

## 5 essential spots for STREET FOOD

### 21 ŞÖHRETLER BÜFE

**Osmanağa Mh.  
Başcavuş Sk. 1  
Kadıköy**   
**+90 216 449 39 36  
sohretlerbufe.com**

A *büfe* in Istanbul is the place for classic Turkish fast food and Şöhretler is a *büfe* known for its excellent and cheap sandwiches overfilled with delicious (unhealthy) ingredients. Don't be surprised to get a hefty sandwich filled with sausage, fries, melted cheese, *sucuk* (fermented sausage), Russian salad and more.

### 22 MEŞHUR UNKAPANI PILAVCISI

**Hacı Kadın Mh.  
Atatürk Bulvarı  
İMÇ1. blok 1401  
Unkapanı**   
**+90 212 522 91 55  
unkapanipilavcisi.com**

Usually served in a street cart, *tavuk pilav* is a filling portion of buttery rice with chickpeas and chicken breast (plus ketchup). Most famed is the Unkapanı Pilavcısı inside İMÇ (Istanbul Manufacturers Market), a small and casual eatery with framed photos of Turkish celebrities who just love their *tavuk pilav*.

### 23 SABIRTAŞI İÇLİ KÖFTE

**Asmalı Mescit Mh.  
İstiklal Cd. 112  
Galatasaray**   
**+90 212 244 82 26  
sabirtasi.com.tr**

The Sabirtaşı street cart has become an essential part of busy İstiklal Caddesi, but you can also head to the Sabirtaşı restaurant to enjoy the famous *içli köfte*, a crispy bulgur shell filled with fragrant minced meat with walnuts. Make sure to try the other delicious dishes, such as *mantı*.

### 24 OZZIE'S KOKOREÇ

**Asmalumescit Mh.  
General Yazgan  
Sk. 3-B  
Beyoğlu**   
**+90 212 361 91 23  
ozzieskokorec.com**

*Kokoreç* is definitely an acquired taste and a street food classic preferred after a long night out on the town. At Ozzie's, however, you'll get the sandwich filled with grilled lamb intestines and herbs at its highest and most delicious quality.

### 25 GÜLEBRU KANTIN

**AT: GRAND BAZAAR  
Acı Çeşme Sk. 4  
Fatih**   
**+90 212 512 33 93**

This tiny vendor in the often daunting labyrinthine streets of the Grand Bazaar serves some of the best *döner* in town. Catch one of the few seats and order a *dürüm* (wrap with döner meat) and *ayran* (yoghurt drink) and enjoy your fantastic meal while shoppers from all over the world rush by on their consumerist journeys.



23 SABIRTAŞI İÇLİ KÖFTE



158 MELEZ TEA LAB



## The 5 best cafes to MEET A FRIEND

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### 156 MÜZ ÇUKURCUMA

**Fıruzağa Mh.**  
**Hayriye Cd. 18-A**  
**Beyoğlu ①**  
**+90 212 243 22 62**  
**[muz.se](http://muz.se)**

Succulents in beautiful ceramic pots, geometrical terrariums and lush leafy houseplants all decorate this small oasis in the middle of Beyoğlu. Part botanic store, part cafe, Müz is a great place to sit by the window and converse for hours over coffee and something sweet, and to shop for something green.

### 157 COOKLIFE BALAT

**Balat Mh.**  
**Akçın Sk. 3-A**  
**Fatih ②**  
**+90 212 982 15 78**  
**[cooklife.com](http://cooklife.com)**

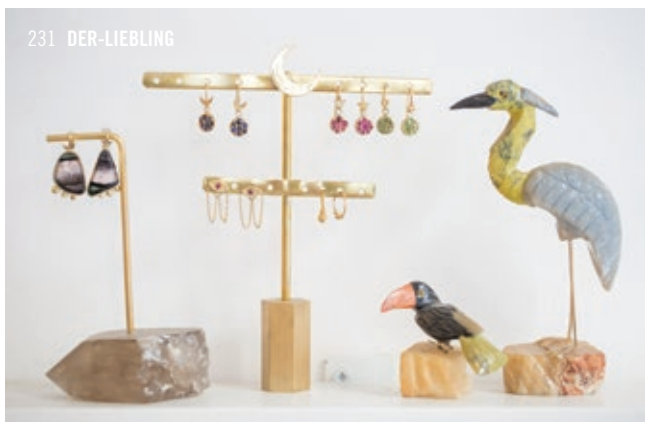
The cafe belonging to Cooklife Magazine (a quarterly Kinfolk-inspired culinary and lifestyle publication) is just serene in its minimalism. Order a cup of coffee and definitely try one of their freshly made pies or desserts such as cookies with white chocolate, macadamia nuts and cranberries.

## 5 shops for amazing TURKISH JEWELLERY

### 231 DER-LIEBLING

Şahkulu Mh.  
Serdar-ı Ekrem  
Cd. 44-A  
Galata ①  
+90 535 035 46 45  
[der-liebling.com](http://der-liebling.com)

After working as an apprentice for master jewellery artisan Eren Özler in the Grand Bazaar for two years, Banu Kent went on to establish her own jewellery brand, Der-Liebling. Her unique ethnic-style collections are a manifestation of her fine-tuned talent as well as inspirations gathered from her many travels to countries like India. Visits by appointment only.



231 DER-LIEBLING

### 232 MAYIS

Tomtom Mh.  
İstiklal Cd. 199  
Beyoğlu ①  
+90 212 293 75 43

Not a lot of people stop to gander inside this treasure of a shop, which is more like a museum of rare and beautiful handcrafted silver rings, necklaces and earrings that are becoming harder to find due to the popularity of the cheap and mass-produced. Mayıs also has a lovely collection of hand-painted ceramics.

### 233 ALEF

Tesvikiye Mh.  
Hacı Emin Efendi  
Sk. 4-A  
Şişli ③  
+90 212 241 35 58  
[alef.com.tr](http://alef.com.tr)

Living in a city that is a constant source of inspiration, jewellery designer Yeşim Yüksek's collections blend various aesthetics, from Art Deco to the Middle Ages to the contemporary. Materials such as blue topaz, quartz, onyx and aquamarine appear frequently in minimal designs that speak boldly.

### 234 YUKA

Vişnezade Mh.  
Maçka Meydanı  
Sk. 18-A  
Beşiktaş ③  
+90 212 259 10 99  
[yukabyguliz.com](http://yukabyguliz.com)

Güliz Mustafaoğlu's small jewellery boutique and atelier is hidden away on a quiet residential street in Beşiktaş. Inside you'll find lovingly handmade and beautifully modern geometric necklaces and rings with colourful stones or large gold earrings in the shape of fine leaves.

### 235 AIDA BERGSEN

Teşvikiye Mh.  
Bostan Sk. 11/2  
Şişli ③  
[aidabergsen.com](http://aidabergsen.com)

The wearable sculptures of jewellery designer Aida Bergsen, inspired by mythology as well as organic forms, are crafted in wax before they are transformed into utterly unique jewels. Think of bejewelled snake-shaped rings, thick necklaces bedecked in blooming flowers or headpieces with ornate wings.

## The 5 most beautiful WATERFRONT MANSIONS

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### 286 ZEKI PAŞA MANSION

Rumeli Hisarı Mh.  
Balta Limanı Hisar  
Cd. 16  
Sarıyer ⑥

With the giant Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge suspended above it, the Zeki Paşa Yalısı is a magnificent 19th-century baroque palace with a polygonal stone façade and arched windows. Built by Alexandre Vallauray, the Ottoman field marshal Müşir Zeki Paşa sadly only slept in one of his 19 bedrooms for a single night before being exiled.

### 287 FAIK AND BEKIR MANSION

Yeniköy Mh.  
Daire Sk.  
Sarıyer ⑥

This *yalı* (waterfront mansion) was designed by architect Raimondo D'Aronco between 1890 and 1895 abiding to an art nouveau aesthetic with plenty of ornamentation present on its shining white double façade. The home was originally built for Sara Sultan's two daughters but was later sold to Faik Kurtoğlu and Bekir Sıtkı Oyal and befittingly renamed.





## 5 spots to TAKE IN THE VIEW

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- 346 **CHRIST HILL – BURGAZADA**  
**Burgazada Mh.**  
**Follow dirt path past**  
**Büyük Çamlık Sk.**  
**Adalar** ⑥

A sense of penetrating serenity is inevitable when you reach the top of Burgazada overlooking the expanse of the sea and horizon. The Hristos Tepesi (Christ Hill) was once home to a Byzantine monastery, but nowadays only ruins and a small 19th-century church remain, as well as the fascinating Greek cemetery amid the pines.



346 CHRIST HILL – BURGAZADA

- 347 **YAVUZ SULTAN SELIM MOSQUE**  
**Balat Mh.**  
**Sultan Selim Cd. 18**  
**Fatih** ②  
**+90 212 599 34 77**
- Built between 1522 and 1529, this mosque is dedicated to the infamous Selim I who killed more than a few of his family members in order to guarantee his and his son Süleyman the Magnificent's ascension to the throne. Located on Istanbul's fifth hill, the mosque's terrace looks out over a gorgeous Golden Horn view.

- 348 **5. KAT**  
**Cihangir Mh.**  
**Soğancı Sk. 3, 5th Fl.**  
**Beyoğlu** ①  
**+90 212 293 37 74**  
**5kat.com**

Owned by the Turkish actress Yasemin Alkaya, 5. Kat (5th Floor) has been a favourite among the Cihangir neighbourhood's intellectual crowd since 1993. Of course, the fantastic Bosphorus view from the terrace, as well as live musical performances, are some additional reasons why locals keep coming back.

- 349 **KALPAZANKAYA**  
**Burgazada Mh.**  
**Kalpazankaya Yolu**  
**Sk. 42**  
**Adalar** ⑥  
**+90 216 381 11 11**  
**kalpazankaya.com.tr**

Another hidden beauty on the lovely island of Burgaz, Kalpazankaya's simple wooden tables and chairs look out over a beautiful view of the sea underneath the shade of pine trees. A great place to grab a simple lunch while exploring the island or for watching the sunset.

- 350 **RUMELI FENERI CASTLE**  
**Rumelifeneri Mh.**  
**Sarıyer** ⑥

Located on Istanbul's northernmost point, the quiet fishing village of Rumeli Feneri, with its casual seafood eateries, is a wonder completely removed from city life. The nearby 17th-century Rumeli Feneri Castle, built by Sultan Murad IV for surveillance purposes, looks out over the wild open sea.



# 45 PLACES TO ENJOY CULTURE

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## 5 great JOGGING ROUTES

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### 456 FROM KURUÇEŞME TO BEBEK

Beşiktaş ④

The waterfront boardwalk on the Europe-side coast of the Bosphorus extends about 5 km from Kuruçeşme all the way to Rumeli Hisarı (with a few interruptions on the way). If you'd rather go for a shorter run, the route from Kuruçeşme to Bebek is around 3 km and can be rewarded with a delicious breakfast at Bebek Kahve.

### 457 BY THE GOLDEN HORN

Fatih ②

This is a shorter run that takes you across the Atatürk Bridge (make sure to enjoy a glorious view of the Golden Horn on both sides) and continues up the coast, toward Balat, on the boardwalk until reaching the small Fener ferry port and then back (about 6 km in total, there and back).

### 458 THROUGH MAÇKA PARK

Şişli ③

Maçka Park is not very big, stretching about 1 km from one end to the other, but can be a tad more arduous because of its hilly landscape. If you're looking for a longer route, you can run up and down the smaller paths that lead around the park's wooded areas.

### 459 BY THE MODA SEAFRONT

Kadıköy ⑦

Almost the entirety of the coast that surrounds the Moda area is a boardwalk where people love to run, stroll and ride their bikes. This particular run can go on for about 3 km in one direction and is accompanied by beautiful Bosphorus views the entire time.

### 460 BELGRAD FOREST

Bahçeköy Merkez Mh.

Sarıyer ⑥

+90 212 226 13 14

Once a village that housed the thousands of Serbs who were brought to Istanbul after the Ottoman Siege of Belgrade in 1521, the Belgrad Forest is now a verdant paradise of deciduous trees with hidden historic ruins. It also has a more than 6 km running and walking path through nature.



460 BELGRAD FOREST

## 5 unique NEIGHBOURHOOD NAMES *and their meanings*

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### 486 **KADIKÖY** **Kadıköy**

Continuously settled since prehistoric times, Kadıköy received its ancient name of 'Chalcedon' when it was settled by the Greeks in around 685 BC. After the Ottoman conquest, Chalcedon, which was a rural settlement at the time, was given to the first *kadı* (Ottoman judge) Hıdır Bey and was befittingly renamed, *Kadıköy* 'Village of the Judge'.

### 487 **EMİNÖNÜ** **Fatih**

A centre of trade during the Ottoman era Eminönü was full of sailors and traders going about their business as well as many *Emin* (custom houses). The neighbourhood's name was thus directly derived simply from its position, *Emin önü*, meaning 'in front of the custom house'.

### 488 **ARNAVUTKÖY** **Beşiktaş**

Arnavutköy, which translates to 'Albanian village', received its name when Sultan Abdülmecid, who was keen on simplifying the lives of pedestrians, had men from Albania brought to Istanbul in the 19th century in order to work on paving the city's streets.

### 489 **TARABYA** **Sarıyer**

During the Byzantine era, Tarabya became an area of healing due to its verdant nature and clean air and during the 5th century Patriarch Attikos befittingly renamed the neighbourhood Therapia (therapy in Greek). Over time, Therapia became Tarabya, a neighbourhood of historic architecture and excellent fish restaurants.

### 490 **FERİKÖY** **Şişli**

A historic neighbourhood with lovely old churches and houses, Feriköy was settled by the *Rum* (Greek Ottomans of Orthodox Christian faith) during the Ottoman era. It's believed to have been named after the French merchant Monsieur Ferri who had his mansion built there in the 18th century. Over time, *Ferri'nin Köyü* (Ferri's Village) became Feriköy.

