

## Istanbul's Markets



**Iznik-style plate,  
Cavalry Bazaar**

Whether you want to lose yourself in the aromas of exotic spices, rummage for old prints and miniatures among secondhand books, hunt for souvenirs or just shop for food, you will find a market or bazaar catering to your tastes somewhere in Istanbul. An obvious first stop is the Grand Bazaar, but several others are well worth visiting for their more specialized produce and their atmospheric settings. Every neighbourhood in Istanbul has its own open-air market on a specific day of the week. At these markets, crowded with budget-conscious housewives, you will find a huge variety of merchandise at the cheapest possible prices.



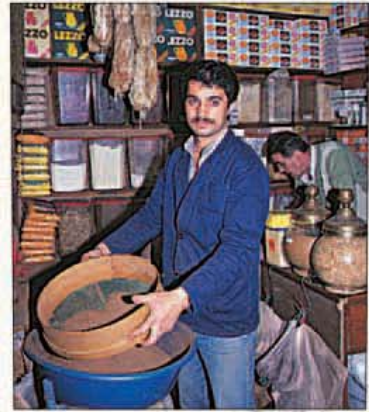
### Wednesday Street Market

One of Istanbul's colourful neighbourhood markets, the Wednesday market, is next to the Fatih Mosque (see p113) and sells everything from fresh produce and household goods to bulbs and seeds.



### Book Bazaar

Next to the Grand Bazaar, the Book Bazaar (*Sabaflar Çarşısı*) offers a wealth of printed matter in various languages, from tourist guides to academic tomes and old magazines (see p94).



### Spice Bazaar

The Spice Bazaar is an exotic trading house for dried herbs, spices and other foodstuffs (see p88).



GOLDEN HORN

THE BAZAAR QUARTER

SULTANAHMET

### Grand Bazaar

The largest market in the world, the Grand Bazaar contains about 4,000 shops. In this roofed labyrinth of passages you can find every commodity associated with Turkey, from costly jewellery to basic foodstuffs. It has operated for hundreds of years (see pp98–9).







**Şişli Feriköy Organic Market**

*Istanbul's first organic fruit and vegetables market is open every Saturday in Feriköy.*



BEYOĞLU



**Galatasaray Fish Market**

*The best fish market in Istanbul runs along a historic alleyway. Constantly sprinkled with water to keep them cool, fresh fish from the Sea of Marmara and elsewhere lie waiting to be sold (see p103).*

BOSPHORUS

**Ortaköy Flea Market**

*Every Sunday the main square of Ortaköy is filled with stalls selling souvenirs to suit every budget, from junk to fine jewellery and original Turkish handicrafts (see p122).*

THE ASIAN SIDE



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**Cavalry Bazaar**

*Converted Ottoman stables are the setting for this bazaar below the Blue Mosque (see pp78–9). Carpets (see pp218–9) are the main items touted, but handicrafts and jewellery are also on sale (see p71).*

**Kadıköy Street Market**

*The main market on the Asian side of the city fills the streets around Mahmut Baba Sokağı. Clothes are sold on Tuesdays, and food on Fridays.*



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