World Luxury Hotel Awards

Ottoman Hotel Imperial Has Been Chosen Best Historical Hotel of Turkey

The Ottoman Hotel Imperial has been chosen as "the best historical hotel" by the World Luxury Hotel and Spa Awards, which is one of the most prestigious organizations in the global travel industry and also presented as the oscars of tourism and hospitality industry worldwide.
THE CHARMING TRADITIONAL HOTEL IN THE CENTRE OF SULTANAHMET, ISTANBUL

Ottoman Hotel®

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Welcome to Ottoman Hotel Imperial Istanbul.

Traditional Turkish hospitality, comfort, elegant premium service, unbeatable panorama of the Hagia Sophia Museum and hippodrome and the blend of Ottoman palace and modern Turkish cuisines are what you’ll experience at the Ottoman Hotel Imperial Istanbul.

With exquisitely furnished guest rooms reflecting the Ottoman art, Ottoman palace cuisine oriented restaurant and bar, exceptional guest services and in-house amenities, Ottoman Hotel Imperial Istanbul responds to the needs of the most demanding leisure and business travelers.
Built as an Ottoman school and hospital in the mid of 1800’s, the original building of the Ottoman Hotel Imperial served the teachers and pupils of the historical “medrese” for about 70 years. The Hospital was built in early 1900’s and served the marchants of the Ottoman handicrafts producers and masters. The properties were renovated and reconstructed in 2005 to a “special class” historical hotel.
Ottoman Hotel Imperial has the most spacious hotel rooms in the old town. Our rooms have been recently refurbished with oriental, elegant and comfortable furnishings. Ottoman Hotel Imperial offers 5 different types of rooms and suites catering to every need.

Featuring the combination of comfort, relaxation, elegance and tradition, Ottoman Hotel Imperial offers the following facilities and services:

- Personalised briefing for Istanbul through the city map
- Library with books about Ottoman and Turkish history and Istanbul
- Complimentary valet parking and private parking area
- Complimentary Wireless internet available in all hotel areas
- Transfer to/from airport/station upon request at an additional charge (Private pick-up and drop-off from/to the airports or cruise port)
- Instant message delivery
- 24-hour reception
- 24-hour room service
- Laundry service
- Valeting and pressing service upon request
- Welcome drink
- Porter/Bellhop
- Luggage room
- Foreign currency exchange
- Express check-in and check-out
- Full concierge facilities
- Secretarial services

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Premium rooms & suites are situated on the main building facing to the Hagia Sophia Museum and the impressive Sultanahmet square, all complimented by design schemes that bring out the elegance of the traditional Ottoman style, while maintaining an atmosphere of comfort and relaxation.

All rooms & suites are a private retreat that offers you comfort and exclusivity.

Some of the rooms & suites also have private balconies and provide you with the following amenities for your comfort and convenience:

- LCD flat panel satellite TV
- High-speed wireless internet access
- Comfortable sitting area
- Petite writing desk
- Individually controlled air conditioner
- Hygienic and orthopaedic bed
- Pillow menu
- Digital safe box
- Turkish bath (Premium Vizier Junior Suites)
- Full bath amenities
- Bathrobe & slippers
- Hair dryer
- Direct phone
- Mini-bar (additional charge)
- Tea & coffee maker
- Espresso maker
- Additional towels/bedding in room
- Complimentary bottled water
- Iron/ironing board (on request)
- Wake-up calls
- Opening window
- Double glazed windows
Premium Sultan Junior Suites

35 SQM / 378 SQFT

Premium Sultan Junior Suites are situated in the main building (including lift access to all floors) facing the Hagia Sophia museum, all complemented by design schemes that bring the elegance of the traditional Ottoman style, while maintaining an atmosphere of comfort and relaxation.
Premium Vizier Junior Suites

28 SQM / 302 SQFT

Premium Vizier Junior Suites are a private retreat that offers you comfort and exclusivity. They are situated in the main building (including lift access to all floors) facing the summer garden side. Some Vizier Junior Suites have private balcony.
Premium Sultan Rooms

20-25 SQM / 216-270 SQFT

Premium Sultan Rooms are situated in the main building facing the world famous Hagia Sophia museum, prominently equipped with the elegance of the traditional Ottoman style, while maintaining an atmosphere of comfort and relaxation.
Premium Vizier Rooms

18-20 SQM / 194-216 SQFT

Premium Vizier Rooms are a private retreat, offering you comfort and exclusivity. They are situated in the main building (including lift access to all floors) facing the summer garden side.
Standard Rooms

18-20 SQM / 194-216 SQFT

Standard rooms are located in the front building (lift access to some floors) facing the old town of the city.
Ottoman Hotel Imperial is situated on the truly premium location in town, on an elevated position, surrounded by all the major historic and cultural sights in the heart of the old town, Sultanahmet, viewing the impressive Hagia Sophia (St. Sophia, Aya Sofya) museum.

This is an inspiring location all year around, in the heart of the old city, within walking distance of Sultanahmet square and the main historic, shopping and harbor districts and just 16 km away from the Atatürk International Airport (IST) and 44 km away from the Sabiha Gökçen International Airport (SAW).
“MATBAH” WELCOMES EXCLUSIVE GUESTS AND GOURMETS TO THE STYLISH “OTTOMAN PALACE CUISINE” MAINTAINING ITS UNIQUE HERITAGE

Reception at the Court of Sultan Selim III (1761-1807) Topkapi Palace Museum
TREAT YOURSELF AS A SULTAN

In the heart of Old Istanbul, next to Hagia Sophia and a few steps from Topkapi Palace, Matbah Restaurant offers a selection of dishes that used to be served at the court of the Ottoman Empire.

We invite you to embark on our historical voyage and experience the exclusive delight of a menu fit for a sultan.

“Specialised in Ottoman palace cuisine, Matbah Restaurant is well worth a visit. The chef has sourced 375 recipes from the imperial archives. The surrounds are attractive and live Ottoman music is performed on Friday and Saturday nights.”

Lonely Planet

“The meal I had here definitely fits the principles of traditional Turkish cuisine. In many dishes we see a beautiful harmony between sweet and sharper savours, with a sophisticated presentation.”

Vedat Milor, Food and Wine critic

“A highly unlikely possibility as the blending of cooked fruits and nuts with meats and vegetables, the variety and quality of the ingredients, the unexpected combinations all enhanced by flavorful and aromatic herbs and spices combine to make dining at Matbah a singular, memorable experience.”

Myrna Katz Frommer and Harvey Frommer

“A lavish, garden-style restaurant where the chefs have painstakingly replicated centuries-old recipes. The creamy bitter-almond soup and the honeydew melon stuffed with minced beef, rice, almonds and raisins are sweet and salty without too much heat. Ah, it is good to be sultan.”

Hemispheres Magazine, United Airlines

“Whenever you come to Istanbul, if you want to eat like a sultan, go to Matbah Restaurant, next to Hagia Sophia”

Discovery Channel

“I was pleased to hear of your meticulousness about Ottoman cuisine, and of your fearless use of spices common in Ottoman cuisine, such as coriander, cinnamon and ginger.”

Marianna Yerissimos, Food Historian

“In a venue that offers a menu fit for its location and its name, right next to Topkapi Palace, local and foreign guests can taste dishes that used to be prepared centuries ago.”

Gastronomi, local Food & Beverage Magazine

“All selected dishes were tried, the measures of the ingredients adapted to today’s measures and every detail of the cooking process noted. At the end of these researches, the menu was set up. Absolute favourites include Neck of lamb with thyme and Rice pilaf with saffron and chickpeas.”

Hürriyet, National Newspaper
Matbah, the main restaurant of the Ottoman Hotel Imperial offers authentic Ottoman cuisine & genuine warm hospitality, in opulent surroundings. This seductive and soft surrounding will transport you to the opulence of an Ottoman palace garden. Located in the heart of the old city of Istanbul and surrounded by all the major historical and cultural sights including the magnificent Topkapi palace and Hagia Sophia museum, Matbah takes you deep into the soul of selective Ottoman and Turkish culture through an elegant unique atmosphere.
Winter Garden

Enjoy an Ottoman Palace dinner in a comfortable and pleasant 58-seat room with a view of the Zeynep Sultan Mosque and Cafer Aga Medrese. You will be offered delicacies from our winter menu such as sailor börek with honey, goose kebab, lamb shank on a bed of spinach, red mullet en papillote or almond kevla.
Summer Garden

On a terrace with a capacity for up to 120 guests, located very near to the Topkapi Palace and next to the Cafer Aga Medrese designed by the famous 16th century architect Sinan, you will savour a meal fit for a sultan, under the sunshade by day, or the stars by night.
Sultan’s Lounge

This cozy 20-seat lounge with exquisite Ottoman-style decoration is a perfect setting for family or business dinners. Sultan’s Lounge is also open to private reservations and gatherings.

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The Ottoman Empire has reigned over the huge lands for centuries and coexisted with many nations and cultures. By synthesizing all the acquainted cultures in order to produce a unique taste of its own, through the time, the Ottomans have enriched the Ottoman Cuisine. Several cuisines majorly deriving from Middle Asia, the Balkans, the Middle East and the Europe are the main contributors to the Ottoman Cuisine.

This cuisine has prevailed mostly in the kitchens of the Ottoman Palace and therefore, the palace has turned out to be a unique place in order to grasp its tastes completely. Unfortunately, since the guilds of the palace cooks did keep their recipes as professional secrets, this magnificent cuisine has lost some of its unique tastes nowadays.

After long and professional researches conducted at the palace libraries, through the books and documents written by palace historians and guild of cooks (who had preferred to share their experiences instead of keeping them as secrets) we, Matbah Restaurant, benefited from all these documents and recipes to prepare a selective and unique menu containing of twenty seven outstanding dishes from Matbah-i Beray-i (Kitchen of Sultan’s Palace) for your exclusive taste.

All dishes served are tested, improved and adapted to the measure which we do use nowadays. Besides, we have noted all the utmost details regarding with the Ottoman-style cooking. After an exquisite exercise and efforts, the stunning recipes have been completed and adjoined to our selective menu.

The Ottoman grandeur and hospitality evailing at “Matbah” is welcoming exclusive quests and gourmets who do delight in the comfort of a vibrant ambiance at different seasons throughout the year. We are more than willing to serve your distinguished Alacacart, agency and special group with the selective menu which we prepared from the stunning recipes.

Hope you will enjoy your meal at Matbah.
Located in one of the elegant touristic areas of Istanbul, Matbah Restaurant is close to the city’s major sights, including

Hagia Sophia (St. Sophia) Museum
Topkapi Palace
Blue Mosque (Sultan Ahmed Mosque)
Underground (Yerebatan) Cistern
Archaeological Museum
Turkish & Islamic Arts Museum
Mosaic Museum
Hippodrome
Grand Bazaar (Covered Bazaar)
Spice Market (Mısır Çarşısı)
Arasta Bazaar
Harbour (Eminönü)

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