

"Best Markets in Istanbul"

Istanbul's markets are a lively blend of colors, aromas and traditions, showcasing the city's history. Some of these bazaars have existed for several years and have etched their name as some of the must-visit places in the city. Don't miss the eclectic mix of goods at the bustling street markets, from vintage finds to fresh produce. Choose from a wide range of products like spices, ceramics, carpets and amazing Turkish delights. Navigate through this bustling maze of shops and treat yourself to some delicious local delicacies. Istanbul's markets offer not just shopping but an immersion into the heart of its culture and commerce.

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Spice Bazaar

"Living History at Spice Market"

Sharing a square with the New Mosque near the tip of Istanbul's Golden Horn, the Spice Market has catered to travelers seeking a taste of the globe since 1663. The market's location has remained unchanged for centuries, cementing the site as the focal point of Istanbul's rich history, having functioned as the central hub for Medieval spice traders. Heaps of brightly colored spices, vessels overflowing with nuts and boundless pyramids of Turkish delicacies are harmoniously crammed side by side, under lanterns suspending from arched ceilings casting a mellow glow throughout the market. Owing to its monumental sprawl, Spice Market's collection is nearly limitless, luring droves of locals and tourists who test out mounds of exotic tea, sample a variety of rich dryfruits, experiment with sweetened baklavas, or even simply saunter through its labyrinthine alleyways. Resting behind a quintessentially Turkish dome-topped facade, Spice Bazaar is one of the largest of its kind in the city, hence attesting to the country's long-standing mercantile history.



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Grand Bazaar

"Shopaholic's Paradise"

From swathes of silk to intricately designed carpets, from filigreed Turkish tea pots to ornate Ottoman lamps, the lantern-laced alleys of Istanbul's Grand Bazaar are home to the city's finest treasures. Vaulted archways are covered with wall-to-wall wares of traditional Turkish souvenirs and products in this historic retail paradise. A walk through the medieval alleys brings on as much awe and delight as it does a smidgen of entertainment. The bedesten, or warehouses date back to the thriving times of the 15th Century, when the Grand Bazaar was first proposed to be built by Sultan Mehmet, in a bid to encourage economic progress in the then-city of Constantinople. Today, the bazaar is one of the oldest and largest covered markets in the world, its meandering alleys filled with as many as 4000 shops, and its grand sprawl consisting of nearly 61 shopping streets and alleys.



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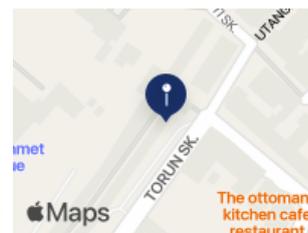
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Arasta Bazaar

"Colorful Market"

Take a leisurely walk through Arasta Bazaar and pick up amazing souvenirs to take home. This market is more relaxed than others in the city and attracts visitors who would rather not deal with huge crowds. Textiles, spices, clothing, accessories, jewelry, hookahs, and other Turkish specialties can be found here. It's a great shopping destination in Istanbul.



Arasta Bazaar #57, Istanbul



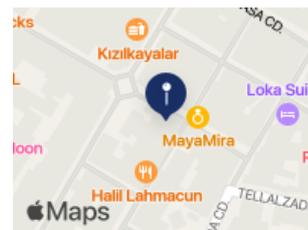
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Kadıköy Market

"Exciting Street Market"

Nestled on the city's Asian side, Kadıköy Market is a bustling bazaar that offers a sensory journey through Turkey's rich culinary and artisanal traditions. As you stroll through the market, you will come across stalls brimming with colorful spices, aromatic teas, and tantalizing street food while artisans craft intricate textiles and jewelry. Its lively ambiance is matched only by its historical significance, tracing its roots back centuries.



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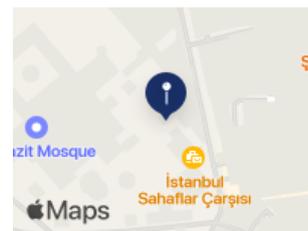
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Beyazit Sahafkar Carsisi

"Historical Bookstore"

Outside the Grand Bazaar sits an important store that houses some of the best and rarest Turkish and Ottoman literature you can find in the city of Istanbul. With first editions, old university books and historical texts, the Beyazit Sahafkar Carsisi is a great place to get lost in for hours. Part of the draw here is the young university scene that makes this old bookstore seem vibrant and hip.



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