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# Rick Steves Istanbul



## Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in Istanbul. Following Rick's self-guided tours, you'll experience the wonders of East and West in this fascinating city—the capital of two great empires. Explore one of the world's largest domed churches, haggle with merchants in the lively Grand Bazaar, and discover the secrets of the sultan's harem in Topkapi Palace. Wander through monumental mosques, shop along sophisticated avenues, and watch whirling dervishes in action. Cruise the Bosphorus for a quick trip to Asia, and end the day relaxing in a Turkish bath. Rick's candid, humorous advice will guide you to good-value hotels and restaurants in delightful neighborhoods. You'll learn how to get around on the city's trams and ferries, and which sights are worth your time and money. More than just reviews and directions, a Rick Steves guidebook is a tour guide in your pocket.

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## Customer Reviews

Lale Surmen Aran and Tankut Aran—an Istanbul-based couple who have been married for 11 years—lead tours for Turkish and American groups to wherever they can (including Best of Turkey tours for Rick Steves' Europe Through the Back Door). They have a passion for unusual travel destinations, and always enjoy learning about the past, present, and future of the peoples of the world. With each trip, they say they become new souls, enriched and enlightened, taking one step forward. In addition to traveling, tour guiding, and guidebook researching, they run an Istanbul-based "Back Door" style travel agency, SRM Travel (srmtravel.com).

Very in depth review of Istanbul - gives very good detail on local customs, what to do in a short period of time, practical shopping tips. Unfortunately with the recent unrest, had to cancel our vacation. Hopefully can assess its accuracy one of these days

Useful book if you plan to visit Istanbul on your own. Contains hotel info and tips on various practical matters. If you are taking a tour and hotels will be booked for you, you may wish to get a smaller book with more pictures like the DK Eyewitness guides. I did not like the illustrations - most are very small and black and white, so they are not very useful.

Didn't wind up going but I read the book cover to cover. I felt fully ready after reading the book but decided to postpone our trip due to the situation in Turkey

Rick Steves' travel books have always been our favorite. We have used so many of his suggestions with great success. Every restaurant, every hotel and every suggested place to visit has been spot on. I do try other travel books, but always find the Rick Steves's books to be the most useful.

Very informative, this guide book provides a lot of details useful for logistics, and makes traveling to Istanbul seem like a great excursion, a good way to learn about history and that portion of the modern world.

Rick Steves knows how to do it! Unfortunately, times have not been safe for my travel to Istanbul.

Very comprehensive and informative.

great guide but unfortunately with all my mark ups on the book we never used it only because of the security issue in Istanbul at the time of travel. This is a really great useful book!

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