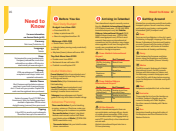


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Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



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Tips for a smooth trip



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What's where

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The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



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Make the most of your visit



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The insider's city

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Travel like a local



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Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

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 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
|  Telephone Numbers     |  Family-Friendly |
|  Opening Hours         |  Pet-Friendly    |
|  Parking               |  Bus             |
|  Nonsmoking            |  Ferry           |
|  Internet Access       |  Metro           |
|  Wi-Fi Access          |  Tram            |
|  Vegetarian Selection  |  Train           |
|  English-Language Menu |   |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



### Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during the war. The bar's showpiece is a painting by Papa Hemingway. Open: 11am-11pm. Dress code: smart casual. Website: [hemingwaybar.com](http://hemingwaybar.com); Hôtel Ritz Istanbul: [ritz.com](http://ritz.com); 6.30pm-2am

## Lonely Planet's Istanbul

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert writers have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Istanbul.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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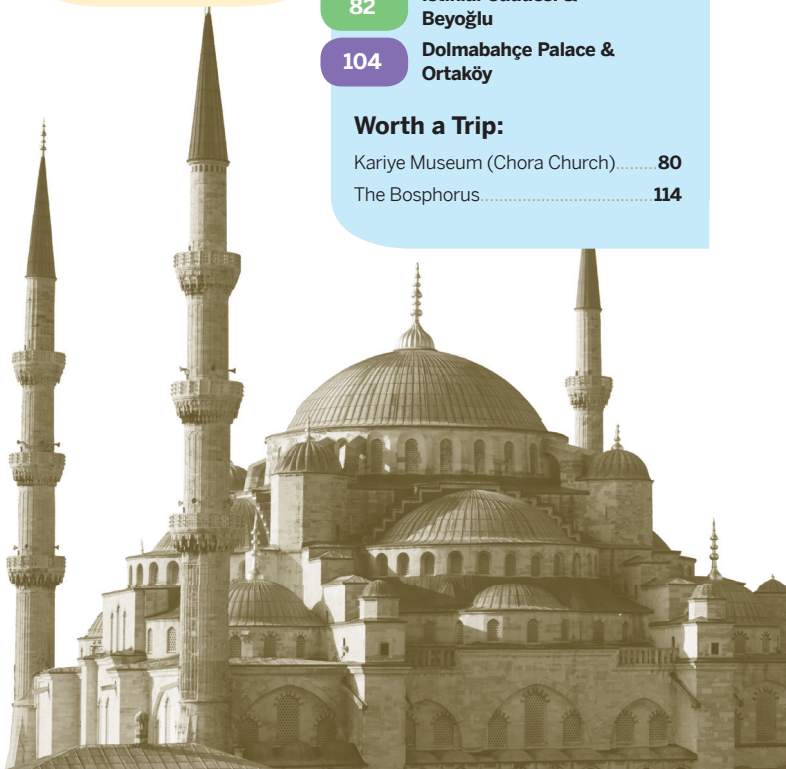
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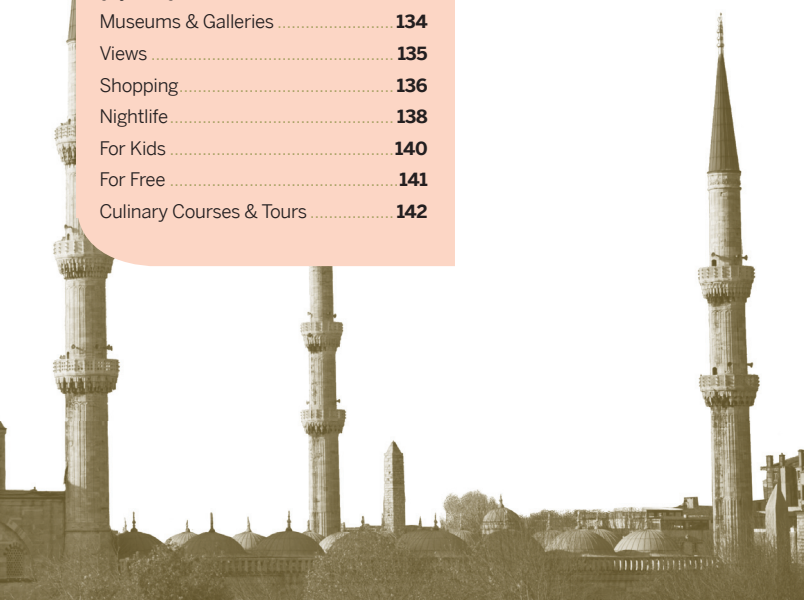
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## Welcome to İstanbul

In İstanbul, extraordinary experiences are found around every corner. Here, dervishes whirl, *müezzins* call from minarets and people move between continents multiple times a day. Home to millennia-old monuments and cutting-edge art galleries (sometimes in the same block), it's a destination where eating, drinking and dancing are local priorities, and where everyone is welcome to join the party.

Sema (whirling-dervish ceremony)  
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