

## The Sofa Hotels & Residences, Istanbul

**The Sofa Hotel** is located at the heart of the gay friendly, chic shopping & arts district, Nişantaşı. centrally located, the hotel is only 10minutes walking distance from Taksim Square. From the bars & restaurants in the trendy neighbourhood to the high-end fashion boutiques; the LGBT Life in Istanbul, Nisantasi is flourishing.

Start your day with a fabulous buffet breakfast at The Sofa Hotel, Shop till you almost Drop in the stylish and elegant boutiques of **Nişantaşı** . Pamper yourself in the Sofa SPA and relax before getting ready to dine at the famous and fun **Frankie`s Istanbul** on the top floor of The Sofa Hotel, excellent food and service, fun entertainment. Sip cocktails on Frankie`s roof terrace and take in the most spectacular views of the evening sky line of Istanbul. Then step out in **Istanbul`s Night Life**.

We recommend the following hot spots;

### GAY & LESBIAN FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

**Limonata:** A fancy and dynamic restaurant located in Nisantasi with mostly gay staff, a colourful place, fusion cuisine and lovely atmosphere.

**5th Floor(5.Kat):** One of the best dining opportunities with a beautiful Bosphorus view, offering a gay friendly and energetic service.

**360 Istanbul:** 360istanbul is set in a penthouse perched on a 19th century apartment building overlooking the old embassy row in Beyoglu which commands a 360 breath taking landscape view of Istanbul with a Gay Friendly atmosphere.

**Cahide:** An avangard place with different drag dancer team for the ones who would like to enjoy the night before clubs, located in Macka, 5 minutes by taxi from The Sofa Hotel.

**Elde Meze:** A cool alternative fine dining restaurant with Bosnaque and Turkish food, gay friendly and gay staff, located in Pera, 5 minutes by taxi from The Sofa Hotel.

## **GAY & LESBIAN NIGHT CLUBS AND PARTIES**

**Çanta:** Fun and Fabulous, mixed crowd and fantastic entertainment with Fabulous Gogo boys and seriously talented Drag Queens. Located in Taksim, 5 minutes by taxi from The Sofa Hotel.

**NEO:** One of the legendary clubs of Istanbul's gay life, Neo, is now back to bring a fresh breeze. Neo Istanbul is glamorous with its 19 meters long huge led screens, delicious go-go boys, highly entertaining drag dancer team, most popular DJs and jaw-dropping surprises.

**X Large:** Mixed crowd but mostly visited by the gay community, also hosts fabulous live entertainment shows. Located in Maslak.

**Tekyon:** Gay crowd located in Taksim, open for 7 days where about a 1000 people visit on Fridays and 3000 on Saturdays, get there early!

**Eglen-C:** Mixed crowd but mostly visited by gay community. Great Turkish music from the 90s, located in Taksim.

**Love Dance Point:** Gay crowd with amazing DJ performances, Gogo boy shows. Opened on Friday and Saturday only. Located in Harbiye.

## **GAY & LESBIAN FRIENDLY GYM**

**Mac Gmall:** GYM predominantly mix and very gay friendly work out place, located in Macka, 5 minutes by taxi from The Sofa Hotel.

**Mac Kanyon:** GYM predominantly mix and very gay friendly work out place, located in Levent, 15 minutes by taxi from The Sofa Hotel.