

Let's Visit: Turkey

Intermediate (B1-B2)



WARM UP

Part 1. Discuss the following questions.

1. Have you ever been to Turkey?
2. What comes to mind when you think of Turkey?
3. Would you prefer to explore its cities, beaches, or countryside? Why?

Part 2. How much do you know about Turkey? Test your knowledge!

1. What is the largest city in Turkey?
2. What is the capital city?
3. What is Turkish tea traditionally served in?
4. Name the famous ancient city in western Turkey.
5. Which region is famous for hot air balloon rides?



VIDEO ACTIVITY & PICTURE MATCHING

Part 1. Watch a short video showing different places and things in Turkey. While you watch, note:

1. Colours you see
2. Activities people are doing
3. The atmosphere you get from the video

Part 2. Look at some of Turkey's famous places and landmarks below. Match the name to the picture.

Hagia Sophia

Cappadocia Hot Air
Balloons

Pamukkale Travertine
Terraces

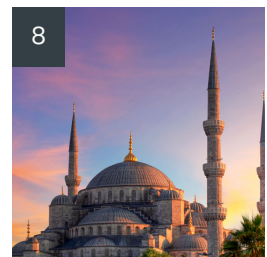
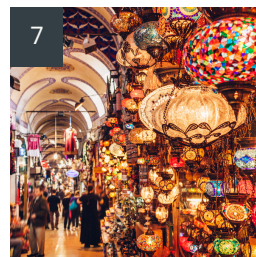
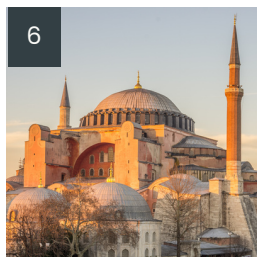
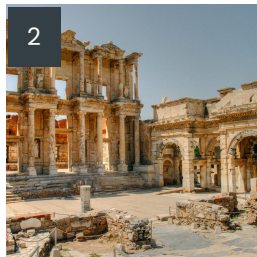
Blue Mosque

Ephesus Ancient Ruins

Mount Ararat

Grand Bazaar

Antalya Old Town



Part 3. Match each place or landmark to the correct description.

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Ephesus Ancient Ruins	Mount Ararat	Grand Bazaar	Antalya Old Town

1. _____ Historic building in Istanbul with a grand dome, once a church and later a mosque.
2. _____ White mineral terraces filled with warm, blue water.
3. _____ Well-preserved Roman city with grand theatres and marble streets.
4. _____ Snow-capped mountain and legendary resting place of Noah's Ark.
5. _____ Beautiful mosque in Istanbul known for its blue tiles and six minarets.
6. _____ Hot air balloons over rock formations and valleys at sunrise.
7. _____ Charming historic district with narrow streets and Ottoman-era houses.
8. _____ One of the world's oldest and largest covered markets in Istanbul.

Part 4. Discuss the following questions.

1. Which of these places would you most like to visit and why?
2. Would you prefer historical landmarks or natural scenery in Turkey?



Part 5. Look at some of Turkey's famous food below. Match the name to the picture.

Kebab

Meze

Börek

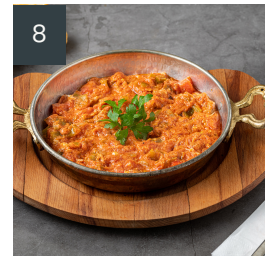
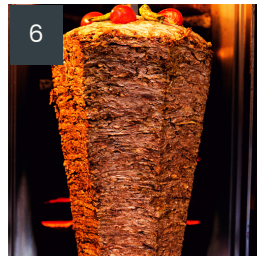
Menemen

Simit

Lahmacun

Baklava

Turkish Delight



Part 6. Match each dish to the correct description.

1. _____ Grilled meat, cooked in many regional styles.
2. _____ Sesame bread ring.
3. _____ Chewy sweets in flavours such as rose, lemon, or pistachio.
4. _____ Thin, crispy flatbread with minced meat topping.
5. _____ Turkish scrambled eggs with tomatoes and peppers.
6. _____ Sweet pastry with nuts and syrup.
7. _____ Pastry filled with cheese, meat, or spinach.
8. _____ Small plates for sharing, usually served as appetisers.

Part 7. Discuss the following questions.

1. Which of these dishes would you most like to try?
2. How does Turkish food compare with food from your country?

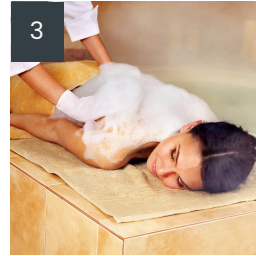
Part 8. Look at the pictures of Turkey's culture. Match each cultural aspect to the correct picture.

Çay (tea) & hospitality

Hamam

Nazarlık

Ramadan & iftar



Part 9. Match each cultural aspect to its correct description.

1. _____ Steam bath, scrub, relaxation ritual.
2. _____ Protective symbols.
3. _____ Endless glasses; welcoming guests.
4. _____ Breaking fast at sunset in community.

Part 10. Discuss the following questions.

1. What drink says "welcome" for you?
2. Would you like to try hammam?
3. Do you carry lucky items?
4. Would you join an iftar?

READING ACTIVITY

Part 1. Read this dialogue between two travellers who recently visited Turkey.

Sam: I can't get over how much I loved Turkey. Honestly, it was a feast for the eyes everywhere we went.

Mia: I know! Cappadocia especially – those hot air balloons at sunrise made my jaw drop.

Sam: And then exploring Ephesus... it felt like we'd stepped back in time.

Mia: Definitely. I could almost picture the ancient streets filled with people from thousands of years ago.

Sam: The food was just as impressive. That menemen we had for breakfast is worth shouting about.

Mia: And the baklava! I swear I could eat that every day.

Sam: What I liked most was how friendly everyone was – that warmth left me wanting more.

Mia: Same here. If I had the chance, I'd be back in Turkey tomorrow without hesitation.

Part 2. Answer the questions below based on the dialogue.

1. What phrase does Sam use to describe how much he enjoyed the sights in Turkey?
2. Which place in Cappadocia does Mia say made her jaw drop?
3. How did Sam describe the experience of exploring Ephesus?
4. Which foods do Sam and Mia mention, and what do they say about them?
5. What left Sam wanting more, and what does Mia say she would do if she had the chance?



Part 3. Match the expression to its meaning.

A feast for the eyes

Made my jaw drop

Step back in time

Worth shouting about

Left me wanting more

1. _____ Made you want to return or have more of the same
2. _____ Felt like you were in the past
3. _____ Very surprising or impressive
4. _____ Visually stunning
5. _____ So good you want to tell everyone about it

Part 4. Discuss the following questions.

1. Have you ever been somewhere that was **a feast for the eyes**?
2. When was the last time something **made your jaw drop**?
3. Have you ever been to a place that felt like **stepping back in time**?
4. What's something **worth shouting about** from your last trip?
5. Has a trip ever **left you wanting more**?

FINAL THOUGHTS...

Part 1. Discuss the questions below to reflect on what you've learnt during this lesson.

1. Would Turkey be near the top of your travel bucket list? Why or why not?
2. If you had only 3 days in Turkey, what would you do first?
3. Which part of Turkish culture interests you the most – history, food, or scenery?

