

Istanbul *urban guide*

Dining

360

For those who have already experienced the intensity of Istanbul nightlife, then you know that 360 Istanbul is the place to be on hot summer nights. For those who are new to it all, then you want to start your trip off with a meal at this venue. Situated in the heart of Taksim, entertainment centre of Istanbul, 360 is a requirement if you want to be part of the scene. This much hyped restaurant is famous for its world cuisine and late night parties.

Taksim Square
www.360istanbul.com

Hotel

A'jia Hotel

A'jia might be one of the newer additions to the Istanbul Hotel scene but it is certainly worth a visit. Right on the Bosphorus, the owners and guests qualify this mansion turned hotel as "An incredible hideout where the mysteries of Istanbul, a magnificent history and the inmost passion come together".

Their motto is "Imagine the realm of dreams and fairy tales on the seaside of the Bosphorus" and they certainly mean it. The mystic beauty of the mansion is undeniable. If a quiet getaway in a secret hideout is what you are looking for, then we recommend A'jia, situated on the Asian shore of Istanbul.

on the Bosphorus river
www.ajiahotel.com

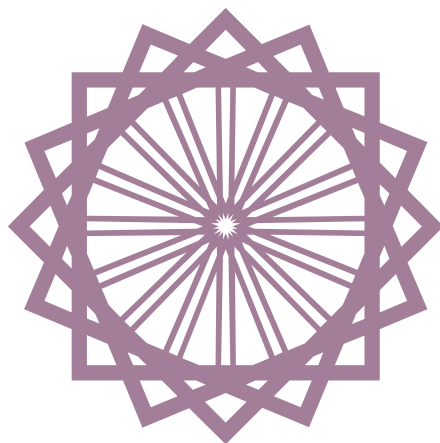
Istanbul, historically known as Byzantine, is Turkey's most populated city and is also one of the oldest in-habitat cities in the world. Istanbul is famed for being a cultural mix between Europe and Asia. The city is broken into twenty five districts, each location is engulfed with history and character. With Istanbul's rapid economic development fused into its historical architecture, the definition of its urban landscape is truly unique. The urban architecture of the city has made Istanbul a pedestrianized cluster. Connecting different districts together, making the city a beautiful mesh of modern cafes hidden in 18th Century buildings and old Byzantine streets filled with high end global brands.

Escape

Antalya

Antalya is a city one has to visit to truly explore the beauties of the Mediterranean. With high rise buildings built on sides of cliffs, millions flock to the city to experience Antalya beaches, history and hospitality. During the summer Antalya is transformed into a haven for the rich and wealthy. With endless parades, shopping and nightlife the city is inviting to all.

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Place

Beyoğlu

Beyoğlu is one of the major districts located in the heart of Istanbul. The district connects other neighborhoods located in the north of the city. Beyoğlu is also known as one of the oldest districts based in Istanbul separating the historic peninsula of constantinople by the Golden horn.

When the Ottoman Empire collapsed and the Turkish Republic was founded, Beyoğlu went into a decline. Much of the foreign communities left the district, and the local communities of ethnic minorities such as Greeks, Jews, Levantines and Armenians who formed the majority of the residents in Beyoğlu found it increasingly attractive to live elsewhere in the city, or elsewhere in the world.

Beloglu District

Sightseeing

Istanbul Modern

The Istanbul Modern Art Museum, commonly known as "Istanbul Modern" is the first of its kind to grace the Bosphorus and is located in the district of Tophane. Inaugurated in 2004, it is home to exhibitions with the works of famous Turkish painters and a very extensive arts and history library.

Tophane District, Bosphorus
www.istanbulmodern.org

Shopping

Kanyon

Kanyon is too classy to be called a mall. It has won many European awards for being the best designed shopping venue for many consecutive years. Attracting high society through its doors is only one of its many charms.

Chanel, Harvey Nichols, Joe Malone are just a few of the stores that you will find here.

When you get tired of window shopping, you will want to try one of the many cafes situated on the bottom and top floors of Kanyon. Kitchenette will remind you of a Parisian cafe where you will want to try their coffees and Wagamama brings the flavors of Asia to Istanbul. If you desire to go down a more local path for lunch, do not hesitate to book a table at Konyali which serves delicious traditional Turkish food.

Le Vent Financial District
www.Kanyon.com.tr

Heci Bekir Confectioners

You cannot say that you've had a Turkish Delight before actually having tasted those made by Hacı Bekir. Having been around since 1777, this establishment sets the standards for Turkish confectioners.