

Istanbul Travel Guide

Welcome to Istanbul

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Istanbul is a city where East meets West. With its rich history, breathtaking architecture, and vibrant culture, it offers an unforgettable travel experience. From ancient mosques to bustling bazaars, Istanbul has something for everyone.

Top Attractions

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- Hagia Sophia: A marvel of Byzantine architecture.
- Blue Mosque: Famous for its stunning blue tiles.
- Grand Bazaar: One of the largest and oldest covered markets.
- Galata Tower: Offers panoramic views of the city.
- Bosphorus Cruise: A scenic boat ride between Europe and Asia.

Where to Stay

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Best neighborhoods:

- Sultanahmet: Perfect for first-time visitors and history lovers.
- Taksim: Great for nightlife and shopping.
- Karaköy: Trendy and near to the waterfront.

Food You Must Try

- Kebab: Especially doner and iskender.
- Baklava: A sweet pastry made with nuts and syrup.
- Simit: Turkish sesame bread rings.
- Turkish Tea and Coffee: Cultural staples of any visit.

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Travel Tips

- Use Istanbulkart for public transport.
- Bargain in bazaars politely.
- Download offline maps before your trip.
- Avoid peak tourist times at major sites.

Cultural Etiquette

Dress modestly when visiting mosques.

Always remove shoes before entering a mosque.

Try to learn a few Turkish phrases - it's appreciated!