

- ✦ Istanbul's gay area par excellence is the Beyoglu neighborhood, in the European part of the city. Most of the city's gay bars are around Taksim Square and Istiklal Avenue. Those are a few minutes away from the hotel.
- ✦ Istanbul's culture is rooted in the city that has been the capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires. Traditional visual art, museums, cinema, music or cultural events are constantly on in the city.
- ✦ Turkish baths, or hammams, were a staple of Ottoman society, and while some have been converted into cafes or become unused historical relics, they still have a place in modern Istanbul. Popular with Turks and tourists, many Turkish baths, such as the Cağaloğlu Hammam, have been in continuous operation for hundreds of years. For those who choose to cool off, the city has recently reopened many of its beaches.
- ✦ Besides typical Turkish cuisine like kebab, Istanbul is also famous for its historic seafood restaurants. Many of the city's most famous and high-end restaurants line the shores of the Bosphorus, where you can also take a boat trip and visit this beautiful area.