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In This Book

QuickStart Guide

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



Need to Know Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods What's where

Explore İstanbul

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



Top Sights Make the most of your visit



Local Life The insider's city

The Best of İstanbul

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks See the city on foot

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İstanbul's Best... The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience

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Getting Around Travel like a local

Essential Information Including where to stay

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

Sights

🔇 Eating

- **Orinking**
- 🔂 Entertainment
- Shopping

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- Telephone Numbers
- Opening Hours
- P Parking
- left Nonsmoking
- Internet Access
- 😵 Wi-Fi Access
- Vegetarian Selection
- English-Language Menu

- Family-Friendly
- Pet-Friendly
- Bus
- 😟 Ferry
- Metro
- S Subway
- 🛱 Tram
- Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Lonely Planet's İstanbul

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 authors 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 İstanbul.

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.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

Our Promise

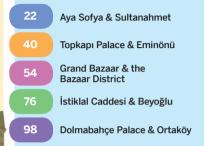
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Welcome to İstanbul

In İstanbul, extraordinary experiences are found around every corner. Here, dervishes whirl, *müezzins* duel from minarets, and continents are crossed multiple times in 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.

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