

# Culture of Turkey

The Cultural structure of Turkey, under the influence of geographical and historical features very rich and formed by blending of different cultures; It is adorned with colors such as East, West, Middle East, Mediterranean and Islamic culture and has been affected by these cultures.



# Musical Culture in Turkey

**Turkish music is the style of music that the Turks have developed since Central Asia and whose current characteristics are evident during the Anatolian Seljuks and Ottomans. Music has developed in the Ottoman period as two main branches that were related to each other, but with different characters, in folk and upper cultural circles.**

## TURKISH MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

There are a number of musical instruments in Turkey such as;

Stringed Instruments: Saz, Baglama, Ud, Tar

Bow Instruments: Kabak Kemane, Kemence, Kanun, Santur

Wind Instruments: Ney, Klarnet, Zurna, Kaval, Cigirtma,

Tulum, Sipsi, Cifte

Percussion: Davul, Nagara, Tef, Kasik, Kudum, Nevbe, Zil

- Classic Music
- Modern Music ( pop-rock-jazz)
- Turkish Folk Music
- Turkish Classical Music

# TURKEY'S CULINARY CULTURE

- Soup has a special place in the Turkish diet and is drunk at any time of day. Turkish people have a big diversity of vegetables and of course this reflects on the dishes.
- Kebab is the common name for a dish where meat is coated around a skewer and grilled over a charcoal fire.
- Generally, food is spicier and richer the further south and east you travel, while in the west, olive oil, seafood and vegetable dishes are more prevalent.
- Turkish culinary culture is renowned as one of the world's best. It is considered to be one of the three main cuisines of the world because of the variety of its recipes and flavours. Fresh, local and seasonal produce are at the heart of Turkish cooking culture.



Adana Kebab



Corba/Soup



Turkish Pizza/Lahmacun



Traditional Turkish Breakfast



Iskender Kebab

# MOST DELICIOUS TURKISH DESSERTS

Turkish cuisine has a wide range of delicious desserts, including milk puddings, sweet pastries, and fruit puddings of various kinds, often flavoured with pistachios and other nuts.

**Baklava** is at the top of the list, a world famous dessert. The crispy Baklava is sweetened with light syrup made from sugar, water and lemon juice to make it deliciously light

**Kunefe:** Kunefe is a traditional Turkish cheese pastry soaked in sweet syrup and popular especially in the city of Antakya located on Mediterranean. Kunefe is considered to be one of the most delicious Turkish desserts.

**Asure** is a pudding made of wheat, beans, chickpeas and dried fruits and nuts. It is served during the first month of the Islamic calendar. Asure is an important part of the culinary tradition in Turkey.



Baklava



Asure



Kunefe



# TURKEY'S FOLK DANCES

Turkey has a very ancient folk dance tradition, which varies from region to region, each dance being colourful, rhythmic, elegant and stylish. Some of the most famous dances; Bar, Halay, Hora, Zeybek, Horon, Kilic Kalkan, Kasik Oyunu.

**Kilic Kalkan** of Bursa represents the Ottoman conquest of the city. It is performed by men only, dressed in early Ottoman battle dress, who dance to the sound of clashing swords and shields without music.

**Horon** appears very different from the folk dances in other parts of Turkey with its formation of tempo, rhythm and measure. This typical Black Sea dance is performed, in general, by groups and their characteristic measure is 7/16, dressed in black with silver trimmings. The dancers link arms and quiver to the vibrations of the kemence, a primitive type of violin.

**Halay** is a part of Turkish dance and is performed to a large extent in the Eastern, Southeastern and Central Anatolia and it is one of the most striking dance. It has a rich figure structure of simplicity is the symbol of creation and originality of the folk.



Halay



Kilic Kalkan



Horon

# Turkish Literature

**HISTORY OF LITERATURE** The history of Turkish Literature may be divided into three periods, reflecting the history of Turkish civilization as follows: the period up to the adoption of Islam, the Islamic period and the period under western influence.

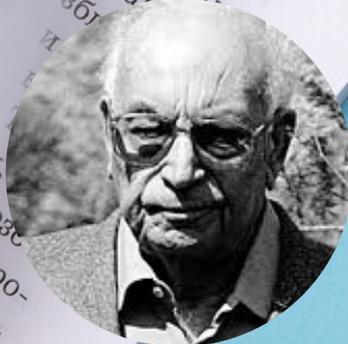
Yasar Kemal was one of Turkey's leading writers. He received 38 awards during his lifetime and had been a candidate for the Nobel Prize in Literature on the Ince Memed.

## FAMOUS TURKISH WRITERS

Some of the world famous Turkish writers, Atilla Ilhan, Aziz Nesin, Elif Safak, Nazim Hikmet, Orhan Pamuk, Yasar Kemal.



Orhan Pamuk



Yasar Kemal



Elif Safak



Nazim Hikmet

# Common foods between Turkey/Macedonia

I feel lucky 'cause we have too much food, word and history between Turkey and Macedonia. The local people are friendly and they are ready to help. If they know you are from Turkey, they try to speak Turkish :) so, its really amazing and good things for me.

if someone comes from Turkey, im sure that will have great time in Macedonia. You can see below some common foods, kofte, borek, pide, mekik, sutlac etc.



Mekik/Mekitsi



Biber Dolmasi/Polneti Piperki



Borek/Burek



Turkish Doner



Gevrek



Sutlac/Sutlijash



Kofte/Cevapi



Lokum



Pide/Pastrmajlija



Pogaca



Gozleme

# Common things between Turkey/Macedonia

If we want to buy something from shops store etc. i guess we can agree easily Due to the fact that we have too much common words also i m sure that the people will help us too.

Let's see the below some common words.



Cezve



Kilim



Carsaf



Pencere



Seker



Perde

- *Hayde*
- *Soba*
- *Dukkan*
- *Kanal*
- *Tarcin*
- *Kamur*
- *Bilet*



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