

GENERAL TERMS

yemek eat	meyhane tavern	çay bardağı Turkish tea glass	yarım porsiyon half portion
içmek drink	ocakbaşı barbecue restaurant	fincan cup	sade plain
kahvaltı breakfast	pastane pastry shop	bıçak knife	garson waiter/waitress
öğle yemeği lunch	pideci Turkish-style pizzeria	çatal fork	(İngilizce) menü (English) menu
akşam yemeği dinner	dolma vegetables stuffed with rice and/or meat	kaşık spoon	hesap the bill
restoran restaurant	meze small dishes eaten at the start of a meal	kase bowl	hesap, lütfen! check, please!
balık restoran fish restaurant	ana yemekler main courses	tabak plate	bahşış tip
kebabçı <i>kebab</i> (kebab) restaurant	zeytinyağlı food cooked in olive oil	peçete napkin	servis ücreti service charge
köfteci <i>köfte</i> (meatballs) restaurant	bardak glass	buz ice	afiyet olsun bon appétit
esnaf lokantası casual restaurant for ready-made food		porسیون portion	şerefe! cheers!

STAPLES

ayva quince	elma apple	karabiber black pepper	pastırma pressed beef preserved in garlic and spices	siğir eti beef
bal honey	enginar artichoke	kaşar peyniri cheddar-like sheep's milk cheese	patlıcan eggplant	soğan onion
balık fish	erik plum	kayısı apricot	peynir cheese	süt milk
beyaz peynir salty white cheese similar to feta	muz banana	kestane chestnuts	pilav a rice dish	tavuk/piliç chicken
biber pepper	et (suyu) meat (stock)	kiraz cherry	salata salad	taze fasulye green beans
ceviz walnut	fıstık pistachio	kuzu lamb	salatalık cucumber	tuz salt
çilek strawberry	hamsi anchovy	levrek sea bass	sebze vegetable	un flour
çorba soup	incir fig	lüfer bluefish	şeftali peach	uskumru mackerel
domates tomato	ıspanak spinach	mantar mushroom	simit sesame-encrusted bread ring	vişne sour cherry
ekmek bread	kalamar calamari	meyve fruit		yumurta egg
	kalkan turbot, a large, white fish			zeytin olive

DRINKS AND DESSERTS

ayran cold drink made with yogurt and salt	Türk kahvesi Turkish coffee	sahlep hot drink with crushed tapioca-root extract	baklava layered phyllo pastry with nuts, and honey or sugar syrup	kadayıf shredded-wheat pastry with pistachios, honey, and sugar syrup
çay tea	...orta şekerli with sugar	şalgam suyu sour turnip juice	(fırın) sütlaç (baked) rice pudding	ekmek kadayıfı dough soaked in syrup and topped with <i>kaymak</i> (clotted cream)
bitki çayı herbal tea	...şekersiz/sade no sugar	kola cola-flavored soft drink	helva halvah, a sweet with sesame oil, cereals, and honey or sugar syrup	künefe <i>kadayıf</i> served hot with a cheese filling
elma çayı apple tea, predominantly a tourist drink	...az şekerli a little sugar	bira beer	lokum Turkish delight, a jellylike sweet with nuts or fruits	muhallebi sweet rice-flour and milk pudding
su water	...orta şekerli medium sugar	rakı aniseed-flavored liquor		
maden suyu sparkling water	(taze) nar suyu (fresh) pomegranate juice	kırmızı şarap red wine		
Nescafe instant coffee	(taze) portakal suyu (fresh) orange juice	beyaz şarap white wine		
Filtre Kahve American-style (drip) coffee	vişne suyu sour-cherry juice	aşure dried fruit, nut, and legume pudding		
	limonata lemonade	dondurma ice cream		

POPULAR DISHES

MEZE

ançüez salted or pickled anchovy
cacık yogurt dip with garlic and mint
Çerkez tavuğu chicken, with bread, walnuts, and garlic
ezme salatası spicy tomato dip
haydari yogurt dip with feta and garlic
içli köfte meatballs rolled in bulgur and fried
imam bayıldı cooked eggplant, onion, tomato, and peppers
kalamar tava fried calamari
lakerda strongly flavored salted kingfish
midye dolma mussels stuffed with rice
muammara salad of walnuts, bread, tahini, and lemon juice
piyaz white-bean salad
semizotu salatası green purslane with yogurt and garlic
sigara böreği fried cigar-shaped pastries filled with cheese
turşu pickled vegetables
yaprak sarma/yaprak dolması stuffed grape leaves

KEBAPS AND KÖFTE

kebab meat grilled on a skewer
şiş kebab meat pieces grilled on a skewer
döner (kebab) compressed meat cooked on a revolving skewer and thinly sliced
İskender (Bursa) kebab döner served on pide with yogurt, tomato and butter sauces
tavuk şiş small chicken pieces on a skewer
testi kebab meat in sauce, slow-cooked in a sealed terra-cotta pot
(ızgara) köfte (grilled) meatballs
alinazik eggplant puree with yogurt and ground *köfte*
beyti sarma spicy ground meat baked in a thin layer of bread
çiğ köfte raw ground-lamb mixed with pounded bulgur, onion, spices

OTHER DISHES

Arnavut ciğeri fried liver
balık ekmek grilled fish sandwich
börek sweet or savory pastry
gözleme savory pancake
hünkâr beğendi lamb/beef stew on a mound of rich eggplant puree
kısır bulgur salad
kokoreç grilled lamb/mutton intestines
mantı dumplings stuffed with minced beef and topped with yogurt, tomato sauce
menemen scrambled eggs with tomatoes, peppers, and white cheese
mercimek çorbası red lentil soup
pide Turkish-style flatbread
su böreği lasagna-like pastry with white cheese and parsley
sucuk spicy beef sausage