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# **Location and History**

#### Location

Bursa is located between 40 degrees longitude and 29 latitude in the North West of Turkey and to the south east of the Marmara Sea. It is surrounded by Bilecik and Adapazarı to the east, Kocaeli, Yalova, İstanbul and the Marmara Sea to the north, Eskişehir and Kütahya to the south, and Balıkesir to the west. It has 17 districts (Büyükorhan, Gemlik, Gürsu, Harmancık, İnegöl, İznik, Karacabey, Keles, Kestel, Mudanya, Mustafakemalpaşa, Orhaneli, Orhangazi, Yenişehir, Nilüfer, Osmangazi and Yıldırım). In the north the Marmara Sea comprises a 135 km shoreline.



### **BURSA**

First capital city of Ottoman Empire Population 3 million (approx.) Area 11.027 km² Uludağ the highest mountain (2543 m) 155 m above sea level Mild climate



# **Location and History**

#### History

With the discovery of Aktopraklik Ruins, the earliest known settlement at this location dated back to 8,500 years ago. Bursa was the ancient Greek city of Cius in 202 BC. Prusias rebuilt the city and renamed it to Prusia. It became the fist major capital city of the early Ottoman Empire following its capture from the Byzantines in 1326. During the Ottoman period, Bursa continued to be the source of most royal silk products. The population of Bursa was 45,000 in 1487. Bursa remained to be the most important administrative and commercial center for centuries. Following the foundation of the Republic of Turkey, Bursa became one of the industrial centres of the country.



#### By Ferry / Sea Bus



#### Route 1

Regular ferry and sea bus services are operated between Yenikapı (İstanbul), Eminönü (İstanbul) and and Mudanya (Bursa) & Güzelyalı (Bursa) ports for passengers and vehicles. This is the fastest option from İstanbul. Crossings take around 90 minutes. The bus services are available from both Mudanya and Güzelyalı ports to take passengers to Emek metro station (30 mins, ~0,5€) in the outer suburbs of the city. Take the metro to downtown Bursa, get off at Şehreküstü station for the old section of the city close to the market area (30 mins, ~0,5€)



#### Route 2

The voyage from Yenikapı to Yalova takes between 70 and 90 minutes. Buses depart from Yalova port for Bursa about every 20 minutes throughout the day. Yalova - Bursa voyage takes 1 hour approximately.



#### By Plane 75

Bursa-Yenisehir airport serves domestic and a couple of international flights to Bursa. However, in order to get to Bursa from most countries by plane, you should take a transit flight via one of Turkey's international airports. İstanbul's Atatürk and Sabiha Gökçen are the nearest major international airports. From Atatürk Airport, either by reaching bus terminal or Yenikapı Port, you can travel to Bursa. Straight from Sabiha Gökçen Airport (Route 3), you can take bus to Bursa and the trip will take around 90 mins. From Yenişehir Airport (Route 4) to the city center you can go by public bus or by taxi.

#### **By Bus**

Bursa has inter-city bus connections throughout Turkey. All intercity buses will leave you at the Coach Terminal (Bus Station) about 10 kms outside Bursa on the İstanbul motorway. You may take local buses to reach city center. Inter-city buses from Istanbul take about 2,5 hours and cost about 7,5 euros.



#### By Car

Highways that are fairly wide and in good condition connect the city to north (from İzmit, Yalova, and İstanbul, either by toll road O5/E881 following to Osmangazi Bridge or by D575/E881 taking ferry from Eskihisar Port to Topçular Ferry Port to Yalova), west (D200/E90 from Balikesir with a connection to D565 from İzmir in the southwest), and east (D200/E90 from Eskişehir and Ankara, with a connection to D560 from Antalya in the south).

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# **Local Transport**



#### **BUSES**

From the coach terminal to the city centre, buses are available for 24 hours. Within the city centre, you can travel to everywhere by bus or minibus.



#### **SUBWAY**

The city has a metro line called Bursaray connecting downtown with suburbs in the northwest and also university. You can see the Subway/ Tramway map at page 31.



#### DOLMUŞ / TAXI DOLMUŞ (SHARED TAXIS)

There is an extensive dolmuş network with blue mini buses. Also, in Bursa, there are taxi-dolmuses with a label on the top showing which districts they are going to.



#### **TRAM**

Tram routes are Zafer Plaza-Çınarönü (T3) and Kent Meydanı-Heykel (T1). Another line which is between Kent Meydani-Terminal (T2) is on the way.



#### TAXI

You may easily find yellow taxi everywhere in Bursa. Approximate starting fare for taxi is **0,7 €** and the fare for 1 km costs **0,5 €** Bursa-Mudanya Ferry Port/Güzelyalı Ferry Port costs around 16€ Bursa - Intercity Coach Terminal costs around **7€** 



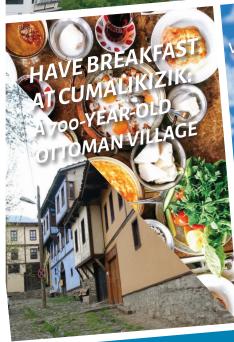


# Things to do



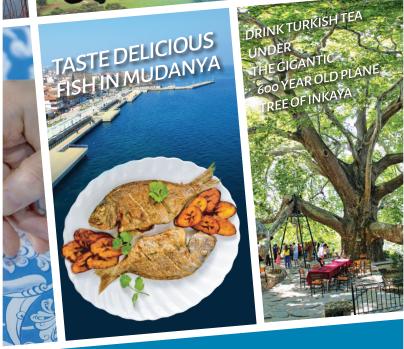








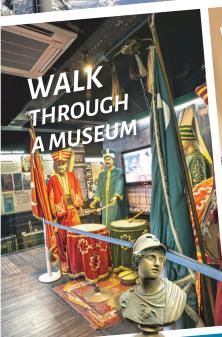




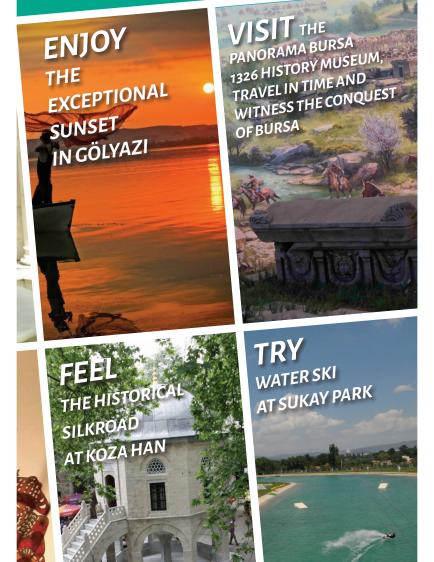








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# **UNESCO** World Heritage





As Bursa being the first capital city of the Ottoman Empire and the village of Cumalıkızık having a 700 year history, in 2014, Bursa was awarded UNESCO World Heritage status with its 8 sights under headline 'Bursa and Cumalıkızık: the Birth of the Ottoman Empire'.

In Ottoman Empire's establishment process, Bursa became the first city, the first capital which was shaped by kulliyes, khans with bazaars, villages, all related with each other in the context of waqf system, including unique examples of early Ottoman architecture.





- 8 World Heritage Sites in Bursa are:
- © Khans Area (Orhan Ghazi Kullliye\* and Its Surroundings)
- Osman Ghazi and Orhan Ghazi Tombs
- ⊕ Hüdavendigar (Sultan Murad I) Kulliye
- ⊗ Hüdavendigar (Sultan Murad I) Kulliye (Old Turkish Bath)

- Muradiye (Sultan Murad II) Kulliye
- ©Cumalıkızık Village

Aumy is a length distribution

Kulliye is a religious institution integrating mosque, religious school, public bath and a kitchen for the pool

# Sightseeing

#### Alternative Tour: City Tour from the Bursa City Center

First of all, we advise you to make a trip to **Emir Sultan** and **Yesil Kulliyes** and have a Turkish tea in one of the cafes around. Then walk to the west until Setbaşı. There you may visit historical Irgandı Bridge. In the neighbourhood, you can visit the Panorama Bursa 1326 History Museum to learn more about the conquest of Bursa. Next you may go to Bursa Kent (City) Museum which has the fully perception of Bursa. After that, keep walking towards Ataturk street and you will find on the way **Ulu Mosque** which is considered the fifth most important mosque in Islam, after those in Mecca, Medina, Jerusalem, and Damascus Ulu Mosque. You will see the **Kapalı Carşı (Covered Bazaar)** near the mosque. Walking through UNESCO heritage sights, you can shop and rest under the large trees in khans. You may find finest silk products in Koza Khan. By walking to the west 150 meters, you can see the unique examples of traditional arts performed and buy souvenirs in Balibey Khan. You may find Osman Gazi and Orhan Gazi **Tombs** (the founders of Ottoman Empire) nearby. You will able to see panoramic scenery of Bursa. After Tophane, you can see the old houses in Kale Street where you could find the samples of the civil architecture. Then you can visit tombs in Muradiye, especially the tombs of Sultan Murad and Sultan Cem. Uluumay Traditional Clothing and Jewelry Museum, a 17. Century Ottoman House, and the Hüsnü Züber Living Museum are also interesting places.

Two routes are suggested for the afternoon tour. You can see the **Atatürk House Museum** and **Karagöz Museum**, when you go along Çekirge. Also, the Murat I Mosque, Madrasa, tomb and alms house can be a joy. Moreover you can go to a hammam, which Bursa is famous for.



# Sightseeing

#### Alternative Tour: İznik and The İznik Lake

İznik, which embraces nature, art, and history together, is 85 kilometers away from Bursa. Iznik is a mystical city that serves as a capital to many states like; Anatolian Seljuk State (1075-1097), Byzantine (1204-1261), and Ottoman State (1331-1335). The first Christian Consul was held in Iznik in 325 where the Christian credo was defined. It is highly recommended to buy olive and olive oil, to visit **Iznik Museum** and **Yeşil Mosque** built in 1391. In **Süleyman Paşa Madrasa**, visit small shops and learn about original, world famous Iznik Tiles.

You should take a tour around the lake in order to see the various beauties. This beautiful city within impressing walls is the next site on the way to be on UNESCO World Heritage List.



# Alternative Tour: Cumalıkızık/Saitabat Waterfall/Zoo/Botanical Park/Misi

**Cumalikizik**, one of the most important examples of rural architecture from the Ottoman Period, has preserved its genuine structure with its authenticity and integrity for 700 years. We advise you to have breakfast in the 700 year old Ottoman village just 20 minutes away from Bursa.



**Saitabat**, the charming entourage surrounded by absolute greenery and plane trees, has a distance of 12 km to Bursa. There is a waterfall by the canyon. There are picnic sites around the fall, which are famous for their trout fish cooked on firewood with butter.



**The Botanical Park** covers an area of 400.000 m2 and comprises; 8000 trees of 150, 100.000 bushes of 76, 50.000 shrubs of 26 and 6.000 roses of 27 different species. It conserves the diverse natural platform of Bursa. There are 12 km trekking paths, natural jogging routes, a 1 km long old asphalt covered cycle road, and ponds.



**The Zoo of Bursa** is next to The Botanical Park. In this zoo, the buildings are arranged like villages and complying with the worldwide standards you may see wide range animals.



On the route Orhaneli -Bursa, you will see one of the ancient Greek villages: **Misi (Mysia-Gümüştepe).** This historical village is famous for its historical houses and local food. It has been an important place for the Christians. It is believed that one copy of the Bible was buried around this place.



#### Other Alternative Places to Visit

**Karabaş-ı Veli Dervish Lodge**, you can take a seat in this 200-year-old tekke (dervish lodge) to watch the şeyh (master dervish) lead his students through a sema (whirling dervish ceremony) for 35 minutes every evening. Major events are performed on Saturday evenings, with various dervish groups participating. You may get here early to absorb the wonderful community atmosphere in the tekke's tea garden before the ceremony.



**Kuş Cenneti** (Uluabat Bird Paradise) is 45 km far to Bursa centrum. The Bird Paradise which is located 45 kilometers from the Bursa-Canakkale (Dardanelles) highway is another natural privilege of Bursa. Peacocks in particular, there are many bird species such as pheasants and partridges live in the Bird Paradise and it is a true nature paradise worth seeing with trees such as blue cypress, lemon cypress, spruce and cedar. Ornithologists frequently visit the here for their studies and it enchants all the visitors with its beauty.

Karacabey Longoz Forests, The swamp (flooded) forests in Karacakaya are called Longoz Forests. To reach the Longoz forests, a right turn at the 52nd kilometer of the Bursa-Izmir driveway is necessary, then to the Cambaz-Seyran Village road. Following this road will lead to Boğaz Village. The ground of the flooded forest is under water most of the year, and with the approach of spring, various ponds are formed here with blooming lotus flowers, creating a rich flora. Additionally, the Longoz (Flooded) Forests is the home of 217 rare bird species, such as the white pelican, owl, bittern, sandpiper, ruddy duck, flamingo, spoonbill, thick-knee, swan, pheasant, broadbilled sandpiper, dalmatian pelican, crane, green woodpecker, snake eagle and many other reptiles. Therefore, the region attracts researchers, nature photographers and bird watchers.



**Kültürpark (Reşat Oyal Culture Park)** is a great social center of Bursa with many green areas in the park. Its location is close to the center and is a beautiful place which offers various activities and many facilities for visitors to have a nice day in peace and happiness. The amusement park is also located here, with a wide variety of toys for both minors and adults. You can have pleasant time with the sea bike on the lake. Additionally you can find a wide variety of dishes and foods in many buffets and restaurants.



**Merinos Park** is the oxygen depot of Bursa. The Park, which has got 307.000 m<sup>2</sup> green field, was converted to an important public recreation centre with its a century old trees, small lake, racing track and bicycle path, resting and kid play areas. Merinos Park is located in the centre of the city and nested with the nature. The park has many coffee shops, restaurants and social complexes. There is a 16.000 m<sup>2</sup> area in the park that various organizations can be held such as concerts and open-air activities. The small lake and the pools, which were generated in the middle of the Park, have become integrated with Atatürk Congress Culture Centre and create a charming point.



#### **Thermal**

Bursa is the one and only city from Turkey which is a member of "European Historic Thermal Towns Association". Thermal springs are widely available and serving for thermal cure and wellness.





In the Ottoman period, the baths remaining from the Byzantium period were repaired and the new thermal springs were constructed. The baths went on healing people for centuries.

Eski Thermal Spring (Armutlu) built by Sultan Murad I (1380s), Kükürtlü Thermal Spring built by Bayezid I, Yeni Thermal Spring built by Suleiman the Magnificient's vizier Rüstem Pasha, Kara Mustafa Pasha Thermal Spring built by Kara Mustafa Pasha on his own behalf. (1490) and Kaynarca Turkish Bath (1680) are located in the centre of Bursa. These historical thermal springs and hammams as well as modern SPA centres are available for wellness.

Oylat thermal springs which are located 27 kms from Inegöl is one of the top destinations for thermal cure, SPA and wellness. It is surrounded by a stunning nature with a beautiful sightseeing.

#### **Nature**

#### **Nature Parks**

Enjoying four seasons in Bursa is possible with various nature parks:

**Uludağ National Park:** With a surface area of 12,7 thousand hectares, it can be reached via 22 km of highway from Bursa centre. It has a very rich habitat and plantal diversity with recreational facilities for the visitors.

Sadağı Canyon Nature Park: It is located within borders of Büyükorhan and Orhaneli. The rocks formed the canyon are partly 60 meters high. 2750 meters of the canyon declared nature park in 2013. The remainings of Roman bath built by the Roman Emperor Hadrian during his ruling years (A.D. 117-138) can be seen in the canyon.

**Suuçtu Nature Park:** It is located 17 kms from Mustafakemalpaşa centre. Total area is 10 hectares and its natural beauty includes beech, oak black pine trees and 38 meters high Suuçtu Waterfall.

#### Trekking / Hiking

Various trails and routes for trekking/ hiking are available in Bursa for observing wild life and photography.

For experienced trekkers there are trails to Lakes Region Alaçam, Fevziye Village, Kıranyayla and also 50 kms trail of Trans Samanlı from Uludağ Summit. For hikers, there are interesting routes like Sölöz-Narlıca, Kocayayla-Gelemiç, Orhaniye-Alaçam Waterfall.

Between Misi (Mysia) and Gölyazı, you can also enjoy different part of nature in Bursa. From Misi, various walking routes can be followed with short walk of 45 minutes from Misi to Dağyenice. Maksempınar-Ayva route gives you a view of Lake Apolyant (Uluabat) as well as Gölyazı.

#### Waterfalls

Bursa is rich with water resources and have beautiful waterfalls:

- Sudüşen Waterfall-Gemlik
- Suuçtu Waterfall- Mustafakemalpaşa
- Oylat Waterfall- İnegöl
- Küreklidere Waterfall-Yıldırım
- Saitabat Waterfall- Kestel
- Alaçam Waterfall- Kestel
- Şapçı Waterwall- Mustafakemalpaşa
- Köshoroz Waterfall- Mustafakemalpaşa

#### **Eco-Tourism**

Bungalow type accommodations are available in Bursa in Kocayayla, Harmancık, Iznik and so on. These accommodations provide activities including paintball, archery, bike riding and ATV motor riding as well as adventure park. Delicious local food and products are available in these nature-friendly accommodations.

# **Uluda**ğ

Uludağ, the most popular skiing and entertainment centre of Turkey, is a National Park and a right place for climbers and trekkers. It has 800 different kinds of flora, hosts 19 plant species and Apollon Butterfly is only found here in the world. It was named as the Olympus Mountain in the Pre-Byzantine time.

You can take cable car from Teferrüç Central Station in Bursa centre (http://www.teleferik.com.tr) to enjoy the longest cable car line in the world. The cable car takes you to the picnic areas as well as hotel area where you can enjoy skiing in winter or enjoy nature. During your 25 mins of cable car travel, you will see picturesque Bursa with fantastic panoramic views. You can return back to city either by cable car or try another route by a taxi or dolmuş trip (shared minibus).



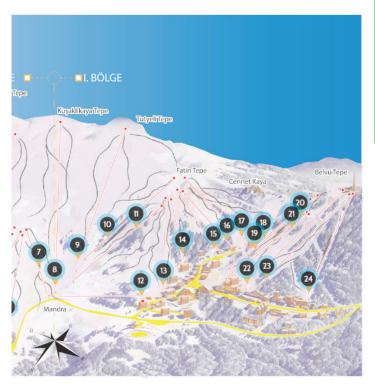
- 1. Maden Telesiyej
- 2. Beden Terbiyesi Teleski
- 3. Kırkgözler Teleski
- 4. Monte Baia Teleski
- 5. Karinna Teleski
- 6. Kartanesi Teleski

- 7. Mandra Teleski
- 8. Kuşaklıkaya Telesiyej
- 9. Tutyeli Telesiyej
- 10. Cennetkaya Teleski
- 11. İtalyan Teleski
- 12. Gondola

# Uludağ

Uludag is just nearby the city centre and it welcomes you four seasons to enjoy nature.

There is a number of hiking trails on the mountain, with the most popular ones being the trail through the forest from Sarialan to Çobankaya and the trail above the tree line to the glacial lakes and the summit, which you can start from the abandoned wolfram mine, at the east of hotels area.



- 13. Belvü Teleski
- 14. Alkoçlar Teleski
- 15. Karkay Telesiyej
- 16. Fatin Tepe Telesiyej
- 17. Cennetkaya Telesiyej
- 18. Yazıcı Teleski 1

- 19. Yazıcı Teleski 2
- 20. Beceren Teleski 1
- 21. Beceren Teleski 2
- 22. Kervansaray Telesiyej
- 23. Fahri Telesiyej
- 24. TSK Telesiyej

# **Archaeological Sites**

#### Aktopraklık Hoyuk Arkeopark and Open-Air Museum

Aktopraklik Hoyuk Arkeopark, is one of the oldest known ancient settlements in Bursa. The archaeological site and the open-air museum here can be visited for 12 months.



#### Apollonia ad Ryndacum

Apollonia ad Ryndacum in Golyazi, Bursa is a city founded in the name of Apollon the God of light. The temple of Apollon the God is on Girl Island which is around 1 km away from the mainland.



#### **Gorukle Ancient Tomb**

Gorukle Ancient Tomb was built in B.C. 150. Swallow style roofing of this tomb is the second known example in our region after Mudanya and Gemlik tombs.



#### Myrleia Mosaic Villas

Myrleia Tomb and Villas in Mudanya, Bursa is an ancient city that was founded in B.C. 8 as a colony of Colophon. It is famous with the Tumulus Tombs and mosaic villas.



#### Hisar Arkeopark

One of the most significant findings of the archaeological excavations at Hisar Arkeopark is Zodiac mosaic which is thought to be from A.D. 2 and 3. The mosaic which belongs to Roman era pictures the passing of the sun through 12 biggest star clusters, in other words the 12 months in a year.



# **Archaeological Sites**

#### Şahinkaya Cave

Şahinkaya Cave in Orhaneli, Bursa dates back to B.C. 100.000 according to the stones that was found in the cave. Therefore, this place is the earliest known settlement in Bursa.



#### **Derecik Basilica**

Derecik Basilicia in Buyukorhan, Bursa was built in A.D. 5. It is claimed as one of the world's earliest churches that was constructed after Christianity was accepted as an official religion by the Roman Empire.



#### İznik Basilica

This ancient basilica in Bursa was built around A.D. 4 on the shore of the lake beside the city of Nicaea, which is known as Iznik today. But it was destroyed in an earthquake in A.D. 8 and later became covered in water as the level of the lake changed. The submerged basilica was cited among the most



significant discoveries in 2014 in the world. It is predicted that the basilica was built in the memory of Saint Neophytos. According to the archaeologists, it was most likely the meeting site of the first Nicaea Ecumenical Council.

#### **Ancient Nicaea Roman Theater**

Ancient Nicaea Roman Theater which is in the southwest of Iznik, Bursa is one of the most spectacular artefacts in Anatolia. The theater was built by Roman Emperor Trajan in A.D. 2. The detailed information about



the structure program of the theater was gathered by the letters of Bithynia Governor. The theater hosted gladiator games and many other magnificent performances as it was at the capital city.



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#### DISCOVER: UNMISSABLE EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Nightlife in Bursa is full of fun. If you like Turkish music, you can have a nice time in the friendly atmosphere of Arapşükrü. There are many places to party or just hang around until the sun comes up. In wintertime, you can have joy in the warm clubs of Uludağ.

#### **CLUBS/PUBS**

Agora Meyhanesi

Kat 3

Anadolu Evi

Hayal Kahvesi

BC Luzz Bar/Almira

Club Inferno

Benzin

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Kırmızı Pub

Bongo Bar

Leman Kültür

Cha Cha Bar

M Pub

High Out

Suare

lazz Bar

No: on by Caddeüstü

Jolly Joker Just Pub

Last Point Lounge&Bar

Club Noche

Şey Pub

The Coffee Shop

Hookah Lounge

Saf-i Dem

Offline the Bar

The North Shield Pub

The Foxes Sports Pub

Green Fairy Irish Pub

Timeout

Bar&Restaurant





Umurbey Silk Production and Design Centre // umurbeymuzesi.com Bursa Science and Technology Centre (btm) //bursabilimmerkezi.org Mudanya City Museum (Tahir Paşa Mansion)

Arkeopark Altopraklık Tumulus / Open-Air Museum // bursaarkeopark.com Bursa Knife Museum

Hüsnü Züber Museum Panorama Museum

#### **Galleries**

Devlet Güzel Sanatlar Gallery	+90 (224) 221 95 49
Sami Güner Art Gallery	+90 (224) 220 88 40
Cemal Nadir Güler Art Gallery	+90 (224) 220 88 47
Şefik Bursalı Art Gallery	+90 (224) 234 65 50
Ördekli Cultural Centre	+90 (224) 221 80 69
Mudanya Tahir Ağa Cultural Centre	+90 (224) 716 37 77
Cep Art Gallery	+90 (224) 220 88 47
Akbank Art Gallery	+90 (224) 224 16 40
Gallery Love Art İlter	+90 (224) 234 88 39
Radyo S Art Gallery	+90 (224) 261 10 70
Osmangazi Belediyesi Art Center	+90 (224) 220 83 30
Kamuran Art Gallery	+90 (224) 225 54 73
Baykuş Art Gallery	+90 (224) 232 14 02
Akpınar Exhibition Center	+90 (224) 243 73 43
İznik Süleymanpaşa Medresesi Art Workshop	+90 (224) 757 79 08
Merinos Atatürk Congress Culture Centre (ACCC)	+90 (224) 272 16 00



#### **Orchestras**

Bursa Regional State Symphony Orchestra Bursa Oda Orchestra Nilüfer Oda Orchestra Çalgıcı Mektebi Roman Orchestra Child Symphony Orchestra/ Youth Symphony Orchestra bursasenfoni.gov.tr

#### Theaters & Culture Centers

Bursa State Theater / Ahmet Vefik Paşa Stage-Feraizcizade Oda Stage Bursa Greater Municipality City Theater / Tayyare Culture Centre Merinos Atatürk Congress Culture Center (ACCC) Uludağ University Prof. Dr. Mete Cengiz Cultural Centre BAOB Auditorium Kültürpark Open Air Theater Ördekli Hammam Cultural Centre Gökdere Madrasa Cultural Centre Karabaş-ı Veli Cultural Centre Nilüfer Municipality Theater - Uğur Mumcu Stage Nazım Hikmet Kültürevi Konak Cultural Centre- Sanat Mahal Mudanya Uğur Mumcu Cultural Centre Adile Nasit Theater

#### **Festivals**

PLACE	FESTIVAL	WHEN	LEVEL
Bursa	International Bursa Festival	June-July	International
Bursa	International Golden Karagöz		
	Folk Dances Festival	July	International
Bursa	International Children and Youth		
	Theatre Festival	Oct.	International
Bursa	International Karagöz		
	Puppet and Shadow Plays Festival	Nov Dec.	International
Orhangazi	Folklore Festival	July	International
İznik	Folk Dance Festival	Sept.	International
Gemlik	International Folklore Festival	Sept.	International
Bursa	International Bursa Silk Road		
	Film Festival	Oct.	International
Bursa	Literature Days	April	National/Public
Bursa	Bursa Photo Days	Oct.	National/Public
Nilüfer	Music Festival	Sept.	National/Public
Osmangaz	i Ovaakça Fig Festival	Oct.	National/Public
Yıldırım	Cumalıkızık Festival	June	National/Public
Yenişehir	Pepper Festival	Sept.	National/Public
Keles	Traditional Keles Kocayayla Feast	June	National/Public
Orhaneli	Göynükbelen - Strawberry Festival	July	National/Public
Orhaneli	Karagöz Culture Festival	June	National/Public
Gemlik	Olive Festival	Aug.	National/Public
Gürsu	Gürsu Art and Pear Festival	July	National/Public
Kestel	Rainbow Outdoor Ornamental		
	Plants Festival	Sept.	National/Public
İnegöl	Culture Art Festival	AugSept.	National/Public
Mudanya	Armistice of Mudanya Celebrations	Oct.	National/Public
Bursa	Traditional Karakucak Wrestling	Festival May	National/Public
Karacabey	Stork Festival	July	International

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# Shopping



Since textile industry is highly developed, Bursa is an ideal place for buying top quality textile products. In Bursa, you will find a few shops offering moderate to high priced goods ranging from clothes and accessories, shoes, handbags, cosmetics and toys. The big shopping centers are mainly outside the city.

Kapalıçarşı and Kozahan are the historical shopping centers where you can buy gifts for your beloved ones. Items on offer are mostly exclusive ones including jewelry, textiles, silk, carpets, home decoration pieces and leather. Bursa is also a good place for antique and souvenir collectors. Famous towels of Bursa are among things that will be at the top in your shopping list.

#### **Shopping Centres**

Kapalıçarşı / Bazaar Kozahan Zafer Plaza AVM / Mall Korupark AVM / Mall Bursa Anatolium AVM / Mall As Merkez Outlet AVM / Mall Kent Meydanı AVM / Mall Carrefour SA AVM / Mall Endülüs Park AVM / Mall Magazin Outlet AVM / Hall Nilpark AVM / Mall Özdilek Özdilek Park Pembe Çarşı IKEA Metro Gross Market Park Ora AVM/Mall Marka AVM/Mall



# **Gastronomy**

The city center is full of restaurants; Bursa Kebap (İskender Kebap) is the most popular dish. Turkish kebab tradition dates back to nomadic Turks. It is served in many different ways in different regions. Try eating in famous İskender Kebab Restaurant. The candied chestnuts have an unforgettable taste. The delicious peaches of Bursa are unique.

#### Bursa Kebap (İskender Kebap)



It is a kind of döner kebab prepared from thinly cut grilled lamb basted with hot tomato sauce over pieces of pita bread and generously slathered with melted sheep butter and yogurt. It is commonly consumed with şıra (grape juice) as a drink to aid digestion. Tomato sauce and boiling butter are sometimes poured over the dish, at the table.

#### Kemalpaşa Tatlısı

The dessert is prepared from a dough, regional unsalted cheese, semolina, egg, water and baking powder. The dough is formed into small balls that are fried and then boiled in syrup. It is served with cream in winter and with ice cream in summer.



#### İnegöl Köftesi



It is a special grilled meatball. The meatballs kneaded in big and round pieces, are cooked with grill. The fame of İnegöl meatball is known to entire Turkey. Meatballs are composed of a certain mixture rates of veal meat sheep, meat, salt, sodium bicarbonate, and onion. İnegöl meatball has no spice.

#### Pideli Köfte

It is grilled meatball served over pita bread and tomato, yogurt and green peppers on the side. Butter and tomato sauce gives the favour to the meatballs and pita bread.



#### Cantık



It is made by a small round dough on which the material you like (minced meat, cheese etc.) is put as a topping and cooked in special oven.

#### **Candied Chesnut**

Candied Chesnut is a speciality of Bursa. Chestnuts are candied in sugar syrup and glazed. Chestnuts may be eaten on their own. They are also the basis for many desserts. It is known locally as "Kestane Şekeri".



#### **Famous Local Products**

With its sub-tropical climate, Bursa is home of very important agricultural products. Bursa's black fig is famous in the world for its unique taste and quality. Also, as being the producer of the highest quality table olives, Bursa's 'Gemlik Olives' have the geographical indication, Besides, Bursa's 'Deveci Pear', cherry and peaches are also most wanted products as well as its various vegetables.

Bursa has a rich geographical indication potential due to fact that it hosted various civilizations from past to present and home of many local products thanks to the mild climate and strong agri-food industry. Some of the famous local products registered as geographical indications so far are:

#### Bursa Silk

Conveniently located at the end of the Silk Road, which brought Chinese and Persian silk to Europe via Anatolia, Bursa has been a center for silk trade and silk production ever since. Today, silk is Bursa's prime local handicraft, produced by 23 local villages and Koza Han is the main silk bazaar since the 15th century.



#### Bursa Peach

Bursa is a city famous for its peaches. Many different types of peaches are grown here. Believed to be originated in China, peach is seen as a symbol of long life and immortality.

#### Bursa Black Fig

Bursa Black Fig is known as the best table fig in the world with its long shelf life, external appearance, big size, sweet and juicy on the inside structure. It is only growing in Bursa area and %90 of total black fig production is harvested in Bursa.



The olive trees are a big part in the region of the Marmara Sea. The most characteristic feature of these olives is black and the flesh is easy to depart from the seed.



#### İznik Tiles

The ceramic tiles produced in İznik (historic Nicaea) during the 15th and 16th centuries represent the cultural and artistic zenith of the Ottoman Empire. The examples of these tiles are part of the best collections of museums in Turkey and around the world



#### Bursa Knife

The art of knife making has a special and renowned place in Bursa. Made with the traditional handcraft process, 150 different knives are being identified such as meat carving knife, bread knife, boning knife and butcher knife.



# **Restaurant & Cafes**

KEBAPÇI İSKENDER ULUDAĞ KEBAPÇISI TARİHİ KAYHAN PİDELİ KÖFTECİSİ HAYAT LOKANTASI RUMELİ KARDEŞLER ABİDİN USTA

ÇİÇEK IZGARA DURAK MUHALLEBİCİSİ

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HACI HASANOČULLARI B BECEREN BEYKONAČI BAOB RESTORAN UZAN ET TAVACI RECEP USTA ANADOLU ET LOKANTASI CAČRISAN ET MANGAL

BADEMLİ ET MANGAL RESTAURANT

KÖFTECİ YUSUF

BY AHTAPOTUS BALIK RESTORANI

SİESTA MEŞELİ

RAFINE MUTFAK STEAK HOUSE

EGE BALIK

BURSA İZNİK BERLİN LOKANTASI

BADECAH CUMALIKIZIK DENİZ TABAĞI ISTAKOZ FAYTON GAGALİNİ

KÜLTÜR PARK DÖRTLER RESTAURANT KALECİK RESTAURANT

LEMAN KÜLTÜR RESTAURANT METİS RESTAURANT MOSANTRAL MÜSADENİZLE ONUNCUKÖY ŞANTAN RESTAURANT SEKEREV

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MAHFEL

SAİTABAT KÖYÜ KADINLARI DAYANIŞMA DERNEĞİ

DOĞANCI KÖY SOFRASI KÖSEBASI RESTORAN

NUNNUM CAFE&RESTAURANT

COOKSHOP NEWCASTLE DELİ KASAP RADIKA Soğanlı Botanik Parkı - Otantik Bursa Evleri Osmangazi

Uluyol Sirin Sok. No:12 Osmangazi

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Gülbahçe Mah. Vardar Cd. No:36 Osmangazi Tuzpazarı Mah. Bayathane Cad. No:8 Osmangazi

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Soğanlı Botanik Parkı Osmangazi

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Ormanlar Cad. Meşeli Park Bursa Organize Sanayi Bölgesi Nilüfer

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Osmangazi Mahallesi Orhangazi Çıkmazı No.10 Tophane / Bursa Burçüstü Sokak | Kavaklı Mah., Bursa 16040,

Altinşehir, Uğur Mumcu Blv. 56 B B | Nilüfer, Bursa 16120, Cumhuriyet Caddesi, No:52 | Gölyazı Mahallesi, Bursa 16110, Namazgah Caddesi, No: 2 | Setbasi, Bursa 16000

Kestel, Saitabat Köyü, Şelale Mevkii, Bursa Doğancı Köyü Orhaneli yolu üzeri 8. Km Bursa

Cumhuriyet Mah. Nilüfer Hatun Cad. No:114 | Podyum Park, Bursa, Türkiye

Cumhuriyet Mh. Nilüfer Hatun Cd., Bursa, Türkiye

Cumhuriyet Mahallesi, Nilüfer Hatun Cd. No:114, Dükkan No: F/to Nilüfer/Bursa Cumhuriyet Mh., Nilüfer Hatun Cd., Poyumpark 141/t, Nilüfer/Bursa Meat Restaurant Cumhuriyet Mahallesi, Nilüfer Hatun Cd. No:114, Nilüfer/Bursa

Snack & Fish Cumhuriyet Mahallesi, Nilüfer Hatun Cd. No:114, Nilüfer/Bursa

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#### Five Stars Hotels

Ulubatlı Hasan Bulvarı No: 5 Osmangazi +90 (224) 250 20 20 Odunluk Mah. Akpınar Cd. No: 17 Nilüfer +90 (224) 800 08 00 Çekirge Cad. No: 79 Osmangazi +90 (224) 233 38 00 İstanbul Cad. Mo: 347 Osmangazi +90 (224) 500 05 05 Kükürtlü Mah. Çıta Sok. No: 16 Osmangazi +90 (224) 233 93 00 Çekirge Mah. 1. Murat Cad. No: 47 Osmangazi +90 (224) 444 16 26 Odunluk Mah. Akpınar Cad. Nilüfer +90 (224) 300 16 16 Mercure Bursa Hotel Kukurtlu Mah Cekirge Cad No 81 Osmangazi 16104 +90 (224) 230 01 00

Celik Palas Hilton Kervansaray Termal\* Marigold\* Sheraton

Crowne Plaza

Adranos Hotel

#### Four Stars Hotels

#### Üçevler Mah. Aysel Sok. N:12/1 Nilüfer +90 (224) 443 33 11 Çekirge Mah. Zübeyde Hanım Cad. N:1 Osmangazi +90 (224) 233 94 00

Anatolia Raia Yeni Yalova Yolu No: 477 Osmangazi Central Divan Gönlüferah \* Gönlüferah Citv Görükle Oruç Holiday Inn The Berussa Tuğcu Angelacoma Otel İnegöl Royal Hotel Termal & Spa\* Holiday Inn Bursa

Ulubatlı Hasan Bul. No: 55 Osmangazi Kükürtlü Mah. Dr. Rüştü Burlu Cad. No:11 Osmangazi +90 (224) 26510 00 1. Murat Cad. No: 34 Osmangazi Cekirge Mah. 1. Murat Cad. No: 20 Osmangazi Görükle Dumlupınar Mah. İskele Sok. N:13 Nilüfer Uludağ Üniv. Görükle Kampüs Alanı Nilüfer Çekirge Mah. Uludağ Cad. No: 16 Osmangazi Kırcaali Mah. Gazcılar Cad. No: 195 Osmangazi Fatih Mh. Yeşilyurt Sk. N:3 İnegöl Ramada Otel Gemlik Hisar Mh. Bahçelievler Sk. N:6 Gemlik Kemalpaşa Mh. Atatürk Cd. N: 54 İnegöl Ramada Bursa Cekirge Kükürtlü Mahallesi, 1. Mutlular Cd. No:5, 16100 Osmangazi/Bursa Ramada Bursa Nilüfer Odunluk Mah., Liman Cad. 13/A, 16110 Nilüfer/Bursa Ulu Mahallesi, Ulubatlı Hasan Blv. No:44, 16220 Osmangazi/Bursa

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+90 (224) 239 69 90

+90 (224) 256 45 00

+90 (224) 719 50 00

+90 (224) 250 62 50

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# **Uludağ Hotels**

#### Zone 1

City Centre

Grand Yazıcı 4 star +90 (224) 285 20 50 Le Chalet 3 star +90 (224) 285 23 42 Kervansaray Uludağ +90 (224) 285 21 87 Alkoçlar +90 (224) 285 22 17 Büyük +90 (224) 285 20 05 Beceren +90 (224) 285 21 11 Fahri +90 (224) 285 20 10 Erta Soyak Hote +90 (0224) 285 20 29

#### Zone 2

+90 (224) 285 21 21 Atasu (Mila) +90 (224) 285 20 71 Karinna 4 star +90 (224) 285 23 60 Ağaoğlu My Mountain 4 star +90 (224) 285 24 17 Kaya Uludağ 4 star +90 (224) 285 25 00 **Bof Hotel** +90 (224) 800 00 00 Monte Baia +90 (224) 285 23 83 Uludag Orman Koskleri +90 (553) 696 00 16 +90 (553) 696 0316



# Where To Stay

# **Special Registered Accommodation**

Authentique Club Kitapevi Otel Cumalıkızık1 Safran Otel Kale İçi Otel

Botanik Parkı Soğanlı Mah. Osmangazi Kavaklı Mah. 6. Kavaklı Sok. No:21 Osmangazi Köyiçi Mevkii Cumalızık Köyü Yıldırım Osmangazi Mh. 9.Ara Sk. N:3 Osmangazi Mollagürani Mh. Dolaplı Sk. N:3 Osmangazi

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Ada Palas Oteli Karakaya Otel Hotel Efehan Aloft Bursa Kardeş Otel Yıldız Otel Termal Artıç Hotel Ibis Otel Bursa Kent Hotel Yeşil Purusa Hotel Kervansaray Bursa Montania Otel Doğa-Lya Otel Svrus Otel Hotel Park İnegöl Familia Otel Gemlik Paşa Otel Hande Hotel İznik Zeytin Bahçesi Çağlayan Otel

Çekirge 1. Murat Cd. N:21 Osmangazi +90 (224) 233 39 90 S. Garaj Mh. Ulubatlı Hasan Blv. N:33 Osmangazi +90 (224) 253 75 75 Alacamescit Mh.Gümüşçeken Cd. N:34 Osmangazi +90 (224) 225 22 60 Hampton By Hilton Soğanlı Mh. Y. Yalova Yolu N:349 Osmangazi +90 (224) 400 04 04 Odunluk Mh. Akpınar Cd. N:4/1 Nilüfer +90 (224) 300 30 30 Ahmetpaşa Mh. Nedim Sk. N:17/E Osmangazi +90 (224) 272 17 70 Büyük Özkan Oteli Kırcaali Mh. Celal Bayar Cd. N:191 Osmangazi +90 (224) 272 15 00 Cekirge Mh. Selvinaz Cd. N:1 Osmangazi +90 (224) 239 69 80 Tahtakale Mh. Maksem Cd. N:95 Osmangazi +90 (224) 224 55 05 Altınova Mh. Fuar Cd. N:31 Osmangazi +90 (224) 275 85 00 Nalbantoğlu Mh. Atatürk Cd. N:69 Osmangazi +90 (224) 223 54 20 Sakarya Mh. Ulubatlı Hasan Bul. N:80/1 Osmangazi +90 (224) 888 00 18 Aktarhüssam Mh. Fevzi Çakmak Cd. N:31 Osmangazi +90 (224) 220 00 00 Ömerbey Mh. İstasyon Cd. N:8 Mudanya +90 (224) 544 60 00 Halitpaşa Mh. Manolya Sk. N:33 Mudanya +90 (224) 544 86 66 Hisar Mh. Yener Sk. N:24 Gemlik +90 (224) 512 32 00 Osmaniye Mh. Altıeylül Cd. N:4 İnegöl +90 (224) 714 92 92 Muradiye Mh. Turist Yolu Cd. N:91 Orhangazi +90 (224) 573 90 25 Hamidiye Mh. İstiklal Cd. Bora Sk. N:2 Gemlik +90 (224) 514 34 34 Lalaşahin Mh. Setboyu Sk. N:17 Mustafakemalpaşa +90 (224) 613 23 45 Selçuk Mh. Kutalmış Oğlu Süleyman Şah Cd. N:119 İznik +90 (224) 757 24 04 Oylat Mevkii Hilmiye Köyü İnegöl Gököz Mh. Gököz Sk. N:90 Keles

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#### Eco Accommodations

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# First of Bursa

The first ecumenical council of the Church was in Nicaea (İznik), Bursa

The first capital of Ottoman Empire is Bursa

The first money of Ottoman Empire was coined in Bursa

The first bridge of Ottoman Empire was built in Bursa

The first wool, cotton ans silk fabric were woven in Bursa

The first silk company was established in Bursa

The first hospital of Ottoman Empire was built in Bursa

The first theater building in Anatolia is in Bursa

The first official museum of Anatolia was opened in Bursa in 1902

The first city museum in Turkey was opened in Bursa

The first and only folk dance without music is Bursa's

The first skiiing contest in Turkey was organised in Bursa

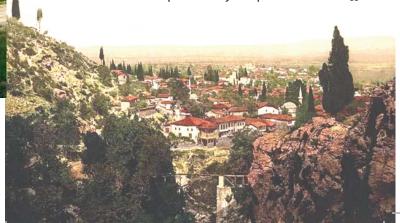
The first towel in the world was produced in Bursa

The first cableway of Turkey was built in Bursa

The first chrome mine in the world was found in Orhaneli, Bursa in 1848.

The first tile of Ottoman Empire was produced in İznik, Bursa.

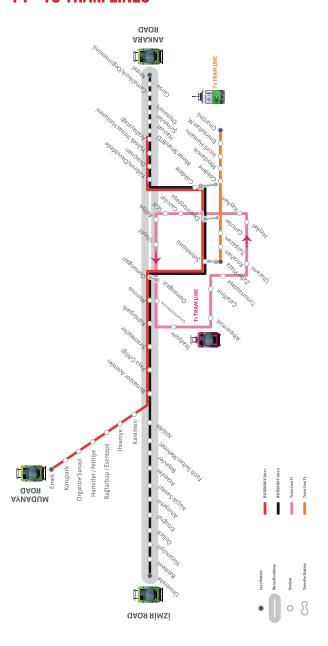
The first mineral water enterprise of Turkey was operated in Bursa in 1855.



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# Subway / Tramway

# BURSARAY AND BURTRAM T1 - T3 TRAM LINES



# **USEFUL INFORMATION**

#### **MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**



You will need to pay for any medical treatment which you receive in Turkey. For this reason it is advisable to take out medical insurance before travelling. Bursa has several JCI-Accredited Hospitals. It is not diffucult to fund English-speaking doctors. Drugs are sold only at pharmacies daytime. Pharmacies on duty are offering non-stop service.



#### **RENT A CAR**

You can drive in Turkey with EU, US or International friving license. You should have your driving license, your passport and insurance documents of the vehicle with you in the car at all times, All of the major international car rental companies, as well as a number of local ones, have offices in Bursa. Driving in Turkey is on the right.



Turkish road signs conform to the International Protocol on Road Signs and archaeological and historic sites are indicated by yellow signs.

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#### **ELECTRICITY**

The mains voltage for electricity is **220 V** and **50 Hz**. Central European type wall socket **(two-pin plugs)** is standard in Bursa.

#### **STAY SAFE**

Bursa is a safe city with Interpol ranking it as one of the safest holiday destination in Europe. But of course you should always be cautious if you're wandering alone in late night.

#### **CLIMATE**

Bursa has Mediterranean type humid subtropical climate. Monthly Average Temperatures: (°C)

January: 0/6 February: 2/9
April: 7/19 May: 10/23

July: 18 / 30 August: 19 / 34 October: 12 / 21 November: 5 / 13 March: 5/14 June: 15/28

September: 14/25 December: 4/11

# **USEFUL INFORMATION**

#### **Cost of Living**

Average prices for every day consumer products

Bursaray Metro tickets approximately	0,5€
1 full-price museum admission	4,5€
1 sandwich around	2,5€
1 beer in cafe	5€
1 small coffee	3,5€
1 pizza between	7-10

#### **Important Telephone Numbers**

Central Tourist Information	+90 (224) 220 18 48
Police Emergency	155
Emergency Medicine Call	112
Fire emergency	110
Directory Assistance	11811
Gendarme	156
Bursa Metropolitan Municipality	153
Bursa Governorship	179
Ministry of Culture and Tourism	176
Communication Centre	

TL5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200



# **CURRENCY**

Legal Tenders - Lira (TL) = 100 Kuruş Coins Kuruş: 5, 10, 25, 50 / TL: 1 **Banknotes** 

Turkish Lira Symbol



International credit and debit cards are widely accepted in shops and restaurants throughout Bursa. However it is advisable also to carry cash for the smaller shops and cafes, particularly in more rural areas. Usually, cash can be exchanged without charging commission in exchange offices, banks or hotels. Travellers' cheques can be exchanged in banks only. Cash point machines (ATM) are available in most areas, which accept major credit and debit cards and give instructions in English. If you are planning to exchange currency back from TL before leaving the country, or are making a major purchase, which may need to be declared to customs, you will need to keep your transaction receipts in order to show that the currency has been legally exchanged.

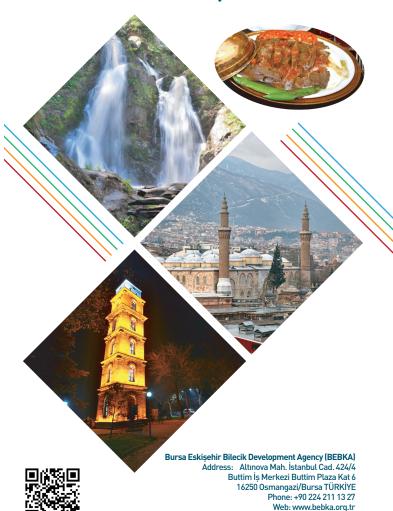








# Bursa The Grand City









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