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Discover your inner self while exploring
the enchanted city of Konya



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KONYA

Konya, the enchanted city of history, is in the heart of Anatolia where the calm breeze of holistic Islamic doctrine gives peace to the hearts of its guests. It is a city that appeals to much more than the eye and conquers the hearts with peace and love.

Islamic art and culture are exhibited beautifully in the city while ancient cities that witnessed the earliest civilizations of human history lay silently waiting to be explored close by. Konya puts a spell on every visitor, whether with its cultural, spiritual, historical, or natural features. There is something for everyone in Konya. Catalhoyuk Archeological Site, Kilistra Ancient City, Mevlana Museum, Sille Village, Salt Lake, Karatay Madrasa, Ince Minaret Medrese, Konya Archeological Museum, Mevlana Square, Aziziye Mosque, Konya Tropical Butterfly Garden, Yerkopru Waterfall, Nasrettin Hoca, Saint Paul Church, Whirling Dervishes and many more...



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MEVLANA MUSEUM

The symbol of Konya is this tekke (Sufi lodge) complex of the Mevlevi order, better known as the whirling dervishes. The Mevlâna Museum houses the mausoleum of the 13th-century religious leader, philosopher, and poet Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi, who founded the whirling dervish sect of Sufism. This site is extremely important to the Islamic world and attracts many local and foreign visitors.



WHIRLING DERVISHES

As the home of the whirling dervishes, Konya is the best place in Turkey to see a performance of this spiritual ceremony. The whirling dervish ceremony is called a sema and is the main devotional ritual of Sufis of the Mevlevi order. Whirling is a form of prayer and meditation that dervishes believe brings them closer to God. It is a magical scene to witness.



MEVLANA (RUMI)

Mevlana was a 13th-century poet, Islamic scholar, theologian, and Sufi mystic. Rumi's influence transcends national borders and ethnic divisions and affects people around the world. His poems and teaching appreciated for the past seven centuries. The poems are widely translated into many of the world's languages and he is accepted as one of the greatest poets who ever lived.



INCE MINARE MOSQUE MUSEUM

The Ince(Thin) Minare Mosque is one of Konya's most distinctive examples of Seljuk-era Islamic architecture. It is built in 1264 by the Seljuk Empire. The building features richly sculpted decorations on the entrance portal and an intricately carved octagonal minaret. This perfect exemplar of Seljuk architecture shows the skill of Seljuks. The building is now housing the Museum of Stone and Wood Art, a large collection of Seljuk-era wooden and stone sculptures.



CATALHOYUK

Catalhoyuk is one of the most important excavation sites in the world. Catalhoyuk is listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2012 due to its importance. Here, archaeologists have uncovered the largest Neolithic site ever found, dating to approximately 9,000 years ago. The settlement shows men's transformation from nomads to settlers. Excavations have revealed new and important information about the society of its age and reshaped the history we know.

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KONYA TROPICAL BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Elegantly architected domed butterfly garden, houses around 20,000 butterflies, featuring 15 different butterfly species alongside a tropical garden featuring 98 plant species.

TUZ GOLU (SALT LAKE)

Tuz Golu is a like crystal white heaven that you can walk on. The plateau that extends to the horizon will help the heavenly atmosphere as well. It is one of the saltiest lakes in the world containing over 32% of salt content. Located far from the city, this rare scene will enhance you for sure.



YERKOPRU WATERFALL

Konya is the largest city in Turkey in terms of surface area. So some of these magnificent sites can be far from the city center. And Yerkopru Waterfall is one of them just like the Tuz Golu. After the immense whiteness of Salt Lake, you will drown in the color green at the Yerkopru Waterfall, located at the southern end of Konya.

SILLE VILLAGE

Sille Village is not a natural site but it is a beautiful small village close to the city center. The former Ottoman-Greek settlement has a lovely urban structure. It is also home to two Byzantine churches, St. Helena's Church which has an interior covered with colorful frescoes, and the Küçük Kilise (small church).



ACTIVITIES

Different Beauty Every Season

BOZCAADA

Bozcaada is an island located in the North of the Aegean Sea within the borders of Canakkale province. It is a must-to-see destination, beautiful in all four seasons. This small island has immense vineyards, dreamy beaches, a crystal clear sea, and a fusion of Greek and Turkish cuisine.

Bozcaada has a pretty tranquil and peaceful life except for the vibrant summer season. Bozcaada Castle, Greek District, wineries, Polente Lighthouse and windmills, Ayazma Monastery, Church of the Virgin Mary, and Bozcaada beaches are just a few of the places worth visiting on this small island.

It is the perfect off-season holiday destination if you're seeking to have a more serene time while enjoying the island and sipping your local wine. Olive oil culture dominates its cuisine. However, if you are curious what the island is famous for, you should taste mastic gum cookies, delicious wines, and various jams.



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Bozcaada Beaches

Bozcaada has a beautiful and clean sea, unspoiled coves, and dreamy beaches. The coves are all different from each other. The island's most popular beach is Ayazma, famous for its golden sand and crystal-clear turquoise sea. Bozcaada's sea is generally a little cold as it is located in the Northern Aegean sea. If you visit the island in the summer season make sure to swim in Ayazma Beach, which is like the Maldives.



Bozcaada Castle

Bozcaada Castle is one of the best-preserved castles in Turkey. As you approach the island by boat, the first site to attract your attention will be the imposing, majestic Bozcaada Castle. The majesty of the castle is enough to reflect the rich past of the island. Walking in the walls of the castle and looking through the windows creates a medieval atmosphere.



Vineyards and Windmills

The sunset that is waiting for you at the west end of the island is going to be one of the most fascinating sunsets you see in your life facing the boundless Aegean, beside you are the wind turbines standing like titans from Greek mythology. Winery tours are available for those who are interested. You can learn a lot about vine-making and vine-drinking. There are also shops next to the wineries where you may shop and enjoy tasting wine samples.

TASTE

A Real

TURKISH PLATE



AYRAN

Made by adding water and sugar to yogurt, Ayran is one of the many gifts the Turks have given to the world. If you like yogurt you love Ayran as well. This refreshing signature Turkish beverage is perfect in the summer heat and is often paired alongside traditional Turkish dishes such as kebabs and lahmacun.



LAHMACUN

The name Lahmacun means "meat with dough" in Arabic. And it is exactly right! Thin flatbread is topped with minced meat (beef or lamb), minced vegetables, and herbs (onions, garlic, tomatoes, red peppers) and is baked. Once you take the first bite, it is going to be your favorite food.



ICLI KOFTE

(Icli Kofte) is Turkish Stuffed Meatball. It is made by pounding bulgur wheat together and stuffing fine paste meat and toasted pine nuts and spices into a special ball shape of pounded bulgur. Although it is not a main dish icli kofte is very popular. It is served hot and can be found on the menu of almost every restaurant in Turkey.

BOTOX

Botox is the latest advancement in botulinum toxic therapy. It is used to safely, simply, and effectively improve the appearance of frown lines, forehead creases, and "crow's feet". By relaxing these underlying muscles, Botox reduces wrinkles.

HOW DOES BOTOX WORK?

- Botox prevents wrinkles from appearing by relaxing the underlying muscles so they don't contract.
- Blocks impulses from the nerve to tiny facial muscles
- After treatment, the overlying skin remains smooth and unwrinkled while the untreated facial muscles contract in a normal fashion, allowing your normal facial expression to be unaffected.

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Musical

Jekyll & Hyde
6th November to 30th November
Turkcell Sahnesi

Concert

New Model Army
3rd November
%100 Studio

Party

Flashback 90's Turkish Pop Night
5th November
%100 Studio

Exhibition

Zorlu PSM 10th Year Exhibition
23 October to 31 December
Gallery Space



The playlists of Sura Hotels are now on Spotify