

Bosphorus Digest

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CITY IN TRANSITION

There is a tremendous movement in the city...new constructions rise; business & residential towers, hotels, restaurants, galleries...all are coming with a new vocabulary forcing our imagery. Art is flourishing from every cell of the city...going with the flow if not consciously. Art rises over Bosphorus after a long period of captivity and not willing to set back...as if a long forgotten identity has been remembered...as if we have remembered something that has already been there...and we hold the city tight...immerse our hands into its most hidden treasury...we invent the city once again running for 2010... Istanbul being European Capital of Culture.

TOP 3 IN EUROPE

Istanbul ranks 3rd in Europe after Florence and Rome in Travel + Leisure's TOP 10 Cities Overall



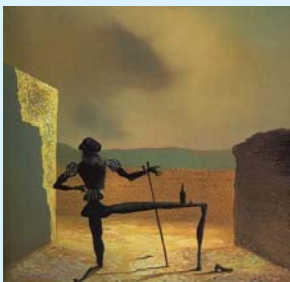
KAS BEACHES ARE AWARDED BEING THE SEXIEST

Concierge.com has announced beaches in Kas as one of the world's sexiest. According to the World's Sexiest Beaches in 2008, Turkey's quiet pleasant town Kas with its blue sea and narrow streets scented with jasmine flowers and beautiful beaches has awarded with the grand prize having world's sexiest beaches.



TURKEY'S ONLY FESTIVAL DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO BALLET

Bodrum International Ballet Festival has been held between 15-29 August 2008. Organized by the State Opera and Ballet Directorate General, this year's festival presented all its performances in the historic setting of Bodrum Castle focusing more on modern choreography than world classical ballet repertoire.



ISTANBUL WELCOMES A BRIGHT SURREALIST; DALI LOOKING OVER BOSPHORUS

The Sabancı University Sakip Sabancı Museum, with the sponsorship of Akbank and in cooperation with the Gala – Salvador Dali Foundation, is hosting Salvador Dali, the most spectacular brand of Surrealism. Dali's works will be on display at the Sabancı Museum until January 20, 2009.

The Sabancı University Sakip Sabancı Museum was established in 2002 as a part of Sabancı University. Looking over the Bosphorus in Emirgan, The Horse Mansion, once the Sabancı family private residence is housing a rich collection of Ottoman calligraphy and Turkish paintings from the 19th century onwards. Besides the permanent collection, the 6500 square meter museum is also home to temporary exhibitions throughout the year.

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ISTANBUL'S DATE WITH DESIGN between 16 – 20 October this year is expecting more than 50,000 visitors to Golden Horn, promising a wider expansion; a local event with an international perspective where they describe it as;
“...an opportunity for companies to present their products and activities to an international audience in a contemporary country with a fast growing economy – Istanbul, meeting point of different traditions, will be the European Capital of Culture in 2010”



NEW DATES ARE SET FOR 2009 F1 ISTANBUL GRAND PRIX...

5 – 6 - 7 JUNE 2009

DO NOT FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR AGENDA FOR NEXT YEAR'S F1 GRAND PRIX FEAST IN ISTANBUL AND PLAN YOUR STAY WITH OUR TRAVEL SPECIALISTS >>>



RENAULT THALIA PRESS LAUNCH

More than 300 journalists visited Bodrum between 10-26 September 2008 for the Press Launch of Renault Thalia. Press agent groups from 14 different countries arrived Kempinski Hotel Barbaros Bay back-to-back in 2-day intervals. The organization of the press launch, all land services including Gala Dinner and Welcome Cocktail and the logistic services has been provided by the cooperation of Le Public Système (who was in charge of the overall project management including product presentation) and ODS Turkey.

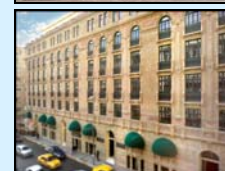


PARK HYATT ISTANBUL MACKA PALAS - EXCLUSIVE OVERALL

As the intense yellow of summer slowly cools down throwing of the broad laziness settled on the entire cityscape, one of Istanbul's most beautiful Art Deco buildings, Macka Palas is beating in a cheerful buzz for the opening of a prominent body as the new address of elegance & luxury in Nisantasi

Under the sweet vigilance of this excitement, Macka Palas is pleased to extend a VIP stay at very special rates for our groups of 10-30 rooms from the date of their opening on 1st October 2008 until 1st March 2009.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS SPECIAL OFFER PLEASE CONTACT



W ISTANBUL

Nothing appears to be ordinary for W Istanbul, the city's recent star for unconventional accommodation, yet surprisingly local and coherent to the texture of its environment.

W Istanbul is the inner V shape body of Akaretler residential valley with historical row houses hosting famous brands such as Chloè, Bottega Veneta, Trusardi, Nuxx etc.

W Istanbul is like the "home next door" in this new face of Istanbul. It is all about a sensual experience of a personal contact in every detail that has been projected through W Istanbul's unique language.



7800 CESME - A new fashion for accommodation in Cesme

Settled on the waterfront of Boyalik Bay, 7800 Cesme Residences & Hotel has 42 residences and the hotel section has a total of 7 deluxe rooms and 5 suites all with a view of the Aegean Sea and Chios Island with a secluded private beach and fine dining restaurant (Mediterranean & Italian). The elegantly decorated hotel has a state of the art spa with indoor & outdoor pools, sauna, aroma inhalation rooms, Turkish bath and fitness centre.



MARDAN PALACE

Finest Turkish hospitality on the beautiful shores of the Mediterranean Sea designates a brand new address in the Lara region of Antalya.

Mardan Palace has been designed by world famous interior designers reflecting the famous trademarks and features of Istanbul such as the Dolmabahce Palace and the Maiden's Tower. The hotel has 271 superior and 68 premium rooms, 16 Dolmabahce deluxe rooms, 38 grand hamam rooms (each with Turkish Bath), 41 grand duplex deluxe, 83 junior suites and studio suites, 7 Presidential suites (with panoramic view), 2 Royal Suites (600 sqm including private swimming pool), 15 villas accommodating 44 rooms.



MISIR APARTMENT - 6 STORY OF STYLE

There are 94 historical buildings facing Istiklal Street, formerly known as "Grand Rue du Pera" of Beyoglu district. Today, these concrete witnesses of a rich history whisper to 1,2 million people daily passing by...One of these constructions is Misir Apartment...an artistic legend for Beyoglu lovers ascending through a 6 storey design treasure of a pure taste of art...The residents of this exclusive apartment include Casa Dell'Arte Gallery, Banu Bora Fashion Gallery and Showroom, Fototrek, Galerist, and finally on the terrace 360 Restaurant & Bar.

More for your interest, each of these residents open their doors for our guests; for exclusive visits / workshops/ shows and Mark Norman's cooking classes followed by a fine dine on the 360 Restaurant's panorama of the Bosphorus.

CLICK TO DESIGN YOUR EVENT IN THIS UNIQUE APARTMENT





CULINARY INSTITUTE -TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PROFESSIONALS AND AMATEURS

The first seminar of the cooperation between IstCI and Alain Ducasse Formation has been held on 23-26 September at the IstCI's headquarters in Istanbul. During the week, the participants explored specialties from SPOON restaurants concept, examples of Alain Ducasse's Mediterranean cuisine, bistro cuisine and dishes from the Alain Ducasse au Plaza Athenee's kitchen with Chef Tim Briggs from Alain Ducasse training team.

FREE FROM CHEMICALS

A comprehensive school including an institute and a practice restaurant within the premises. All the ingredients used in the institute are produced on the fields owned by IstCI through a special project they have been running called Project Saros.

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