw it Away*. Don't miss her show at **Cemal Reşit Rey Auditorium** (1 Feb) (p. 22).

Q & A Korhan Başaran

We spoke with New York-based dancer and choreographer Korhan Başaran about his show *İkilişkiler*, at Akbank Sanat.

How do you define dance?

For me, dance is the attempt to reach the 'essence', purity, personal expression, freedom, passion and perfection – while fully aware throughout the journey that there is no such thing as perfection.

What do you think about dance schools and dance performances in Istanbul?

I know the private studios in Istanbul. Mimar Sinan University has a good dance department; they do good work, and are headed by fine instructors.



What does choreography mean to you?

To me, choreography is completely a matter of alchemy. You are actually one, and in order to bring this 'one' into its purest form, you take different paths, try different things and create a path for yourself.

Tell us something about your latest show at Akbank Sanat.

İkilişkiler is a project I wrote in New York, based on certain duets that I'd done earlier. I kept the themes and ideas of their movement but stripped their content. I have a large picture in mind but in one sense the work is hidden in the details.

Do you have a future professional dream?

I'm actually from Bursa, and I dream of a large-scale artistic institution there; consisting of more than a dozen dancers – half Turkish, half foreign – that will organize international festivals and train its own dancers, choreographers, managers and producers.

25, 26 Feb, 8pm.

Akbank Sanat, İstiklal Cad. 8, Beyoğlu.
T: 0212 252 3500. www.akbanksanat.com

in a fun-filled performance from the group's first album. **Ece Göksu Quintet, 15 Feb, 10:30pm:** The New Jersey trained jazz vocalist performs from her album *Masal*. **Eylül Biçer Quartet, 17 Feb, 10:30pm:** Having shared the stage with singers like Manuel Dunkel and Alex Harding, the vocalist interprets compositions by world-famous guitarists. **Tamer Temel Quintet, 20 Feb, 9:30pm:** A prominent Turkish saxophonist, Temel performs pieces from his albums *Barcelona* and *Bir Kedi Kara*. **Luis Ernesto Gomez, 21 Feb, 10:30pm:** Gomez enchants his audiences with his Latin takes on world music plus his own compositions, hot rhythms and magical visuals. **Flapper Swing Band, 24 Feb, 9:30pm:** The group performs original compositions from their album *Bridge*, plus popular hits like *Sway* and *House of the Rising Sun*. **Palmstag, 26 Feb, 9:30pm:** This modern jazz group from Holland performs songs inspired by such diverse composers as Ravel, Debussy and John Adams. **Sezgi Olgaç Quartet, 28 Feb, 10:30pm:** The quartet presents an original take on songs by the likes of Joni Mitchell and Paul Simon. www.nardisjazz.com. Kule Sok. 8, Galata. T: 0212 244 6327. D5.

CONCERTS: POP, TURKISH & WORLD

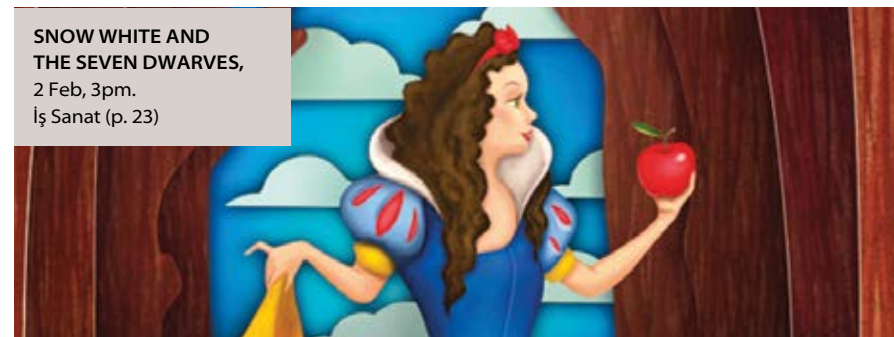
Akbank Sanat

Jorge Cardoso, 11 Feb, 8pm: Known for his famous composition *Milonga*, the Argentine guitarist performs a selection of South American sounds. **Open Range, 27 Feb, 8pm:** Comprising Reentko Dirks on acoustic guitar, Stephan Bormann on electric guitar and Demian Kappenstein on drums, the group brings their rich acoustic sound to the stage. www.akbanksanat.com. İstiklal Cad. 8, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 252 3500. C5.

Babylon

Nada, 4 Feb, 9:30pm: Duo Selen Hünnerli and Miray Kurtuluş's project Nada performs songs inspired by mythology, with electronic rhythmic accompaniment. **Bob Marley Birthday Celebration, 4 Feb, 9:30pm:** Groups including Sattas, Selektta Firuzağa and Ras Nemo perform Marley's favourite songs in honour of what would have been his 69th birthday. **İbrahim Maalouf, 11 Feb, 9:30pm:** The Lebanese-French trumpeter plays a new and different repertoire as part of his *Illusions* project. **Junip, 16 Feb, 7pm:** The Swedish indie, folk rock and psychedelic rock group featuring singer and guitarist José Gonzalez play powerful but meditative music inspired by nature. **Ecza Dolabi, 27 Feb, 9pm:** A group that formed mainly for the purpose of establishing music rooms in schools, the group

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARVES, 2 Feb, 3pm.
İş Sanat (p. 23)



performs enduring songs from the 1960s. www.babylon.com.tr. Asmalımescit, Şehbender Sok. 3, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 292 7368. C5.

BKM (Beşiktaş Kültür Merkezi)

Mehmet Erdem, 3 Feb, 9pm: Making a splash with his song *Hakim Bey*, Erdem presents an evening of covers. **Ziynet Sali, 10 Feb, 9pm:** Sali performs a mix of Turkish and foreign romantic songs with acoustic orchestral accompaniment. **Emel Sayın, 17 Feb, 9pm:** The powerful Turkish semi-classical vocalist performs a concert of old favourites. **Göksel, 27 Feb, 9pm:** Singer-songwriter Göksel performs beloved Turkish pop songs like *Uzaktan* and *Yalnız Kuş* in her distinctive warm style. Fırın Cad. 75, Beşiktaş. www.bkmonline.net. T: 0212 236 1818. Off map.

Borusan Music House

Soli-Tutti, 13 Feb, 8:30pm: This group of 12 talented singers perform the works of major 20th-century French composers in their concert *A Capella*. www.borusanmuzikevi.com. İstiklal Cad. Orhan Adlı Apaydın Sok. 1, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 336 3271. C5.

Bostancı Show Center

Yalın, 8 Feb, 9pm: The popular Turkish vocalists performs some of his favourite love songs inc *Kasma* and *Olmasa da Olur*. **Sezen Aksu, 14, 15 Feb, 9pm:** The undisputed diva of Turkish pop performs her own compositions in a wonderful stage show. **Emre Aydın, 16 Feb, 6pm:** A recipient of a host of Turkish rock awards, Aydın sings from his last album on the theme of time. **Ferhat Göçer, 22 Feb, 9pm:** Known for his arias, the popular vocalist pours a mix of fun and melancholy into his pop repertoire. www.bgmonline.net. Bostanlar Arası Sok. 8, Bostancı, Kadıköy. T: 0216 384 7210-11. Off map.

Caddebostan Culture Centre

Mehmet Erdem, 5 Feb, 8:30pm: Making a splash with his song *Hakim Bey*, Erdem performs music he composed for Turkish films and series in his own original style. www.ckm.gen.tr. Bağdat Cad. Haldun Taner Sok. 11, Caddebostan. T: 0216 467 3600. Off map.

Cemal Reşit Rey Auditorium

Buika, 1 Feb, 8pm: Bringing together Spanish love songs, flamenco and jazz, Buika presents a selection of songs from their new album *La Noche Mas Larga*. IMA, 25 Feb, 8pm: Hailed by the worldwide press, "As beautiful as Dalida, with songs as warm as Pink Martini and Monica Molina", Canada's new superstar performs songs in a host of languages. www.crrks.org. Darülbeydi Cad. Harbiye. T: 0212 232 9830. B6.

Fulya Sanat

İstanbul Gitar Ensemble, 20 Feb, 8pm: The



Love in Portofino

One of the world's best known tenors and loved for his sensitive, powerful voice, **Andrea Bocelli** has performed for four American presidents, two Popes and the British royal family. Now let him sing to you in a concert of songs from his latest album *Love in Portofino*, at **Ülker Sports Arena** (22 Feb) (p. 21).

three-member group plays music ranging from Anatolian tunes to classical pieces, tangos and film music. www.fulyasanat.org. Hakkı Yeten Cad. No:10, Dikilitaş. T: 0212 215 6037. Off map.

Garaj İstanbul

Maceo Plex, 28 Feb, 10pm: The American singer's electro music is a blend of disco and house songs with an undercurrent of techno. www.garajistanbul.org. Tomtom Mah. Yeni Çarşı Cad. Kaymakam Reşat Bey Sok. 11/A, Galatasaray, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 244 4499. C5.

İş Sanat

Estrella Morente, 6 Feb, 8pm: The daughter of hot flamenco legend Enrique Morente, Estrella Morente pours her soul into beloved flamenco songs. **Karadeniz'den Ezgiler ve Sözcükler – 'Songs and Words from the Black Sea', 13 Feb, 8pm:** Modern Turkish storyteller Sunay Akin joins popular Black Sea musician Volkan Konak in a colourful evening of songs and music. www.issanat.com.tr. İş Towers, Levent. T: 0212 316 1083. Off map.

Jolly Joker İstanbul

Mor ve Ötesi, 1 Feb, 10pm: The young rock group plays songs on anti-war, socio-political subjects. **Soner Sarıkabaday, 7 Feb, 10pm:** The popular Turkish pop artist presents songs from his new summer release, *Kutsal Toprak*. **Red Fang, 9 Feb, 9pm:** This American rock group plays songs from their hit album *Murder The Mountains*. **Yeni Türkü, 14 Feb, 10pm:** This veteran Turkish modern folk group has put together a special Valentine's Day show with classic songs like *Aşk*

Yeniden and *Olmasa Mektubun*. **Redd, 15 Feb, 10pm:** Redd have gained a strong following with their interesting blend of styles. Hear them perform from their new album *Hayat Kaçık Bir Uykudur*. **Smokie, 20 Feb, 9pm:** The English rock group takes the stage with hit songs like *Oh Carol*, *Living Next Door to Alice* and *It's Your Life*. **Mabel Matiz, 28 Feb, 10pm:** Hailed by critics as an "urban minstrel," Mabel Matiz presents an entertaining selection of songs. www.ijistanbul.com. İstiklal Cad. Balı Sok. 22, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 249 0749. C5.

Zorlu Center PSM

Zeljko Joksimovic & Ad Hoc Orchestra, 14 Feb, 8pm: Romantic composer Joksimovic presents his latest project *Balkan Bazaar* with orchestral accompaniment. **Ennio Morricone 50th Year Concert, 22 Feb, 8pm:** Composer of soundtracks for unforgettable films like *Cinema Paradiso* and *The Legend of 1900*, Morricone bids farewell to his public with a concert featuring a 100-member orchestra. **Rebecca Bakken Band, 25 Feb, 8pm:** The jazz artist performs a love-themed selection of folk, R&B and jazz songs. www.zorlucenter.com. Barbaros Bulvarı Kavşağı, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 444 9496. Off map.

VIKTORIA TOLSTOY, 10 Feb, 8pm.
Cemal Reşit Rey Auditorium (p. 21)

CHILDREN

Bostancı Show Center

Pepee, 9 Feb, 3pm: Turkish cartoon hero Pepee and his friends share a fun-filled musical show with their young fans. www.bgmonline.net. Bostanlar Arası Sok. 8, Bostancı, Kadıköy. T: 0216 384 7210-11. Off map.

İş Sanat

Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, 2 Feb, 3pm: Kids and adults alike will enjoy this adventure-filled presentation of the fairy tale beloved by children around the world. **A Concert Just for Kids, 9 Feb, 3pm:** The kids will love this musical play of legendary songs and arias with a theatrical presentation, especially created for younger music fans. www.issanat.com.tr. İş Towers, Levent. T: 0212 316 1083. Off map.

DANCE

Akbank Sanat

Korhan Başaran, 25, 26 Feb, 8pm: New-York based Turkish choreographer Başaran presents a show about dichotomous relationships through dance, in *İkilişkiler*. www.akbanksanat.com. İstiklal Cad. 8, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 252 3500. C5.

Institut Francais De Turquie (Fransız Kültür Merkezi)

Karma, 20 Feb, 7pm: Consisting of short works by independent choreographers residing in Istanbul, the programme features modern dance choreographies by Gizem Aksu, Begüm Balcıoğlu, Metehan Kayan, Harun Kocabağık, Orçun Okurgan and Tuğçe Tuna. İstiklal Cad. 4 Taksim. T: 0212 393 8111. C5.

MUSICAL

Zorlu Center PSM

Cats, 1-9 Feb, 8pm: Based on T.S. Eliot's *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* and Andrew Lloyd Webber's record breaking adaptation, *Cats* became the second longest-running musical in Broadway history. **Taksim Trio İstanbul, 28 Feb, 8pm:** Brought up within İstanbul Roma (Gypsy) culture, this trio of master musicians features

Hüsnü Şenlendirici's flowing clarinet style, the clear and powerful bağlama performance of İsmail Tunçbilek and Aytaç Doğan's almost guitar-like kanun style. www.zorlucenter.com. Barbaros Bulvarı Kavşağı, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 444 9496. Off map.





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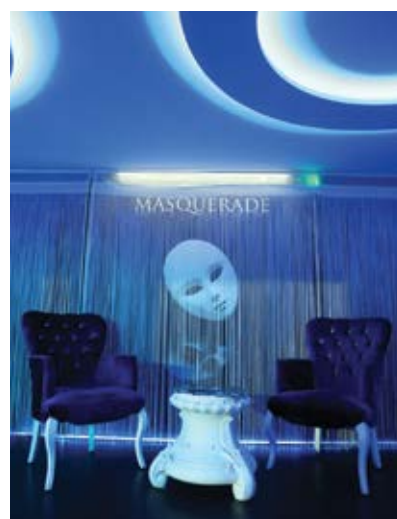
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MEYHANE & FASIL

Elmadağ Meyhanesi

Keeping traditional meyhane culture alive, this charming meyhane serves a selection of traditional Turkish, Greek and Armenian mezes, and almost certainly something you haven't tried before. Every Friday and Saturday a live band plays old classical Turkish favourites as well as modern popular songs. Mon-Thu 6:30pm-12am. Fri & Sat 6:30pm-1am. www.elmadagmeyhanesi.com. Cumhuriyet Cad. Pak Apt. 30/A, Elmadağ, Taksim. T: 0212 241 0320. **B6.**

Galata Meyhanesi

This meyhane serves the flavours of Turkish cuisine as well as fasıl music, with a four-member group including violin, kanun, oud and drum providing a quintessentially Turkish atmosphere. Mon-Sat 7:30pm-1am. www.galata.com.tr. Orhan Apaydın Sok. 5/A, İstiklal Cad. Beyoğlu. T: 0212 293 1139. **C5.**

Garibaldi Meyhanesi

Named after Giuseppe Garibaldi, this Beyoğlu meyhane serves a rich selection of Turkish mezes and features a fine group of musicians playing the best of Turkish classical music for a classic Istanbul evening out. www.garibaldi.com.tr. Mon-Sat 10am -1am. Perukar Çıkmazı 3, İstiklal Cad. Beyoğlu. T: 0535 719 0343. **C5.**

Kalamata Meyhane

Sortie's Tavern took its new name after its relocation to Akaretler. Its warm atmosphere and simple interior become even more inviting with live music performances five days a week. The venue is run by one of the few female tavern owners in Turkey, Beyza Gürbüz, who also prepares the mezes herself. Tue-Sat 9pm-1am. Süleyman Seba Cad. Sıraevler 45, Akaretler, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 258 8788. **B7.**

Latife Hanım Meyhanesi

This meyhane with its 'Republican' theme is full of photographs of Atatürk and modern women of the new Turkish Republic, with Turkish classical songs playing round the clock. The meze selection is quite varied; make sure to sample the topik and lakerda. Daily L&D. www.latifehanim.com. İstiklal Cad. Bekar Sok. 22/A, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 293 0068. **C5.**

Safi Meyhane

This modern meyhane in Şişhane serves meze in the bar as well as the dining room. Home-style dishes feature for lunch, and the mezes include new flavours plus the venerable classics. Music ranges from 70s and 80s Turkish pop and classical. www.safimeyhane.com. Meşrutiyet Cad. 84, Şişhane. T: 0530 240 4908. **C4.**

MODERN MEYHANELER

Aheste

This warm, retro-style restaurant offers 20 different mezes from Turkey, Iran, Armenia and Greece, including favourites such as calamari with hummus, sweetbreads and artichoke confite. There are live jazz performances to enhance the evening. Mon-Thu 11am-1am, Fri-Sun 11am-1am. www.ahestegalata.com. Hacı Mimi Mah. Serdar-ı Ekrem Cad. 30A, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 245 4345. **C5.**

Duble Meze Bar

Duble is on the terrace of a building given to the Italian musician Giuseppe Donizetti, as a gift by Sultan Abdülmecit. The menu specialises in mezes made with seasonal vegetables and seafood. Wed, Fri and Sat nights are livened up by the music of DJ Aslı Köse. Daily 7pm-2am. www.dublemezebar.com. Meşrutiyet Cad. 55, Palazzo Donizetti, Pera, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 244 0188. **C5.**

Sidika

With its quiet music and simple, wooden interior, Sidika's menu is inspired by healthy Aegean cuisine. There's special focus on the cuisine of Cunda, an island across from the town of Ayvalık, settled by immigrants from Crete. Try the special shrimp and sea bream mezes. Mon-Sat 5pm-12am. www.sidika.com.tr. Şair Nedim Cad. 38, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 259 7232. **A7 / B7.**

BARS & CLUBS

29 Food Bar

Ulus 29 Lounge's new reincarnation, 29 Food Bar maintains its impressive elegance with its stylish décor and objects d'art. Must-tries include their asparagus tempura and Peking duck roll; they also make a mean Bloody Mary. Daily 12pm-2am.

www.group-29.com. Kuruçeşme Mah. 1, Bebek. T: 0212 265 6181. **Off map.**

360istanbul Suada Club

Unique delicious, a warm ambience and wonderful Bosphorus view meet great music and house cocktails like the lifeguard and Pink Bikini in a lively, tropical atmosphere. Daily 10am-1pm. www.360istanbul.com. Suada Club, Kuruçeşme Park, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 2636623. **Off map.**

Anjelique

Three-storey venue overlooking the Bosphorus, a mix of restaurant, club and bar. The sea-level floor offers the exotic flavours of East Asia, while the middle and top floors serve fine French dishes. Different music on each floor, sometimes by well-known DJs. Daily 5pm-4am. www.istanbuldoors.com. Muallim Naci Cad. Salhane Sok. 10, Ortaköy. T: 0212 327 2844. **A9.**

Arabesque

Presenting a new twist on the typical Lebanese restaurant with its predictable hummus, belly dancers and oriental glitz, Arabesque successfully combines the oriental spirit with contemporary nightlife. With walls decorated by famous Beirut graffiti artist Yahya Muhakkin. Daily 8pm-2am Taşkılla Cad. 19, Demokrasi Parkı Yarı, Maçka. T: 0212 231 0356. **B6.**



Calling All Lovers!

A hotspot of modern meyhane culture, **Aheste** serves slow-cooked traditional recipes made with natural ingredients. Enjoy a romantic evening with Turkish jazz and semi-classical music, and savour hot and cold mezes inspired by Turkish-Ottoman, Armenian, Iranian and Greek cuisines. **Hacı Mimi Mah. Serdar-ı Ekrem Cad. 30A, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 245 4345. C5.**

NIGHTLIFE

Babylon

Enjoy concerts, an extensive menu, cocktail pitchers, electro, house, chill out and world music. Daily 8pm-4am. www.babylon.com.tr. Asmalimescit, Şehbender Sok. 3, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 292 7368. **C5.**

Babylon Lounge

One of New York's most cutting edge music venues, Babylon Lounge is a place where young musicians create, discuss, meet the masters, and develop new ideas and projects. With its own unique musical scene, its stage is open to anyone and everyone making good music. Mon-Sat 10pm-2am. www.babylon.com.tr. Jurnal Sok. 4, Asmalimescit. T: 0212 245 3800. **C5.**

Billionaire Club

After a storming start in Sardinia, and making its mark in Monaco, exciting İstanbul is the next chosen venue for the Billionaire Club. Laid out on several levels, the club features see-through VIP areas overlooking the dance floor. Fri-Sat 11pm-4am. Edition Hotel, Büyükdere Cad. 136, Levent. T: 0212 317 7797. **Off map.**

Bird

Unique flavours from world cuisines are served up in a warm atmosphere dominated by music from the 50s and 60s. The menu here features mostly meat dishes with impressive portions, such as steak tartare and green curries, with their own special cocktails. Mon-Sat 11am-2pm. www.bird.com.tr. Meşrutiyet Cad. 103, Şişhane, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 245 7085. **C4.**

Bleu Lounge & Grill

With a Bosphorus view and comfortable ambience, Bleu serves tempting cocktails and gourmet flavours all day long. In addition, they feature a different style of live music every day of the week. Daily 10am-2am. www.ritzcarlton.com. Ritz Carlton, İstanbul, Askerocağı Cad. 6, Şişli. T: 0212 334 4188. **B6.**

Bronx

This venue generally features live performances from rock bands. Highly popular among people of all ages and groups. Fri&Sat 9pm-4am. www.istanbulbronx.com. İstiklal Cad. Terkos Çıkmazı 8/1, Beyoğlu. T: 0531 384 80 80. **C5.**

Chilai

Located directly on the Bosphorus, the venue brings a breath of fresh air to İstanbul's nightlife with its unusual contemporary décor and bold dishes prepared by renowned chefs. The three-floor dining complex includes a sushi bar, bistro, lounge, bar, dining room, pastry shop, charcuterie and art gallery. www.chilai.com.tr. Cevdet Paşa Cad. 60, Bebek. T: 0212 263 6315. **Off map.**

Choice

World cuisine, private parties, breakfasts and evening events combine with Thursday DJ spots by Serhan Sabanlar for elegant, high quality entertainment. Don't miss the Vodka Candy, and the sautéed tuna appetizer. Mon-Thu 11pm-4am; Fri & Sat 11am-4am; Sun 11am-4am. www.choice.com.tr. Bebek Mah. Küçük Bebek Cad. 10, Bebek. T: 0212 287 7474. **Off map.**

Corridor

This dark and intimate bar located in the deepest corner of the Milli Reasürans Çarşısı (market) hosts art shows and photographic exhibitions. House music during weekdays changes to 80s tunes later

in the evening; alternative rock and popular hits from the 80s and 90s dominate the sounds during weekends. Mon-Sat 5pm-1.30am. Milli Reasürans Çarşısı, 47-48, Abdi İpekçi Cad. Nişantaşı. T: 0212 343 0241. **A6.**

Çubuklu 29

Overlooking the Bosphorus, Çubuklu 29 occupies a spacious building illuminated by lanterns. In addition to its pool open during the day. Tandoori lamb, pilaf with almonds and grilled meatballs are just some of the specialties here. Daily 6pm-3am. www.cubuklu29.com. Barbaros Cad. Paşabahçe Yolu 22, Çubuklu. T: 0216 322 2829. **Off map.**

Garajistanbul

A contemporary performance arts centre located in Beyoğlu, staging a variety of performances inc theatre, dance, festivals, exhibitions, and concerts. Daily 8:30pm-2am. www.garajistanbul.org. Tomtom Mah. Yeni Çarşı Cad. Kaymakam Reşat Bey Sok. 11/A, Galatasaray, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 244 4499. **C5.**

Gold Bar

Gold Bar has a brilliant, six-metre long aquarium. The main area, available for small parties, is flanked by a comfortable seating area with low sofas. This welcoming venue also features a lush green terrace, a perfect place to take a pleasant break from the bustle of city life. Daily 9am-2am. Every Wed&Fri 7pm-11pm Lounge / Chill Out DJ sessions. www.editionhotels.com. The İstanbul Edition Hotel, Büyükdere Cad. 136, Levent. T: 0212 317 7700. **Off map.**

Hayal Kahvesi

This popular venue hosts live performances by different bands every night. www.hayalkahvesibeyoglu.com.tr. Hayal Kahvesi Beyoğlu, Daily 4pm-4am. İstiklal Cad. Meşelik Sok. 10, Taksim. T: 0212 244 2558. **C5.** Hayal Kahvesi Çubuklu, Daily 4pm-4am. There are 2 restaurants; Tapas and İstanbul Balık. www.hayalkahvesibeyoglu.com. Burunbahçe, Eski Gazhane Binaları, Çubuklu. T: 0216 413 6880. **Off map.**

Hodjapasha Culture Center

This cultural centre located in the historic HocaPaşa Hamam presents an ever-changing series of exhibitions and performances, presenting the finest examples of Turkish culture. The brick and stone building with its high central dome hosts many fascinating events including the Mevlevi Sema Ceremony (Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat & Sun 7.30pm) and the Hodja Pasha Dance Show (Tue & Thur 8pm, Sat & Sun 9pm) performed by the HocaPaşa Dance Team. www.hodjapasha.com. Ankara Cad. HocaPaşa Hamamı Sok. 3B, Sirkeci. T: 0212 511 4626/4636. **E5.**

Hypnos

Located in Beyoğlu's historic Mario Cantoni building, once the 19th-century home of the Cantoni family, Hypnos is the newest venue in İstanbul's nightlife scene. Every week, you'll find endless entertainment with its huge dance area, a peaceful dining area, and regular Latin dance nights and free workshops. Daily 10am-7pm, organization time: 7pm-3am. www.kafepi.com. Hüseyin Ağa Mah. Kemer Hatun Cad. 10, Beyoğlu. T: 0533 258 9393. **C5.**

Icebar

The İstanbul branch of the world-famous Ice Bar promises a one-of-a-kind evening. True to its name, it features a gigantic ice bar, ice DJ cabin, fur-covered seating, and special cocktails by Ice Girls. Daily 5pm-10pm. www.icebarist.com. Windowist Tower, Eski Büyükdere Cad. 26, Maslak. T: 0212 214 7000. **Off map.**

Indigo

Known as a temple of electronic music, this club offers a vibrant programme based on alternative and electronic music, with new sounds and reflecting the developments in the world of music. Wed, Fri, Sat 11pm-5am. www.livingindigo.com. İstiklal Cad. Akarsu Sok. Mısır Apt. 1/2/4/5, Galatasaray. T: 0212 244 8568. **C5.**

İstanbul Jazz Center

The centre of İstanbul's jazz scene, this venue hosts world-renowned musicians as well as select local performers. It offers a real jazz club experience with its elegant atmosphere, selective menu, extensive wine cellar, and breathtaking view of its summer terrace, harmoniously combining the best of music and good taste. Tue-Sat 9:30pm-12:30am. www.istanbuljazz.com. Çırağan Cad. Salhane Sok.10, Ortaköy. T: 0212 327 5050. **A9.**

Jolly Joker İstanbul

With its fine acoustics and infrastructure, this is a groundbreaking venue in sound quality in Turkey. Among the many genres performed are live electronic, acoustic, funk, pop, rock, hip hop, house and techno. Daily 9:30pm-2am. www.jjistanbul.com. İstiklal Cad. Balo Sok. 22, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 249 0749. **C5.**

Kiki

Cocktails made with homemade syrups, a comfortable environment and great music come together at this gastropub featuring Italian, Spanish and world cuisine. DJs play every night. Tue-Thu 5pm-1am, Fri & Sat 5pm-5am, Sun 5pm-midnight. www.kiki.com.tr. Kiki Siraselviler, Siraselviler Cad. 42, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 243 5373. **C5.** Kiki Ortaköy, Osmanzade Sok. 8, Ortaköy. T: 0212 258 5524. **Off map.**

Le Fumoir Pavillion

This Bar In The Çırağan Palace Kempinski İstanbul boasts a splendid view directly onto the Bosphorus. With palm trees, water pipe service and comfortable seating, the venue exudes Romance Savour, premium cognacs, malt whiskies, exclusive wines, champagnes, and cocktails. Daily 7/24. www.kempinski.com. Çırağan Cad. 32, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 326 4646. **Off Map.**

Limoncello

Named after the famous Italian liqueur, this exclusive boutique nightclub boasts colourful furniture under lemon trees, fresh fruit cocktails, and performances by top name DJs. Tue-Sat 10pm-2am. www.limoncello.com.tr. Süleyman Seba Cad. 34, Akaretler, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 258 9822. **B7.**

Lokal

Located in the relative peace of Tünel, this venue features a menu of Indian and Thai dishes fortified with Iranian herbs to create new and unique flavors. A relaxing, special club. Mon-Thu 12pm-12am, Fri, Sat 2pm-2am. Asmalimescit, Müeyyet Sok. 5, Tünel. T: 0212 245 5743. **C5.**



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T: 0212 245 7085. C5. www.bird.com.tr.

Lucca

Spacious restaurant-bar with ample armchairs, long wooden tables and a high ceiling, serving as a café until 7pm, after which the menu offers a blend of world cuisines and the DJ performance takes over. This is one of İstanbul's most popular bars, and popular with the after-work crowd. Daily 9am-2am. www.luccastyle.com. Cevdet Paşa Cad. 51/B, Bebek. T: 0212 257 1255. **Off map.**

Masquerade Club

Famous R&B singers and DJs from Turkey and abroad perform music from around the world at this new club with a capacity of 2000. Making a name for itself with its unusual concepts and performances, Masquerade creates a visual and musical celebration. Yıldız Posta Cad. Sinan Pasajı No:38/26 Gayrettepe. T: 0212 347 1347. Mobile: 0533 027 0387. masqueradeistanbul.com. **Off map.**

Members İstanbul

An impressive-looking Bosphorus nightspot where, the excellent DJs play mostly Turkish hits, with the fun continuing until the first arrival of dawn. Tue-Sat 10pm-4am. Muallim Naci Cad. 71, Ortaköy. T: 0212 236 7357. **Off map.**

Minimüzikhol

If you're out to avoid 'subculture', set your own trend and dance to world music, local sounds and electronic beats, then check out this new spot in hip Cihangir. DJ performances, special events and a very unique atmosphere created by to its unusual decor. 11pm-4am. www.minimuzikhol.com. Siraselvililer Cad. Soğanlı Sok. 7, Cihangir. T: 0212 245 1996. C5.

Mojo

Just off İstiklal Caddesi and much frequented by artists and writers, Mojo is loved for its alternative rock, jazz, ethnic and rock music as well as live music by local and foreign bands on Mon-Sat 10pm-4am. Daily 12am-4am. www.mojomusic.org. Büyükparmakkapı Sok. 26, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 243 2927. C5.

Nardis Jazz Club

A true jazz club for real local jazz fans, with live music nightly modern, ethnic and creative non-jazz works. Extensive menu inc finger food, steak and chicken plus salads and desserts. Mon-Thu 8:30am-12:30pm, Fri&Sat 8:30am-1:30am. www.nardisjazz.com. Kule Sok. 8, Galata. T: 0212 244 6327. D5.

Nomads

At Nomads, dishes are served with pita bread on large brass trays, accompanied by DJ Hakan's sublime mix of Arab and Western music. With a bright, airy garden surrounded by alcoves with pillows and couches, and Bosphorus views from the top floor. Tue-Sat; 8pm-2am. www.nomads.nl. Muallim Naci Cad. 65, Ortaköy. T: 0212 258 0777. A9.

Nublu İstanbul

One of New York's most cutting edge music venues, Nublu is a place where young musicians create, discuss, meet the masters, and develop new ideas and projects. Mon-Sat 10pm-2am. www.nubluistanbul.net. Voyvoda Cad. 2/1, Karaköy Meydanı, Karaköy. T: 0212 249 7712. C5.

Nupera

Launched in 2001 in the 200 year-old Passage de Petit Champs, Nupera houses a variety of

restaurants, a bar and private club with an open terrace during the summer – something for everyone. Daily 12am-11pm. Fri&Sat 12am-4am. www.nupera.com.tr. Meşrutiyet Cad. 67, Tepebaşı, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 245 6070. C4.

Orient Bar

Breakfast, Turkish and Mediterranean treats and a wide variety of snack dishes served on an elegant. The meals are complemented by original cocktails plus domestic and foreign wines served all day. Daily 10pm-2am. www.jumeirah.com. Pera Palace Hotel Jumeriah, Meşrutiyet Cad. 52, Tepebaşı, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 3774000. C4.

Pop

This venue in Nupera has something to suit every taste, playing the top hits from the 80s to the present. With its informal atmosphere and great selection of drinks, Pop has become one of the most popular spots in Pera. Wed, Fri, Sat 12am-4am. www.nupera.com.tr. Meşrutiyet Cad. 67, Tepebaşı. T: 0212 245 6070. C4.

Propaganda

Propaganda, with its stylish interior by Spanish architect David Garcia, lives up spectacularly to its motto: 'good food, good music'. It boasts a delicious selection of international dishes, live music on weeknights and DJ performances on weekends. Daily 11am-3am. İstiklal Cad, Suriye Pasajı, 166/10, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 252 7181. C5.

Public House

This cosy pub is ideally equipped to host parties and other special events. The cold and hot snacks, shots and pitcher cocktails are delicious. Daily 8am-2am. Asmalimescit Mah. 9, Beyoğlu. T: 0534 211 6062. C4.

Roxy

A classic of the bohemian Cihangir district in winter, this nightclub features live, electronic, pop, techno and underground music. Its Sex on the Beach cocktail is famous. Thu-Sat 10pm-4am. www.roxy.com.tr. Siraselvililer Cad. Aslan Yatağı Sok. 1/3, Taksim. T: 0212 249 1283. C5.

Sofyalı 9

Very popular two-storey restaurant with the atmosphere of an Aegean-Mediterranean taverna. Greek music and cuisine including a choice of 33 meze (appetizers). Mon-Sat 12pm-1am. www.sofyali.com. Asmalimescit, Sofyalı Sok. 9, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 245 0362. C5.

Sortie

Located in the old bosphorus neighbourhood of Kuruçeşme. Sortie welcomes its guests with Turkish music on Wednesdays and R&B on Sunday nights. Daily 6pm-4am. www.sortie.com.tr. Muallim Naci Cad. 54, Kuruçeşme. T: 0212 327 8585. **Off map.**

Suada Club

İstanbul residents and visitors alike take refuge from the heat of summer in the soft Bosphorus breeze sweeping the pool and restaurants of Suada Club. Easily accessible thanks to its central location in the city, and housing six restaurants, Suada Club is sure to be a hot spot this year as well. An ideal spot for an aperitif after work, the middle bar of Suada Club entertains its guests throughout the summer with live performances. www.suadaclub.com.tr. Kuruçeşme. T: 0212 263 7300. **Off map.**

Sultana's 1001 Nights Show

Venue offering authentic Turkish-themed shows.

Tables surround a raised centre stage, featuring shows that begin with belly-dancing, followed by folk dances and a harem show. Ottoman Cuisine. Daily 9am-5am. www.sultanab-nights.com. Cumhuriyet Cad. 40/D, Elmadağ. T: 0212 219 3904. B6.

Supper Club

Part of a chain launched in Amsterdam, this nightclub offers electronic, chill out, funk and house music, and an alternative menu. Daily 8:30pm-5am. www.supperclub.com. Muallim Naci Cad. 65, Ortaköy. T: 0212 261 1988. A9.

Unter, Karaköy

Unter's ground floor is a café, the next is a lounge, and the top floor a party space. Cairoska cocktail with Jaegermeister, and the long relaxed Sunday breakfasts. Private overnight parties with music by DJs promise great entertainment until dawn. Tue-Thu 11am-12am, Fri 11am-2am, Sat 9am-2am, Sun 9am-8pm. www.unter.com.tr. Kemankeş, Karaali Kaptan Sok. 4, Karaköy, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 244 5151. D5.

Wan-Na Pop

Far Eastern restaurant and nightclub Wan-na Pop, one of İstanbul's classiest and most popular nightspots, it is especially popular on Friday nights with its DJ music. Daily D&N. www.istanbuldoors.com. Büyükdere Cad. 185, Kanyon Shopping Centre 206, Levent. T: 0212 353 1180. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

W Lounge

One of the trendiest spots in İstanbul, hosting a multitude of parties accompanied by fine music. Extensive menu, stylish decoration and ambiance. Tue-Sat 24 hours. www.wistanbul.com.tr. Süleyman Seba Cad. 22, Akaretler, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 381 2121. B7.

Zarifi Restaurant

Prepared daily, menus feature 80 selections from the best of Armenian, Greek, Jewish, Arab, Turkish and Levantine cuisines. The restaurant is also known for its wide range of music, from old İstanbul songs to Sephardic, Greek and jazz music. Daily 7:30pm-4am. www.zarifi.com.tr. Çukurlu Çeşme Sok. 13, Siraselvililer, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 293 5480. C5.

TURKISH MUSIC

Cahide Cümbüş

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Club Albüm

Turkish pop parties every night, at this nightspot overlooking the Bosphorus, are followed by live percussion and dance shows. The deluxe drink menu serves a host of original, tempting cocktails. Daily 11pm-5am. Muallim Naci Cad. 71, Kuruçeşme. T: 0212 236 7256. **Off map.**

Hittaera

Playing Turkish songs from past to present, this

venue hosts prominent DJs, plus top cocktails and nonstop entertainment. Tue-Sat 11:30pm-4am. Meşrutiyet Cad. 89/A, across from the Pera Palas Hotel, Asmalimescit, Beyoğlu. T: 0536 594 1139. C4.

Off Pera

A popular venue for musicians and actors, Off Pera provides a nonstop programme of Turkish music. This pop spot in Beyoğlu's Asmalimescit neighbourhood holds different themes through the week: Tuesday nights with Asu Maro, selections from classical, opera and famous musicals by Güvenç Dağüstün on Wednesdays. Daily 4pm-4am. Gönül Sok. Canova Apartmanı 14/A, Asmalimescit. T: 0212 249 2697. C4.

Scotch Disco

With a 20-year history, this venue offers Turkish music and DJs, offering the unique experience of the music halls of the 1980s. Serves beer and fresh popcorn. Daily 10:30pm-5am. www.scotchclub.com.tr. Mim Kemal Öke Cad. 29/1, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 246 5696. A6.

Sess

This nightclub in Kuruçeşme will change the way you think about nightlife. With wide, comfortable booths and showy décor, it creates the perfect backdrop for the best Turkish hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s. Daily 10pm-4am. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Azer İş Hanı 40, Teşvikiye. T: 0534 960 3909. A6.

Şamdan Etiler

Offering a magnificent interior and selections

from world cuisines, Şamdan turns into a popular entertainment spot at night. The evening starts with soft chansons, replaced by disco hits as the night progresses. Daily 8:30pm-5am. www.etilersamdan.com. Nispetiye Cad. 92, Etiler. Office: İhsan Aksoy Sok. 5/8, Çamlık, Etiler. T: 0212 257 3042. **Off map.**

Zilly Pera

Falling somewhere in between a disco and nightclub, Zilly is one of İstanbul's most popular music spots. Sporting a 70s atmosphere, Zilly keeps the fun going until dawn with old and new Turkish songs. Tue-Sat 11pm-4:30am. Meşrutiyet Cad. 69, Beyoğlu. T: 0533 575 3397. C4.

WINE BARS

Rouge

Located near Taksim Square, this classic wine bar has over 260 Turkish and foreign wines, accompanied by local cheeses, appetizers and main courses. Pleasant atmosphere, with walls filled with art. Daily 10am-2am. Lamartin Cad. 11/3, Taksim. T: 0212 237 0190. B6.

Sensus Wine & Cheese Boutique

Owned by the Anemon Hotels, Sensus doubles as a wine and cheese shop. Close to the historic Galata Tower, this typical wine bar boasts exclusively local cheeses and wines. Daily 10am-10pm. www.sensuswine.com. Anemon Hotel Galata, Bereketzade, Büyükhendek Cad. 5, Kuledibi. T: 0212 245 5657. D4.



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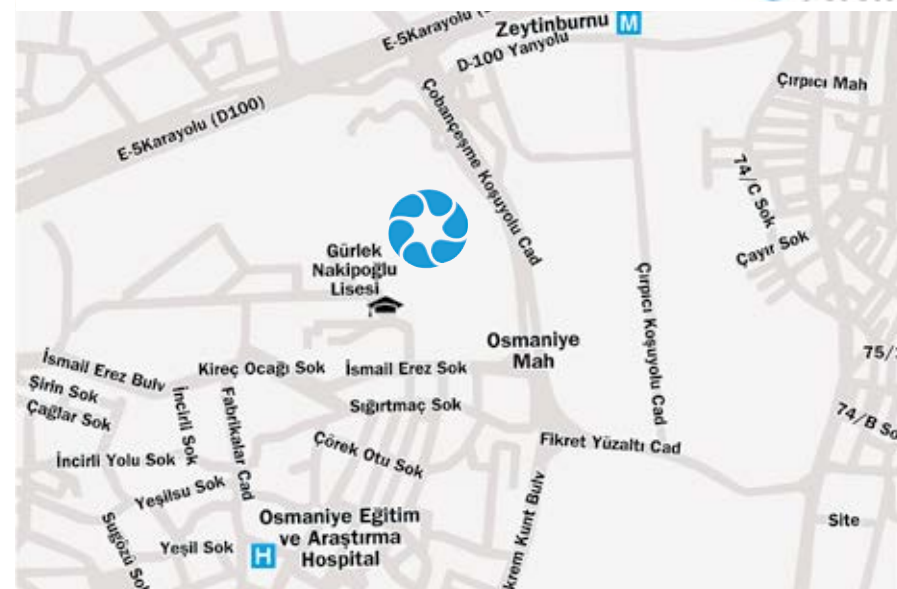
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SHOPPING CENTRE MAP



MAJOR SHOPPING AREAS

Akaretler Row Houses

Built in 1875 by Ottoman Sultan Abdülaziz, the beautiful Akaretler Row Houses has a new lease of life since its huge renovation. New life has been breathed into this Beşiktaş neighbourhood and it's now one of Istanbul's foremost cultural quarters, offering a host of colourful art galleries, stylish cafés and restaurants, and a tempting selection of designer shops. Officially named Şair Nedim Caddesi, this sloping street, with the W Hotel as a prominent landmark, is lined with commercial galleries such as Rampa, Art On Gallery and Galerist, and design house Autobahn. Find luxury jewel-encrusted pieces at Sevan Bıçakçı, tasteful linens and household items at Haremliques, and prepare for the Big Day at Vakko Wedding. Should you need a break after all that browsing and shopping, tempting treats await at stylish Cafe Minyon (part of W Hotel), or taste top Turkish wines paired with cheeses at Corvus. [www.akaretler.com.tr](#). Süleyman Seba Cad. Maçka, Beşiktaş. **B7**.

Bağdat Caddesi

Named after Murat IV's successful campaign to recapture Baghdad, this posh street on Istanbul's Asian side extends from Kızıltoprak in Kadıköy to Cevizli in Maltepe. The section between Suadiye and Caddebostan is especially well known for its exclusive shops, cafés and restaurants frequented by local youth and business people. Many top Turkish and world brands have at least one shop here. Well served by public transportation, this bustling street with its chic restaurants and cafes is an excellent place to go window shopping and people watching. **Off map**.

Covered (Grand) Bazaar

Built in 1461, this amazing complex, the world's oldest shopping center, is a colossal maze taking in 66 streets and 4,000 stores— all covered. Each street in the Bazaar is named after the specific guild that once inhabited it, such as the Kalpak Makers, Jewellers, Mirror Makers, etc. This is the

place for hand-woven carpets, jewellery, traditional Turkish art, famous Turkish style silverware, copper, bronze giftware and decorative objects, ceramics, onyx, leather products and souvenirs from all over Turkey. Mon-Sat 8:30am-7pm. [www.kapalicarsi.org.tr](#). Beyazıt-Eminönü. **E4**.

Çukurcuma

World-renowned for its antique shops, this area has the atmosphere of an old Ottoman neighbourhood. Antique shops are scattered through the streets. Mon-Fri 9am-7pm. Sat-Sun 9am-7pm. Çukurcuma Cad. Fırzağa Mah. Faik Paşa Cad. Turnacıbaşı Sok. Beyoğlu. T: 0505 709 3857. **C5**.

Egyptian (Spice) Bazaar

Alongside the New Mosque (Yeni Cami) and next to the Flower Market, the Egyptian Bazaar is one of the oldest covered bazaars in Istanbul, renowned for its herbalists. In addition to spices, Turkish delight (*lokum*), and other souvenirs, natural medicines, herbs, flower seeds, roots and barks of rare plants used in traditional medicine as well as a vast selection of dried nuts, delicatessen products and other food items are available. Mon-Sat 8:30am-6:30pm. Eminönü Square. **E4**.

İstiklal Caddesi

In the historical district of Beyoğlu, which was the primary neighbourhood of the foreign community as well as non-Muslim Ottoman subjects, Beyoğlu gradually attained a European look with the arrival of foreign embassies as well as Christians from Galata, eventually forming a new community in 17th-century Istanbul. The allure of the street faded in the 1970s but was followed by major revival in early 1990s. It is now the city's major entertainment district, full of bars, clubs, cafés, restaurants, and scores of top shopping brands. Beyoğlu. **C5**.

Nişantaşı

CL00Nişantaşı is both a lively and bustling neighbourhood and an area known for its exclusive shopping centres, brand-name stores, malls and galleries. With its national and international brands,

pleasant cafes, restaurants and quality nightlife, it is a favourite area especially with Istanbul's elite crowd. Nişantaşı lies at busy hub of several major streets (the busiest of which are Teşvikiye, Valikonağı and Rumeli Avenues) and it's easy to get to, a quick dolmuş ride from Taksim Square. **A6**.

SHOPPING CENTRES

Address Istanbul

With a host of leading Turkish and foreign home furnishing and houseware stores offering, hundreds of brands, this shopping centre has everything you need to decorate an entire flat in a single day. Take a break for a delicious treat at Kitchenette Restaurant, and enjoy live music on Sundays. Daily 10am-7pm. [www.addressistanbul.com](#). Halide Edip Adıvar Bulvarı Mah. Çiftecevizler Deresi Sok. 4, Şişli. T: 0212 320 6262. **Off map**.

Akmerkez

Offering the best local and foreign brands in an elegant shopping atmosphere as well as an array of entertainment and social venues, Joker Entertainment Park promises a good time for children and adults alike. Papermoon, located at the Ulus entrance, serves Italian cuisine. Daily 10am-10pm. [www.akmerkez.com.tr](#). Nispetiye Cad. Etiler. T: 0212 282 0170.

Shopping Centre Map (p.34).

Astoria

Located in the business and social centre of Esentepe, Astoria hosts world-renowned brands in its unique design including 48m-high twin atriums designed to provide ample daylight. In addition to 110 stores, it offers cafés, gourmet markets, and restaurants offering superb flavours of Turkish and world cuisines. Daily 10am-10pm. [www.astoria.com.tr](#). Büyükdere Cad. Astoria Kuleleri 127, Esentepe. T: 0212 215 2222. **Off map**.

Ataköy Plus

Ataköy Plus Shopping Centre is open to exploration with an architectural aesthetics, spacious circulation spaces, and special services that make shopping an insatiable experience. Situated on the coastal road only five minutes from the Atatürk International Airport, Ataköy Plus offers 140 brands original designs. [www.atakoyplus.com](#). Daily 10am-10pm. Adnan Kahveci Bulvarı,

Guidelines

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MAP LOCATIONS

Note that the references in bold at the end of each listing (A1; B5 etc) refer to the coordinates on the street maps on pages 62-63.

INFORMATION

Visitors should note that Value Added Tax (VAT) varies between 8% and 18% and is generally included in the price of goods. Overseas visitors can shop tax-free in Turkey recouping around 5 to 13% of these amounts, respectively. Look for shops with signs for Global Refund (T: 0212 232 1121) and DSD Refund (T: 0212 546 0790).

Ataköy 6. Kısım Ataköy, Bakırköy.
T: 0212 661 7515. **Off map**.

Brandium Ataşehir

Boasting 250 stores ranging from home textiles to electronics, clothing and cosmetics, this shopping centre also offers children's play parks, theatre and cinemas, a bowling alley and gourmet restaurants. [www.brandiumataşehir.com](#). Dereboyu Cad. 29, Ataşehir. T: 0212 4441200. **Off map**.

Capacity

Four-storey shopping centre with 180 stores carrying Turkish and foreign brands. Sephora, Banana Republic, Gap and many more brands cater to a vast range of tastes while Electro World serves technology-savvy customers. Fast food, restaurants and movie theaters. Daily 10am-10pm. [www.capacity.com.tr](#). Zeytinlik Mah. Fişekhane Cad. 7, Bakırköy. T: 0212 661 6705. **Off map**.

Capitol

Major shopping and entertainment centre with stores, restaurants and fourteen movie theatres. Various activities organised every week. Daily 10am-10pm. [www.capitol.com.tr](#). Mahir İz Cad. Altunizade, Üsküdar. T: 0216 554 7777. **Off map**.

City's

City's Nişantaşı is a centre of fashion and style. Leading national and international brands, delightful cafés and restaurants, dazzling architecture. Entertainment for children and 7 movie theatres. Citylife's cinema foyer with its peerless sea view adds to the pleasure. The fun lasts late into the evening. Daily 10am-10pm. [www.citysnisantasi.com](#). Teşvikiye Cad. 162, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 373 3333. **A6**.

Demirören İstiklal

Opened upon the rebuilding of the Sin-Em Han, home in the 1930s to the famous Saray pudding shop and the Lüks cinema, this 25,000 square metre venue is home to a host of famous shops including Sephora, Brandroom, the Saturn technology chain, the Gap and Atasun Optik. Daily 10am-10pm. [www.demirorenistiklal.com](#). T: 0212 249 9999. İstiklal Cad. 52-54, Beyoğlu. **C5**.

Galleria

A major shopping centre featuring world brands as well as a broad range of restaurants, entertainment, sports activities and striking interiors. Daily 10am-10pm. [www.galleria-atakoy.com](#). Sahilyolu, Ataköy. T: 0212 559 9560. **Off map**.

İstanbul Cevahir

The city centre's largest shopping mall lets you shop any time you want. In addition to a slew of top-rated stores, it also boasts cafés and restaurants offering flavours from around the world, a movie theatre, state theatres and the Fun Lab Entertainment World for children. Daily 10am-10pm. [www.istanbulcevahir.com](#). Büyükdere Cad. 22/A, Şişli. T: 0212 368 6900. **Off map**.

İstinyePark

In addition to the top brands this shopping centre offers, it stands out with its architecture. Designed to cater to a host of tastes and needs, it demonstrates a distinct concept with 147 clothing stores and 43 world brands. Various theme areas including Brands Street, Nostalgic Marketplace and Children's Entertainment Centre in addition to nearly 40 cafés and restaurants, and 12 movie

SHOPPING CENTRE MAP



theatres inc a 3D IMAX screen. Daily 10am-10pm. www.istinyepark.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. 73, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 5555.

Shopping Centre Map (p.34).

Forumİstanbul

In addition to shopping, Forum İstanbul offers an extensive choice of leisure activities. At the top of the list of attractions is Turkuazoo, Turkey's first and biggest aquarium. The mall also boasts a 10-screen movie theatre, a game and entertainment centre, bowling alley, play spaces for children and a host of dining choices. Look out for the newest addition: Jurassic Land, an 8000-m² family entertainment centre set due to open later this year. Daily 10am-10pm. www.forumistanbul.com.tr. Kocatepe Mah. Paşa Cad. Bayrampaşa. T: 0212 443 1350.

Shopping Centre Map (p.36).

Kanyon

Major shopping centre with 160 stores, 9 movie theatres and a health and sports club. Pleasant atmosphere offering the best Turkish and world brands, gourmet restaurants, cafés, open air performances and dazzling colours and sounds. Restaurants and cafés in Kanyon offer early breakfasts and late dinners. Daily 10am-10pm. www.kanyon.com.tr. Büyükdere Cad. 185, Levent. T: 0212 317 5300. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Marmara Forum

The Marmara Forum shopping centre is home to world brands, and brings new ideas and trends to Turkey. In addition to famous men's, women's and kids' clothing and lingerie brands – including Massimo Dutti, Benetton, Mango, Lacoste, DKNY, GAP and Armani Kids – you'll also find top national and international jewellery brands like Atasay, Gülaylar, Assos and Swarovski. The mall is also home to 15 cinemas, and the largest Food Court in Istanbul, with 65 different cafes and restaurants. And not forgetting the two separate terraces with views of the Marmara Sea. Daily 10am-10pm. www.marmara-forum.com.tr. Osmaniye, Çobançeşme, Koşuyolu Bulvarı 3, Bakırköy. T: 0212 414 9494. **Shopping Centre Map (p.32).**

Metro City

Accessible by subway, this shopping centre offering world brands, restaurants, and book stores is also popular for its regular events. Beymen Club and Vakko stores offer top-line smart and smart-casual men's and women's clothing. Daily 10am-10pm. www.metrocity.com.tr. Büyükdere Cad. 171, 1. Levent. T: 0212 344 0660.

Shopping Centre Map (p.34).

Optimum

Bringing the outlet concept into the city centre, Optimum İstanbul serves nearly nine million visitors a year in the bustling neighbourhood of Kadıköy on the Asian side. In addition to famous brands like Tommy Hilfiger, Fracassetti and Diesel, you'll find local brands like Derimod, Vakko and Atasay. There's a huge daylight food court and open-air terraces, plus a 540 m² ice skating rink. Daily 10am-10pm. www.optimumoutlet.com. İstiklal Sok. 10/4, Yenisahra, Ataşehir. T: 0216 664 1414. **Off map.**

Palladium

Largest shopping centre in İstanbul's Asian side. In addition to 170 large stores, movie theatres and an excellent food court, it also includes a 32-storey residence. Its inspiring architecture includes a colossal glass hemisphere for a roof. The chic mall also houses world-renowned brands including Marks&Spencer, C&A, Banana Republic, and Zara. Daily 10am-10pm. www.palladium.com.tr. Barbaros Mah. Halk Cad. 8/B, Yeni Sahra, Kozyatağı. T: 0216 663 1500. **Off map.**

Sapphire

At 261 metres high, İstanbul Sapphire is the city's tallest combined shopping mall and andresidential building; it's also Turkey's first 'green' structure, and one of few such buildings in the world. Combining western, traditional and modern architecture, Sapphire presents a modern shopping experience with prestigious world brands and entertainment. Daily 10am-10pm. www.istanbulsapphire.com. Emniyet Evleri, Eski Büyükdere Cad. 1/1, Levent. T: 0212 268 8080.

Shopping Centre Map (p.34).

Trump Towers Mall

This mall that offers shopping, movies, a place to perform music, a gym and a convention hall also has a play center and ice skating school for kids. Daily 10am-10pm. www.trumpistanbul.com.tr. Karkuyusu Sok. 19, Şişli. T: 0212 348 7867. **Off map.**

Vialand

Turkey's first world-class mega theme park offers a host of different entertainment alternatives including a show centre, shopping centre, a 5000-seat auditorium plus a train, a roller coaster and other rides and theme zones. www.vialand.com.tr. Yeşilpınar Mah. Girne Mah. Eyüp. T: 0212 618 9797. **Off map.**

Viaport

Located at the Sabiha Gökçen juncture at the intersection of the İstanbul Park Road and Trans-European Motorway (TEM), VIA/PORT boasts 175 stores. There are many world-renowned brand outlets. The centre also features an amusement park, go carts, a forest tour on ATV, pony rides, 5D cinema and much more. Daily 10am-10pm. www.viaport.com.tr. Yenışehir Mah. Dedepaşa Cad. 19, Kurtköy, Pendik. T: 0216 696 1001. **Off map.**

Zorlu Center

This mall in the heart of the city is home to luxury boutique stores including Beymen, plus Turkey's first outlets of brands such as Brooks Brothers, Industrie Denim, Cos, Lanvin, Pomellato, Stella McCartney and Superdry. The venue also has 14 cinemas, including two VIP cinemas with 1,600 seats each. Daily 10am-10pm. www.zorlucenter.com.

Barbaros Bulvarı Kavşağı, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 444 9496. **Off map.**

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

Antik Palace

Nearly 260 art and antique auctions have been held by this house, where numerous Turkish and world records have been broken. Antik A.Ş. is the organizer of the first and most comprehensive contemporary painting, wine, book and classic automobile auctions in Turkey. Daily 9am-7pm. www.antikpalace.com.tr. Süleyman Seba Cad. Talimyeri Sok. 2, Maçka. T: 0212 236 2460. **B7.**

Artı Mezat

Providing antique buying and sales services, the shop guarantees the authenticity of each piece with options of lowest commission and earliest payment. Find the best value on Ottoman and European pieces, paintings, porcelain, glass and ceramic objects, silver objects bearing the sultan's signature or seal, Korans, calligraphy, books and engravings at Artı Mezat. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm. www.artimezat.com. Ahmet Fetgari Sok. Can Apt. 40/B, Teşvikiye. T: 0212 233 7037. **A7.**

Beyaz Müzayede

This establishment holds auctions at Sofa Hotel featuring masterpieces of modern and contemporary art. Printed with 5 different covers, the catalogue presents the objects to go under the hammer under two sections: Day Sale and Evening Sale. www.beyazart.com. İz Plaza Giz K:19 D:70, Maslak. T: 0212 290 7050. **A6.**

Horhor Antique Centre

This seven-storey building is famous with local antique collectors, and each object here has a story, from armour worn by an English knight in his last battle, to the massive armchair of a French aristocrat. Daily 10am-6pm. www.horhor.com. Kırk Tulumba Sok. 24, Horhor, Aksaray. **E2.**

Khaftan Art & Antique

A delightful venue hosting a collection of fine antiques and works by modern Turkish artists. Khaftan's vast array includes Ottoman era textiles, ceramics, silverworks, oriental paintings, books, engravings and maps collected both in Turkey and abroad. Also available are oil paintings by contemporary Turkish artists, miniature paintings and calligraphic art. Daily 9am-8pm. www.khaftan.com. Sultanahmet, Nakilbent Sok. 32, T: 0212 458 5425. **F5.**

Maçka Mezat

Maçka Mezat is a pioneer promoting Ottoman artworks and Turkish paintings in auctions, with a wide array of artefacts primarily Ottoman silver, tombaks, ceramics and calligraphy plus European and Russian artworks, Orientalist paintings and Chinese porcelain. Mon-Sat 9am-6pm. www.mackamezat.com. Maçka Cad. 24/3, Teşvikiye. T: 0212 259 4513. **A6.**

Mecidiyeköy Antique Centre

Established in 1982, this four-storey antique centre is home to nearly 80 shops with mainly European, particularly French and British, antiques. Catering to all manner of antique and vintage enthusiasts, the centre offers high-quality pieces. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm. Tomurcuk Sok. Antikacılar Çarşısı, Mecidiyeköy. T: 0212 217 8093. **Off map.**

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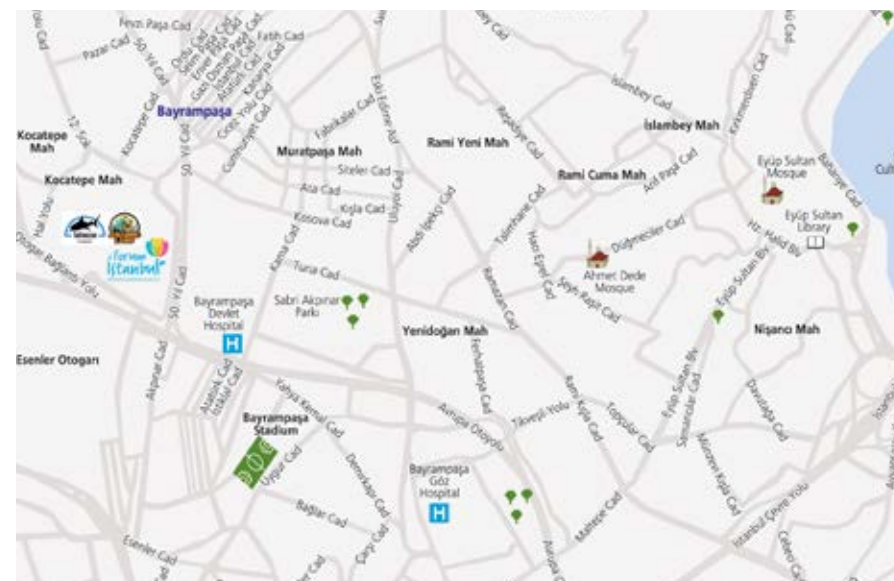


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**Portakal Art And Culture House**

The Portakal Family has contributed to Turkish arts and culture for three generations, since early 20th century provide art consultancy services for private museums, institutions and special collections. Mon-Sat 9am-7:30pm. www.rportakal.com. Mim Kemal Öke Cad. 8, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 225 4637. **A6.**

Sahaflar Çarşısı

The oldest market to have survived from Ottoman times, it is located on Beyazıt Square in the historical neighbourhood of Beyazıt, next to the Grand Bazaar. A must-see for booklovers visiting the Grand Bazaar, with old and new Turkish and foreign books, as well as old banknotes, coins and stamps. Eminönü, Çadırırcılar Cad. 103-203, Beyazıt. **E4.**

ACCESSORIES

Ela Cindoruk & Nazan Pak

Earrings, necklaces, bracelets, brooches, pendants and cufflinks designed by Ela Cindoruk and Nazan Pak. In addition to gold and silver, accessories made of pearls, plastic and polyester also available. Mon 2am-7pm, Tue-Sat 10.30am-7pm, www.elacindoruknazanpak.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Atiye Sok. 14/B, Teşvikiye. T: 0212 232 2664. **A6.**

Plus One (Janet Bilgin)

Authentic and modern jewellery pieces made of silver, natural stones, and old fabrics tied with leather cord. Mon-Sun 10:30am-7:30pm. plusone.com.tr. Müeyyetzade Mah. Tatarbeyi Sok. 34/B, Galata. T: 0212 243 1224. **D5.**

Takıl Pera

Saadet Keskin started her jewellery store back in 1976 in Beşiktaş, and later moved to Tünel under the name Takıl Pera. She works exclusively with private designers to select her unique collection that blends tradition with class. Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 1pm-7pm. www.takilpera.com.

Asmalımescit, General Yazgan Sok. 2/A, Tünel, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 292 1792. **C5.**

BOOKSTORES

D&R

Offers a broad selection of books, music, films, electronics, games, gifts and stationary in a modern and relaxed atmosphere, with 45 stores throughout İstanbul. Check website for the nearest store. Daily 10am-10pm. www.dr.com.tr. Büyükdere Cad. 185, Kanyon Shopping Centre K:1, 179, Levent. T: 0212 353 0870.

Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**Pandora Beyoğlu**

Bookstore located in Beyoğlu's Büyükparmakkapı street, carrying 50,000 books inc 2,000 on Turkey. Broad range of subjects inc art, archaeology, literature, cooking and leisure. An especially good source of books in English. Mon-Wed 10am-8pm, Thu-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 1pm-8pm. beyoglu.pandora.com.tr. İstiklal Cad. Büyükparmakkapı Sok. 3, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 243 3503. **C5.**

Remzi Kitabevi

Books in both Turkish and English are available in this bookstore, which also includes a café. Turkish and foreign daily periodicals, CDs, DVDs, VCDs, Turkish, foreign magazines and gifts also available. Eight stores throughout İstanbul; check website for the closest store. Mon-Sat 9am-9pm. www.remzi.com.tr. Rumeli Cad. 44, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 234 5475. **A6.** Bağdat Cad. 452, Suadiye. T: 0212 361 9071. **Off map.**

Robinson Crusoe 389

A pleasant stop on İstiklal Caddesi, this store carries books in English, French and German on a wide range of subjects, especially history, travel, literature and art. Daily 10am-9:30pm. www.rob389.com. İstiklal Cad. 195A (389), Beyoğlu. T: 0212 293 6968. **C5.**

CARPETS

Agora Halı

This amazing store's 18,000-piece private collection includes regional carpets such as Old Kazak, Konya, Sivas, Bergama and Uşak, plus the exciting Contemporary Art collection. www.agorarug.com. Nuruosmaniye Cad. Türbedar Sok. 9, Cağaloğlu. T: 0212 528 7441. **E4.**

Çınar Halı

Çınar Halı offers a full array of classic, modern and post-modern patterns to suit interiors of all styles. Completely a product of Turkish labour and artisanship, each hand-woven carpet reflects the brand's quality. Mon-Sat 9am-6pm. www.cinarhali.com.tr. Nuruosmaniye Cad. 51/A, Cağaloğlu. T: 0212 513 8317. **E4.**

Dhoku

Translated as 'texture', dhoku immediately stands out for its top-quality kilims. Made specially in Anatolia out of 100% organic wool, dhoku's pieces are notable for their geometric designs, meticulous weaving and elegant simplicity. Mon-Sat 8:30am-7pm. www.dhoku.com. Grand Bazaar, Takkeçiler Sok. 58-60, Eminönü. T: 0212 527 6841. **E5.**

Has Halı

With several stores throughout Turkey and the world, and its Pera, Museum, Ottoman and Seraph collections, this is popular with well-known politicians and businessmen. Mon-Sat 9:30am-7:30pm. www.hashali.com. Fulya Terrace, Hakkı Yeten Cad. 14, Fulya, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 444 2427.

Off map.**Loomart**

When it comes to aesthetics, LoomArt is committed to the best in carpet design. Its huge collection includes unusual antique pieces from Kerman, Konya and Tabriz (Iran), funky contemporary pieces with bold designs and bright colours, and woven kilims. Some of its larger creations as the Pera Palace Hotel, and residence of the President of Turkey! Daily 8:30am-7:30pm. www.loomart.com. On the boutiques floor of The Ritz-Carlton. Gümüşsuyu, Askerocağı Cad. 9, Elmadağ. T: 0212 252 5095. **B6.** Grand Bazaar, Mon-Sat 8:30am-7pm. Grand Bazaar, Kalpakçılar Cad. 70, Eminönü. **E4.**

Metrekare Rug Art

In addition to Turkish rugs such as Kotan, Memlük, and Uşak, this venue also offers Odegard, Jan Kath, Nepalese rugs, antique Oriental hand-woven rugs and the modern Woven Legend collections. Mon-Sat 9am-7pm. www.metrekare.net. Vişnezade, Maçka Cad. 29/A, Maçka. T: 0212 343 9732. **A6.**

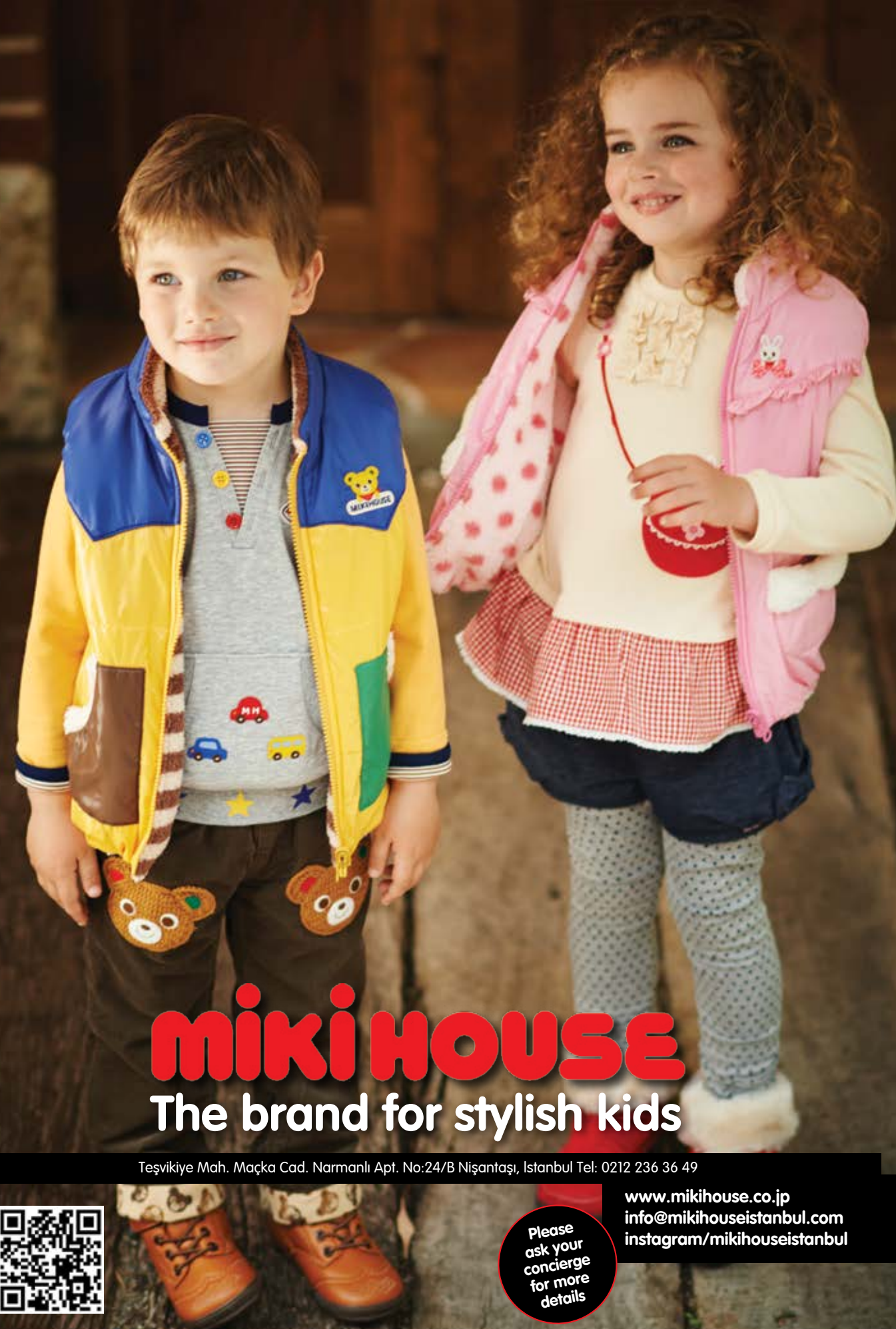
Nakkaş

In İstanbul's old Sultanahmet district, there's a truly remarkable store: Nakkaş. Built over a beautifully restored 6-century Byzantine cistern, Nakkaş offers fine wearings, ceramics and jewellery in the tradition of quality craftsanship. A visit to this column-filled cistern is the first step to an exciting shopping adventure. Mon-Sat 9am-7pm. www.nakkasrug.com. Nakilbent Sok. 13, Sultanahmet. T: 0212 516 5222. **F4 / F5.**

CLOTHING – CHILDREN

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Patrizia Pepe, Bogner, Zu+Elements, Bikkembergs, Mariella Burani, Nebati bb, Baby Graziella, Phard Bebe, Killah, Riccione. Daily 10am-10pm. www.bgstore.com.tr. Forum İstanbul, Kocatepe Mah. Paşa Cad. Bayrampaşa. T: 0212 640 6978. **Shopping Centre Map (p.36).**

Kid's Story

Garments and accessories for the 0-16 age group. Knitwear, shoes, shirts, jackets, socks, hats and berets. Products by leading brands inc Burberry, Donna Karan, Nolita, Bon Point, Monalisa, Roberto Cavalli & Simonetta also available. Daily 10am-10pm. Nispetiye Cad. Akmerkez Shopping Centre 185, Etiler. T: 0212 282 0146. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Miki House

Japan's most famous and prestigious children's brand, Miki House is a favourite for boys and girls aged up to ten years old. There's a vast choice of items from clothing, bags and packs, a wide range of shoes, toys, hats and other accessories. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.mikihouse.com.tr. Maçka Cad. Narmanlı Apt. 24/B, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 236 3649. **A6.**

CLOTHING – MEN

Brioni

Brioni is universally recognized as the most luxurious brand in men's fashion. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.brioni.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 17, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 343 0038. **A6.**

Corente

Known for its made-to-measure shirts and suits, plus silk and cashmere neckties, the company uses fabrics from famous brands such as Charles Clayton, Loro Piana, Valentino, Dormeuil, Vitale

Barberis Cononico, Ermenegildo Zegna, and Fratelli Italia De Delfino. www.corentte.com. Mim Kemal Öke Cad. İkizler Apt. 14/3, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 247 0445. **Off map.**

Damat/Tween

The Damat Collection's main fabric line consists of specially woven, environmentally friendly, wool and wool blend Bio-Tech fabrics that are both sophisticated and eye-catching. Daily 10am-10pm. www.damat.com.tr. Valikonağı Cad. 63, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 343 8550-51. **A6.**

Ermenegildo Zegna

The brand offers two distinct lines inc Zegna Sport and Z Zegna. Particularly the environmentally friendly Oasi Zegna Cashmere jumpers in basic colours appeal to both sight and touch. www.zegna.com. Mon-Sat 10am-7:30pm. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 15/A, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 241 6500. **A6.**

Gant

Combining traditional American style with European mastery, Gant has proved its reputation as one of the finest shirt brands for 60 years, particularly with its Hugger, Pullover, Cashmere and Rigger lines. Daily 10am-10pm. www.gant.com. Büyükdere Cad. 185, Kanyon Shopping Centre B2, Levent. T: 0212 353 5367. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Hugo Boss

Bringing together modern accessories and casual and sporty lines, Hugo Boss offers endless choices inc ready-wear, watches, accessories, lingerie, bodycare products and more, under lines including its Boss Black, Boss Orange, Boss Green and Boss Selection. Daily 10am-10pm. www.hugoboss.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad.

İstinyePark Shopping Centre 339/468, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 6001. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

La Misura

A leader in custom tailoring, La Misura designs a wide range of made-to-measure suits, tuxedos, coats, shoes, accessories and more. www.lamisura.com.tr. Levent Cad. 54, 1. Levent. T: 0212 283 0022. **Off map.**

CLOTHING – CHILDREN

Burberry

Clothing for women, men, children and babies inc a winning mix of classic and funky raincoats, separates and accessories. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.burberry.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 1, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 241 5516. **A6.**

Cacharel

Offers a brand universe through many collections of glasses, lingerie, jewellery, watches, linens and home entertainment. Daily 10am-10pm. www.cacharel-tr.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre, -1.Kat, F211A, İstinye. T: 0212 345 5058. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Dolce & Gabbana

The creation of Italian designers Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana, this famous brand dazzles the eyes with its brilliant designs. The new collection makes heavy use of wool with black, gold and lamé designs. Daily 10am-10pm. www.dolcegabbana.com. Zorlu Center, Zincirlikuyu Cad. Beşiktaş. T: 0212 306 3398. **Off map.**

Emporio Armani

Italy's most famous fashion brand, Emporio Armani offers ready-to-wear, jewellery, lingerie, glasses and watches while renewing itself with the appealing and unique designs of its EA07 watch and Kaka jean creations. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.emporioarmani.com. İstinyePark Shopping Centre 519, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 6110. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Etro

Sporting Italian lines with the colours of India, this men and women's line of clothing, accessories, perfumes and home collections stand out with their bold colours and designs. Daily 10am-10pm. www.etro.com. İstinyePark Shopping Centre, K:1 İstinye Bayırı Cad. Sarıyer. T: 0212 335 6795. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Gap

Reflecting American style with its sporty and casual garments, Gap offers a multitude of jeans, blazers, t-shirts, sweatshirts, lingerie, bags, belts, wallets and headgear. Daily 10am-10pm. www.gap.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre K:-1/38, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 6223. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Giorgio Armani

The miraculous Italian line that shapes fashion with its simple yet stylish collection stands out with its casual, smart designs ideal for business life. Daily 10am-10pm. www.giorgioarmani.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre 518, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 6110. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Gucci

Italian fashion brand with shoes, handbags, luggage, leather goods, furs, a ready-to-wear collection and much more. Daily 10am-7pm.



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Nispetiye Cad. Akmerkez Shopping Centre 211/310, Etiler. T: 0212282 0423 - 24. **Shopping Centre Map (p. 34)**

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www.gucci.com. Maçka Cad. Maçka Palas 33/C, Teşvikiye. T: 0212 225 2080. **A6.**

H&M

Operating in cities around the world since 1947, H&M offers fashionable, quality products for men, women and children at attractive prices, and also stocks attractive local textiles. Daily 10am-10pm. İstinyePark Shopping Centre, İstinye Bayırı Cad. 73, Sarıyer. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Lacoste

This distinguished brand from France maintains its line under its Club and Sport models. Autumn/Winter creation presents the borders of iconic sportswear in natural colours and comfortable and sophisticated stylishness. Daily 10am-10pm. www.lacoste.com. Büyükdere Cad. 171, Metro City Shopping Centre G, 1. Levent. T: 0212 344 0272. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Loro Piana

Known throughout the world for its high-end cashmere and wool garments, Loro Piana is an indispensable brand for both men and women who enjoy travelling and outdoor sports and never compromise on style and comfort. Daily 10am-10pm. www.loropiana.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre 483, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 6582. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Massimo Dutti

The perennial choice of people unwilling to compromise on their appearance in a busy and fast-paced business life. Daily 10am-10pm. Nispetiye Cad. Akmerkez Shopping Centre 211/310, Etiler. T: 0212 282 0939. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Mavi

Appealing to a vast range of tastes in jeans and casual clothing, this world-renowned Turkish brand also offers exclusive concept products for special occasions. Daily 10am-10pm. www.mavi.com. Nispetiye Cad. Akmerkez Shopping Centre 235/238, Etiler. T: 0212 282 0423-24. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Moschino

The Moschino, Moschino Cheap, Chic and Love Moschino collections make their mark by expressing creativity; transforming irony and elegance into strength by reinterpreting the classics. Daily 10am-10pm. www.moschino.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre 53, Sarıyer. T: 0212 335 6770. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Naracamicie

Italian luxury shirt designer and manufacturer Naracamicie presents four collections under the Flash and Base labels. In addition to bold, unusual shirts and blouses, you'll find classic shirts, white shirts and a host of original styles. www.naracamicie.com.tr Abdi İpekçi Cad. Bostan Sok. Ayda Apt. 11 / 1, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 236 5600. **A6.**

Network

Network is a global brand inspired by the multicultural character of the 21st century, introducing new trends for men and women. Mon-Sat 8:30am-8pm. www.network-tr.com. Teşvikiye Cad. 103, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 236 6579. **A6.**

Ralph Lauren

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give the feeling of an American holiday. Ralph Lauren offers unique choices for lovers of the classics with its Purple Label and Black Label lines and more casual selections with Polo Ralph Lauren. Daily 10am-10pm. www.ralphlauren.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre 58, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 7012. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34)**.

Tom Ford

One of the world's most prestigious brands, famed for its outlandish, unique styles, this store presents one of the designer's most astounding collections in a contemporary atmosphere. Abdi İpekçi Cad 46/B, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 296 7575. **A6**.

Top Shop

You'll find the Kate Moss and Celia Birtwell collections in this London-based store in addition to maternity, mini and vintage ranges. Personal shopping at affordable prices. There is a men's section as well. Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 12pm-7pm. www.topshop.com.tr. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 2, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 291 1520. **A6**.

Zara

Spanish brand offering men's, women's and children's clothing. Some of its stores, inc Zara Home, feature home furnishings and accessories. Mon-Sat 10am-10pm. www.zara.com. Metro City Shopping Centre G, 1. Levent. T: 0212 344 00 44. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34)**.

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Alexander McQueen

Popular with men and women alike, this English brand's clothing and accessories appeal to those with an eye for elegant and sophisticated design. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 21, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 219 5709. **A6**.

Brandroom

Offers apparel for all occasions by select brands inc Balmain, Alexander Wang, Versace, Diane Von Furstenberg, 3.1 Phillip Lim, Salvatore Ferragamo, Tom Ford, MCQ, Catherine Malandrino, Ashish, Emilio Pucci, Thomas Wylde, Paul & Joe, See by Chloe, Vivienne Westwood Anglomania and Helmut Lang, as well as broad selection of cosmetics. Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 12pm-8pm. www.demsgroup.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Polat Palas 63, Maçka. T: 0212 241 6049. **A6**.

BCBG Max Azria

The choice of many Hollywood celebrities like Paris Hilton, Carmen Electra, Eva Mendes and Sharon Stone, Max Azria caters to women who prefer a modern style. Extensive product offers casual wear to evening dresses, shoes and handbags. Mon-Sat 10am-8pm. www.bcbgmaxazriagroup.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Bostan Sok. 4, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 241 2242. **A6**.

Bottega Veneta

Comfortable, quality footwear and handbag designs offering elegance and luxury. Mon-Sat 10am-10pm. www.bottegabeneta.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre 463, Sarıyer. T: 0212 335 6790. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34)**.

Chanel

World-renowned French brand Chanel offers a wide range of products from ready-wear to accessories, beauty products and watches. Chanel counts Nicole Kidman, Victoria Beckham, Lily Allen,

Catherine Deneuve and Audrey Tautou among its celebrity clients. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Nazen Apt. Maçka. T: 0212 368 6300. **A6**.

Chloe

Named for its warm, feminine appeal, and in perfect synch with the mood of Paris. Youthful, modern design. Daily 10am-10pm. www.chloe.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre 55, Sarıyer. T: 0212 335 6782. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34)**.

Desa

Established in 1972, this brand now operates with 73 stores in Turkey and 2 abroad. In addition to leather products, it also produces silk, chiffon, cashmere and knitwear skirts, jackets, trousers, coats and accessories. Daily 10am-10pm. www.desa.com.tr. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 5, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 232 1290. **A6**. Bağdat Cad. 443/A, Suadiye. T: 0216 416 4368. **Off map**. Bağdat Cad. 244, Göztepe. T: 0216 369 8037. **Off map**. İstinyePark Shopping Centre 398, Sarıyer. T: 0212 245 6739. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34)**.

Dior

Highly distinguished world brand with John Galliano's haute couture, men's-women's prêt-à-porter, home decoration, skin product and jewellery designs, Dior's perfumes are also the choice of top. Daily 10am-10pm. www.dior.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre 478, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 5930. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34)**.

DKNY

Broad selection of sweaters, jeans, pants, dresses, skirts, and jackets for women and men. Mon-Sat 10:30am-5:30pm. www.dkny.com. Teşvikiye Cad. Bostan Sok. Murat Apt. 7, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 259 0804. **A6**.

Escada

Prestigious international fashion house offering luxury apparel, accessories and fragrance collections for daytime, weekends and evenings. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.escada.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 25, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 247 8483. **A6**.

İpekyol

Unique and modern designs suitable both for professional and everyday life, with an emphasis on distinct styles for women. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12pm-6pm. www.ipekyol.com.tr. Bağdat Cad. Meltem Apt. 439, Suadiye. T: 0216 410 3032. **Off map**.

Fendi

Italian brand has launched a new boutique which will house handbags, shoes, small leather goods, watches, jewellery. Daily 10am-10pm. Zorlu Center, Kuru Sok. 2, 180, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 999 9810. **Off map**.

Juicy Couture

Juicy Couture embraces the bright and glamorous fun of its Los Angeles heritage by discovering the couture. Fashion apparel for women, girls and babies, handbags, shoes, intimates, swimwear, fragrance, accessories, jewelry, sunglasses and small goods. Daily 10am-8pm. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Polat Palas Brandroom 63, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 241 6049. **A6**.

Lanvin

One of the largest French brands and popular with Hollywood stars for its clothing, shoes and bags,

Lanvin offers designs of elegance and luxury. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 23, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 231 3979. **A6**.

Louis Vuitton

Ready-to-wear dresses as well as bags and accessories from the famous monogrammed leather by Marc Jacobs. Mon-Sat 10am-8pm. www.louisvuitton.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 23, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 246 6975. **A6**.

Max&Co.

Collection representing a modern, feminine, seductive and distinctive style. Daily 10am-10pm. www.maxandco.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre 492, İstinye. T: 0212 345 5731. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34)**.

Max Mara

Max Mara covers all the bases for lovers of classic styles, providing a casual look for women of all ages. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.maxmara.com. Teşvikiye Cad. 7, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 259 6550. **A6**.

Miu Miu

Designed as an independent brand by Prada, Miu Miu's trendy footwear and dresses appeal to the child in you. Daily 10am-10pm. www.miumiu.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre 58, Sarıyer. T: 0212 329 8158. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34)**.

Midnight Express

Clothing by designers inspired by İstanbul, including Bora Aksu, Ümit Ünal and Hakan Yıldırım; as well as leather handbags and accessories by Johnny Farah. Also jewellery by Apriati, each piece of which is an artwork with its novel, flowing forms. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.midnightexpress.com.tr. Küçük Bebek Cad. 7/A, Bebek. T: 0212 265 4547. **Off map**.

Perspective

Modern collections featuring elegant but comfortable women's work, holiday and eveningwear designs, with over 100 stores in 41 countries. Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 1pm-8pm. www.perspective.com.tr. Rumeli Cad. 2/1, A, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 231 3355. **A6**.

Prada

Considering fashion, luxury and style a project that goes beyond the mere production of clothes, bags, and shoes, this famous Italian brand leads the world in fashion and style. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.prada.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 34, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 368 8450. **A6**.

Roberto Cavalli

Top quality Italian clothes for men and women, that are comfortable as well as stylish. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.robertocavalli.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 13/A, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 291 0754. **A6**.

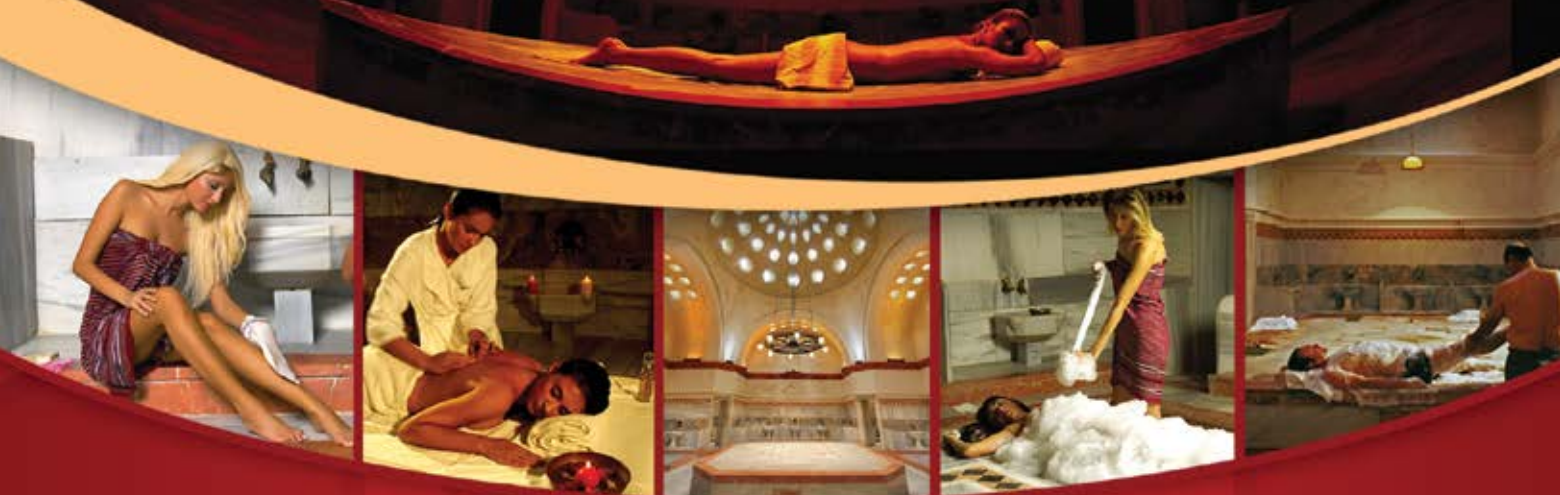
Saint Laurent

Known For His Designs Aimed At Daring, Feminine Women, The French Designer's Shops Offer A Range Of Bold Pieces. www.ysl.com. Zorlu Center, Zincirlikuyu Cad. Beşiktaş. T: 0212 306 3390. **Off map**.

Salvatore Ferragamo

Creativity and passion have been passed down through generations in the Ferragamo family, and with close attention to quality and detail, Salvatore Ferragamo has become known as the shoemaker for the stars. In addition to purses and shoes, the brand's other lines of clothing have also had great

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Nispetiye Cad. Akmerkez Shopping Centre,
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success. Daily 10am-8pm. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Polat Palas, 63, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 241 6049. **A6.**

Stella McCartney

The daughter of former Beatles member Paul McCartney, the British designer is known for her creations for famous personalities including Madonna, Jude Law and Gwyneth Paltrow. Daily 10am-10pm. www.stellamccartney.com. Zorlu Center, Zincirlikuyu Cad. Beşiktaş. T: 0212 306 3396. **Off map.**

Uterqüe

Spanish brand using bold lines, fine details and quality materials to produce its collections, which include shoes, handbags, jewellery, leather and many accessories. Daily 10am-10pm. www.uterque.com. Nispetiye Cad. Akmerkez Shopping Centre, 344/345, Etiler. T: 0212 282 2303. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

V2k Designers

Prestigious Turkish couture offering elegance and a modern style. Carries many famous hip brands under its collection. Mon-Sat 10:30am-7:30pm. www.v2kdesigners.com.tr. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 29, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 219 9498. **A6.**

Valentino

The Italian fashion designer's elegant shops offer haute couture designs dominated by red and black, collectors' pieces, women's accessories and glasses. Daily 10am-10pm. www.valentino.com.

Zorlu Center, Zincirlikuyu Cad. Beşiktaş. T: 0212 306 3392. **Off map.**

Verda Textile

With headquarters in İstanbul's Osmanbey district and branches throughout the world, Verda supplies women's clothing in large sizes (42-58), making unique, bold fashion available to everyone. Its collection includes gowns, day and eveningwear, and is easily reachable by metro. Mon-Fri 8:30am-7:30pm, Sat 9am-2pm. www.verdatextile.com. Şair Nigar Sok. 44/46, Osmanbey. T: 0212 219 4000. **Off map.**

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Bahçecik

Leading establishment providing the latest trends. Its quality and well-trained, specialized staff ensure customer satisfaction. Member of Haute Coiffure Française and İstanbul Artistic Coiffeurs Association. Mon-Sat 9am-7:30pm. www.bahcecik.com.tr. Ulus, Ahmet Adnan Saygun Cad. Dostlar Sitesi, 5/1A, Ulus. T: 0212 257 6822. **Off map.** The Ritz Carlton Hotel Süzer Plaza Çarşısı. T: 0212 244 5954. **B7.**

Erdem Kıramer

An established brand in Turkey, Erdem Kıramer works with Paris-based Dessange Paris, bringing the world's innovations to Turkey. Its hair designs successfully reflect the latest in hair fashion in newspaper, magazine and TV shootings, fashion shows and similar events. Daily 9am-7pm. www.erdemkramer.com.tr. Maya Residence, Bebek Mah. Otlukbeli Cad. Yol Sok. 16, C Blok, Etiler. T: 0212 352 1195. **Off map.**

CONCEPT STORES

Atölye Mariposa

This shop offering designs by Didem Arayıcı and Banu Öneş features a clothing collection inspired by the bohemian, romantic and chic women of yesteryear, plus elegant, original home décor items. www.atolyemariposa.com. Teşvikiye Branch, Teşvikiye Cad. Göksoy Apt. 21/1, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 327 8177. **A6.** Cihangir Branch, Şimşirci Sok. 11/A, Cihangir. T: 0212 249 0483. **C6.**

Fey

An original, unusual shop where you can find designs by owner Fatoş Yalın, vintage pieces, clothing by Turkish designers, plus accessories including leather purses, iPhone/iPad cases, T-shirts, silk shirts, jewellery by foreign designers, coffee cups and more. Mon-Sat 11am-7:30pm. Mim Kemal Öke Cad. 9, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 219 8724. **A6.**

Inui

Nişantaşı source for avant-garde designers including Hüseyin Çağlayan, Anne Valerie Hash and Noir. Mon-Sat 10:30am-7pm. www.inuibutik.com. Maçka Cad. Zekipaşa Apt. 12/A Teşvikiye. T: 0212 296 6010. **A6.**

Pow

This concept comic book and figurine shop offers a range of products based on favourite world comic books, including Marvel, DC Direct and Kotobukiya. There's also a colourful bakery offering böreks, tarts and concept cakes. www.pow.com.tr. Caddebostan Mah.

Haldun Taner Sokak Güneysu Apt.12/1, Kadıköy. T: 0216 386 0016. **Off map.**

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L'occitane

Creams, soaps, candles and natural skin care products. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.occitane.com.tr. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 43/B, Nişantaşı. T: 0533 489 5468. **A6.**

M.A.C.

Wide variety of makeup products and cosmetics with assistance from experts. Skin and nail protection products also available. Daily 10am-10pm. Nispetiye Cad. Akmerkez Shopping Centre 121, Etiler. T: 0212 282 2615. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

DEPARTMENT STORES

Beymen

Beymen Men is renowned for its eye for fine detail, special fabrics and quality. Beymen Women offers timeless garments with romantic, nostalgic and feminine details that will never go out of fashion. Leading international brands also available. www.beymen.com.tr. Nişantaşı, Mon-Sat 10am-8pm. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 23/1, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 373 4800. **A6.** Zorlu Center, Daily 10am-10pm. Zorlu Center, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 306 3300. **Off map.**

Boyner

Its men's, women's, children's wear, active sportswear, footwear & accessories, cosmetics and housewares departments offer a vast selection of local and international brands. Daily 10am-10pm. İstinyePark Shopping Centre, İstinye Bayırı Cad. Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 5070. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).** Bağdat Cad. 360, Suadiye. T: 0216 385 1409. **Off map.**

Harvey Nichols

Kanyon Shopping Centre is the home of this ultimate luxury designer destination. Spread over 3 floors, it offers over 300 of world's top designer labels in ladies', men's and children's wear, cosmetics, fashion, and home accessories, also including premium brands. Daily 10am-10pm. www.harveynichols.com. Büyükdere Cad. 185, Kanyon Shopping Centre, Levent. T: 0212 319 1155. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Marks & Spencer

Major British retailer with over 885 stores in more than 40 territories around the world. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 12pm-8pm. www.marksandspencer.com.tr. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 2, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 219 6657-58. **A6.**

Vakko

This leading Turkish brand presents its own interpretation of today's fashions in men's and women's wear while remaining true to its superior fabric and manufacturing quality. Daily 10am-10pm. www.vakko.com.tr. Büyükdere Cad. 185, Kanyon Shopping Centre 138, Levent. T: 0212 353 1080. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

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Anatoli

The Anatoli brand brings centuries-old cultural

motifs and symbols Anatolian to life. Its modern designs bring together designers and skilled artisans to create a unique line of decorative objects and giftware, with the Kubbe-i Âliye coffee set and their Seljuk carafe among their top selling designs. www.anatoli.com.tr. Adressistanbul, Daily 10am-7pm. Halide Edip Adıvar Mah. Çiftevezizler Deresi Sok. 2, 4/F, Şişli. T: 0212 222 3040. **Off map.** İstinyePark Shopping Centre, Daily 10am-10pm, İstinye Bayırı Cad. 73, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 6858. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Assouline

With branches in Paris, New York, Las Vegas, Los

Angeles and now İstanbul, Assouline stores offer a selection of limited-edition book bags, book stands, stationery, bookends and fine antiques. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12am-6pm. Cevdet Paşa Cad. 25/A, Bebek. T: 0212 287 5534. **Off map.**

Cashmere House

Cashmere House is the place to look for exquisite latest styles of cashmere shawls from Nepal and Kashmir, as well as real silk shawls produced in the Turkish cities of Bursa and Denizli in a wide variety of colours and styles. Mon-Sat 9am-6pm. www.cashmerehouse.com.tr. Keseciler Cad. 49-51, Grand Bazaar, Beyazıt, Fatih. T: 0212 5276990. **E4.**



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Fırça Ceramics

This is Turkey's first handicraft centre to produce hand-made ceramics with lead-free glaze and a high percentages of quartz, equal to original İznik quality. You can also enjoy a fascinating demonstration of traditional pottery making with a kick wheel. *Sultanahmet*, Daily 9am-7pm. Cankurtaran, Alemnar Cad. 2/A, Sultanahmet. T: 0212 511 9300. *Kariye*, Daily (closed Wed) 9am-6pm. Camii Sok.4, Edirnekapi. T: 0212 534 4916. **C1/2.**

Gali Collection

This home and marine collection features nature-inspired forms alongside contemporary hand-crafted silver jewellery. View the fine silver collection, and Gali-designed slippers to ward off the evil eye. Mon-Fri 10am-6:30pm. www.thegalicollection.com. Kültür Mah. Küçük Çamlık Sitesi, Esra Sok. E Blok 2H D2, Etiler. T: 0212 234 0138. **A6.**

Gaia & Gino

This İstanbul-based brand creates contemporary design products by famous designers including Karim Rashid, Arik Levy, Andree Putman, Jaime Hayon, Harry Allen, Christian Ghion, Constantin Boym, Yves Behar and Defne Koz, who bring creative interpretations to traditional forms and patterns. Mon-Sat 9am-7pm. Postacı Halil Sok. Polat Apt. 7 D:4, Tarabya. T: 0212 223 4744. **Off map.**

Godiva

For a wonderful romantic moment or a surprise treat, this world-famous Belgian chocolatier is the sweetest choice. Creating the finest chocolates since 1926, Godiva's tradition and legendary flavour await you. Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 12am-6pm. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Ünsal Apt. 6-8, B, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 246 4186. **A6.**

Hiref

Reflecting Anatolian art and culture in the world of contemporary Turkish design, Hiref has now added its new Bakır, Beykoz and Abdan collections to its offerings. Daily 10am-10pm. www.hiref.com.tr. Büyükdere Cad. 185, Kanyon Shopping Centre 50-51, Levent. T: 0212 353 5450. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Lokum İstanbul

Creating unique and original designs on İstanbul's European side since 2005, Lokum İstanbul features Turkish delight, cologne, candles, confections, cards and very special fabrics. Daily 8am-8pm. www.lokumistanbul.com. Kuruçeşme Cad. 15, Kuruçeşme, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 287 1528. **Off map.**

Lotus İznik Ceramic

Lotus İznik Ceramics offers the best quality, handmade and handpainted, world famous Turkish Ceramics and Tiles. They carefully select the finest examples of traditional and modern İznik and Kütahya ceramic designs. Each art piece is custom ordered to outstanding local artists, who sign every one of their achievements. Mon-Sat 9am-6pm. Nakilbent Sok. 13, Sultanahmet. T: 0212 516 5222. **F4.**

Luxuria

Porcelain, silverware, crystal and other products from major brands inc Oscar de la Renta, Alberto Pinto, Cacharel Home, Valentino, Daum, and Davidoff make Luxuria a regular destination for people of refined taste in table and home

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furnishings. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm.
www.luxuria.com.tr. Abdi İpekçi Cad.
Arman Palas 7, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 296 6600. **A6.**

Mi Tienda

Nergis Surucu has been dealing in antiques and jewellery since 1991, and her years of experience are clearly reflected in her specially designed handmade jewellery collection. She also creates modern textile designs employing Ottoman techniques and natural materials. Mon-Sun 9am-9pm. www.mitienda.com.tr. Boutique floor of The Ritz-Carlton. Gümüşsuyu Asker Ocağı Cad. 15, Elmadağ, Taksim. T: 0212 293 8262. **A6.**

Moser

Find some of Europe's best crystal, porcelain and silver here, boasting some of the world's top celebrity names as its fans. The collections include Kosta Boda, Meissen, Orrefors, Georg Jensen, Haviland, Daum and Lalique. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.moserturkey.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 38/3, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 291 1745-46. **A6.**

Paşabahçe Boutique

The right address for delightful premium glassware, with special collections such as Ottoman, Enamel Glass, Calligraphy on Glass, Mosaic, Ashura, Boutique Glass and others, as well as crystal, porcelain/ceramics, and accessories. Daily 10am-10pm. www.pasabahcemagazalari.com. Büyükdere Cad. 185, Kanyon Shopping Centre G 141, Levent. T: 0212 353 0730. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Sır

Producing both traditional and contemporary ceramic designs, Sır approaches space from an artistic stand point to provide unique choices suited to varying tastes. Mon-Sat 9:30am-7:30pm. www.sircini.com. Serdar-Ekrem Cad. 38/1, Galata. T: 0212 2933661. **D5.**

Tash Corner

A warm, welcoming shop offering handmade designs, from silver and semiprecious stones, plus imported earrings, necklaces and bracelets in many colours and styles. Mon-Sat 8:30am-7pm. Kapalıçarşı, Koltuk Kazancılar Sok. 27, Eminönü. T: 0212 528 69 72. **E4.**

HAMMAMS

Ayasofya Hürrem Sultan Hamamı (Bath of Roxelana)

Commissioned in 1556 to Mimar Sinan by Sultan Süleyman I, this hamam was named after his wife Hürrem Sultan, popularly known as Roxelana. The Haseki Hürrem Sultan Hamam has recently been restored and reopened as one of the most important treasures in the Ottoman-Turkish bath tradition. It was the first bath in which the men's and women's sections were built to the same plan. Daily 7am-12am. Cankurtaran Mah. Bab-ı Hümayun Cad. 1, Sultanahmet. T: 0212 517 3535. **F4.**

Historic Galatasaray Hamam

This hamam is part of the Galatasaray Mosque complex, built in 1481 at the orders of Sultan Beyazıt II. The Turkish bath is fully equipped, and staffed by attendants and special masseurs, with the option of a 'shock' bath after your session. www.galatasarayhamami.com. Bayan Hamamı (women), T: 0212 249 4342.

Daily 8am-9pm. Bay Hamamı (men), T: 0212 252 4242. Daily 7am-10pm. Turnacıbaşı Sok. 24, Galatasaray. **C5.**

HOMEWARES

Abdulla

Comprised of two stores offering natural products in the Grand Bazaar. Boasting mystical interiors influenced by the overall atmosphere of the Bazaar, the stores offer a vast range of authentic products from fabrics to oil soaps, leather work to bedding. Mon-Sat 9:30pm-7pm. Alibaba Türbe Sok. 25, Nuruosmaniye. T: 0212 526 3070. **F4.**

Alhammam

A world of accoutrements of historical and modern hammam culture including soaps, copper products, scrubs and luffas, peshtemals, towels and hammam bowls. An excellent place to find the perfect gift or to treat yourself. Mon-Sat 8am-7:30pm. www.alhammam.com.cn. Çarşıkapı, Nuruosmaniye Cad. 10, Sofçuhan Girişi, Nuruosmaniye. T: 0212 512 0002. **E4.**

Armaggan

Venue offering its exclusive products that reinterpret the inspiration of Anatolia through modern designs created in its own workshops. The limited editions include jewellery and home textiles collections as well as custom clothing produced using natural dyes—all exhibited in its seven-storey building. Mon-Sat 10am-8pm. www.armaggan.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Bostan Sok. 8, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 291 6292. **A6.** This exclusive store's new Nuruosmaniye outlet presents a wide variety of specially designed objects, such as jewellery, naturally-dyed textiles, carpets, leather goods, textiles and fine dining, all under one roof. Not only that, but it is also home to Nar Gourmet, Nar Restaurant, Nar Café, the Culinary Arts Center (YESAM), the Armaggan Art Gallery and Bora Travel. Mon-Sat 10am-8pm. www.armaggan.com. Nuruosmaniye Cad. 65, Beyazıt. T: 0212 522 4433. **E4.**

Autoban

Created in 2003 by Seyhan Özdemir and Sefer Çağlar, and taking its name from İstanbul's diversity, contrasts and chaos, Autoban brings together a variety of disciplines in one place. This very special gallery in the Akaretler Rowhouses displays their latest creations that are becoming an indispensable part of everyday life. Sinanpaşa Mah. Süleyman Seba Cad. 16-20, Akaretler, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 369 2463. **A7.**

Beymen Home

Leading world brands in everything from decoration to home textiles, lighting to table design as well as one-of-a-kind products by world-renowned designers. Objects created of fine materials such as crystal, brass and bronze. Daily 10am-10pm. www.beymen.com.tr. Nispetiye Cad. Akmerkez Shopping Centre, Etiler. T: 0212 316 6900. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Chakra

Towels and bathrobes from bamboo fibre that softens when washed, in a variety of colours and patterns. Cosmetics specially produced for Chakra in Paris under the brand Chakra SPA Collection also available. Drop by for an alternative look at houseware. Daily 10am-10pm. www.chakra.com.tr. Büyükdere Cad. 185, Kanyon Shopping Centre B2,

Levent. T: 0212 353 0757.

Shopping Centre Map (p.34).

Dantell

A wonderful new place for fine bed linens, tablecloths, towels, pillows, napkins and bathrobes, including the Dreamy Whites, Everyday Glamour, Spring Garden, Ecclethic and signed Tuvana Büyükçınar's Tuvanam For Dantell collections. Special exclusive design accessories also available. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.dantell.com. Sinanpaşa Mah. Şair Nedim Cad. 10, Akaretler. T: 0212 224 0867. **A7 / B7.**

Frette

An international name in home textile and design, preferred by some of the world's most elegant hotels since 1860, Frette is also the choice of several famous politicians and Hollywood stars. Mon-Sat 9:30am-7:30pm. www.fretteistanbul.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 38, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 343 0023. **A6.**

Haremlique

Company offering own production of luxury linens and towels as well as fine silks, cashmeres, upholstery and home accessories for the finest homes, yachts and boutique hotels. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.haremlique.com. Şair Nedim Cad. 11, Akaretler, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 236 3843. **B7.**

Heritia

Offering a wealth of fine handicrafts, Heritia is filled with treasures like tables and jewel boxes inlaid with mother-of-pearl, ornate worry beads, tablecloths and wall-hangings hand-embroidered in silver and gold thread. Look out also for traditional Turkish lokum, hard candies and flavoured almond pastes. www.heritia.com.tr. Meşrutiyet Cad. Baran Apt. 79, D-1-2, Asmalımescit, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 243 5800. **C4.**

İznik Works

A homely store in the heart of the Grand Bazaar, İznik Works offers the centuries-old glory of Turkish tile and pottery making. The finest examples of İznik tiles in blue, green and white embellish the store. Mon-Sat 9am-7pm. www.iznikworks.com. Grand Bazaar, Takkeçiler Sok. 82-84, Eminönü. T: 0212 522 4242. **F5.**

Mudo Concept

Offers a broad product range in decoration, furniture, personal accessories, home textiles and lighting for living spaces, kitchens and bathrooms. Daily 10am-10pm. www.mudoconcept.com.tr. Teşvikiye, Akkavak-Şakayık Sok. 47/2, Tunaman Çarşısı. T: 0212 444 6836. **A6.**

Rivière Maison

Every concept and product from this Dutch design brand speaks of style and subtlety. Riviera Maison offers over 3,000 furnishings and accessory collections for the home, changing seasonally. Mon-Sat 10:30am-7:30pm. www.rivieramaison.com.tr. Süleyman Seba Cad. 12, Akaretler. T: 0212 708 1220. **Off map.**

Yazzma

This shop selling shawls, scarves, kaftans, slippers and pillows in a riot of colours has something to suite any taste. The authentic products fit not only classic decor, but modern homes as well. Mon-Sat 8:30am-7pm. www.yazzma.com. Kapalıçarşı, Takkeçiler Sok. 58-60, Eminönü. T: 0212 512 7981. **E4.**

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Assos Diamond

This store is filled with elegant and out-of-the-ordinary designs, with distinct wedding, gold, silver, precious stone and diamond collections which offer something to suit every taste. Mon-Sat 8.30am-6pm. www.assosdiamond.com. Molla Feneri Mah. Nuruosmaniye Cad. 60, Eminönü. T: 0212 528 3500. **E4.**

Boybeyi

Founded in 1881, Boybeyi Jewellery has five shops in the Grand Bazaar. Boybeyi carries a wonderful collection of quality, high-end jewellery. Mon-Sat 9am-7pm. www.boybeyi.com. Grand Bazaar, Kalpakçılar Cad. 151/163, Aynacılar Sok. 33/35, Acıçeşme Sok. 22, Beyazıt. T: 0212 522 4446. **E4.**

Bvlgari

Leading name in Italian-style jewellery and precious fashion pieces since 1884. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. Bayıldım Cad. 2, Swissôtel the Bosphorus, Maçka. T: 0212 259 0227. **B7.**

Cartier Boutique

Watches, wedding and engagement rings, diamond jewellery and other luxury items are available from this leading French brand. Mon-Sat 10:30am-7pm. www.cartierboutique.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 20, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 296 1317. **A6.**

Chopard

World-renowned brand in jewellery and watches, Chopard has established itself as a landmark with its custom design products. Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10:30am-4:30pm. Mim Kemal Öke Cad. 13/A, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 225 1775. **A6.**

Damas

Since its founding, this brand has followed the trends and innovations in the world of jewellery and timepieces, and successfully represented world-renowned brands. Mon-Sat 10am-6:30pm. www.damasjewellery.com.tr. Atiye Sok. 34, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 240 5967. **A6.**

Gasia

Gasia is a manufacturer and wholesaler of design jewellery, specializing in 24 karat hand hammered products. Mon-Sat 9am-7pm. www.gasiajewelry.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 21/1, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 219 2715. **A6.**

Gilan

The number one name in haute couture jewellery in Istanbul, Gilan brings the luxury of the Ottoman, Roman and Byzantine eras back to life. Daily 10am-10pm. www.gilan.com. *Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus*, Çırağan Cad. 28, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 258 2163. **Off map.** *İstinyePark Shopping Centre*, İstinye Bayırı Cad. 459, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 5008. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Homa Jewellery

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BAHAR KORÇAN—World-renowned designer Bahar Koçan uses handwoven silk, Japanese wool textiles, organic cotton and bamboo fiber plaits. www.baharkorcan.org. Şahkulu Mah. Serdar-ı Ekrem Sok. Seraskerci Çikmazı, Ferah Apt. 5, Galata, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 293 6855. **CENGİZ ABAZOĞLU**—Starting as a designer of leather and ready-to-wear brands, this designer then opened his own workshop where he features his haute couture collections. His first boutique in Nişantaşı. www.cengizabazoglu.net. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 24/2, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 234 5242.

CLOSH—This boutique specializes in ready-to-wear and wedding gowns for customers. www.closhboutique.com. Atiye Sok. 2, Teşvikiye. T: 0212 258 5756. **ÇİĞDEM AKIN**—Original and distinct designs prepared for special days carrying all the features made for individuals who follow the trend. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Erkan Apt. 28/4, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 248 1177. **DENİZ KAPROL**—One of Turkey's foremost brands in jewellery and accessory design, Kaprol embellishes her elegant designs with meticulously chosen precious stones, and creates personal designs for her customers. The necklaces, bracelets, earrings, rings and brooches in her exclusive collections are sure to impress. www.dkaprol.com. Bağdat Cad. Noter Sok. Lütfiye Apt. 21/3, Şaşınbakkal. T: 0216 386 8600. **DİLEK HANİF**—The first Turkish designer to present her own couture collection at Paris Haute Couture fashion week. www.dilekhanif.com. Maçka Cad. Ralli Apt. 37/2, Teşvikiye. T: 0212 219 3723-24. **ELİF CIGIZOĞLU**—Introduces volume even to the most classic garments with the added origamic details. www.elifcigizoglu.com. Teşvikiye Cad. Alhamra Apt. 28/3, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 296 0012. **GAMZE SARAÇOĞLU**—A member of the Fashion Designers Association, Saraçoğlu has worked for brands like Zara, Marks & Spencer and Apple. Inspired by life and humanity, her designs are all expressions of her joy and positive outlook. www.gamzesaracoglu.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Isparta Palas 19/3, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 296 6973. **İPEK KRAMER**—İpek Kramer is an important brand in haute couture nightwear in Turkey. www.ipekkiramer.com. Nispetiye Cad. Akmerkez Shopping Centre 363, Etiler. T: 0212 282 0143. **GÖNÜL PAKSOY**—Creativity that bears the marks of Turkish culture and history. From clothes to accessories, shawls, pillows and slippers, all of her designs are unique, special and reflective of her inner world. Teşvikiye, Atiye Sok. 1, Teşvikiye. T: 0212 236 0209. **ÖZGÜR MASUR**—Always striving for innovation and uniqueness in his collections, Özgür Masur is especially noted for his low necklines, miniskirts and shorts, and finely-crafted, bold, brilliant and sexy designs. www.ozgurmasur.com. İhlamur Yolu Cad., Can Apt. 11/5, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 233 0678. **ÖZLEM SÜER**—With avant garde, neo-romantic designs, Özlem Süer offers alternatives



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the steam age, its astounding decor that reflects the retro-futuristic elements of the steampunk trend. www.homajewellery.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Lalezar Apt. 45, D:11, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 514 9945. **A6.**

Karun Jewellery

Unique, expertly-crafted custom designs with origins in the Grand Bazaar and extending to the United States. The store offers jewellery produced in its own workshop. Mon-Sat 9:30am-10pm. www.karunjewellery.com. Teşvikiye Cad. Sayın Apt. 25, Teşvikiye. T: 0212 227 7476. **A6.**

Ogia

This top jewellery store transforms diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires, gold and silver into designs that echo Ottoman culture. Ogia's collection encompasses out-of-the-ordinary designs from chunky rings to delicate brooches. Daily 9am-6:30pm. ogijewellery.com. Molla Fenari Mah. Nuruosmaniye Cad. Atasaray İş Hanı, 23 D:8, Cağaloğlu. T: 0212 528 9289. **E4.**

Sevan Bıçakçı

Award-winning designer offering much sought-after pieces, particularly the unique and highly valuable ring designs. Flawless handmade diamond jewellery and special collections echoing Turkish handiwork have captured the attention of collectors worldwide. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.sevanbicakci.com. Vişnezade Mah. Şair Nedim Cad. 3, Akaretler, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 236 9199. **B7.**

Tektaş Watches & Jewellery

Offering luxury watch and jewellery designs by Patek Philippe, Audemars-Piguet, Breguet, Chopard, de Grisogono, Breitling, Gucci, Caran d'Ache and Swiss Kubik. Daily 10am-10pm. www.tektassaatcilik.com.tr. Kanyon Shopping Centre, Büyükdere Cad. 1/9, 4. Levent. T: 0212 353 0555. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Tiara

Tiara Jewellery offers a splendid collection of jewellery inspired by the artistic history of Anatolian civilizations and the creativity of contemporary artists. Made of the highest quality gold, platinum and semi-precious stones, the jewellery collection features the utmost in craftsmanship and quality. Daily 9am-6pm. www.tiarajewellery.com. Yavuz Sinan Mah. Ragıp Gümüş Pala Cad. 69, Unkapanı. T: 0212 526 6363. **F5.**

Tiffany & Co.

Renowned for its rare and magnificent diamonds, Tiffany & Co. has for decades been the world's premier jeweller and America's finest house of design. Tiffany style is defined by groundbreaking designers and glamorous collections. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.tiffany.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Atiye Sok. 9/B, Teşvikiye. T: 0212 219 8346. **A6.**

Urart

This jeweller in bustling Nişantaşı stands out with its unique, modern designs that draw upon and interpret the very special works of Anatolian civilisations and cultures. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.urart.com.tr. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 18/1, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 246 7194. **A6.**

Ülseven

Ülseven Fine Jewellery has been creating unique masterpieces and exclusive jewellery collections for over 60 years. A well-known company in the

Grand Bazaar, Ülseven serves its upscale clients in its Nişantaşı, and Bakırköy stores. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.ulseven.com.tr. Teşvikiye Cad. 22/A, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 291 0656. **A6.**

Zela

Zela's unites the elegance of the world of jewellery, the mystery of the East, and the modern lines of the West. Embodying beauty and nobility in its designs for 20 years, the unparalleled collections bring out the best of precious and semiprecious stones. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. www.zelajewels.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 9/A, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 296 0055. **A6.**

LEATHER & FUR

Desa

Established in 1972, this brand now operates with 73 stores in Turkey and 2 abroad. In addition to leather products, it also produces silk, chiffon, cashmere and knitwear skirts, jackets, trousers, coats and accessories. Daily 10am-10pm. www.desa.com.tr. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 1, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 232 1290. **A6.** Bağdat Cad. 443/A, Suadiye. T: 0216 416 4368. **Off map.** Bağdat Cad. 244, Göztepe. T: 0216 369 8037. **Off map.** *İstinyePark Shopping Centre* 398, Sarıyer. T: 0212 245 6739. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Derimod

With 31 years in the business, this leading leather products brand has several branches abroad in addition to its 48 branches in Turkey, striving to

create fashion and make leather a part of fashion. Daily 10am-10pm. www.derimod.com.tr. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre R317, Sarıyer.T: 0212 345 5753. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Derishow

Establishment providing fine leather products and different designs for its customers since 1987. Daily 10am-10pm. www.derishow.com.tr. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre 507, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 5908. **Shopping Centre Map (p34).**

Koç Deri

Established in 1968, Koç Deri manufactures for global brands including Armani and Dolce & Gabbana. One of the most widely known stores in the Grand Bazaar, it is also a favourite of many celebrities. Mon-Sat 8:30am-7:30pm. www.kocderi.com. Grand Bazaar, Kürkçüler Çarşısı 22/46, Eminönü. T: 0212 527 5553. **E4.**

Kuzu Deri

Keeping up with fashion with the finest leather and fur goods since 1960, Kuzu Deri also has branches in France, Sweden, Norway and Russia. Check out their special new designs in their Zeytinburnu and Nuruosmaniye stores. www.kuzu.com.tr. Bab-ı Ali Cad. 7/A Cağaloğlu. T: 0212 513 5898. **F5.**

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www.212istanbul.com. Mahmutbey Merkez Mah. Taşocağı Cad. 5, Bağcılar. T: 0212 444 4212.
Off map.

PERFUMERY

Bath & Body Works

Focusing on natural cosmetics, this store offers a wide choice of aromatherapy oils, fruit essence soaps, shampoos and creams. Daily 10am-10pm.
www.bathandbodyworks.com. İstinyePark Shopping Centre, Giriş Katı İstinye Bayırı Cad. Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 5425.
Shopping Centre Map (p.34).

Jo Malone

Try and choose the best perfumes from a broad range of products from Jo Malone, which adheres to the philosophy that perfume should match the person's skin and character. Mon-Sat 10am-8pm.
www.jomalone.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 39/1, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 231 4416. **A6.**

La Déesse

Turkey's first ever perfume design boutique, La Déesse is perfect for anyone who wants to create his or her own special fragrance. You can also find the world's most exclusive brands, including Keiko Mecheri, which was inspired by Turkish delight, and Miller Harris by Lyn Harris, known for the fragrances she has created for royalty.
www.ladeesse.com.tr. Teşvikiye Cad. 31/2, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 230 0001. **A6.**

Sephora

More than 10,000 brand-name products in a variety of categories from makeup to skin-care plus exclusive secret formula products unique to Sephora. Daily 10am-10pm.
www.sephora.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre, L326-327, İstinye. T: 0212 345 6035.

Shopping Centre Map (p.34).

PORCELAIN

Monev Porcelain

Chain offering several exclusive brands inc Rosenthal, Wedgwood, Villeroy & Boch, Lenox, Haviland, Robbe Berking, WMF, Kahla and JG Durand. Broad range includes decorative objects, stylish porcelain, crystal and silver sets, kitchen utensils, vases and chandeliers. Mon-Sat 10am-8pm.
www.monev.com.tr. Teşvikiye Cad. 26/A, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 296 0453. **A6.**

Porland Porcelain

Established in 1992, this brand produces excellent, unique designs that combine style, aesthetics and quality. Also serving luxurious hotels and restaurants, Porland Porcelain is a 'green' company that adheres strictly to environmental regulations in its production. Daily 10am-10pm.
www.porland.com.tr. Büyükdere Cad. 22, Cevahir Shopping Centre 39, Şişli. T: 0212 380 0946. **B6.**

SHOES & BAGS

Camper

Spanish brand that transforms walking into an art. Daily 10am-10pm.
www.camper.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre 352, İstinye. T: 0212 345 6026. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Christian Louboutin

This season, timeless French designer Louboutin is renowned for his high-heeled, red-soled shoes. The Summerissima is one of the many striking shoes from the collection. Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 12am-8pm.
www.christianlouboutin.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 22/A, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 296 7870. **A6.**

Deriden

Local distributor of world-famous brands inc DKNY, Timberland, Sebago, Kowalski, Calvin Klein, Bikkembergs, Boticelli, Lion, Palladium, Logan, and Buffalo. Daily 10am-10pm.
www.deriden.com.tr. Çırağan Cad. Vapur İskelesi Sok. 1, Ortaköy. T: 0212 261 7666. **A9.**

Giusseppe Zanotti Design

Glamorous women's footwear by this Italian designer is excellent for social functions with its dressy style that emphasizes femininity. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm.
www.giusseppe-zanotti-design.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 24/26, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 232 0745. **A6.**

Tory Burch

This U.S. designer, who made a name for himself with his flats named after his mother Reva, offers a luxurious collection of leather and patent leather bags, accessories, shoes, flats and boots in its single location. Daily 10am-10pm.
www.toryburch.com Zorlu Center, Zincirlikuyu Cad. Beşiktaş. **Off map.**

SPAS

Caudalie Vinotherapie Spa

One of the most luxurious spas in town offering Caudalie signature treatments along with traditional hammam and Asian rituals. Daily 8am-10pm.
www.lesottomans.com. Hotel Les Ottomans Spa, Muallim Naci Cad. 68, Kuruçeşme. T: 0212 359 1533. **Off map.**

Espa Spa

An extraordinary oasis in a bustling city, this luxury spa offers guests at The İstanbul Edition hotel an unparalleled experience incorporating beauty, health and wellness in a setting of exquisite luxury. An atmosphere of opulence pervades, decorated in rich metallic woods and embossed bronze floors, softened by upholstered walls and comfortable seating. Daily 10am-10pm.
www.editionhotels.com. Büyükdere Cad. 136, Levent. T: 0212 317 7700. **Off map.**

Saka Beauty/Spa & Anti-Aging

This beauty centre is staffed by experienced beauticians, offers a wide range of treatments and services. These include epilation, spot reducing, anti-ageing treatments, permanent makeup, manicure-pedicure, seaweed treatments, massage, and healthy dietary consulting.
www.sakabeautycenter.com. Konaklar Mah. Akasyalı Sok. 38, 4.Levent. T: 0212 264 5400. **Off map.**

Spa & Hammam

Four Seasons Hotel Bosphorus offers a stress-free, peaceful environment in the heart of the city at Spa & Hammam, combining Far Eastern philosophy with Western technology to serve in a modern-day tradition concept. Daily 6:30am-10pm.
www.fourseasons.com/bosphorus. Four Seasons Bosphorus, Çırağan Cad. 28, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 381 4160. **B8.**



PAŞABAĞÇI BOUTIQUE
Büyükdere Cad. Kanyon Shopping Centre, G 141, Levent. T: 0212 353 0730.
Shopping Centre Map (p. 34)

TURKISH DELICACIES

Ali Muhiddin Hacı Bekir

An international brand with an extensive exports network spanning the world from Japan to New Zealand, the Middle East, Latvia, the United Kingdom and the United States, it offers Turkish delight or lokum, hard candies, nut pastes, halvahs and dragees. Daily 8am-8pm.
İstiklal Cad. 183/A, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 244 2804. **C5.**

Bebek Badem Ezmesi

Sweet shop famous for its almond and pistachio pastes. Products are always fresh and made from top-quality ingredients. Daily 9:30am-8pm.
Cevdet Paşa Cad. 53/C, Bebek. T: 0212 263 5984. **Off map.**

Cemilzade 188

Many traditional Turkish delight varieties as well as its exclusive fruit Turkish delights, hard candies and nut pastes, each as sweet as the next, but light as well. Mon-Sat 10am-8:30pm, Sun 11am-7pm.
Nispetiye Cad. 104/B Etiler. T: 0212 257 2865. **Off map.**

Faruk Güllüoğlu

Popular both in Turkey and around the world, Güllüoğlu in Karaköy has served traditional Turkish baklava and other sweets for two centuries with the same meticulous care at every stage in the process. Mon-Sat 7am-7pm.
www.gulluoglu.com.tr. Rihim Cad. Katlı Otopark Altı 3-4, Karaköy. T: 0212 293 0910. **D5.**

Koska Helvacısı

Leading manufacturer and exporter of Turkish halva, a tahini-based confection popular over a vast region, as well as other traditional flavours inc preserves, sesame paste and molasses, Turkish delight and light products for diabetics. Available in all major food retailers.
www.koska.com.

Kurukahveci Mehmet Efendi

The origins of coffee culture throughout the world today can be traced back to Turkish coffee. For centuries, coffee was originally purchased as green beans to be taken home, roasted in pans, then ground in hand cranked mills or mortar and pestles. This long, tedious and exhausting process had to be undertaken every time to savour a cup of coffee. Daily 8am-7pm.
www.mehmetefendi.com. Rüstem Paşa, Hasircılar Cad. Tahmis Sok. 66, Eminönü. T: 0212 511 4262-63. **E4.**

UNDERWEAR & SWIMSUIT

Agent Provocateur

Elegant and irresistibly glamorous lingerie, nightwear, footwear, accessories, outerwear, candles and perfumes that radiate sensuality for all occasions. Daily 10am-10pm.
www.agentprovocateur.com. Büyükdere Cad. 185, Kanyon Shopping Centre, Harvey Nichols, Levent. T: 0212 319 1190.
Shopping Centre Map (p.16).

Intimissimi/Calzedonia

Italian clothing label launched in 1996, specializing in bras, briefs, lingerie, vests, and pyjamas for women and men. Daily 10am-10pm.
www.intimissimi.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre 326, İstinye. T: 0212 345 5796.
Shopping Centre Map (p.34).

Victoria's Secret

The famous lingerie brand offers mostly accessories, but also sells perfumes, cosmetics and laptop bags. Daily 10am-10pm.
City's Nişantaşı Shopping Centre, Kat: T, Teşvikiye Cad. 162, Şişli. T: 0212 373 2990. **A6.**

Zeki Triko

The world-renowned swimwear brand Zeki Triko once again captures the attention with its unique and artsy models. The new collection of this global brand includes a vast array of lingerie, bikinis, swimsuits and beachwear. Daily 10am-10pm.
www.zekitriko.com.tr. Nispetiye Cad. Akmerkez Shopping Centre 366, Etiler.
Shopping Centre Map (p.34).

WATCHES

Saat & Saat

This store carries premium watches and ornaments from a host of brands inc Adidas, Balmain, Burberry, Chronotech, Citizen, Diesel, DKNY, Emporio Armani, Escape, Esprit, Fossil, GC, GF Ferre, Hamilton, Hugo Boss Guess, Just Cavalli, Michael Kors, Miss Sixty, Roberto Cavalli, Timberland, Tommy Hilfiger, Valentino, Welder and Zodiac. Daily 10am-10pm.
www.saatvesaat.com. Büyükdere Cad. 22, Cevahir Shopping Centre 44/A, Şişli. T: 0212 380 0972. **Off map.**

Panerai

Opened in 1860 in the city of Florence as a watch-making workshop and a shop, Panerai has its roots deep beneath the sea. Providing sensitive

measuring instruments for the Italian Army, the company specialised in diving watches for special operations of the Undersea Commandos. Mon-Sat 9am-6:30pm.
www.panerai.com Abdi İpekçi Cad. Altın Sok. 3, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 291 5959.

WEDDING CLOTHES

Beymen Bridal

Beymen offers a host of bridal dresses to women preparing for that special day, and is Turkey's exclusive source for top designers including Lanvin, Christos, Amsale, Kenneth Pool, Romona, Keveza, Valentino and Albertta Ferretti. Daily 10am-8pm.
www.beymen.com. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 23/1, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 373 4800. **A6.**

Pronovias

Offering an extensive collection of wedding gowns, Pronovias treats every bride as unique and every wedding as a challenge. Pronovias shares your excitement from the moment you first walk in the door until your wedding day. Mon-Sat 10:30-7:30pm.
www.pronovias.com. Teşvikiye Cad. İnayet Apt. 129/1, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 296 4304. **A6.**

Vakko Wedding

Vakko style meets designer wedding gowns by world-renowned fashion brands including Oscar De La Renta, Vera Wang, Emanuel Ungaro, Elie by Elia Saab, Marchesa, Vera Wang, Monique Lhuillier, Reem Acra and Valentino, to create an epic atmosphere. Mon-Sat 10am-7:30pm.
www.vakko.com.tr. Süleyman Seba Cad. 27, Akaretler. T: 0212 258 6608. **B7.**



Natural Colours

The **Emporio Armani** collection emphasises elegance as well as practicality. Knee-length jackets are perfect against the winter chill, from thin but warming fabrics to keep them light. Soft material on the jackets' backs and arms, plus in shirts, and coats, combine ease of movement and comfort.

İstinyePark Shopping Centre 519, Sarıyer.
T: 0212 345 6110.
www.emporioarmani.com.
Shopping Centre Map (p.34).



Topkapı Sarayı Konyalı



Kanyon Konyalı

Taste of A Century

Traditional and delightful tastes of Turkish and Ottoman cuisine meet at **Kanyon Konyalı** and **Topkapı Sarayı Konyalı**.

Located within the Topkapı Palace Museum and Kanyon Shopping Centre, Konyalı Lokantasi is popular with statesmen, major artists, company executives welcoming foreign guests, and anyone wishing to experience Turkish cuisine at its finest. With its new renovation and expansion, Konyalı Topkapı Sarayı is truly deserving of its location, welcoming guests with award-winning cuisine and a breathtaking view, while contemporary style, the finest ingredients, and simple, modern style meet at Kanyon Konyalı.

The result of four generations of expertise in the subtleties of Ottoman-Turkish cuisine, Kanyon Konyalı began in 1969 as Topkapı Sarayı Konyalı Restaurant. Now run by great grandson Mehmet Eren Doğanbey, it offers a vast choice dishes from a cuisine

that combines flavours and ingredients from every corner of a vast empire. Kanyon Konyalı is one of a very few restaurants preserving the Ottoman tradition of şerbet, drinks made from fruit juices and other ingredients, often with subtle spicing as well, and epitomized by the Ottoman Palace Şerbet, prepared from a complex secret recipe.

Konyalı Topkapı Sarayı
Topkapı Sarayı Müzesi içi, Sultanahmet.
T: 0212 513 9696. saray@konyalilokantasi.com
Konyalı Kanyon
Büyükdere Cad. 185 K:1, Levent.
T: 0212 353 0450. kanyon@konyalilokantasi.com

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Original Tastes

With its outstanding menu, extraordinary ambience and warm, friendly staff and over a century of experience, Kanyon Konyalı has become a true landmark in Turkish tourism and promises great things to come.

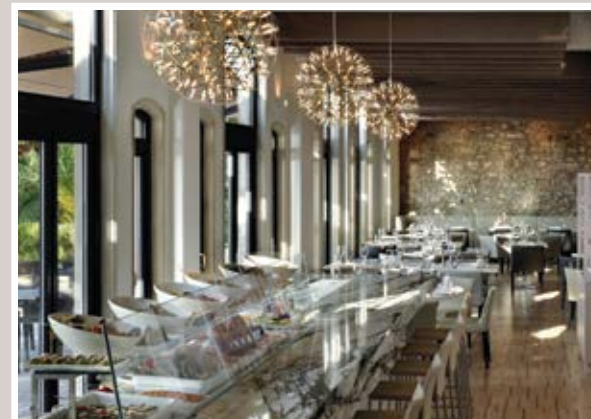


BEST OF İSTANBUL DINING

Park Fora

Since 1996, Park Fora has been renowned as one of Istanbul's most elegant restaurants, which you instantly feel on entering its waterfront terrace. In keeping with the exclusive ambience, it's matched by a stellar Bosphorus view, amazing park setting and outstanding service. There's a huge variety of beautifully presented seafood, such as stuffed anchovies and marinated sea bass, plus a brilliant selection of wines from around the world to raise the bar for restaurants throughout the city.

Muallim Naci Cad. Cemil Topuzlu Parkı İçi 54/A, Ortaköy.
T: 0212 265 5063.
www.parkfora.com



Tapasuma

Located in the Sumahan Hotel in Çengelköy on Istanbul's Asian side, Tapasuma possesses a calming atmosphere, mainly thanks to its location overlooking the Bosphorus, plus its striking design with its attractive stone walls. In addition to seasonal fish, Tapasuma's menu offers unusual Turkish and Mediterranean dishes and bite-size Turkish mezes. Some of its outstanding items include shank of Thracian lamb yahnı, and kibbeh cooked on a griddle. There is a boat service from Kuruçeşme available.

Kuleli Cad. 43, Çengelköy.
T: 0216 401 1333.
www.tapasuma.com

Ferah Feza

A favourite Karaköy spot, Ferahfeza is a welcoming, spacious high-ceilinged restaurant with wood and brass details, and a beautiful view of the historic peninsula and Golden Horn. The menu features a variety of Mediterranean dishes; stars of the menu include savoury courgette pancakes (*mücver*) and eggplant with truffles for starters; and mains of salmon with tahini, and scallop risotto.

Kemankeş Cad. 31, Karaköy, Beyoğlu
T: 0212 243 5154.
www.ferahfeza-ist.com



Mira

With a spacious garden, Mira offers delicious mezes for the discerning diner over the sparkling lights of the Bosphorus. The ingredients are chosen with utmost care; fruits and vegetables come from local neighbourhood markets, along with olive oil from Ayvalık, wild greens from the Aegean region and octopus and other seafood flown in from Bodrum. Mira serves over 20 different mezes; try the Cretan-style *ezme*, black-eyed peas and marinated sea bass.

Bebek Arnavutköy Cad. 70/1, Arnavutköy.
T: 0212 265 3131.
www.mirabalik.com

DINING

AEGEAN

Eleos

Spacious décor and unique flavours from both shores of the Aegean Sea. In addition to classic flavours of İstanbul's taverns, Eleos' menu includes Greek and Armenian specialties as well as Aegean wild greens. ★★★ Daily L & D. www.eleosrestaurant.com. İstiklal Cad. 231, K:2, Hıdıvval Palas, Beyoğlu, Tünel. T: 0212 244 9090-91. **C5.**

İmbat Restaurant

This restaurant on the terrace of a hotel that fits right into the city's historic fabric, also boasts panoramic views. The menu focuses mainly on Mediterranean and Aegean dishes, with a traditional Turkish meze plate with excellent dishes such as chard stuffed with green wheat and sekerpare with sesame and poppy. ★★★ Daily L & D. www.imbatrestaurant.com. Hüdavendigâr Cad. 34, Sirkeci. T: 0212 520 7191. **D5.**

Kydonia

Blending a Bosphorus view with the atmosphere of Crete, Kydonia serves dishes faithful to old family recipes of Turks who migrated from Crete and other Aegean islands and settled in the coastal towns Ayvalık and Alaçatı. There's an impressive selection of 70 different types of mezes. Daily L & D. www.kydonia.com.tr. Muallim Naci Cad. 107, Kuruçeşme. T: 0212 257 1131. **Off map.**

Lokanta Maya

A warm, simple restaurant with a menu focusing on Aegean and Mediterranean specialties, Maya uses only fresh seasonal ingredients. Some of the favourites include chicken liver pate, marinated sea bass and fish croquettes. ★★★ Mon-Sat L & D. www.lokantamaya.com. Kemankeş Cad. 35 A, Karaköy. T: 0212 252 6884. **D5.**

Mira

In historical Arnavutköy, on the coastline of the Bosphorus, with its garden overlooking the sea and warm atmosphere, Mira offers the healthful Aegean herbs of Aegean cuisine skillfully matched with Armenian, Greek and Circassian mezes. Octopus salad, marinated seabass, the Armenian specially topik, octopus and calamari, over-baked cuttlefish. Daily B & L & D. www.mirarestaurant.com.tr. Arnavutköy Cad. 70/1, Arnavutköy, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 2653131. **Off map.**

ASIAN & FAR EASTERN

Banyan

The exquisite flavours of the Far East. Famous for its omelettes varieties from 20 countries. Menus include samosa with Vietnamese-style vegetable chili sauce, Singapore-style noodles and sushi. ★★★ Daily L & D. www.banyanrestaurant.com. Muallim Naci Cad. Salhane Sok. 3, Ortaköy. T: 0212 259 9060-70. **Off map.**

Dragon Restaurant

Delicious dishes by Hong Kong chefs served in a spacious interior decorated in classical Chinese style. Specialties include crispy duck and stir-fried dishes. ★★★★★ Daily L & D. www.hilton.com.tr. Hilton İstanbul, Cumhuriyet Cad. Harbiye. T: 0212 231 6200. **B6**

Go Mongo

Real Mongolian barbecue accompanied by select Asian dishes including the finest of Thai, Indonesian, Vietnamese, Chinese and Indian cuisines. ★★★ Daily L&D. www.gomongo.com.tr. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 5888. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Miyako

Award-winning restaurant offering three fine Asian dining experiences: sushi bar, Teppanyaki cuisine plus Tatami room. The Japanese garden adds a further Asian touch. Sake is served warm or cold to accompany the meal. ★★★★★ Tue-Sun 7pm-11pm. D. www.swissotel.com.tr. Bayıldım Cad. 2, Swissôtel The Bosphorus, Maçka. T: 0212 326 1100. **B7.**

Maromi

The restaurant has been an İstanbul hit since the day it opened, enhanced by a mystical atmosphere with decor brought from Japan. Stars on the menu include tofu salad and calamari crepes, and for dessert, green tea ice cream. ★★★ Daily L & D. www.divan.com.tr. Divan İstanbul, Asker Ocağı Cad. 1, Taksim. T: 0212 315 5500. **B6.**

P.F. Changs

This Chinese bistro is famed for its delicious food, authentic décor and fine service, and the majestic horses that greet its guests at the door. Exotic flavours in portions large enough to share are accompanied by a good choice of wines, special cocktails, sake and beer. ★★★ www.pfchangs.com. Nispetiye Cad. 94, Etiler. T: 0212 358 6060. **Off map.**

Shang Palace

Exciting classical and innovative Chinese dishes are served alongside information on the cuisine. Favourites include Peking duck, filet mignon slices marinated in Chinese wine, and ginger seafood. ★★★★★ Daily L & D. Sinanpaşa Mah. Hayrettin İskelesi Sok. 1, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 275 8888. **B7.**

Sushico

This restaurant chain presents a vast Chinese, Japanese and Thai menu, with specialties including sushi rolls, asparagus veal, Peking duck, salmon teriyaki and fried ice cream. ★★★ Daily L & D. www.sushico.com.tr. Sushico Palladium, Barbaros Mah. Halk Cad. 6/5, Palladium Shopping Centre, Yenısahra. T: 0216 663 1345. **Off map.**

Teppanyaki Alaturka

Asian and Turkish delicacies are prepared with the traditional Japanese teppanyaki griddle technique, and served in a dramatic fashion. The interior is dominated by a wood décor; VIP sections also available. ★★★ Daily L & D. www.teppanyakialaturka.com. Nispetiye Cad. 107, Etiler. T: 0212 287 8228. **Off map.**

Wagamama

Extensive menu offers distinctive Asian flavours. A big hit with noodle lovers, this restaurant offers a pleasant and entertaining dining ambiance. ★★★ Daily L & D. www.wagamama.com.tr. Büyükdere Cad. 185, Kanyon Shopping Centre, Levent. T: 0212 353 0474. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Zuma

Japanese dining traditions, alive and well in the heart of İstanbul. Exciting interior is an extra attraction to this restaurant overlooking the Bosphorus. Japanese and world cuisines available at sushi and grill bars. Booking required.

★★★★ Daily L & D. www.zumarestaurant.com. Salhane Sok. 7, Ortaköy. T: 0212 236 2296. **A9.**

BRITISH

Duke

The famous London restaurant boasts smart interior and a lush green terrace. In addition to English fare such as fish and chips and beef Wellington, there is also a wide selection of sushi and sashimi at the Raw Bar. ★★★★★ Daily L & D. www.dukeistanbul.com. Trump Tower, K.2 D.214, Şişli. T: 0212 520 2626. **Off map.**

Tom's Kitchen

Tom's kitchen serves comfort food favourites in a relaxed and environment, from breakfast to dinner. Menu highlights include fish pie, steak tartare, Shepherd's pie. ★★★ Daily B & L & D. Zorlu Center, Zincirlikuyu Cad. Beşiktaş. T: 0212 353 6677. **Off map.**

BISTRO

Chocolate

Offering an exquisite dining experience, this spot serves international cuisine, but predominantly Italian dishes adjusted to Turkish tastes. All ingredients are natural, organic and fresh, prepared with special herbs. ★★★ Daily B, L & D. www.chocolatecafe.com. Eytam Cad. 33, Maçka. T: 0212 343 2461. **A6.**

Mangerie

Mangerie has been a top eating spot for İstanbul and Bebek socialites. With its extensive menu and wine list to match, plus a commanding view of Bebek Bay, it's become an İstanbul classic. Try the lamb and hand-cut noodle salad, the skewered shrimp and Mangerie burger. ★★ Daily B, L & D. www.mangeriebek.com. Cevdet Paşa Cad. 69/3, Küçükbebek. T: 0212 263 5199. **Off map.**

Nişantaşı Brasserie

With décor by Zeynep Fadilloğlu, Nişantaşı Brasserie is one of İstanbul's most popular spots. The menu offers classic dishes adapted for modern tastes, including French onion soup, duck's liver, steak Tartare, and 'Café de Paris' filet mignon. ★★★ Daily B, L & D. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Bostan Sok. 23/1, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 343 0443. **A6.**

CAFE

A La Carte Restaurant

Meals surrounded by magnificent Bosphorus scenery and splendid historical buildings. ★★★★★ Daily B, L & D. www.legacyottomanhotel.com. Legacy Ottoman Hotel, Hobyar Mah. Hamidiye Cad. 16, Eminönü. T: 0212 527 6767. **E4.**

Café Wien

European-style coffee and cakes made in house, offering a Viennese style café atmosphere. 26 pastries and 18 coffees and to choose from, including the famous Viennese blend. The "Eiskaffee" with ice cream is a summer favorite. ★★★ Daily B, L & D. www.cafewien.com. Maçka Cad. Reasürans Çarşısı 62, Teşvikiye. T: 0212 233 7860. **A6.**

Café Zone

This welcoming spot, overflowing with greenery, has an open kitchen concept serving a tempting array of original dishes. Try the shrimp soup with

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artichokes, Balkan köfte, and börek with smoky eggplant puree for starters. **★★★** Mon-Sat B, L, D. www.cafezone.com.tr. Kuyumcu İrfan Sok. 3C, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 296 6590-91. **A6.**

Fes Café

Nestled in the Grand Bazaar, Fes Café with its Ottoman -and- contemporary style interior, is an ideal spot for a coffee break without having to leave the authentic atmosphere of the bazaar. **★★** Mon-Sat 9am-7pm. www.fescafe.com. Halıcılar Cad. 62, Kapalıçarşı. T: 0212 528 1613. **E4.**

Karabatak

The retro decor in this 100-year-old lathe workshop turned modern restaurant is outstanding, with its next best feature is the large selection of coffees from Austria's Julius Meinl. The menu offers a host of light but satisfying snack dishes. Daily 8.30am-8.30pm. Kemankeş Mah. Kara Ali Kaptan Sok. Karaköy. T: 0212 243 6993. **D5.**

Limonata

Limonata is one of İstanbul's most fashionable spots. Enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner, or choose from an impressive selection of cocktails at the unique Limonata bar. **★★★** Daily L & D. Bostan Sok. 13, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 373 2300. **A6.**

Limonata Downtown

Limonata is one of İstanbul's most fashionable spots. Enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner, or choose from an impressive selection of cocktails at the unique Limonata bar. **★★★** Daily L & D. Süleyman Seba Cad. 46, Akaretler, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 236 5017. **A6.**

Mavra

One of the most populated cafes of the neighbourhood frequented by photographers, actors and designers. Mavra is a cozy little café offering classic but very tasty café fare, including a variety of breakfast platters, sandwiches, indulgent appetizers, salads, pastas, and meat-heavy mains. Daily B & L & D & N. Daily 9:30am-2am. **★★** Serdar-ı Ekrem Sok. 31/A, Galata. T: 0212 252 7488. **D5.**

CAFE, RESTAURANT & BAR

Chapelle

This stylish venue's delicious charcuterie plate and rich choice of wines are reminiscent of a Parisian brasserie. Chapelle's decor is a fascinating combination of mystic, modern and classic, with a spacious garden. **★★★** Daily L & D. Rixos Pera, Meşrutiyet Cad. 44, Tepebaşı, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 244 9830. **C4.**

Jack Russell

Dine on crispy shrimp with kadayıf pastry, beef neck with cinnamon, and ribs, accompanied by one of Jack Russell's excellent cocktails. Its lively decor features pine shelves showcasing comic book and superhero toys. **★★★** Daily L & D. Rixos Pera, Meşrutiyet Cad. 44, Tepebaşı. T: 0212 244 9830. **C4.**

CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN

Nicole

Nicole occupies an elegant terrace with a view of the Historic Peninsula, the Prince's Islands and beyond. The chefs create new interpretations

of classic flavours, with fresh vegetables from Feriköy's organic market, focusing on freshly-caught local seafood and native Kıvrık lamb. **★★★★** Daily D. Tomtom Suites, Boğazkesen Cad. Tomtom Kaptan Sok.18, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 292 4467. **C5.**

Pancaldi

In keeping with Turkish hospitality and Ramada Worldwide's superior standards of quality and service, Pancaldi Restaurant offers delicious selections from local and international cuisines. **★★★** Daily B, L & D. www.ramadaplazaistanbul.com. Halaskargazi Cad. 63, Ramada Plaza, Osmanbey. T: 0212 315 4444. **A6.**

FISH & SEAFOOD

Akın Balık

Located under a historic building in the Karaköy Fishermen's Market, this low-key spot with its relaxing garden serves especially good mezes; the octopus salad and black-eyed peas are especially good. **★★** Daily L&D. Feraneciler Cad. Ali Yazıcı Sok. Gümrük Han 10, Karaköy. T: 0212 244 9776. **C5.**

Akıntıburnu

This lovely restaurant in Arnavutköy offers a glorious Bosphorus view, freshly-caught fish and seafood, and mezes prepared daily. The mackerel with soy sauce, baked shellfish and quince dessert are some of the favourites. **★★★** Daily L & D. 1. Bebek Cad. 115, Akıntıburnu, Arnavutköy. T: 0212 263 4829. **Off map.**

Arnavutköy Balıkçısı

A cozy restaurant with simple, unpretentious decor complemented by nostalgic photos of the Arnavutköy waterfront. The menu includes cold mezes like mackerel with soy sauce, salt-cured tuna and sea bass salad, and hot appetizers like sauteed monkfish, fried calamari and fish croquettes. **★★★★** Daily L & D. www.arnavutkoybalikcisi.com. 1. Cadde 4, Arnavutköy. T: 0212 257 0525. **Off map.**

Balıkçı Sabahattin

Extensive fish menu and excellent service, located in the historical area of Cankurtaran, near Sultanahmet. The skillfully prepared fish is especially good with rakı, and the mussel pilaf and courgette with yoghurt come highly recommended. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.balikcisabahattin.com. Seyit Hasan Kuyu Sok. 1, Cankurtaran, Fatih. T: 0212 458 1824. **F5.**

Bebek Balıkçı

This restaurant located in the upmarket neighbourhood of Bebek on the Bosphorus serves a full array of seafood, with specialties including grilled and pan-fried fish, and fish cooked in paper. **★★★★** Daily L & D. www.bebekbalikci.net. Cevdet Paşa Cad. 26/A, Bebek. T: 0212 263 3447. **Off map.**

Çengelköy İskele Restaurant

Best fish restaurant on the Asian side, both for the quality of its fish and its Bosphorus view. Established as a Greek coffeehouse in the early 1800s, it became a Greek tavern before assuming its current form in 1950. Specialties include grilled calamari in soy sauce, shrimp in vine leaves, turbot, sea bream, haddock and gurnard. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.cengelkoyiskelerrestaurant.com.

Guidelines

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MAP LOCATIONS

Note that the references at the end of each listing (A1, B5 etc.) refer to pages 70-71.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Reservations for most restaurants are strongly advised. Check when booking that the restaurant will accept your credit card. Value Added Tax (VAT) is automatically included in the bill, but tips are generally not added. A 10% cash gratuity is common.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL RESTAURANTS & BARS ARE NON-SMOKING.

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B: Open for breakfast L & D: Open lunch & dinner only.

PRICES

Prices per person for three courses and coffee, no alcohol.
★ – TL 0-30 per person
★★ – TL 30-60 per person
★★★ – TL 60-90 per person
★★★★ – over TL 90 per person

Çengelköy İskele Gazinosu Sok. 10, Çengelköy. T: 0216 321 5506. **Off map.**

Eftalya

With a maritime-themed interior complete with mermaid reliefs, choose your fish and enjoy appetizers with marvellous Bosphorus views. Be sure to try the tomato and onion salad, fried calamari and seasonal fish varieties. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.eftalya.net. Arnavutköy Mah. 1. Cad. 32, Arnavutköy. T: 0212 287 2520. **Off map.** Suadiye, Kazım Özalp Sok. 60, Suadiye. T: 0216 350 0152. **Off map.**

Galatalı Balık

Galatalı Balık serves Cunda cuisine (from Turkey's northwest coast) including Aegean wild greens, calamari with almond tarator and mackerel with aioli. It also boasts incomparable views of the Prince's Islands. **★★★★** www.galatalibalik.com. Plaj Yolu Sok Suadiye Park, A Blok 18, Kadıköy. T: 0216 410 3959-69. **Off map.**

Kıyı

A unique fish restaurant on the Bosphorus with wood-paneled décor and photographs and paintings by Turkish artists that give an intimate club feel. Try the delicious seafood and liver dishes. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.kiyi.com.tr. Haydar Aliyev Cad. 186, Tarabya. T: 0212 262 0002. **Off map.**

Limani

The restaurant is a simple, comfortable restaurant right on the shores of the Bosphorus. It specialises in fresh seasonal fish with traditional sauces, plus favourite items such as calamari yahni: oven-baked octopus with new potatoes, tender spinach and asparagus. **★★★** The Grand Tarabya, Haydar Aliyev Cad. 154, Tarabya, Sarıyer. www.thegrandtarabya.com. T: 0212 363 3300. **Off map.**

Mavi Balık

The fish and rakı tradition is as delightful as it gets here in this spacious, comfortable dining room. Make a point of trying the salt-cured fish and grilled calamari. **★★★★** Daily L & D. www.mavibalik.com. Muallim Naci Cad. 64/2, Kuruçeşme. T: 0212 265 5480. **A9.**

Park Fora

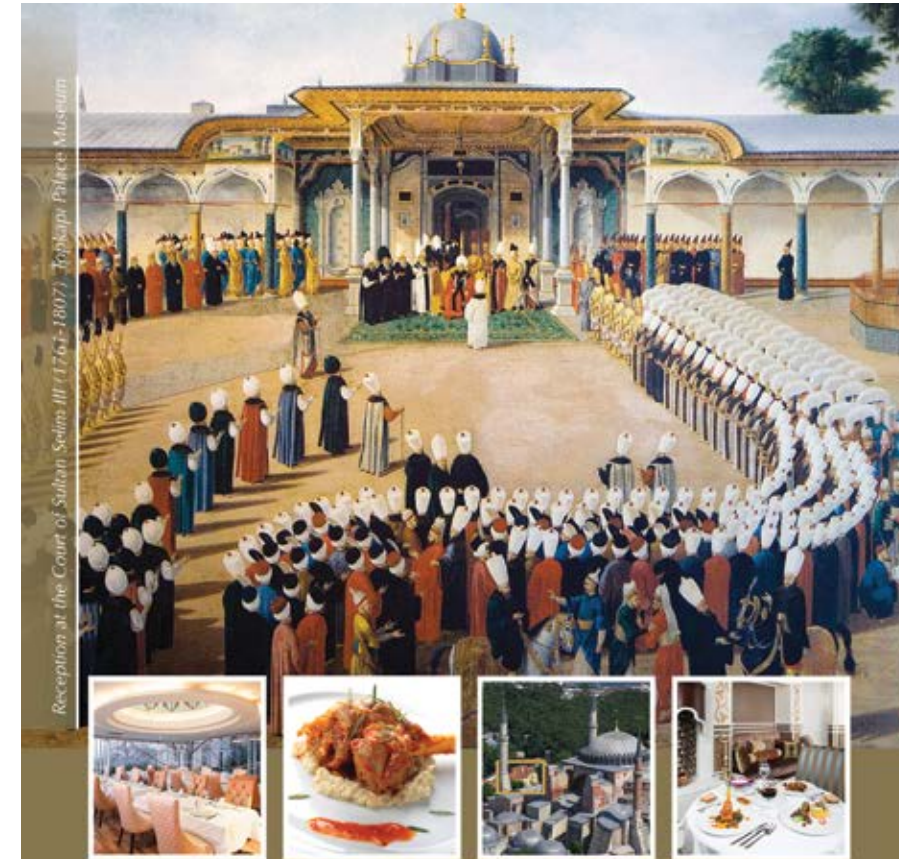
Popular restaurant offering delicious seafood and high-quality service. Appetizers include salted bonito, octopus salad, shrimp roquefort and grilled calamari. Fishcakes and salt-baked fish highly recommended. **★★★★** Daily L & D. www.parkfora.com.tr. Muallim Naci Cad. Cemil Topuzlu Parkı 54-A, Ortaköy. T: 0212 265 5063. **A9.**

Poseidon

Seafood at its best against a magnificent view of İstanbul. Specialties include stuffed calamari, baked as well as Greek-style grilled octopus, cold meats, a variety of Turkish and foreign wines and a special şöbiyet (cream-filled baklava) from Gaziantep. **★★★★** Daily L & D. www.poseidonbebek.com. Küçük Bebek, Cevdet Paşa Cad. 58/1, Bebek. T: 0212 287 9531. **Off map.**

Set Balık Lokantası

One of the oldest seafood establishments on the Bosphorus waterfront, with fresh fish served in a friendly, intimate atmosphere. Many in-house mezes using seasonal fish and vegetables recently added to the menu. **★★** Daily L & D.



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No credit cards. www.setbaliklokantasi.com. Haydar Aliyev Cad. 18, Kireçburnu, Tarabya. T: 0212 262 0411. **Off map.**

Sur Balık Arnavutköy

Sur Balık is located in a simple 150-year-old seaside mansion, with walls sporting old İstanbul photographs. Sea bass marinated with basil, anglerfish ricado and profiteroles with tahini are just a few of the highly-recommended treats. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.surbalikarnavutkoy.com. Bebek Arnavutköy Cad. 52, Arnavutköy. T: 0212 257 2743-44. **Off map.**

Tapasuma

Tapasuma serves traditional Turkish treats in hot and cold tapas form, along with fresh fish from the Bosphorus and a range of mezes. Enjoy the panoramic views on the shores of the Bosphorus – there's also a boat service available from Kuruçeşme. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.tapasuma.com. Kuleli Cad. 43, Çengelköy. T: 0216 401 1333. **Off map.**

Tarihi Karaköy Balıkçı

This historical fish restaurant offers fresh fish every weekday between 12pm and 4pm. Fish is displayed at the entrance; select your fish and wait for it to be prepared by expert chefs. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.tarihiarakoybalikcisi.com. Tersane Cad. Kardeşim Sok. 45, Karaköy. T: 0212 251 1371. **D4.**

Yeniköy İskele Restaurant

Located by the Yeniköy pier under a centuries-old plane tree, this restaurant is well known for its fresh seasonal fish simply cooked, its own original mezes, salads, sliced liver and fish kavurma. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.yenikoyiskele.com. Köybaşı Cad. İskele Sok. 7/A, Yeniköy. T: 0212 262 3549. **Off map.**

FRENCH

Brass


Combining two types of contrasting cuisine in luxurious simplicity, the menu at Brass offers such treats as bouillabaisse and filet mignon with béarnaise sauce, miso soup, tofu and tuna tataki salad, and a selection of Asian desserts. Guests can also enjoy live jazz performances (Fri&Sat). **★★★** Daily 11am-11pm. www.martiistanbulhotel.com. Abdülhak Hamit Cad. 25/B, Taksim. T: 0212 987 4020. **C5.**

La Brise Brasserie

A brasserie with an Art Nouveau décor, La Brise offers always seasonal cooking and a great selection of drinks. Unmissable dishes include steak tartare, duck confit and Chateaubriand. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.brasseriebrise.com. Mim Kemal Öke Cad. 11A, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 244 4846. **A6.**

Mama Shelter

Designed by Philippe Starck and offering delicious creations by French chef Jérôme Banctel, Mama Shelter's wood ovens turn out a tempting array of pide and pizzas. Other dishes include a variety of meat dishes including beef tartare with sesame and soy sauce. **★★★** Daily B & L & D. www.mamashelter.com. Hüseyin Ağa Mah. 50-54, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 252 0100. **D5.**



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Ace Restaurant & Lounge

This elegant restaurant located in the Avantgarde Hotel offers a broad choice of international flavours, from wild mushroom soup, salmon roll, asparagus risotto and pizzas, to its pumpkin crème brûlée and white chocolate soufflé. ★★★ www.avantgardehotel.com. Büyükdere Cad. 161, Zincirlikuyu, Levent. T: 0212 3370444. **Off map.**

Agatha Restaurant

The main restaurant of the recently-reopened Pera Palace Hotel, Agatha combines French, Italian and Turkish flavours – all on the route of Orient Express – and presents them in a stylish atmosphere. Very good wine list. ★★★ Daily 6:30am-12pm Pera Palace Hotel, Jumeirah, Meşrutiyet Cad. 52, Tepebaşı, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 377 4000. **C4.**

Antiochia

This restaurant is the only place in Beyoğlu where you can find a genuine Antakya-style dürüm,

flavored with peppers and allspice and wrapped in thin lavash bread. The menu also includes Syrian, Lebanese, French and Ottoman specialities such as locally spiced grilled meats, and mezés of olives with zahter and hummus. ★★ Mon-Sat L & D. www.antiochiaconcept.com. Asmalimescit, Minare Sok. 21, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 292 1100. **C5.**

Aperativo

With a warm, wood-dominated decor and favourite songs from the 80s and 90s, this spot's speciality is its large and small snack dishes. Happy hour parties on weekdays, with cocktails like cucumber martinis and mojitos with mastic. ★★ Daily B, L, D & N. www.aperativo.net. Pera City Suites, Meşrutiyet Cad. Orhan Adli Apaydın Sok. 17, Asmalimescit, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 293 5959. **C4.**

Auf

Located on the lower floor of the Nupera building, Auf creates its own style with its rustic menu and natural foods. The entertainment continues after dinner on weekends; special lunch menus on weekdays. ★★★ Mon-Thu 6pm-1am, Fri & Sat 6pm-4am. www.auf.com.tr. Meşrutiyet Cad. 67, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 245 6070. **C4.**

Bej Karaköy

With a menu offering both Turkish and European cuisine and fresh fruit cocktails, this French-style restaurant stays open into the night on weekends. Make sure to sample the salads and desserts. ★★ Mon-Thu 10am-12am, Fri & Sat 10am-2am. Sun 10am-5pm. Kemankeş Cad. Fransız Geçidi İş Merkezi, 11 A, Karaköy. T: 0212 251 7195. **C5.**

Biber Bar

Homely atmosphere suitable for dinner and drinks with jazz or lounge music in the background. The menu of mainly İstanbul and Southern American cuisines includes steaks to burgers, salads, tapas, filet mignon and chicken shish kebab. ★★★ Daily L & D & N. www.biberbar.com. Cevdet Paşa Cad. 26/A, Bebek. **Off map.**

Big Chef

Whether you're just starting your day or going for lunch, a coffee break or dinner, Big Chef has a great range of choices. The rich menu, from burgers to healthy salads, filling wraps and fresh juices, is sure to have something to appeal to everyone. ★★★ Daily B, L & D. www.bigchefs.com.tr. Meşrutiyet Cad. 96, Tünel, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 251 7180. **C5.**

Big Plate

This artsy restaurant starts the day with breakfast accompanied by the smell of freshly baked bread and pastries. Menu includes pizza, salad and pasta as well as a kids' menu and many international specialities; be sure to try their homemade carpaccio, big plate tapas and Chocolate Dream. Latin music every Friday. ★★ Daily B, L&D. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre, Hillside, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 6288. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Bosphorus Grill

This elegant, shaded restaurant overlooking the Bosphorus serves a tempting menu of grilled meats, fish and seafood, plus Turkish favourites. This summer's surprise is a selection of specially marinated meats and fish cooked in an Indian-style

tandoor. ★★★ Daily D. Çırağan Palace Kempinski İstanbul, Çırağan Cad. 84, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 236 7333. **B8/B9.**

Brasserie, The

The open buffet here has something to appeal to every taste, inviting guests to a carnival of flavours in a modern, sophisticated atmosphere. Also offering a wide à la carte menu, this exclusive restaurant is a perfect spot for a drink from their extensive selection of cocktails. ★★★★★ Daily B, L & D. Ceylan Intercontinental İstanbul, Asker Ocağı Cad. 1, Taksim. T: 0212 368 4444. **B6.**

Brasserie, The

International and local flavours meet at this chain with branches throughout İstanbul. The venue makes a point of using fresh natural and organic ingredients. ★★★ Daily B, L & D. www.eliteworldhotel.com.tr. Şehit Muhtar Cad. 42, Elite World İstanbul Hotel, Taksim. T: 0212 313 8383. **B5.**

Ca'd'Oro

Designed as a glass cube by architect Han Tümertekin, Ca' D'Oro offers fine world cuisine from a menu composed with the guidance of French chef Julien Maisonneuve. Located in Salt Gallery, it features a café on the ground floor and a restaurant above. ★★★ Café, Tue-Sun 11am-2am. Restaurant, Tue-Sun 10am-1am. www.saltonline.org. SALT Galata, Bankalar Cad. 11, Karaköy. T: 0212 243 8292. **D4.**

Cafe Sofa

This delightful café with a simple, home-style

décor, offers a menu of dishes from around the world. In addition, it also serves its special coffee and cocktails day and night. ★★★ Daily B, L & D. www.thesofahotel.com. The Sofa Hotel, Teşvikiye Cad. 41-41 A, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 368 1818. **A6.**

Cipriani

This international restaurant chain is, famous for its unique approach to world dining. The interior is striking with its walnut and earth-toned interior and low tables, and the menu offers all the classic flavours of Harry's Bar in Venice. ★★★ Daily L & D. www.cipriani.com. Levent Mah. Büyükdere Cad. 2/1, Levent. T: 0212 317 7787. **Off map.**

City Lights

Commanding a breathtaking Bosphorus view from the roof of the Taksim Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel, City Lights adds live music, delicious food, fine wines and a great selection of cocktails. If it's an exclusive evening you're after, look no further. ★★★★★ istanbul.intercontinental.com.tr. Ceylan Intercontinental İstanbul, Asker Ocağı Cad. 1, Taksim. T: 0212 368 4444. **B6.**

Cloud7 Restaurant, Bar & Terrace

Located on the top floor, this restaurant takes in a breath-taking Bosphorus view. With its new name and remodelled interior, the restaurant offers a rich selection of Turkish and world cuisines. ★★★ Daily B, L & D. www.hilton.com.tr. Hilton ParkSa, Maçka Bayıldım Cad. 12. T: 0212 258 5674. **B7.**

Compass Roof Restaurant&Bar

Located in the Titanic Hotel in Kartal, this spot offers many special flavours ranging from seafood

to select Far Eastern dishes. Savour the variety of cocktails while enjoying live music in the elegant and charming modern ambiance. ★★★ Daily D. Kaptan-ı Derya Cad. 37, Titanic Business Hotel, Kartal. T: 0216 453 5050. **Off map.**

Cookshop

Restaurant-cafe style Cookshop offers a wide range of unique dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Try unusual dishes including the Asian-style soup and stuffed chard, plus desserts like tiramisu with rum, and delicious cheesecake. ★★ Daily B, L & D. www.cookshop.com.tr. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 34/A, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 232 0566. **A6.**

Delicatessen

Featuring dishes that combine Turkish tastes, local ingredients and international delicacies, the extensive menu includes breakfast, starters, sandwiches, fresh ravioli, lasagne, meat and fish courses as well as an extensive wine list. ★★★ Daily B, L & D. www.delicatessenistanbul.com. Nişantaşı, Mim Kemal Öke Cad. 19/1, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 225 0604. **A6.** Pera, Asmalimescit Mah. Oteller Sok. 10-B, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 244 8455 - 56. **C4.**

Den Café & Restaurant

With a menu featuring dishes from around the globe, its highly recommended breakfast includes vast arrays of cheeses, olives, jams and pancakes. Later in the day, be sure to try their mini burgers, filet mignon salad with teriyaki sauce, steaks and mastic-flavored rice pudding with pomegranate. ★★ Daily B, L & D. Mim Kemal Öke Cad. 12/1D, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 224 2470. **A6.**



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Divan Brasserie Bebek

The brasserie offers breathtaking views and a menu that combines the best of Turkish and international cuisine, including classic and modern flavours, complemented by an extensive wine cellar. ★★★ Daily B & L & D. www.divan.com.tr. Cevdet Paşa Cad. 28/A, Bebek. T: 0212 263 2973. **Off map.**

Divan Brasserie Kalamış

This is an excellent choice for those looking to escape the city's hustle and bustle, a safe haven of calm and elegance where you can enjoy Divan chefs' most enticing specialities, against a backdrop of white sailboats riding at anchor. ★★ Mon-Fri B, L & D; Fri & Sat B, L, D & N. www.divan.com.tr. Amiral Fahri Korutürk Yat Limanı, Kalamış. T: 0216 414 5703. **Off map.**

Faces

An intimate and warm atmosphere matches the special flavours here, with a daily-changing surprise appetizer plate. Specialties include zucchini carpaccio and steak brown. Nostalgic music takes guests back to the 1980s. ★★ Mon-Sat L & D. Asmalımescit Mah. Sofyalı Sok. 16, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 252 3810. **C5.**

Galata Kiva

This restaurant brings a notable products of the multicultural Ottoman culture: cuisine. Kiva offers the perfect opportunity to rediscover the secret flavours of Anatolia. Also with a branch on the Asian side. ★★★ Daily B, L & D. Galata Tower Meydanı, Şahkulu, Şah Kapısı Sok. 4, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 292 98 98. **C5.**

G-Balık Suada

A real treat for fish and seafood lovers, the restaurant has an aquarium where customers can select the fish or lobster of their choice. Simply and expertly prepared fish dishes maintain their natural flavour, mezes meticulously done. ★★★ Daily L & D. www.gbalik.com. Muallim Naci Cad. SuAda Club/Galatasaray Adası, Kuruçeşme. T: 0212 263 6556. **Off map.**

Gigi

Gigi's feels just like a French bar-brasserie, but with an original touch of İstanbul as well. The Mediterranean dishes plus sushi selections stand out on the menu. Fridays are livened up by DJ Aydın, while happy hour parties await you on Saturday evenings. ★★★ Daily B, L, D, N. İstinyePark Shopping Centre, 476-481, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 5650. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Hardal Nişantaşı

A comfortable and colourful venue designed around the concept of "Eat, Play, Drink", this funky eatery is dominated by orange and yellow décor and graffiti on the walls. Specialties include hot wings, steak fajitas, and sirloin with café de Paris sauce. ★★ Daily B, L & D. www.hardal.com.tr. Teşvikiye Mah. Atiye Sok. 7, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 219 7323. **A5.**

Huqqa

This world cuisine restaurant overlooking the Bosphorus is dominated by lively décor featuring pastels and geometric designs. The menu includes both regional Turkish and Italian dishes; the Pizza Funghi Carnival and Oreo Dream Cheesecake are well worth a try. No alcohol. ★★★ www.huqqa.com. Muallim Naci Cad. 56, Kuruçeşme. T: 0212 265 0666. **Off map.**

İst Too

This spot between Dolmabahçe Palae and the Sea Museum serves fine Japanese, Southeast Asian, Mediterranean and Turkish dishes, including a good selection of sushi and noodles. Mon-Sat L & D. ★★★ www.shangri-la.com. Shangri-La Bopshorus, Hayrettin İskelesi Sok. 1, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 275 8888. **B7.**

Kız Kulesi (Maidens Tower)

Located in the middle of the Bosphorus, with superb 360-degree view, the Maiden's Tower serves as a coffee house during the day and restaurant in the evenings, with tasty international cuisines. Live music by local and international musicians after 10pm. Accessible by boat service departing from Salacak on the hour. ★★★ Daily L & D. www.kizkulesi.com.tr. Salacak Mevkii, Üsküdar. T: 0216 342 4747. **D7.**

Kitchenette

A quality chain with locations throughout İstanbul, Kitchenette boasts a broad array of dishes including breakfast, starters, sandwiches, salads, pastas, meat, fish-seafood, fresh bread, cakes, and exclusively produced house wines, olives and olive oils. ★★★ Daily B, L & D. www.kitchenette.com.tr. The Marmara Taksim, Gümüşsuyu Mah. Takı Zafer Cad. 2, Taksim. T: 0212 292 6862. **B6.**

La Boom

New York City's neighborhood styled bistro, restaurant, and cafe, La Boom offers international tastes like crab served on oyster shells, Rigatoni Pitti or Praline fete. ★★★ Daily B & L & D & N. Sakıp Sabancı Cad. 14, Emirgan. T: 0212 277 8807. **Off map.**

La Delicatessen Restaurant

Looking for something different? Try La Delicatessen to take in the colours of the seaside and enjoy the enchanting moonlight with family and friends, and savour dishes prepared with care and love. ★★ Daily L & D. www.cinarhotel.com.tr. Çınar Hotel Fener Mevkii, Yeşilköy. T: 0212 663 2900. **Off map.**

Laledan

Boasting Open buffet breakfast with over 250 items with 80% organic ingredients, and Arab, Asian and sushi corner between 6.30am and 11am. Legendary Çırağan Brunch on Sundays from 12pm-4pm. Laledan Restaurant serves an all-day dining menu, boasting delicious comfort food and regional specialties. ★★★ www.kempinski.com. Çırağan Palace Kempinski İstanbul, Çırağan Cad. 32, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 236 7333. **B8.**

La Torre

Exclusive Located in Le Méridien İstanbul Etiler, featuring creative takes on Mediterranean and Turkish cuisine by award-winning chefs. Try the stuffed köfte with cheek of beef, and the crab tartar appetizer. ★★ Daily L & D. www.latorre-restaurant.com.tr. Le Meridien İstanbul Etiler, Cengiz Topel Cad. 39, Etiler. T: 0212 3840000. **Off map.**

Leb-i Derya Richmond

This is an unexpected temple of delights with a menu including examples from world cuisines. Make it a point to try their mastic-infused pudding, and the special Derya cocktail. Minimalist décor, attentive service and a glorious panoramic view of the Bosphorus. ★★ Daily L & D. www.lebiderya.com. İstiklal Cad. 227, Richmond

Hotel, Beyoğlu, Taksim. T: 0212 243 4376. **C5.**

Masa

Dishes include salmon sashimi, bresaola followed by grilled meat, poultry and fish courses, as well as pizza and pide from a wood oven. The chocolate soufflé is well worth the calories. Frequented by celebrities. ★★★ Daily L & D. www.masainternational.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre 486, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 5323. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Maybe Salomanje

Try local delicacies like stuffed chard, Turkish dumplings, mücver, cızız köfte, çentik kebabı and mosaic cake in this great spot for lunch, a romantic dinner or Sunday brunch. Its bar is also highly popular. ★★★ Daily L&D. www.salomanje.com.tr. Atiye Sok. 4/2, Teşvikiye. T: 0212 327 3577. **A6.**

Midpoint

Select varieties from international cuisines, warm architecture and unparalleled presentation. Among the many choices, the vegetable fettucini and thin taco salad, Cajun basket, Bosphorus kebab and Caribbean dessert are particularly worth a try. ★★ Daily B, L & D. www.midpoint.com.tr. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 59, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 219 9401. **A6.**

Minyon

Minyon presents world cuisine in a modern, unpretentious ambience. Minyon's olives, 29-day aged rib eye schnitzel, and chocolate almond tart are just a few of their very special dishes. ★★★ www.minyon.com. W İstanbul, Süleyman Seba Cad. 22, Akaretler, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 381 2121. **B7.**

Nikol

This concept shop and kitchen turns out chocolates, pastries, organic cookies, snacks, salads and more. Take a close look at the décor; everything in this modern vintage venue is for sale! ★★★ Daily B, L & D. www.nikolgalata.com. Serdar-ı Ekrem Sok. 9, Galata. T: 0212 251 5158. **D5.**

Olivos Restaurant

Decorated in warm, brilliant colours, Olivos Restaurant's award-winning culinary team offers Mediterranean and international cuisine in smart, casual and comfortable surroundings. ★★★ Daily B, L & D. www.radissonblu.com. Radisson Blu Airport Hotel, E-5 Karayolu 20, Küçükçekmece. T: 0212 411 3838. **Off map.**

Park Şamdan

A classic venue in town, Park Şamdan offers an extensive menu of delicious Turkish and international delicacies. Wide variety of local and foreign liquors and cocktails. ★★★ Mon-Sat L & D. www.parksamdan.com. Mim Kemal Öke Cad. 14, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 225 0710. **A6.**

Park Şamdan Pera

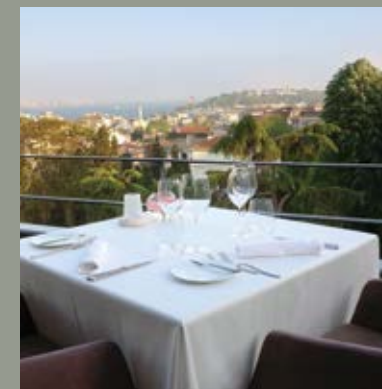
With its new location in the Rixos Pera Hotel, Park Şamdan offers fine dining featuring Turkish and international specialties, plus exciting nightlife spiced up by Turkish music. ★★★ Mon-Fri L, D & N. www.parksamdan.com. Tamer Hatun, Meşrutiyet Cad. 44, Tepebaşı. T: 0212 377 7000. **C4.**

Parlé

This elegant and sophisticated restaurant serves fine international cuisine in its own unique style. Highlights of the menu include filet mignon with Café De Paris sauce, roast duck and seafood salad with goat cheese. ★★★ Daily L & D. Zorlu Center, Zincirlikuyu Cad. Beşiktaş. T: 0212 353 6340. **Off map.**

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Picasso Restaurant

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Propaganda

This colourful and unusual İstanbul nightspot, delivers with DJ performances and delicious food. Propaganda's stylish design is part of its trademark, as is the delicious selection of world cuisine, of which beetroot risotto and lamb shank confit with orange count among the favourites. **★★★** Mon-Sat L & D & N. Asmalimescit Mah. İstiklal Cad. Suriye Pasajı, 166-10, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 252 7181. **C5.**

Remina Restaurant

In one of the most beautiful spots on Kalamış bay, Remina serves a tempting selection of international dishes. Try their pepper cream soup, Chalcedon burger, and basil-parmesan bread fresh from the oven daily. **★★★** Daily B, L & D. Wyndham İstanbul, Fener Cad. 38, Kalamış. T: 0216 400 0000. **Off map.**

Roof Restaurant

The first Art Tech hotel in Turkey, Point Hotel Barbaros Roof restaurant with its excellent Bosphorus view offers an open buffet featuring the exquisite flavours of Turkish cuisine. **★★★** Daily B, L & D. www.pointhotel.com. Point Hotel Barbaros, Esentepe Yıldız Posta Cad. 29, Şişli. T: 0212 337 3000. **A7.**

Sarnıç

A restaurant dating to the Republic period housed in a cistern at the end of an old Ottoman street. Favourites include shrimp cocktail, crepe Bosphorus, paçanga börek, Karsky Oriental, and desserts like fried banana and pineapple with ice cream. Daily D. www.sarnicrestaurant.com. Soğukçeşme Sok. 26, Sultanahmet. T: 0212 512 4291- 0212 513 3660. **F4.**

Sekizİstanbul

A popular spot with simple white décor, regulars love the delicious treats from its pizza oven, snack selections and 37 tempting dishes, both Turkish and international. **★★★** Daily L & D. Wed-Sat L, D & N. www.sekizistanbul.com. Kuloğlu Mah. Gazeteci Erol Dernek Sok. 1, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 249 8924. **C5.**

Sky Bar

A la carte restaurant on the top floor of the Plaza Hotel with one of the finest panoramic views of the city, featuring international cuisine and fine service. **★★★** Tue-Sun D. www.theplazahotel.com. tr. Barbaros Bulvarı 165, The Plaza Hotel İstanbul, Balmumcu, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 370 2020. **A8.**

Starboard Restaurant

Enjoy al fresco dining complemented by a spectacular setting along the Bosphorus. The restaurant draws local and foreign guests with its innovative Mediterranean menu highlighting fresh seafood dishes. **★★★★** Daily B, L & D. Çırağan Cad. 46, Radisson Blu Bosphorus Hotel, Ortaköy. T: 0212 310 1500. **B8.**

Sultan Restaurant

Elegant, wood-dominated interior reminiscent of palaces surrounded by glass walls. The talented kitchen team produces select flavours from Turkish and world cuisines. **★★★★** Daily L & D. www.grandcevahirhotel.com. Grand Cevahir Hotel,

Darülaceze Cad. Okmeydanı, Şişli. T: 0212 314 4242. **Off map.**

Txm People

Txm People's serves delicious Turkish and international dishes and offers 64 different wines. The cocktail list is impressive, and with music covering tracks from the 70s onwards, offers something for locals and visitors alike. **★★** Daily B & L & D & N. www.cvkhotels.com. CVK Hotels Taksim, Siraselviler Cad. 11, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 245 8383. **C5.**

Turkuaz Restaurant

Restaurant offering delightful international flavours. **★★★** Daily B, L & D. www.dedeman.com. Dedeman İstanbul, Yıldız Posta Cad. 50, Esentepe. T: 0212 337 4500. **A7.**

Tuti

In the middle of the city, this restaurant with its stylish decor boasts a menu with world flavours, plus a fine wine cellar with over 200 selections. **★★★** Daily B, L & D. www.themarmarahotels.com. The Marmara Taksim, Taksim Meydanı. T: 0212 334 8300. **B6.**

Ulus 29

Flavours from around the world by international chefs who prepare sushi and Mediterranean dishes plus Turkish specialties such as kebab and pide. Dazzling panoramic view of Bosphorus. Booking required. **★★★★** Mon-Fri L & D, Sat-Sun D. www.club29.com. Adnan Saygun Cad. Yol Sok. 71/1, Ulus. T: 0212 358 2929. **Off map.**

Veranda Grill & Bar

Enjoy a wonderful combination of alfresco dining with a Bosphorus view, and select Turkish and international dishes including delicious kebabs and fresh charcoal-grilled fish and burgers. Or head to the bar for a wonderful cocktail with a breathtaking İstanbul sunset. **★★★** www.hilton.com.tr. Daily D. Hilton İstanbul, Cumhuriyet Cad. Harbiye. T: 0212 343 8081. **B6.**

Vogue Restaurant & Bar

Located on the top floor of BJK Plaza, this elegant restaurant offers 70 different sushi varieties. Enjoy white and red house wines as well as olive oils exclusively prepared for Vogue against a superb Bosphorus view. Reservations required. **★★★★** Daily L & D. www.istanbuldoors.com. Spor Cad. BJK Plaza A Blok 48, Akaretler. T: 0212 227 4404. **B7.**

ITALIAN**Antica Locanda**

The former bakery of the Taxiarchis Greek Orthodox Church – İstanbul's largest Ottoman-era Greek church – is now a restaurant serving traditional Italian food. Favourite menu items include the Sardinian-style potatoes with mint and stuffed homemade fagottini. **★★★** Wed-Sat L & D; Tue-Sat D; Sun L. www.anticolocanda.com.tr. Satış Meydanı 12, Arnavutköy. T: 0212 287 9745. **Off map.**

Aqua

One of the most ambitious restaurants in İstanbul with its master chefs, unparalleled service and excellent location. Modern interior. Mainly Mediterranean and Italian dishes, minestrone soup, line caught sea bass filet, mixed sea-food plate. **★★★★** Daily B, L & D. 6am-11pm.

www.fourseasons.com. Four Seasons Bosphorus, Çırağan Cad. 28, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 381 4059. **A9.**

Carluccio's

The İstanbul branch of this restaurant, named after famous chef Antonio Carluccio himself, serves authentic Italian flavours in a relaxed, authentic atmosphere. Check out their gourmet market. **★★★** Daily B, L & D. Kanyon Shopping Centre, Büyükdere Cad. 165, Levent. T: 0212 353 0545. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Cento Per Cento

With a concept based on everyday Italian food, starters are served in snack-sized portions so it's easy to sample a wide range of dishes. Chef's homemade ravioli, fresh pastas and classical Neapolitan pizza by-the-meter are some of the highlights. **★★★** Mon-Sat L & D. www.centopercento.com.tr. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Zati Apt. 36, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 232 6202. **A6.**

Da Mario

With a typical southern Italian atmosphere and delicious Mediterranean dishes including homemade fresh pastas and pizzas from the wood oven. Extensive wine list. **★★★★** Daily L & D. www.istanbuldoors.com.tr. Nispetiye Cad. Dilhayat Sok. 7, Etiler. T: 0212 265 5186. **Off map.**

Da Vittorio

Located in a boutique hotel, Da Vittorio's mostly southern Italian menu features plenty of vegetable dishes, with cheeses and pasta imported from Sicily. In addition to dishes like osso bucco, there is also a selection of grilled meats and seafood. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.davittorioistanbul.com. Ansen Suites, Meşrutiyet Cad. Ansen, 130, Şişhane. T: 0212 245 8817. **C4.**

Del Mare

Excellent location on the Bosphorus with a delightful view, especially inviting at sunset. Try specialties including mussel ravioli, paella, and fish on mashed eggplant. Also accessible by boat from Kuruçeşme on the European side. **★★★★** Daily L & D. www.del-mare.com. Kuleli Cad. 53/4, Çengelköy. T: 0216 422 5762. **Off map.**

Eataly

With 24 branches including New York, Chicago and several Italian cities, this new venue of the market-restaurant chain offers top-quality Italian cheeses, pastas, sauces and more. Featuring fine food and quality shopping, Eataly scores high points with its pizzas and desserts. **★★★** Daily 10am-11pm. Zorlu Center, Zincirlikuyu. www.eataly.com.tr. T: 0212 336 6600. **Off map.**

Emporio Armani Ristorante

This casual dining spot features a cafe and bar on its lower floor. The furniture, dominated by ivory and black, are accompanied by Armani sparkle on the wall. The menu features outstanding traditional Italian and Mediterranean flavours including scallops with cream sauce, capesante and classic Italian panna cotta. **★★★** Daily L & D. İstinye Park 519, İstinye, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 6140. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Fratelli La Bufala

Known for its buffalo mozzarella, this restaurant is also famed for its Neapolitan-style pizzas. Taste the superb cheese on the pizzas themselves, and you can even order it in single 125- or 500-gram portions. Delicious! **★★★** Daily L & D. www.fratellilabufalaistanbul.com. Kar Kuyusu Sok.

Trump Towers Mall, Zemin K:13 Şişli. T: 0212 347 99 00. **Off map.**

Jamie's Italian

With a creative menu featuring authentic gourmet dishes made with the freshest ingredients, Jamie's menu includes delicious köfte, chicken with couscous, and treats from around the world, in a warm, welcoming environment. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.jamieoliver.com. Zorlu Center, Zincirlikuyu Cad. Beşiktaş. T: 0212 353 6808. **Off map.**

La Terazza

As the name implies, La Terazza's main attraction (after its food) is its wide terrace for al fresco dining, right on the shore of the Bosphorus. The kitchen turns out delicious Neapolitan and Sicilian specialties, with Italian wines and sauces, spices and cheeses imported straight from Sicily. **★★★** Daily D. www.reina.com.tr. Reina, Muallim Naci Cad. 44, Kuruçeşme. T: 0212 259 5919. **A9.**

Mama

Extensive menu with pizzas straight from a wood oven, homemade pastas and salads. Well established in Rumeli Hisarı, Mama now welcomes guests in its delightfully stylish Nişantaşı location. **★★★** Daily B, L & D. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 7/2, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 241 1152. **A6.**

Mezzaluna

Mezzaluna serves cold appetizers and carpaccios, thin crust pizzas baked in a wood oven, and fresh hand-made pastas all in a colourful, cheerful atmosphere. **★★★** Daily L & D.

www.mezzaluna.com.tr. Mim Kemal Öke Cad. 21, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 231 3142. **A6.**

Mirror

This venue includes both a restaurant and bar in a minimalist interior. Predominantly Italian menu also offers delicacies from world cuisines. Chill-out cosy, groove, acid jazz and beach house music between 4pm-8pm and after dinner. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.mirrorbistro.com. Suadiye Park, A Blok 2, Suadiye. T: 0216 464 2710. **Off map.**

Morini

From the décor to the quality service, Morini is pure New York. The home-made pastas reign supreme here; the favourite of celebrities such as Catherine Zeta Jones, Brad Pitt and Heidi Klum, its dishes are created by Michelin-star chef Michael White. **★★★★** Daily B, L & D. Daily B & L & D. Zorlu Center, Zincirlikuyu Cad. Beşiktaş. T: 0212 353 6767. **Off map.**

Papermoon

This elegant venue serves unique Italian delicacies. Its spacious bar and café are open all day, and loved by İstanbul high society. Reservations recommended. **★★★★** Daily L & D. www.papermoon.com.tr. Nispetiye Cad. Akmerkez Shopping Centre 224, Etiler. T: 0212 282 1616. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34).**

Piola

Now boasting a branch in Turkey, international chain Piola is known as the 'pizzeria to the stars' with regulars in its US branches including Will

Smith and Jennifer Lopez. Three-quarters of its menu consists of pizzas, with fresh toppings including mozzarella, shrimp and porcini. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.pointhotel.com. Point Otel Barbaros, Esentepe, Yıldız Posta Cad. 29, Şişli. T: 0212 337 3000. **A7.**

LEBANESE**Al Bushra**

Nestled on the 9th floor of Hilton İstanbul, Al Bushra promises a delightful and unforgettable dining experience featuring authentic Lebanese dishes by expert chefs, select wines and a brathtaking Bosphorus view. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.hilton.com.tr. Hilton İstanbul, Cumhuriyet Cad. K:9, Harbiye. T: 0212 343 8081. **B6.**

MEDITERRANEAN**A'jia Restaurant**

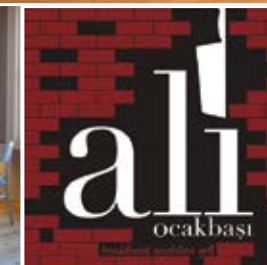
With its unique fusion of contemporary interior design and 18th-century architecture in a spectacular Bosphorus-front location, this restaurant has a reputation for quality service. **★★★★** Daily B, L & D. www.ajiahotel.com. Çubuklu Cad. 27, A'jia Hotel, Ahmet Rasim Paşa Yalısı, Kanlıca. T: 0216 413 9300. **Off map.**

Bloom

This high-ceilinged spacious venue has another surprise – a wide green terrace filled with grapefruit, olive, pomegranate and orange trees.

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The stars of the menu include dishes cooked in their stone oven; try beef tas kebabi, and köfte with kashar cheese, to name just a few. **★★** Daily B, L & D. Ambarlı Dere Cad. 6, Ortaköy. T: 0212 288 6582. **Off map.**

Flamingo

Mediterranean cuisine with a focus on Italian takes centre stage at this high-end restaurant, which converts into a nightclub after dinner. Items include pizzas, pastas and risottos, plus desserts including chocolate mousse, chocolate tart and tiramisu. The Prosecco cocktail comes highly recommended. **★★★★** Mon-Sat L, D & N. www.flamingoist.com. Asker Ocağı Cad. 1, Taksim. T: 0212 232 6888. **B6.**

Frankie

Boasting three different sections, choose from the terrace, city lounge and main restaurant. Among the most impressive offerings are their artichoke mücver in cheese fondue, and talaş börek on a bed of beef. Or stop by in the evening and enjoy live music along with their signature passion fruit cocktail. **★★★** Daily L, D & N. Sofa Hotel, Teşvikiye Cad. 41, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 230 6666. **A6.**

Gozo

As one might expect, Gozo Tapas Restaurant & Bar's expertise is in tapas, but it goes beyond Spanish tradition to offer similar dishes – mezes – from Turkey for a blend they call contemporary tapas. Green lentil filled pastries, chicken in madras sauce, mussels in spicy sauce are must-tries. **★★** Mon-Sat L & D. www.gozo.com.tr. Meşrutiyet Cad. 94/A, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 251 5314. **C4.**

Halat Restaurant

Located inside the Rahmi M. Koç Museum, this restaurant boasts an eye-catching interior where sailboats are used for décor. The menu is based on Mediterranean cuisine with an extensive local and foreign wine list. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.halatrestaurant.com. Rahmi Koç Museum, Kumbahane Cad. 2, Hasköy, Söğütözü. T: 0212 369 6616. **B2.**

Lacivert

Exquisite Mediterranean flavours combined with a most romantic Bosphorus view. The restaurant delights its guests with seasonally changing menus and excellent seafood. Anything that comes out of the sea, from calamari to octopus, mussels and shrimp as well as a vast selection of fish. Brunch on Sundays. **★★★★** Daily L & D. www.lacivertrestaurant.com. Körfez Cad. 57/A, Anadolu Hisarı, Beykoz. T: 0216 413 4224. **Off map.**

La Mancha

Serving a mix of Italian, Moroccan and Spanish cuisine, La Mancha offers a delicious variety of hot and cold tapas dishes, fresh seafood and Moroccan-style lamb tagine, along with 150 wine selections and cocktails. Daily L & D. www.lamancha.com.tr. Muallim Naci Cad. 107, Kuruçeşme. T: 0212 257 1144. **Off map.**

Mia Mensa

This restaurant, serving Mediterranean and Italian cuisine plus international dishes, is enhanced by its enchanting Bosphorus view. Try the flounder with lemon sauce, the four-cheese pizza and the tiramisu. **★★★** www.miamensa.com. Muallim Naci Cad. 64/C, Kuruçeşme. T: 0212 263 4214. **Off map.**

Müzedehanga

The restaurant takes in breathtaking Bosphorus

views and centuries-old pine trees, with an excellent menu to match. Be sure to try the fresh black-eyed peas with hazelnut tarator, filet mignon with green bulgur pilaf, tortellini with spinach and lor cheese, mosaic pastry and chestnut tiramisu. **★★★** Tue-Sat L & D, Sat-Sun B. www.changa-istanbul.com. Sakıp Sabancı Cad. 42, Atıköşk, Emirgan. T: 0212 323 0901. **Off map.**

Orange Restaurant

This venue offers the flavours of Moroccan, Algerian, Lebanese and Turkish cuisine. A wide variety of grills, daily set menus and southern Mediterranean specialties promise a delightful experience. **★★★** Daily B, L & D. www.orangemedgrill.com. Kayışdağ Cad. 1 /1, İstanbul Marriott Hotel Asia, Ataşehir. T: 0216 570 0038. **Off map.**

Sunset Grill&Bar

This well-known İstanbul venue offers a magnificent Bosphorus view accompanied by an exclusive wine list and Mediterranean cuisine. Bar opens in the evenings, offering an entertaining night with a DJ. Booking required. **★★★★** Mon-Sat L & D. www.sunsetgrillbar.com. Adnan Saygun Cad. Yol Sok. 2, Ulus. T: 0212 287 0357-58. **Off map.**

Topaz

Chic restaurant offering traditional and modern Turkish/Mediterranean cuisine. The traditional Turkish menu includes yuvarlama soup and chard stuffed with meat and bulgur; the modern menu features roasted cheek of beef, celeriac puree, crème brûlée with foie gras and sweet marsala sauce. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.topazistanbul.com. İnönü Cad. Devres Han 50, Gümüşsuyu. T: 0212 249 1001. **B6.**

Winston Brasserie, The

This elegantly and meticulously decorated venue really stands out. On the menu, Italian pizzas, pastas and risottos are paired with traditional wines of Turkey's Urla region. Try their delicious salads, and chicken, meat and fish marinated in a special sauce for a feast fit for a king – and top it off with a splendid dessert. **★★★** Şair Nedim Cad. 3, Beşiktaş, Akaretler. T: 212 259 9919. **B7.**

X Restaurant

New venue located on the 6th floor of the İstanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts. Mainly Mediterranean menu offers risottos, pastas, pizzas and desserts plus Turkish dishes. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.xrestaurantbar.com. Sadi Konuralp Cad. 5, Şişhane. T: 0212 244 7101. **C5.**

Yelken Restaurant

Boasting lovely Bosphorus views, this modern restaurant serves an excellent selection of classical Turkish fish dishes plus original Mediterranean flavours including moules marinières, surf and turf, seafood linguini and paella. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.yelkenrestaurant.com. Köybaşı Cad. 58, Yeniköy. T: 0212 262 9490. **Off map.**

MODERN OCAKBAŞI

Ali

With a view of the historic peninsula, high ceilings and a modern design, Ali's menu is devoted mainly to kebabs and meats. Specialities include their signature Ali Kebab and the traditional pumpkin dessert served with tahini and ice cream. **★★★**

Daily L & D. Arap Camii Mah. Tersane Cad. 45/ 4, Grifin Han, Karaköy. T: 0212 293 1011. **C5**

NEW ANATOLIAN

Mikla

Mikla opened in October 2005. The initial idea was to create a refined but contemporary "İstanbulu" Restaurant. Both the menu and the general feel of the Restaurant reflect the Turkish-Scandinavian background of Mehmet Gürs. **★★★★** Mon-Sat D. www.istanbuliyi.com. The Marmara Pera, Meşrutiyet Cad. 15, Taksim. T: 0212 293 5656. **C4.**

OTTOMAN

Asitane Restaurant

Specializing in Ottoman Court cuisine, this is an exciting venue with a menu based on the 1539 'Book of Feasts'. The menu offers specialties like chestnut soup, shrimp-stuffed calamari, hassa börek, kırma chicken kebab, sea bass biryani and saffron-scented zerde for dessert. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.asitanerestaurant.com. Kariye Camii Sok. 6, Edirnekapı. T: 0212 635 7997. **C2.**

Matbah

Offering authentic specialties from Ottoman Palace cuisine in an historical setting, Matbah in the Historical Peninsula is surrounded by iconic buildings like Topkapı Palace and Hagia Sophia. **★★★** Daily B, L&D. www.matbahrestaurant.com. Caferiye Sok. 6/1, Sultanahmet. T: 0212 514 6151. **F4.**

Tuğra Restaurant

A favourite of gourmets, this venue serves classical Ottoman dishes accompanied by live Turkish classical music in an authentic atmosphere on the waterfront. **★★★★** Daily D. www.kempinski-istanbul.com. Çırağan Cad. 32, Çırağan Palace Kempinski İstanbul, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 258 3377. **B8.**

PUB

Divan Pub Elmadağ

The extensive and tempting menu includes a range of local specialties, including döner kebab. Daily B & L & D. www.divan.com.tr. Divan İstanbul, Asker Ocağı Cad. 1, Taksim. T: 0212 315 5500. **B6.**

Ph Pub

A wide variety of appetizer buffets, grills and desserts are served from 11:30am to 8:30pm in PH pub on the lobby floor. **★★★** Mon-Sat L & D. www.theplazahotel.com.tr. Barbaros Bulvarı 165, The Plaza Hotel İstanbul, Balmumcu, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 370 2020. **A8.**

SPECIAL SPOTS

Mahalle

Located on the top floor of City's Nişantaşı shopping centre, Mahalle offers a variety of services under one roof from a butcher to a flower shop, greengrocer, bookstore and coffee shop. There's something for every need and occasion. Daily 10am-10pm. www.citysnisantasi.com. Teşvikiye Cad. 162, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 373 3333. **A6.**

Trump Cadde

Located on the terrace floor of Trump Towers Shopping Centre, this is home to event spaces plus



Try Something Thai!

The restaurant that introduced İstanbul to Thai cuisine, **ÇokÇok**'s architecture and authentic décor creates the magical atmosphere of Asia. Boasting a wide selection of delicious dishes, the service is fantastic, and a lounge bar with Chillout and World Music completes a great evening out.

Meşrutiyet Cad. 51, Tepebaşı. T: 0212 292 6496. www.cokcok.com.tr. C4.

brands including Limonata, Bali Bey, Nezih Kebab, Rumi Tantuni, Fiorucci, PapaBubble and Plus Kitchen. It's an 'avenue' with a view which creates the carefree spirit of the street. Karkuyusu Sok. Şişli. T: 0212 3487867. **Off map.**

STEAKHOUSE

Maçka Günaydın Et Restaurant

With a wood-dominated, historic feel, this spot serves a variety of kebabs and meats. Try the smoked meat platter, succulent steaks and the hand-churned ayran **★★★** Daily L & D. www.gunaydinet.com. Swissôtel the Bosphorus, Bayıldım Cad. 2, Maçka. T: 0212 258 1203. **B7.**

N Burger

This cosy restaurant's menu includes the Nusret Burger, Lokum Burger and Sucuklu Burger, along with a selection of köfte and meats. The tulum cheese salad and baklava are some of its most popular dishes. Daily L & D. www.d-ream.com.tr. Abdi İpekçi Cad. 57/A, Reasürans Çarşısı, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 231 2470-71. **A6.**

Nusr-Et

In keeping with Nusret's decor, meats are brought on teak planks and served on white porcelain. The restaurant focuses on meat, salads and wine; meats are cooked to order. **★★★** Daily L & D. Nispetiye Cad. 87, Etiler. T: 0212 358 3022. **Off map.**

The Market Bosphorus

Minimalist design meets classic Turkish and world cuisine, with classic meats, steaks and burgers, plus foie gras and a selection of seafood. Daily B, L & D. **★★★** Kuruçeşme Mah. Muallim Naci Cad. 56, Kuruçeşme. T: 0212 257 4111. **A9.**

THAI

ÇokÇok Thai Restaurant & Bar

Rich authentic Thai menu in a sophisticated setting. Created by an award-winning female Thai chef, designed by renowned Singaporean architect Kay Ngee Tan, and managed by a London-trained management team. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.cokcok.com.tr. Meşrutiyet Cad. 51, Tepebaşı. T: 0212 292 6496. **C4.**

Pera Thai

Outstanding presentation of Thai cuisine, which has risen to prominence in recent years. Jazz and ethnic music tunes provide a smooth ambience for dinners. Original flavours and exotic atmosphere from Thailand brought to guests in a simple interior decorated with authentic objects. Mon-Sat L & D. **★★★** www.perathai.com. Meşrutiyet Cad. 74/A, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 245 5726. **C4.**

TURKISH

Casita

Very popular for its manti, a Turkish dumpling served with yoghurt, and tripe soup, Casita also offers temptations like Bodrum's famous çöktürme kebab, garlic mushroom casserole and "paper doll" dessert. This restaurant is open 24 hours daily. **★★** Daily L&D. www.casita.com.tr. Abdi İpekçi Cad. Atiye Sok. 3, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 327 8293. **A6.**

Çintemani Restaurant

Named after one of the most important motifs in

traditional Ottoman art, this venue is open all day. Menu inspired by the most distinguished dishes of the Mediterranean and Ottoman Court cuisines. **★★★★** Daily B, L & D. Daily 6:30am-11pm. www.ritzcarlton.com. The Ritz-Carlton, İstanbul, Elmadağ, Şişli. T: 0212 334 4188. **Off map**.

Günaydın

This simply-decorated two-storey restaurant, with a spacious garden, serves delicious kebabs and other grilled meats. The mainstays of the menu are the findik lahmacun (an appetizer-sized version of the familiar 'Turkish pizza'), stuffed köfte and chopped kebabs, including their special pistachio kebab. **★★★** Daily L&D. Suadiye Mah. Kazım Özalp Sok. 58, Şaşkınbakkal. T: 0216 417 9209. **Off map**.

Karaköy Lokantası

Located across from the customs house, this restaurant looks like a French bistro from the outside, but the Ottoman style interior with its turquoise tiles and wrought iron railings gives the feel of a warm, welcoming tavern. Specialties include mezes like mashed broad beans and smoked octopus, plus skewered lamb and fish pastrami. **★★★** Daily L & D. Kemankeş Cad. 37/A, Karaköy. T: 0212 292 4455. **D5**.

Ma'na

A nostalgic venue with a meyhane atmosphere, serving Turkish delicacies with Turkish semi-classical music in the background. The impressive rakı menu offers 33 different varieties. As in any meyhane, the mezes reign supreme; they also serve a very good kadayıf pastry for dessert. **★★★★** Mon-Sat L&D. Kemankeş Mah. Fransız Geçidi 53/8, Karaköy. T: 0212 293 0993. **D5**.

Meze

Here you will find a rich selection of savoury appetizers and Ottoman specialties in a modern presentation with outstanding service. www.conrad.hilton.com.tr. Daily 6pm-11pm. **★★★★★** Conrad Hotel, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 310 2525. **Off map**.

Peymane

Located in a five-storey registered historical building, the restaurant also contains a charcuterie with fine cheeses and cold meats. Above the entrance is a VIP salon, with an indoor dining room on the top floor. The kebab grill lends an elegant decorative touch. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.peymanelacucina.com. Tomtom, Boğazkesen Cad. 65/1, Tophane. T: 0212 244 0955. **C5**.

Raika

The immensely varied cuisine of Anatolia is served in an innovative presentation, with strong emphasis of seasonal ingredients. Located on the terrace floor of The Marmara Taksim, and boasting a panoramic view of the city, the bar with its magnificent view is the perfect spot for early evening get-togethers. **★★★★★** Daily L, D & N. The Marmara Taksim Hotel, 20/F, Taksim. T: 0212 2433773. **C5**.

Refik Restaurant

One of the best taverns in town for 65 years, this spot is an İstanbul classic with its congenial atmosphere. Pastirma in paper, Albanian style fried diced liver, and lamb roulade are just a few of its delightful specialties. **★★★** Mon-Sat D. www.refikrestaurant.com. Asmalımescit Cad. Sofyalı Sok. 6, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 243 2834. **C4**.



CARLUCCIO'S
Kanyon Shopping Centre, Büyükdere
Cad. 165, Levent. T: 0212 353 0545.
Shopping Centre Map (p.34).

Seasons

Spacious antique-themed interior surrounded by glass. Seasons Restaurant serves Turkish specialties featuring local products Braised Artichoke, Hengel Ravioli, cold cress-nettle soup and puff pastry with lamb ragout. **★★★★** Daily B, L & D, Sunday brunch. www.fourseasons.com. Tevfikhane Sok. 1, Four Seasons Sultanahmet Hotel, Sultanahmet. T: 0212 402 3000. **E5**.

Sofyalı 9

Decorated with tilework and old photographs, Sofyalı9 serves both as a restaurant and meyhane at night with its home-style dishes and mezes. Dine on specialties inc octopus salad, stuffed chard and çoban kavurma, a tasty sauté of lamb, tomatoes and peppers. Daily L, D&N. www.sofyalı.com.tr. Asmalımescit Cad. Sofyalı Sok. 9, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 245 0362. **C4**.

Yeni Lokanta

Rustical, and decorated simply with tiles, trees and flowers, Yeni Lokanta serves traditional dishes made with ingredients from Anatolia. The bulgur salad with sour cherries, mantı filled with dried eggplant and rice pudding with hazelnuts are some of the must-try offerings. **★★** Mon-Sat L & D. www.lokantayeni.com. Kubaracı Yokuşu 66, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 292 2550. **C5**.

Zeyrekhane

Near the Zeyrek mosque, originally part of a monastery, and entered through old wooden houses, this restaurant offers a breathtaking view of Süleymaniye Mosque, the Blue Mosque and other historic landmarks from its terrace. The Turkish cuisine is complemented by a warm and nostalgic interior filled with original paintings, imperial edicts, quilted turbans, calligraphy and ornate tiles, all originals. www.zeyrekhane.com. **★★★** Tue-Sun B, L & D. Zeyrek Mah. İbadethane Arkası Sok. 10, Zeyrek, Fatih. T: 0212 532 2778. **D3**.

TURKISH (MODERN)

Boğaziçi Borsa

A classic in İstanbul dining, this restaurant's updated menus capture the flavours of Turkish cuisine with a Western twist. The result is stunning. Paintings by famous artists exhibited in the entrance welcome guests into this elegant venue. **★★★★** Daily L & D. www.borsa.com. Lütfi Kırdar Convention & Exhibition Centre,

Harbiye. T: 0212 232 4201. **A6**.

Borsa

A classic in İstanbul dining, this restaurant's updated menus capture the flavours of Turkish cuisine with a Western twist. The result is stunning. Paintings by famous artists exhibited in the entrance welcome guests into this elegant venue. **★★★** Daily L&D. www.borsa.com. İstinye Bayırı Cad. İstinyePark Shopping Centre, Sarıyer. T: 0212 345 5333. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34)**.

Core Grill & Bar

Radisson Blu Hotel, İstanbul Asia's restaurant is bright, relaxed and friendly. Ingredients from various cuisines blend harmoniously with Turkish dishes, with the chef's specialties including chicken schnitzel with kadayıf pastry and their Core kebab. **★★** Daily L & D. www.radissonblu.com. Radisson Blu Hotel, İstanbul Asia, Yakut Cad. Ataşehir. T: 0216 579 1100. **Off map**.

Dai Pera

Blending İstanbul's vast history of Balkan, Rumelian, Albanian, Jewish and Armenian elements with a modern vision, the venue offers traditional İstanbul flavours including white bean stew with meat, Albanian-style liver, baked mantı and quince dessert. **★★** Mon-Thu 9am-2am. Fri&Sat 9am-4am. Sun 10am-2am. Yeni Çarşı Cad. 54, Beyoğlu. T: 0212 252 8099. **C5**.

Divan Lokanta

Divan Lokanta creates an innovative menu by combining the best of Turkish and Mediterranean dining, plus Divan's signature dishes. The copper-leaf bar and ceiling-hung glass sculptures shimmering golden red set the tone in an inviting and elegant atmosphere, with countless vintage wines in illuminated racks. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.divan.com.tr. Divan İstanbul, Asker Ocağı Cad. 1, Taksim. T: 0212 315 5500. **B6**.

Ferah Feza

With décor alluding to the local artisan tradition, this new venue boasts two breezy terraces overlooking Galata Tower and the Historic Peninsula. Favourites on the menu include salmon in vine leaves with tahini sauce, and bean casserole with grilled octopus. **★★★** Daily B, L, D & N. www.ferahfeza-ist.com. Kemankeş Cad. 31/5, Karaköy. T: 0212 243 5154-55. **D5**.

Gile Restaurant

Young chefs Cihan Kıpçak and Üryan Doğmuş add a contemporary edge to familiar flavours, creating new flavours such as filet mignon with fenugreek, 24-hour lamb shank, and Saroz shrimp grilled over red pine. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.gilerrestaurant.com. Şair Nedim Cad. Akaretler, Sıra Evler B Blok. 14, Akaretler. T: 0212 327 1166. **A7/B7**.

Münferit

This chic, modern tavern-style restaurant is right at the entrance of the Galata Residence. The menu offers a combination of traditional and modern flavours, including marinated sea bass, hot grilled shrimp on humus, black couscous with mussels, poached sea bass with clams, and shredded cheek of beef with orzo. **★★★★** Mon-Sat D. Yeni Çarşı Cad. 19, Taksim. T: 0212 252 5067. **C5**.

Okka

With turquoise ceramic columns and antique diamond-cut mirrors, Okka is definitely not your usual kebab restaurant. A welcoming atmosphere

combines with a unique selection of mezes and kebab. Highly recommended are the beef ribs, lamb küşneme (the finest cut of meat for kebab), steaks and the wonderfully varied meze plate. **★★★★** Daily L & D. www.wistanbul.com.tr. W İstanbul, Süleyman Seba Cad. 22, 3/F, Akaretler. T: 0212 381 2189. **B7**.

TURKISH (TRADITIONAL)

Beyti

Frequented by kings, prime ministers, celebrities and high society, this restaurant enjoys worldwide fame for its meat dishes. An indisputable master of meat cookery with a dish named after him, owner Beyti Güler handpicks the ingredients. Its chorcoal grilled meats are divine. **★★★** Tue-Sun L & D. www.beyti.com. Orman Sok. 8, Florya. T: 0212 663 2991. **Off map**.

Darüzziyafe

Superb Turkish cuisine, with a lengthy menu reflecting centuries of Turkish dining traditions. Located in the Süleymaniye complex and seating over 1000, Darüzziyafe is an ideal place to experience select Turkish dishes along with delicious sherbets and desserts. **★★** Daily L & D. www.daruzziyafe.com.tr. Şifahane Cad. 4, Süleymaniye. T: 0212 511 8414. **E3**.

Develi

Located on legendary Kalamış Bay, Develi offers a delightful atmosphere and stylish decor. Fine Gaziantep and Turkish specialties include *Ali Nazik kebab*, *küşneme*, *maş piyazi*, *muhammara*, and Antep style stuffed dried eggplants. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.develikebab.com. Münir Nurettin Selçuk Cad. Kalamış Marina, Kadıköy. T: 0216 418 9400. **Off map**.

Feriye Lokantası

Historical building that housed a police station a century ago. Menu offers Turkish and Ottoman cuisines, with excellent Bosphorus views and stylish ambiance. Specialties include sauteed lamb fillet and pumpkin dessert. Heated terrace in winter. **★★★★** Daily L & D. www.feriye.com. Çırağan Cad. 40, Ortaköy. T: 0212 227 2216. **Off map**.

Hacı Abdullah Lokantası

A long-established restaurant with a 121-year history, ensuring continuity of Ottoman culinary tradition, serves specialties including lamb-based meat dishes as well as soups and pilafs. **★★** Daily L & D. www.haciabdullah.com.tr. Atıf Yılmaz Cad. 9, Taksim. T: 0212 293 8561. **C5**.

Hacıbey Kebapçısı

Branch of one of Bursa's famous kebab houses serving in İstanbul since 1993. Traditional delicacies including İskender kebab, döner, lentil soup, shepherd's salad, and Kemalpaşa dessert with cheese and mastic. **★** Daily L & D. www.hacıbeykebacısı.com. Teşvikiye Cad. 8/B, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 231 7134. **A6**.

Hamdi Et Lokantası

A classic İstanbul dining experience, this restaurant's glass-covered terrace offers a panoramic view of the city. With more than 40 kebabs on the menu; plum kebab and poppy seed kebab are highly recommended. **★★★** Daily L&D. www.hamdirestorant.com.tr. Tahmis Cad. Kalçın Sok. 11, Eminönü. T: 0212 512 5424. **D4**.

Havuzlu Lokanta

Experience five centuries of history in this restaurant nestled in the Grand Bazaar, featuring exquisite Ottoman architecture. Specialties among its home-style dishes include mashed eggplant, roasted lamb and Abant-style kebab. **★★** Mon-Sat L. www.havuzlurestaurant.com. Gani Çelebi Sok. 3, Kapalıçarşı, Eminönü. T: 0212 527 3346. **E4**.

Hünkar Nişantaşı

Cosy, spacious, serving traditional Turkish dishes and desserts. Popular choices include wrapped liver, tandoori lamb stew and lamb casserole with yoghurt; for a truly Turkish dining experience try the lamb's trotter soup, hünkar beğendi and semolina halvah. **★★** Daily L & D. Mim Kemal Öke Cad. 21, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 225 4665. **A6**.



Kanaat Lokantası

Kanaat offers a stunning menu of 100-120 dishes prepared daily including meat dishes, olive oil dishes, desserts, ice creams and yoghurt. No alcohol. **★★** Daily L & D. Daily 6:30pm-11:30pm. www.kanaatlokantası.com.tr. Selmanipak Cad. 9, Üsküdar. T: 0216 341 5444. **D8**.

Kandilli Borsa

Excellent ambiance in the garden of the historical Adile Sultan Palace on a hilltop overlooking a dazzling Bosphorus view. Top Ottoman palace dishes and traditional Turkish cuisine, the menu also includes surprising blends of Mediterranean, and Far Eastern cuisines. **★★★** Daily L & D.

www.borsarestaurant.com. Adile Sultan Sarayı, Vaniköy Cad. 12, Vaniköy, Üsküdar. T: 0216 460 0304. **Off map**.

Kaşıbeyaz

Specialties on the menu include kebabs like Ali Nazik, pistachio and garlic kebab. An open buffet breakfast served on Sundays offers a unique Antep-style menu. **★★★** Daily B, L & D. www.kasibeyaz.com.tr. Florya, Şenlikköy, Çatal Sok. 19, T: 0212 444 1040. **Off map**. Yeniköy, Köybaşı Cad. 19, T: 0212 468 1717. **Off map**.

Konyalı Kanyon

Konyalı is run by the fourth generation of the family, Mehmet Eren Doğanbey. Exclusive concept and ambiance, the fine menu and luxurious presentation on gold-plated service all add up to a memorable meal. **★★** Daily L & D. www.konyalilokantası.com. Büyükdere Cad. 185, Kanyon Shopping Centre, Levent. T: 0212 353 0450. **Shopping Centre Map (p.34)**.

Konyalı Lokantası Topkapı Sarayı

Once home to the Ottoman Sultans, Topkapı Palace now offers its unparalleled Bosphorus view to diners. Enjoy the views and historical ambiance while savouring fine Turkish cuisine. Specialties include stuffed lamb, hünkar beğendi, isim kebabı and a rich selection of desserts. **★★★** Wed-Mon L & D. www.konyalilokantası.com. Topkapı Palace. T: 0212 513 9696. **E5**.

Köşebası

This internationally-recognized chain restaurant offers meat dishes from Adana and Tarsus region based on traditional recipes. The gavurdağı Toros, Abaganos findik lahmacun, şaşlık kebab and semolina halvah are especially good. Playground available for the kids. **★★** Daily L & D. www.kosebasi.com. Bronz Sok. 5, Maçka, T: 0212 230 3868. **A6**.

Mabeyin

Located in the historical Mabeyinci Manor. Enjoy traditional Turkish cuisine in an exquisite setting. Ideal choice for those who want to combine history with the distinct flavours of southeastern Turkish cuisine in a quiet, peaceful atmosphere. **★★★** Daily L & D. www.mabeyin.com. Eski Kısıklı Cad. 129, Kısıklı. T: 0216 422 5580. **Off map**.

Nar Lokanta

With its menu of traditional Turkish and Ottoman specialties, Nar Lokanta celebrates the Ottoman culinary tradition. Outstanding dishes include stuffed köfte, palace-style mantı, and şekerpare with figs and poppyseeds. **★★★** Mon-Sat L & D. www.narlokantasi.com. Armagğan, Nuruosmaniye Cad. 65, K-5, Beyazıt. T: 0212 522 2800. **E4**.

Pandeli

An İstanbul classic located in the Egyptian Market, its walls are covered with glamorous İznik tiles. With its Turkish delicacies, Pandeli is an ideal stop during a visit to the old city and the markets. **★★** Daily L. www.pandeli.com.tr. Mısır Çarşısı 1, Eminönü. T: 0212 527 3909. **E5**.

Safran

Multi-award winning venue with a magnificent Bosphorus view matched by a Turkish and Ottoman-themed menu and interior. Live classical Turkish music every Wed and Fri. **★★★** Daily D. istanbul.intercontinental.com.tr. Ceylan Intercontinental İstanbul, Asker Ocağı Cad. 1, Taksim. T: 0212 368 4444. **B6**.



Ask The Concierge



This month we spoke with **Ahmet Güvenç**, concierge at The Marmara Taksim Hotel, about the must-see sights of our city.

What is the best suggestion you'd have for your guests this month?
The shopping craziness is still going on, even more so with the latest sales – take advantage of the discounts in Nişantaşı, Zorlu Center and İstinyePark. When you've finished your shopping and it's time for a break, enjoy the delicious cuisine at Masa, Morini or Tom's Kitchen.

If your guests had only one day in Istanbul, where would you send them?
Of course they must tour the historic peninsula. I'd also recommend a walk through Pera, where they can see Beyoğlu's own special history in places like Saint Antoine Church, the Galata Tower and Cicek Pasaj (Flower Passage).

How about less-known but beautiful neighbourhoods in the city?
I love the areas of Arnavutköy, Kuruçeşme and Bebek. One of my favourite things is to walk along the shoreline between them, have fish at Park Fora or Mira, and then something to drink at Bebek Kafe, or Aşk

Kafe in Kuruçeşme and enjoy the view of the Bosphorus.

Do you have any special suggestions for those looking for a place to enjoy a romantic Valentine's Day evening?
They can have a delicious, romantic dinner Topaz, or in the low-lit, elegant ambience at 360 Restaurant.

What would you recommend for nightlife?
For a traditional, authentic experience, Sultanas and Nomads are the best choices. Then they can start their evening adventure at Sortie, Supperclub or Zilly Pera, and party all night at Masquerade Club and Bedroom Exclusive.



USEFUL INFORMATION

Emergency, Medical
Emergency Ambulance
Public. Open 24 hours. T: 112.

Medline
Private ambulance service.
Open 24 hours. T: 0212 331 2000-444 1212.

American Hospital
Vehbi Koç Foundation American Hospital is a foundation-owned, acute general care hospital. Each year the Hospital serves 150.000 patients, providing a comprehensive array of primary care and specialty services. The medical staff includes over 500 active and visiting physicians. The Hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission International. www.amerikanhastanesi.org.
Güzelbahçe Sok. 20, Nişantaşı. T: 0212 444 3777.

Medamerican Outpatient Clinic
MedAmerican Outpatient Clinic, located on the Asian side of İstanbul, is an outpatient clinic of the American Hospital. The clinic offers a wide array of medical, surgical, and ancillary health care services. www.medamerikan.com.
Cemil Topuzlu Cad. 46 Çifttehavuzlar.
T: 0216 468 2555.

Emergency, Dental
Byomed
Private medical centre that puts patient satisfaction first and approaches patients with empathy, offering services with a live support system. www.byomed.com.tr. ByOtell, Kozyatağı Sarı Kanarya Sok. 14. T: 0216 571 6140.

Dentistanbul
First and only dedicated dental hospital in Turkey. Specialised and experienced staff, fully equipped operating room, ambulance and bed services. www.dentistanbul.com.tr. Yıldız Cad. 71, Beşiktaş.
T: 0212 444 0347.

Pharmacies
Pharmacies are open during day until 7:30pm. Every day, a different pharmacy remains open for 24 hours as a night pharmacy in every neighbourhood. The names of the night pharmacies are displayed on the window of every pharmacy. Pharmacists can check blood pressure, dress minor wounds and provide recommendations on medical assistance. www.treczane.com.

Useful Numbers
İstanbul Directory, 11811.
Turkcell Directory, 11832.
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Same Area Calls, just the 7 digit number.
Area Codes in İstanbul, European Side: 212, Asian Side: 216.
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AIRLINES

Air France
www.airfrance.com.tr.
Emirhan Cad. 145 Atakule A Blok Dikilitaş, Beşiktaş.
T: 0212 310 1919.

Anadolu Jet
www.anadolujet.com.tr. Cumhuriyet Cad.



Gezidükkanları 7, Taksim. T: 0212 444 2538.

Atlasjet
www.atlasjet.com. T: 0212 444 3387.

British Airways
www.britishairways.com.tr. Maslak Mah. Bilim Sok. 5, K:15, Şişli. T: 0212 367 9292.

Emirates
www.emirates.com. Şişli Plaza, 19 Mayıs Cad. 5/7, A Blok K:8, Şişli. T: 0212 315 4545.

Gulf Air
www.gulfair.com. Cumhuriyet Cad. 131, Harbiye. T: 0212 231 3450.

KLM
www.klm.com.tr. Emirhan Cad. 145, Atakule A Blok K:14, Dikilitaş, Beşiktaş. T: 0212 310 1900.

Lufthansa
www.lufthansa.com.tr. Atatürk Airport International Terminal, Yeşilköy. T: 0212 354 8888.

Pegasus Airlines
www.flypgs.com. T: 0212 444 0737.

Singapore Airlines
www.singaporeair.com. EGS Business Park Plazaları B2, K:8, 278, Yeşilköy. T: 0212 463 1800.

Turkish Airlines (Thy)
www.turkishairlines.com. Cumhuriyet Cad. Gezidükkanları 7, Taksim. T: 0212 444 0849.

AIRPORTS

İstanbul has two major international airports; one on the European side and the other on the Asian side.

Atatürk Airport
The first and largest of İstanbul's two airports this is situated 24km west of the city centre, on the European side. With both international and domestic flights operating round the clock, it boasts fully equipped emergency health services. The airport is accessible by metro; however, a taxi is recommended, particularly if carrying heavy luggage. Regular shuttle buses run by ground services provider Havataş approx every 30 mins depart to and from Taksim, stopping at Aksaray, Etiler and Bakırköy. Check for schedule. *Havaş Call Center* T: 0212 444 0487. www.havas.com.tr. *Atatürk Airport Enq* T: 0212 463 3000. www.ataturkairport.com.

LOST LUGGAGE OFFICE
Atatürk Airport: TAV-(International and Domestic Terminals Lost Luggage Office) T: 0212 465 3000.

Sabiha Gökçen Airport
Located on the Asian side, Sabiha Gökçen Airport is 40km from Kadıköy, 12km from Pendik and 50km from Taksim. A smaller airport, this has some

international flights but mainly domestic flights, plus all the budget airlines. Transport to and from the airport include city buses, and taxis. As the airport is far away from central locations, ground services provider Havataş also runs buses to and from Kozyatağı and Taksim. *Havataş Call Center* T: 0212 444 0487. www.havas.com.tr. *Sabiha Gökçen Airport* T: 0216 585 5000. www.sabihagokcen.aero.

LOST LUGGAGE OFFICE
Sabiha Gökçen Airport: International Terminal Lost Luggage Office T: 0216 588 8802. Domestic Terminal Lost Luggage Office T: 0216 588 8650.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

Havataş: Offers shuttle services to and from the airport every half hour between Atatürk Airport-Taksim and Sabiha Gökçen Airport-Kadıköy / Sabiha Gökçen Airport-Taksim. www.havatas.com.tr. T: 444 44 36.

GETTING AROUND

Buses
City buses are run by the İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality. Payment is with the İstanbul Kart – an

electronic card purchased for a deposit fee at sales points. Valid on buses, trams, metro and ferries, it is easily charged at machines located in many stations, and provides half-price transfers. Ticket prices vary according to distance. www.iETT.gov.tr.
Information Line T: 0800 211 6068,
Headquarters T: 0212 245 0720.

Ferries

City ferries operate out from Sirkeci, Eminönü and Karaköy piers all day long to the Bosphorus, the Asian side, and Princess Islands. Visit www.sehirhatlari.com.tr for the latest updated timetables. T: 0212 444 1851.

Metro

Punctual, reliable, efficient and economic public transport, the underground trains are an especially good way to avoid the rush hour traffic. Buy tokens from vending machines at stations or use an Istanbul Kart (see buses), which can be charged at machines located in each station. www.istanbul-ulasim.com.tr. T: 0212 444 0088.

METROLINES

Aksaray-Atatürk International Airport • Şişhane to Darüşşafaka, with stops at Taksim, Osmanbey, Şişli, Gayrettepe, Levent, 4. Levent, Sanayi, İTÜ Ayazağa, Atatürk Oto Sanayi, Darüşşafaka.

TRAMLINES

Zeytinburnu-Kabataş
 • Güngören-Bağcılar • Kadıköy-Moda
 • Taksim-Kabataş Funicular.

Taxis

The bright yellow taxis are available around the clock, and are best hailed on the street. It is best to avoid taxis waiting outside major tourist venues and hotels. Fares should always run on the meter, with the same tariff now for both day and night. Ensure the meter is running as soon as you get in, and refuse to take a journey where the driver tries to agree a price in advance. These are a safe mode of transport day and night.

Train

SİRKECİ TRAIN STATION

TCDD station located on the European side. Visitors may buy tickers at the counter here for all destinations to Europe and elsewhere in Turkey. Trains to Anatolian Turkey depart from Haydarpaşa station near Kadıköy on the Asian side. For enquiries, www.tcdd.gov.tr. T: 0212 527 0050.

Seabuses

Seabuses operate on 19 lines, and serve 32 points. www.ido.com.tr. T: 0212 444 4436.

FAST FERRY LINES

Yenikapı-Bursa-Yenikapı • Yenikapı-Bandırma-Yenikapı • Yenikapı-Yalova-Yenikapı • Pendik-Yalova-Pendik.

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Sea Taxis

www.deniztaksi.com.tr. T: 0212 444 4498.

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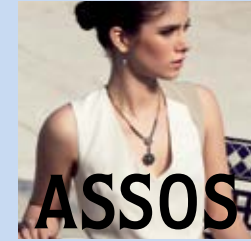
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My Perfect Day

Which of İstanbul's historic and cultural areas makes the greatest impression on you??

I'm always impressed by Dolmabahçe Palace, which I pass by every day, and the Byzantine sea walls along the coastal road. The silhouette of Sarayburnu in the distance is magical.



Gülnur Ayaz

[Owner and designer of Gali Collection]

After graduating from Robert College Gülnur Ayaz attended design classes at London's St. Martin School of Design.

Her experience covers painting, sculpture and interior design which is the perfect background to her showroom in Etiler, from where she designs jewellery, wedding lists, boat accessories and a vast range of tableware.

Where is the easiest place to shop in the city? Do you have any all time favourite shopping centres, brands or designers?

Shopping centres are without a doubt the easiest places. I like to shop at the Beymen stores in İstinyepark and Akmerkez. As for accessories, I like to use my own designs with their large stones and modern lines.

Which galleries and museums do you like?

Maçka Modern in Teşvikiye has a fascinating blend of contemporary art works and a wonderful interior.

Which nightclubs do you visit and why?

My favourites are Reina and Ulus 29; both offer unbeatable views of the Bosphorus and great music. I don't think there is any more beautiful place in the world.



Which neighbourhood and street is your favourite for just wandering?

All of the neighbourhoods on the Bosphorus are beautiful. A stroll through Beyoğlu, Galata and Tünel is one of the best ways to take in the atmosphere of the city. I'm also attracted by the warmth of Nişantaşı, the orderliness of Etiler and the nature that surrounds and fills Kemerburgaz.



Which of İstanbul's fish restaurants do you enjoy the most?

I love Bebek Balıkçı and Kıyı, where I've gone for years, for their comfortable, welcoming atmospheres, delicious mezés, fish and great service.

What do you like to do on weekends?

I generally like to break up a busy day with a meal with friends at Da Mario near my workplace, or visit an exhibition.

Where is your favourite place for a traditional meal?

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