

Kadıköy

Neighbourhood Top Five

- ➊ Taking a **ferry ride** (p153) between Europe and Asia.
- ➋ Wandering around the **Kadıköy Produce Market** (p150).
- ➌ Signing up for an expertly guided **foodie walk** (p153).
- ➍ Following the aroma of freshly roasted coffee beans to **Fazıl Bey** (p152).
- ➎ Shopping for **home-wares and speciality foodstuffs** (p153) in the streets around the Kadıköy Produce Market.



For more detail of this area see Map p253 ➔

Explore: Kadıköy

Located on the Anatolian (Asian) side of the city, Kadıköy is a short but atmospheric ferry ride from the European shore and offers a very different – and authentically local – experience to those travellers who are keen to cross continents.

İstanbullus come here from every corner of the city to stock up on speciality food items, fresh-from-the-farm produce and kitchenware items. To join them and see the suburb at its bustling best, you should head here on a morning any day except Sunday.

We suggest catching the ferry here, exploring the market and then enjoying lunch before heading back to the *iskele* (ferry dock) for your return trip or heading to nearby Üsküdar to visit its imperial mosques.

Local Life

- ➔ **Coffee Culture** Locals love to catch up over cups of sugar-sweetened *Türk kahve* (Turkish coffee) in the Serasker Caddesi *kahvehanes* (coffeehouses).
- ➔ **Beer and Backgammon** Enjoying a late-afternoon beer and game of *tavla* (backgammon) is a popular pastime at the Kadife Sokak bars.
- ➔ **Football** Ultra-loyal Canary fans flock to Fenerbahçe's Şükrü Saracoğlu Stadium for home matches and can be found in the suburb's restaurants and bars before and after games.

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Ferry** Boats travel to/from Eminönü and Karaköy, occasionally stopping at Haydarpaşa en route.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Females should bring a scarf or shawl to use as a head covering if they are planning to visit Üsküdar's impressive array of imperial mosques, and all visitors should dress appropriately (ie no shorts, short skirts or skimpy tops).

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Çiya Sofrası (p151)
- ➔ Kadı Nîmet Balıkcılık (p151)

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Best Detour

- ➔ Üsküdar (p151)

Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Fazıl Bey (p152)
- ➔ Kadife Sokak (p151)

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