

# ISTANBUL

## RESTAURANT GUIDE



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**\$** - INEXPENSIVE

(less than \$30 pp)

**\$\$** - MEDIUM

(between \$30 and \$50 pp)

**\$\$\$** - EXPENSIVE

(more than \$50 pp)

All restaurants accept payment by Visa and MasterCard (unless otherwise stated)

## KEBABS

### HAMDİ

Eminönü (0212) 528 03 90

The delicious kebabs of Turkey's Southeast are all offered at Hamdi, where they have been faithfully prepared for the last 18 years. Unforgettable views of the Galata Tower, Eminonu, Sultanahmet and the Bosphorus await. Hamdi's selections include: kebab with eggplant, grilled lamb on skewers, kebab with vegetables, beyti kebab on skewers, oruk kebab, iskender kebab, pistachio kebab and more. Open daily from 11:00 AM to midnight. Reservations recommended. (\$\$)

### KÖŞEBAŞI

Levent (0212) 270 24 33

Köşebaşı is a restaurant that bases its cuisine on the traditional recipes of Gaziantep in Southeast Anatolia. Köşebaşı continues to attract many celebrities including: Jack Nicholson, Warren Beatty, Sting, Tim Zagat and Donna Karan, and was voted as one of the "World's 50 Best Restaurants" by Conde Nast Traveler magazine. Köşebaşı was also cited as "The Best Kebab Restaurant in Istanbul" by Time magazine. Köşebaşı is a real kebab house where you can find traditional and fresh tastes of Anatolia. Restaurant opens at noon and closes at 11:00 PM (\$\$)

**ÇİYA SOFRASI** Kadıköy (0216) 349 19 19 - (0216) 330 31 90  
(0216) 418 51 15

Çiya Sofrası, on the Asian side of Istanbul, defines itself as a restaurant specializing in "Southeast Anatolia and Eastern Mediterranean Cuisine", but, in fact, Çiya is actually a reflection of the vast geography stretching from Anatolia to Mesopotamia. This "down home" Turkish cooking features dishes spanning from the time of the Cradle of Civilization to the Ottoman Empire, from the Balkans to the Caucasus, from Asia to the Arabian Peninsula. Çiya currently serves in three restaurants on the same street (Güneşlibahçe), which sit 20 meters from the other. Apart from kebab and pizza-like lahmacun, different regional dishes are served. Reservation is recommended for dinner. Open daily noon to 11:00pm. (\$\$)

**LADES RESTAURANT** İstiklal Street/Beyoğlu (212) 251 32 03

Located in the heart of Beyoğlu, Lades presents traditional and reasonably-priced Turkish and Ottoman dishes in a friendly and comfortable atmosphere. Lades is a small restaurant that features daily specials. For example, on Mondays and Thursdays you can try succulent slices of döner kebab served with rice, on Tuesday amavut ciğeri, lightly fried lamb's liver spiced up with red pepper. Here you can find everything from soups and stews to desserts, and everything in between. Open between Monday to Saturday, 11:00 AM to 9:30 PM. (\$)

## TURKISH OTTOMAN

### ASITANE RESTAURANT

Edirnekapı (0212) 635 79 97

Asitane Restaurant lies in the shadow of the Byzantine-era Chora Church (famous for its mosaics). Their menu features authentic and intensely-researched recipes from the archives of the Topkapı and Dolmabahçe Palaces. Asitane opened its doors in 1991 and operates in a restored 19th-century mansion. Asitane is proud to serve imperial Ottoman cuisine, incorporating Central Asian, Anatolian, Middle Eastern and Balkan flavors into its menu. Asitane is open daily from 11:00 AM to midnight and also serves an exceptional brunch on Sundays. (\$-\$\$\$)

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### MATBAH

Located within the Hotel Ottoman Imperial Sultanahmet (0212) 514 61 51

Matbah, in the heart of the Old City with Topkapı Palace and the Hagia Sophia as its backdrop, Matbah offers a great selection of gourmet Ottoman Palace dishes. Matbah prepares a selective and unique menu of 27 dishes from Matbah-i Beray-i (Sultan's Palace Kitchen). Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Open daily from 9:00 AM to midnight. Reservations strongly recommended. (\$\$)

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### FERİYE LOKANTASI

Ortaköy (0212) 227 22 16 / 17

Located in a historical building with outdoor dining available, at Feriye you will find both Turkish and international cuisine. Because their menu changes according to the season, they serve updated traditional Turkish and Ottoman dishes that feature natural ingredients, with emphasis on Aegean-region herbs. The building in which Feriye calls home is a classic example of 19th-century classical Ottoman architecture. Open daily from noon to 3:00 PM for lunch and from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM for dinner. (\$\$\$)

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### TUĞRA RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Located within Çırağan Palace - Beşiktaş (0212) 236 73 33  
Located in the breathtaking Çırağan Palace with a spectacular view of the Bosphorus, Tuğra serves Turkish and Ottoman cuisine such as roasted lamb and testi kebab (meat and vegetables cooked in a clay pot) amidst rich Ottoman décor – it will surely take you back to the Sultans' most glorious era. Open from Monday to Sunday between 7:00pm to midnight. Terrace open in summer. Reservations are highly recommended. (\$\$\$)

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### HÜNKAR LOKANTASI

Nişantaşı (0212) 225 46 65

Hünkar is a most notable restaurant in Istanbul, established in 1950 in the old quarters in the Fatih district, moving to Nişantaşı, an upscale and fashionable neighborhood, in 2000. Here, start first with some cold dishes such as imam bayıldı (literally meaning "the imam swooned") - braised eggplant stuffed with onion, garlic and tomatoes; or, cold white beans with celery in a vinaigrette sauce. Hünkar's signature dish is undoubtedly its hünkar beğendi (Sultan's delight) - a traditional dish of stewed lamb on a bed of pureed eggplant, and is its trademark dish. Authentic Turkish dishes, including original Ottoman recipes from Istanbul, Anatolia, Cyprus, Greece, Circassia and Armenia. Open daily from noon to 11:00 PM. (\$-\$\$\$)

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## TURKISH LOCAL

### MÜNFERİT

Beyoğlu (0212) 252 50 67

Münferit is often referred to as a “modern Turkish tavern”, although there is nothing tavern-like about it except for its tasty mezes. The venue is great for dinner (with outdoor as well as indoor seating) and features an indoor bar and music, making it a good option for post-dinner dancing in a small and cozy atmosphere. Recommended dishes are the squid ink couscous with calamari and Turkish-style doughnuts with chocolate. Open Monday through Saturday 9:00 AM until 1:00 AM, closed Sundays. (\$-\$\$\$)

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### KARAKÖY LOKANTASI

Karaköy (0212) 292 44 55

This small but popular restaurant feels both historical and contemporary at the same time both in terms of food and surroundings. Recommended for authentic Turkish mezes and excellent fresh seafood, lamb dishes, grilled octopus and seaweed salad. Their flavors are fresh and light, the bread is homemade, and they feature a different menu for lunch and dinner. Reservations are not accepted for lunch but are for dinner. (\$-\$\$)

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### MEZE BY LEMON TREE

Beyoğlu (0212) 252 83 02

Mezes are appetizers composed of vegetables, seafood and meat and are often served alongside raki or family-style. During any traditional Turkish dinner, it is a must to taste at least a few types of meze with raki (or wine) and chat with friends. Modern-day Turkish and Mediterranean mezes are diverse in tastes, colors and ingredients, and where one can easily see the contributions of the many different ethnic cuisines of Anatolia. Reservations are a must. (\$\$)

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### YENİ LOKANTA

Beyoğlu (0212) 292 25 50

“Yeni Lokanta”, which roughly translates to “new restaurant”, is in the Tunel neighborhood of Beyoğlu. Turquoise tiles accent the space, where diners sit at charming tables with nice Aegean-inspired touches. The menu is heavy on both cold and hot mezes, and also offers four main entrées, all of which blend traditional Turkish dishes with unexpected ingredients. Suggested dishes are the wood-fired oven-roasted chicken with chickpeas and Gaziantep-style sucuk (sausage) with bean purée. Open Monday to Saturday from noon to 4:00 PM, and for dinner 6:00 PM to midnight. Closed on Sunday. Reservations are a must for dinner. (\$\$)

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### FIRUZE IKSV

Pera District

Rooftop of the Nejat Eczacıbaşı Culture Center (0212) 238 5050  
The restaurant specialized in cuisine from Hatay in the deep south of Turkey. A delicious selection of specialties of the Hatay region that is a wonder to experience. Open from Monday to Saturday 12:00pm to 2:00am, Closed on Sunday (\$\$\$)

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### MAHKEME LOKANTASI Galata-Persembе Pazari (0212) 255 32 55

Located in Galata in an old restored court house with the original brick walls. This is a wonderful location to enjoy some local cuisine, Turkish tea and coffee and meet some of the locals in the area. Lovely Turkish cuisine with lots of mezes (appetizers). Open from Monday to Saturday 11:00am to 1:00am Closed on Sunday (\$\$)

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## SEA FOOD

### İSMET BABA - (Asian Side)

Kuzguncuk, Üsküdar (216) 553 12 32  
(216) 341 33 75

Ismet Baba is located on the Asian Side, and is a great place to enjoy Bosphorus views, fresh fish and delicious appetizers in a local atmosphere. Their 60-year-tradition is reflected in its menu, tastes, and decor. Ismet Baba offers a broad range of seafood cuisine, including the lüfer (bluefish), kalkan (turbot), swordfish, lakerda (salted bonito), and hamsi (sardines); börek (pastry with potato filling), fava bean puree, pilaki (white beans in vinaigrette), Amavut ciğeri (Albanian-style fried liver) and twenty other savory plates. Ismet Baba is open everyday from noon until 11:30 PM. Reservations essential for the weekend. (\$-\$\$\$)

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### DOĞA BALIK - (Asian Side)

Uskudar (0532) 204 22 32  
(0216) 422 28 51

Located on the Asian side of Istanbul, right on the Bosphorus Sea. You can arrive by boat directly to their pier and avoid traffic. The restaurant is located in the beautiful Gul Sultan Mansion and has an excellent location with beautiful view of the European side of Istanbul and is situated between the 2 intercontinental bridges. They specialize in delicious fresh seafood Open Daily from 9:30am to 12:00am (\$\$\$)

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### VİLLA BOSPHORUS - (Asian Side)

Beylerbeyi, Üsküdar (0216) 318 68 10

Villa Bosphorus is located on the Asian side of Istanbul between the 1st and 2nd Bosphorus Bridges and offers stunning views. One of Istanbul's top fish restaurants, it is housed in the Ottoman palace of Beylerbeyi. It serves a variety of fresh seafood, delicious mezes and a wide assortment of quality wines. As for the fish, try some grilled bonito, bream or bluefish with onions and herbs. The kitchen specializes in lightly-cooked greens, and perfectly grilled seasonal fish drizzled with garlicky olive oil. Probably best during summer nights when you can sit outside and watch the lights of the Bosphorus Bridge perform their enchanting show. As in most Turkish restaurants, we recommend starting with some small mezes and continue on with several smaller main menu dishes. Ask the waiter to serve all orders in small portions, so you can enjoy the variety. The easiest way to get to Villa Bosphorus is by private boat or by car/taxi. Open daily from noon to 1:00 AM. Reservations are recommended for weekends. (\$\$\$)

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### TARİHİ KARAKÖY BALIKÇISI

Karaköy (0212) 251 13 71

One of the oldest and most well-known establishments in the Karaköy neighborhood, Tarihi Karaköy Balıkçısı (fish seller) has been serving since 1923. The restaurant's first two floors provide a casual space that is open for lunch between noon and 3:00 PM, with the top floor open for dinner only. Large windows offer diners a phenomenal view of the Old City while enjoying deliciously fresh fish. Many consider the balık çorbası (fish soup) to be the best in the city, while the succulent kağıtta levrek (sea bass cooked in paper) is another highlight. Reservations recommended for dinner. Open daily from noon until midnight. (\$\$)

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**BALIKÇI SABAHATTİN**

Sultanahmet (0212) 458 18 24

Balıkçı Sabahattin has been serving excellent seafood in a charming historic setting since 1927. Among their appetizers are midye dolma (rice-stuffed mussels), and calamari. This restaurant is well-known for its wide selection of mezes, salads, seafood and desserts. Open daily from noon to 1:00 AM. Reservations recommended. (\$-\$-\$-\$)

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**EFTALYA** Amavutköy (0212) 287 25 20 / (0212) 287 21 40

Eftalya, located near the Amavutköy Pier on the Bosphorus, offers excellent seafood and great service. Both the classic and updated mezes are fresh and interesting such as the smoked sea bass and swiss chard-wrapped seabass. This is one of the best seafood restaurants in Istanbul and is a perennial favorite among locals. Reservations recommended for lunch and dinner. Open daily from noon to midnight. (\$-\$-\$-\$)

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**ÇINARALTI**

Ortaköy (0212) 261 46 16

Named for the massive sycamore trees growing through the center of the restaurant and shading the upstairs terrace, Çınaraltı (beneath the sycamores) has been serving for three decades in the same spot on Ortaköy's waterfront square. With its spacious feel and simple decor, it has remained refreshingly unpretentious and reasonably priced in a neighborhood known increasingly for its trendiness. The spring roll-like fish pastry is a must-try. Choose from a wide selection of mezes to accompany your freshly grilled or fried fish. Open daily from 11:00 AM to 1:00 AM. (\$-\$-\$)

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**BEBEK BALIKÇISI**

Bebek (0212) 263 34 47 / 263 36 69

Located on the Bosphorus, Bebek Balıkçısı, one of the oldest fish restaurants in Istanbul, offers splendid views as well as fish and fresh seafood mezes. Also highly recommended are the calamari (grilled/fried), shrimp (buttered or spicy), and fish cooked in rock salt. Finish your meal with quince or pumpkin pastry or a chocolate soufflé. Quick service and an impressive wine list. Open daily from noon to 1:30 AM. (\$\$\$)

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**MEDITERRANEAN / INTERNATIONAL****VOGUE**

Maçka, Beşiktaş (0212) 227 44 04

Vogue has a breathtaking view of the Bosphorus from atop the BJK Plaza, and serves international and Mediterranean cuisine, along with a 70+ variety sushi bar. An excellent wine selection features over 200 varieties. It is one of the "finest restaurants in the world" according to Zagat Survey and is definitely worth a visit. Open daily from noon to 2:00 AM. Sunday brunch is available from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Reservations a must for Bosphorus-view tables. (\$\$\$)

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**RANA by TOPAZ RESTAURANT** Gümüşsuyu (0212) 249 10 01

Topaz offers a mixture of Mediterranean, international and Ottoman-inspired cuisine. A minimalist décor with floor to ceiling windows offers breathtaking views of the Bosphorus. Recommended for zeytinyağlı (olive oil-based) plates, Ottoman menu selections and varieties of seafood. Topaz also features an extensive wine list. Open from noon to 4:00 PM for lunch and from 6:00 PM to 1:00 AM for dinner. Reservations are highly recommended for having a table with a good Bosphorus view. (\$\$\$)

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## MIKLA

Tepebaşı (0212) 293 56 56

Mikla is located on the top two floors of the Marmara Pera Hotel, and reflects the Turkish-Scandinavian cuisine of Mehmet Gürs, the chef-owner who pioneered the restaurant scene when he moved to Istanbul in 1996. With its outstanding cuisine, breathtaking view, impeccable service and elegant surroundings, Mikla was voted as the "best restaurant" in Istanbul and continues to enjoy local and international rave reviews. A 7-course tasting menu with complementary wines is also available. You can enjoy great blended cocktails in the rooftop lounge. Open daily from 6:30 PM to 2:00 AM. Closed on Sundays. Reservations are highly recommended. (\$\$\$)

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## SUNSET GRILL & BAR

Ulus (0212) 287 03 57

Sunset is located on a hill below Ulus Park and offers a spectacular view of the Bosphorus and the bridge. Sunset offers Turkish and international cuisine plus a California-style menu and sushi bar (considered the best in Istanbul). It also has an extensive domestic and international wine list and cigar selection. In summer months, Sunset serves guests on its sprawling terrace (ask to get wrapped in one of their pashminas if you get cold). Sunset Grill & Bar is a member of "Chaine des Rotisseurs". Open daily from noon to 3:00 PM for lunch and from 7:00 PM to midnight for dinner. Reservations are highly recommended. (\$\$\$)

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## NOPA RESTAURANT

Nişantaşı (0212) 327 58 68

This popular eatery and bar carries the signature of The House Cafe Group and their successful collaboration with Istanbul's award-winning Autoban design team. Lunch and dinner menus are offered featuring grilled meats of every cut, including dry aged steaks such as the T-bone steak, with sides of mashed, baked or fried potatoes. There are also chicken, fish and pasta options and a luxurious dessert menu. With its well-stocked bar and elaborate cocktail menu Nopa transitions effortlessly from daytime to nightlife, making it a nice place to turn to for an extended business dinner or social gathering among the fashionable residents of the upscale Nişantaşı neighborhood. Open daily from 12:00 PM to 3:00 AM. Closed on Sundays. (\$-\$\$\$)

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## SPAGO RESTAURANT

Nişantaşı (0212) 368 08 08

Located at the rooftop of The St. Regis Istanbul is home to the first international location of the iconic Spago restaurant, which stars as the hotel's signature culinary experience. Spago offers modern and imaginative seasonal menus coupled with a superb artisanal cocktail and wine program, exceptional service, contemporary design and stunning views of Maçka Park and the Bosphorus. The interior of the fine dining restaurant exudes a cool yet intimate ambiance featuring a distinctive barrel vaulted ceiling that unfolds onto floor-to-ceiling glass. The focal point of the Spago lounge is its glamorous outdoor terrace and circular bar which is the prime venue for celebrity spotting in Istanbul. Open all year round, the lounge features Mediterranean accents with pine trees and florals between tables, creating a seductive, breezy atmosphere above the bustling streets of Istanbul where guests can dine and enjoy ambient music. Open Sunday to Wednesday from 12:30 PM. to 12 AM, and on Thursday to Saturday 12:30 PM. to 2 AM. (\$-\$\$\$)

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## ITALIAN

### MAMA NIŞANTAŞI

Nişantaşı (0212) 241 11 52

Mama Nişantaşı has been serving pizzas and specialty cocktails to locals and foreign guests since 2009, and excels at unique and creative Italian flavors. They have a cozy and relaxing atmosphere with an all-wood rustic design. This restaurant is a good choice, if you are looking for a peaceful and quiet evening, while looking for a true Nişantaşı experience. Mama Nişantaşı's mojitos, music and entertainment also make it a lively nightspot. Open daily from 10:00 AM to midnight on weekends to 2:00am. Reservations are not essential. (\$\$)

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### CECCONI'S ISTANBUL

Beyoğlu (0212) 377 71 80

In the courtyard of the 19th century Palazzo Corpi Building, Cecconi's is a modern day classic Italian restaurant open for lunch and dinner, seven days a week. Brunch is served on Sunday. Tables are available indoors or outdoors, set among the garden's olive trees. Cecconi's originated in Venice and serves hand-made pasta, seafood, cicchetti and dishes from Northern Italy using the best ingredients. Open Monday to Saturday Lunch from 12:00 PM. to 16:00 PM, dinner 19:00 PM, to 00:00 AM and on Sunday Brunch 12:00 PM. to 16:00 PM, dinner 19:00 PM. to 00:00 AM (\$\$\$)

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## ASIAN CUISINE

### ZUMA

Istinye Park (0212) 236 22 96

Zuma the London based award-winning restaurant ZUMA in Istanbul is located in the high-end shopping mall of Istinye Park. The new location in the secure fashion district is the latest addition to ZUMA's international collection. Inspired by the informal style of Izakaya dining, Zuma showcases its modern Japanese cuisine that is famously authentic but not traditional. Dishes - designed to be shared - are created in three different cooking styles: the main and sushi kitchen and the robata grill offering a variety of textures and tastes. Restaurant is open daily from noon to 3:00pm for lunch and from 6:00pm to 11:00pm for dinner. Reservations are recommended. (\$\$ - \$\$\$)

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### SHANG PALACE

Located within the Shangri-La Hotel, Beşiktaş (0212) 275 88 88

Shang Palace is the hotel's signature restaurant and Shangri-La's culinary introduction to Istanbul. Experience real authentic Chinese-Cantonese cuisine accompanied by perfectly paired Turkish and international wines. With its elegant main dining area, dining booths and private dining room for both lunch and dinner, the restaurant is an excellent venue for large or intimate gatherings. You may experience the unique Kung Fu tea master's show, which acrobatically displays the fine art of the Chinese tea ceremony with an elongated pot. In accordance with Chinese dining culture, a lazy susan placed in the middle of your table will keep rotating while you enjoy roasted whole Peking duck or succulent braised seafood with ginger and spring onions in a clay pot. Make sure to try the chilled mango pudding or fried ice cream to end your unique dining experience. Lunch is served every day from noon to 3:00 PM, and for dinner between 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM. (\$\$\$)

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**WAGAMAMA** Kanyon Shopping Mall-Levent (0212) 353 04 74  
Wagamama restaurant is modelled on the ramen bars which have been popular in Japan for years. Dishes such as teriyaki steak soba, teriyaki salmon soba, teriyaki sea bass, noodles in spicy sauce, rice dishes, chicken katsu curry, koumi chicken, chuchee beef curry, cha han, ebi raisukaree, and salads are fresh and delicious; we also recommend their orange and sesame chicken salad, yasal salad, and cumin chicken (or beef) salad. Open daily from noon to 11:00 PM. (\$\$)

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**PERA THAI** Beyoglu (0212) 245 57 25 / 26  
Traditional Thai dishes served in an authentic dining atmosphere. The Royal Thai Government has acknowledged Pera Thai as being one of the best Thai restaurants in the world. Those who are curious about different cuisines can try their mixed vegetables in oyster sauce, chicken with fresh ginger and fungi mushrooms, or curried chicken with coconut milk and Thai noodles. Pera Thai has been voted "Best Far Eastern Restaurant" and has received an overwhelming amount of awards from Istanbul Life magazine. (\$\$)

## CAFES

**LUCCA** Bebek (0212) 257 12 55  
Lucca's excellent service and joyful atmosphere, delicious international cuisine, creative presentations, and different flavors make it one of the most popular cafes/bistros in Bebek. Different cocktails such as the "Tricolor Sangria", "Pineapple Express" and "Herbal Delight" are among the bar favorites. Recommended dishes include the artichoke dip, Lucca roll with duck, burgers, tapas and even fresh pastries. Lunch and dinner menus are offered. Open daily between 10:00 AM and 2:00 AM. (\$\$)

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**KITCHENETTE** Ortaköy (0212) 236 96 48  
Bebek (0212) 287 11 61/63  
With its warm, inviting decor and cozy environment, the popular Kitchenette is the ideal meeting spot for a pleasant break. Kitchenette offers a selection of fresh breads baked in its own oven, delicious pastries and classic Parisian-style macaroons that you can enjoy there or take away. Both restaurants have beautiful interiors and ambiance. Try their vegetarian dishes, which include minestrone soup, falafel, pizza margherita and a grilled vegetable sandwich - all reasonably priced. All locations are open daily from 9:00 AM until midnight. Kitchenette does not take reservations. (\$\$)

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**HOUSE CAFE** Nişantaşı (0212) 259 23 77  
Istiklal Street - Taksim (0212) 251 79 91  
Ortaköy (0212) 227 26 99  
This trendy café's menu consists of breakfast treats, café fare and main courses. Their fresh fruit juices are very popular. A seasonal menu allows only the freshest of ingredients, and is a great place to relax, enjoy a meal and to peoplewatch. The House Café Ortaköy is open Monday to Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 AM, and Friday to Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 AM and on Sundays from 9:00 AM to midnight. House Café Istiklal Street is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 AM, from Friday to Saturday from 8:00 AM to 2:00 AM and on Sundays from 8:00 AM to midnight. Reservations are recommended for dinner on the weekends (\$\$).

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## BEYMEN BRASSERIE

Nişantaşı (0212) 343 04 44

One of the most popular street cafes in Nişantaşı, with tables spilling out onto the street, Beymen Brasserie has a terrific salad and pasta selection. This popular cafe and bar includes both Turkish and French cuisine selections as well as a “tea time” menu of quiches, sandwiches, cakes and pastries. Awarded by Time Out Istanbul as the “Best Street Café”, which is obvious due to its crowds. Opens at 10:00am on weekdays and noon on weekends, closes around midnight. (\$-\$\$\$)

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## ORIENT CAFÉ

Nuruosmaniye (0212) 512 30 75

Located on Nuruosmaniye’s pedestrian street in the heart of the old city, Orient Cafe is a perfect lunch spot just outside the Grand Bazaar, and serves breakfast, salads, pasta, sandwiches, light meals, desserts and a variety of coffee beverages. Get in some people watching as you relax and enjoy their varied menu, while taking in the café’s warm and inviting modern Italian décor. Alcohol is not served. Open every day 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. (\$-\$)

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## NIGHTSPOT DINING

### FRANKIE ISTANBUL

Nisantaşı

Rooftop of the Sofa Hotel

(0212) 230 6666

This is a wonderful evening of entertainment between dinner and after hours relaxing time and mingling with the locals. They have music nightly and a very sophisticated scene with a nice atmosphere inside and a terrace outside with beautiful views. Open Daily from 12:00pm to 2:00am (\$\$\$)

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### SORTIE

Ortaköy (0212) 327 85 85

A nightspot on the Bosphorus where the trendy and elite come to party. This nightclub boasts a number of restaurants and bars in an amazing outdoor complex. Sortie has a dining capacity of 1,000 which includes Sortie Bar & Lounge as well as a club with a maximum capacity of 5,000 people. VIP boat access and valet parking are available. Open every day from 6:00 PM to 4:00 AM. (\$\$\$)

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### NARDIS JAZZ CLUB

Beyoğlu (0532) 244 57 78

Located near the Galata Tower in Beyoğlu, Nardis offers the best in classical, mainstream, and modern jazz in a true club atmosphere. Creative musicians perform in remarkable acoustical surroundings. For seating next to the stage, reservations are required. Nardis features live jazz weekdays from 9:30 PM to 1:00 AM and on Fridays and Saturdays from 10:30 PM to 1:30 AM. Closed on Sundays. (\$\$)

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## NEIGHBORHOODS

### FLOWER PASSAGE (ÇİÇEK PASAJI)

Beyoğlu – Taksim

This impressive glass-covered arcade, located on Istiklal Street, has been in operation since 1876. Reminiscent of the Galleria in Milan with its historic pubs, wine houses, restaurants, and meyhanes, it really completes a tour of Istanbul. Behind Cicek Pasaji are both Nevizade Sokak (Bar Street) a bustling side street of pubs with outdoor seating, and the colorful Balık Pazarı (Fish Market). A few restaurants may not accept credit cards, so be sure to ask before you sit down.

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## ORTAKÖY

A popular place for both locals and foreign guests due to its art galleries, shopping, cafés, bars and restaurants. In summer, most cafes have outdoor seating. The Neo-Baroque style Ortaköy Mosque is a beautiful ornate structure, sits dramatically on the Bosphorus, while passing boats complete the scene. Several historic schools, such as Kabataş High School and Galatasaray University are located in Ortaköy. The European pylon of the Bosphorus Bridge is also situated in this neighborhood, and is one of the only areas in Istanbul to have a mosque, church and synagogue all together.

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## KARAKÖY

Karaköy is a commercial neighborhood in the Beyoğlu district of Istanbul, on the mouth of the Golden Horn on the European side of the Bosphorus. One of the oldest and most historic districts of the city, it is still a vital industrial and transportation hub. Karaköy was the original home to banking and insurance companies in the 19th century, and, today, it is also home to industrial parts suppliers. The presence of various religious and educational sites in Karaköy reflect a rich cultural heritage: (Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Armenian and Bulgarian churches and synagogues), as well as international schools (Greek, Jewish, French, Italian and Austrian) tell of Karaköy's colorful and multi-heritage past. Istanbul Modern opened here in 2004, and is Turkey's first and only private museum dedicated to contemporary art.

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## ASMALİMESÇİT

Beyoğlu - Taksim

Very close to Istanbul's lively İstiklal Street lays Asmalımescit, a lively district teeming with restaurants, cafes, music venues and bars. Asmalımescit saw its heyday of glamour and sophistication in the 1920s, and is now in the midst of a colorful renaissance, while managing to still keep its old Istanbul feel with its facades and narrow streets.

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## GALATA

In Beyoğlu, the popular Galata district (formerly known as Pera) is located at the northern shore of the Golden Horn. The Galata Tower, one of the city's most iconic landmarks, Galata has a liberal and cosmopolitan past due to its European roots. It was also home to the city's Jewish community in the 11th century before becoming a Genoese enclave. Many synagogues are located here: Zülfaris Synagogue (1823) Ashkenazi Synagogue (1900) Italian Synagogue (1931) Neve Shalom Synagogue (1951). The iconic Camando Steps are a lasting legacy of this Jewish heritage, built in the late 19th century by the Ottoman-Venetian Jewish banker Abraham Salomon Camondo.

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## WINE SUGGESTIONS

### RED WINES

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Kavaklıdere Pendore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Okuzgozu</li><li>• Bogazkere</li><li>• Shiraz</li></ul>
Kavaklıdere Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Okuzgozu</li><li>• Bogazkere</li></ul>
Kayra Versvs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cabernet Franc</li><li>• Syrah Viognier</li><li>• Alpagut Okuzgozu</li></ul>
Kavaklıdere Egeo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cabernet Sauvignon &amp; Merlot</li><li>• Shiraz</li></ul>
Doluca Sarafin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cabernet Sauvignon</li></ul>
Doluca Kav	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Okuzgozu</li><li>• Bogazkere</li></ul>
Doluca Signium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cabernet Sauvignon</li><li>• Okuzgozu</li><li>• Shiraz</li></ul>
Tugra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bogazkere</li><li>• Okuzgozu</li></ul>
Corvus Corpus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Syrah &amp; Merlot &amp; Cabernet Sauvignon</li></ul>
Corvus Blend No.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Syrah &amp; Merlot &amp; Cabernet Sauvignon &amp; Cabernet Franc</li></ul>
Sevilen 900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cabernet Sauvignon</li></ul>

### WHITE WINES

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Kavaklıdere Pendore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cotes D'Avonos</li><li>• Narince Chardonnay</li><li>• Sauvignon Blanc</li></ul>
Kavaklıdere Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Narince</li><li>• Emir</li></ul>
Kayra Viognier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chardonnay</li></ul>
Kayra Allure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crispy Chardonnay</li><li>• Sauvignon Blanc</li></ul>
Kavaklıdere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chardonnay</li></ul>
Doluca Sarafin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chardonnay</li><li>• Sauvignon Blanc</li></ul>
Doluca Kav	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Narince</li></ul>
Corvus Blend Bianco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cavus &amp; Vasilaki &amp; Chardonnay</li></ul>

### SPARKLING WINES

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Kavaklıdere Altın Kopuk Sparkling Wine  
Vinkara Yasasin Kalecik Karası "Methode Traditionnelle"

### ROSE WINES

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Kavaklıdere Lal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Çal Karası</li></ul>
Doluca Verano Sarafin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cabernet Sauvignon &amp; Okuzgozu</li><li>• Cabernet France Rose</li></ul>