

Visiting Istanbul

Travelling to Istanbul

Istanbul is one of the world's most accessible cities, with two major international airports: **New Istanbul Airport (IST)** and **Sabiha Gökçen Airport (SAW)**. Istanbul Airport, located on the European side, is one of the busiest airports globally and serves as a major hub with connections to numerous destinations worldwide. Sabiha Gökçen Airport, on the Asian side, offers additional options for international and domestic flights.

Visa and Entry Requirements

Turkey offers visa-free travel to citizens of many countries, while others may require an e-Visa, which can be easily obtained online. [Check the latest visa requirements for your nationality before your trip to ensure a smooth arrival.](#)

Getting Around the City

Istanbul's well-connected public transportation network includes trams, buses, ferries, and the metro, making it easy to navigate the city. Taxis and ride-sharing apps like BiTaksi are widely available for convenient travel. For those staying centrally, many iconic sights are within walking distance or a short tram ride away.

Things to do in Istanbul

Istanbul, the vibrant heart of Turkey, is a city where history and modernity coexist in perfect harmony. Straddling two continents, it serves as a bridge between East and West, both geographically and culturally. With a rich tapestry of influences from various civilizations, Istanbul is a hub of diversity, where countless languages, traditions, and customs

intertwine. The city's energy pulses through its bustling bazaars, lively streets, and stunning skyline, while moments of tranquility can be found along the serene shores of the Bosphorus. Whether you are drawn to its historical treasures or its dynamic modern scene, Istanbul promises an unforgettable experience for every visitor.



Explore the Hagia Sophia

Once a Byzantine cathedral, later an Ottoman mosque, and now a museum, this architectural marvel showcases stunning mosaics and a rich history spanning over 1,500 years.



Visit the Topkapi Palace

The grand residence of Ottoman sultans, Topkapi offers breathtaking views of the Bosphorus and houses priceless artifacts, including the Prophet Muhammad's relics and the Ottoman Imperial treasures.



Wander through the Grand Bazaar

One of the oldest and largest covered markets in the world, the Grand Bazaar is a vibrant maze of over 4,000 shops selling everything from spices and carpets to jewelry and souvenirs.



Take a Bosphorus Cruise

Sail between Europe and Asia on the Bosphorus Strait, enjoying panoramic views of Istanbul's iconic skyline, palaces, and quaint waterside neighborhoods.



Discover the Blue Mosque

Known for its stunning blue İznik tiles and six minarets, the Blue Mosque is a majestic symbol of Ottoman architecture and a functioning place of worship that leaves a lasting impression.



Stroll through Istiklal Avenue

A lively pedestrian street in the heart of the city, Istiklal Avenue is lined with shops, cafes, restaurants, and historical buildings, offering a taste of modern Istanbul's vibrant social scene.

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