

Kadıköy

Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Kadıköy Produce Market** (p103) Signing up for a culinary walk through the city's best street market.
- 2 Yeldeğirmeni** Checking out the vibrant and always changing street-art scene.
- 3 Meshur Dondurmacı Ali Usta** (p158) Enjoying an ice cream from a master ice-cream maker.
- 4 Fazıl Bey** (p159) Following the aroma of freshly roasted coffee beans to this much-loved coffeeshop.
- 5 Kadife Sokak** Kicking back after sunset at one of the grunge bars.



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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 Detour

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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Baylan Pastanesi (p158)
- ➔ Cibalıkapi (p159)
- ➔ Çiya Sofrası (p158)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Arkaoda (p159)
- ➔ Fazıl Bey (p159)
- ➔ Karga Bar (p159)

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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 for 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. 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 making your way 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 *khavehanis* (coffeeshouses).

➔ **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, Karaköy and Beşiktaş, occasionally stopping at Haydarpasa en route.

➔ **Metro** A branch line travels from the metro station near the İskele Camii to Ayrılık Çeşmesi, from where the Marmaray metro travels to Üsküdar, Sirkeci, Yenikapı and Kazlıçeşme.