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*IZNIK,
BURSA*



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THE HISTORY OF IZNIK

Iznik is a town and an administrative district in the province of Bursa, Turkey. The town is at the site of the ancient Greek city of Nicaea, from which the modern name derives. The town lies in a fertile basin at the eastern end of Lake Iznik, with ranges of hills to the north and south. As the crow flies, the town is only 90 kilometres (56 miles) southeast of Istanbul but by road it is 200 km (124 miles) around the Gulf of Izmit. It is 80 km (50 miles) by road from Bursa.

Iznik has a population of about 4,400. It has been a district centre of the province of Bursa since 1930 but belonged to the district of Kocaeli between 1923 and 1927. It was a township of Yenişehir (connected to Bilecik before 1926) district between 1927 and 1930.

Ancient Nicaea was ringed with walls that still survive to this day despite having been pierced in many places for roads. Inside the walls stands the Ayasofya Mosque where the First Council of Nicaea was held in A.D. 325.



AGRICULTURAL SITUATION OF IZNIK

Iznik is a district in the Marmara Region of Turkey. Agriculture is an important economic activity, with crops such as grains, vegetables, fruits, and olives being cultivated. Agriculture contributes to the local economy, but faces challenges such as climate change, declining water resources, and urban expansion. Promoting sustainable farming practices and implementing measures for agricultural preservation are crucial. Agriculture plays a significant role in the economic, social, and cultural aspects of Iznik

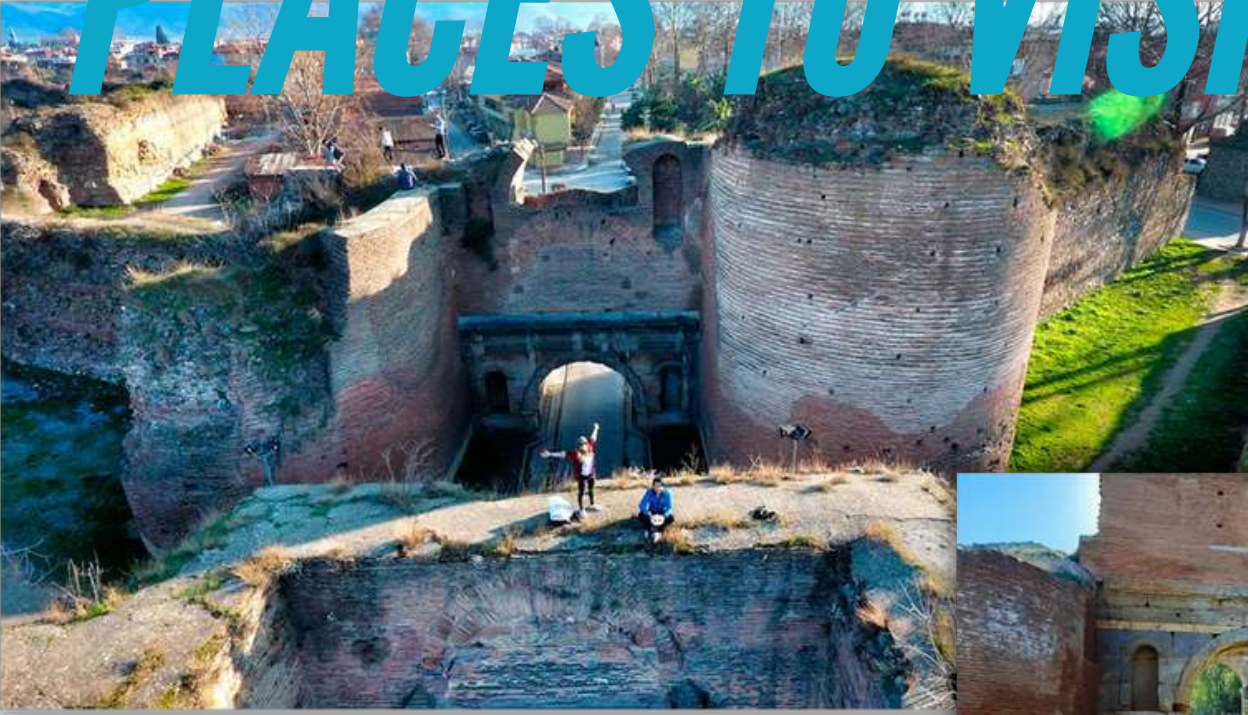


CERAMIC ART IN IZNIK

Iznik is a district known for its ceramic art, with traditional workshops and shops producing famous blue and white ceramics. Ceramics contribute to Iznik's economy, culture, and tourism. However, sustainability and preservation measures are crucial due to changing market conditions. Overall, ceramics in Iznik play a significant role in the district's economy, tourism, and cultural identity.



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HISTORICAL CITY WALLS AND CITY GATES

"The city walls of Iznik, with a height of 10-13 meters and a total length of 4,970 meters, are generally recorded to be from the Late Roman period, although the exact historical date cannot be determined. In fact, the grid city plan in Iznik is evidence that the city dates back to the Hellenistic period, but the walls themselves are not from that time. Unfortunately, due to earthquakes and wars, there are no remnants of that period on the walls. In fact, the walls have undergone various repairs and additions over time, as seen in the Istanbul walls, consisting of three layers, with two layers forming a rampart and a ditch. Of course, the main reason for this design was for strong defense. You can even climb up to a part of the city walls, and it is a great feeling to walk on them."

PLACES TO VISIT



LEGENDS OF NICAEA – THE LOST CITY UNDER THE WATER

The belief that there is an Atlantis-like sunken city lying beneath the waters of Lake Izmir is the most famous legend of Izmir. For centuries, among the fishermen of Izmir, there have been rumors that the city's minarets have been caught and torn apart by fishing nets and lines. Even the notes of Hoca Saadettin Efendi, who lived in the 1500s, contain sentences such as "When the water recedes during the driest months of the year, some large structures appear in the middle."



PLACES TO VISIT



THE OBELISK

The obelisk in Iznik is a 5.5-meter-tall Roman monument with statues of Constantine II and Helena. It holds great significance as a surviving monument from the Roman Empire, offering insights into ancient times. Iznik's obelisk is a popular tourist attraction, symbolizing the city's rich historical and cultural heritage from the Byzantine period to the Ottoman Empire. It is a must-visit destination for history enthusiasts and a prominent attraction for tourists exploring Iznik's cultural treasures.



PLACES TO VISIT



IZNIK MUSEUM

The museum exhibits historical artifacts dating back to the Ottoman Empire period, reflecting the rich historical and cultural heritage of Iznik. The museum houses various objects made of ceramics, tiles, glass, metal, and stone. It is an important destination for history and culture enthusiasts, offering a unique experience for visitors who want to learn about the region's rich history.



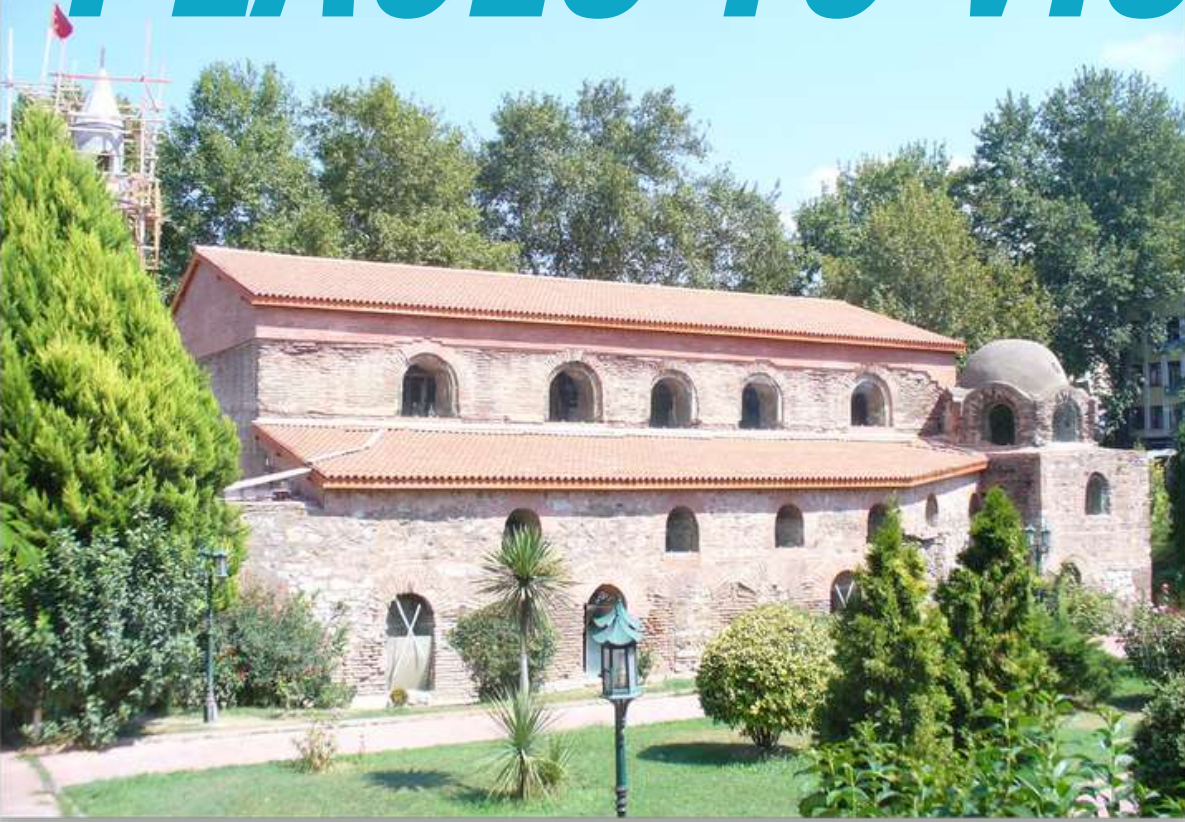
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650 YEARS OF TURKISH BATH

Also known as the Grand Bath, this building is one of the three most important baths in İznik. Located on Atatürk Avenue, this bath dates back to the years between 1450-1500 and is also known as the 1st Murat Bath. The building has a double bath plan and the hot section is decorated with malakari. The bath features stone walls with brick reinforcements.

PLACES TO VISIT



THE HAGIA SOPHIA MOSQUE

The Hagia Sophia Mosque, a historical structure dating back to the Byzantine Empire, is a remarkable example of architecture. It is famous for its rich decorations, mosaics, and frescoes. It serves as an important attraction for visitors who wish to explore the historical and cultural treasures of Iznik.



PLACES TO VISIT



TILE MUSEUM

The Iznik Tile Museum is a museum located in Iznik district of Bursa province, Turkey. It is famous for its rich collection of Ottoman Empire era tiles. The museum provides information about the history, production processes, patterns, and usage areas of Iznik tiles. It offers a unique experience of tile art to visitors and serves as an important attraction for those who want to explore the cultural richness of Iznik.



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Nilüfer İmaretî is a historical building located in İznik district of Bursa, Turkey. Dating back to the Ottoman Empire period, this imaret was a charitable institution where meals were distributed to the poor by philanthropists. The building is architecturally remarkable, showcasing features of Ottoman architecture. As a historical and cultural site, Nilüfer İmaretî offers visitors an insight into the social welfare culture of the Ottoman era, providing a unique historical experience. It is currently used as a museum and serves as an important tourist attraction for those visiting İznik.





NILUFER HATUN TILE MARKET

Nilüfer Hatun Çini Çarşısı is a historical market located in the town of Iznik. It is famous for Iznik tiles and offers visitors the opportunity to experience traditional tile production and art up close. This market, with its handmade tiles, ceramics, and decorative items, provides a pleasant shopping experience for those who want to explore the historical and cultural riches of Iznik. It is known for its charming shops and the handcrafted products of local artisans.



PLACES TO VISIT

Training Venue: İzbel Cafe&Restoran

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This location, situated by the seaside, also functions as a facility. The facility includes a restaurant and is ideal for lunch.



Suggested Hotels:

-**Lake Life Hotel**

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-**Hotel Zeytin Bahcesi**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/x1AaQmn9Wxda6FFR8>

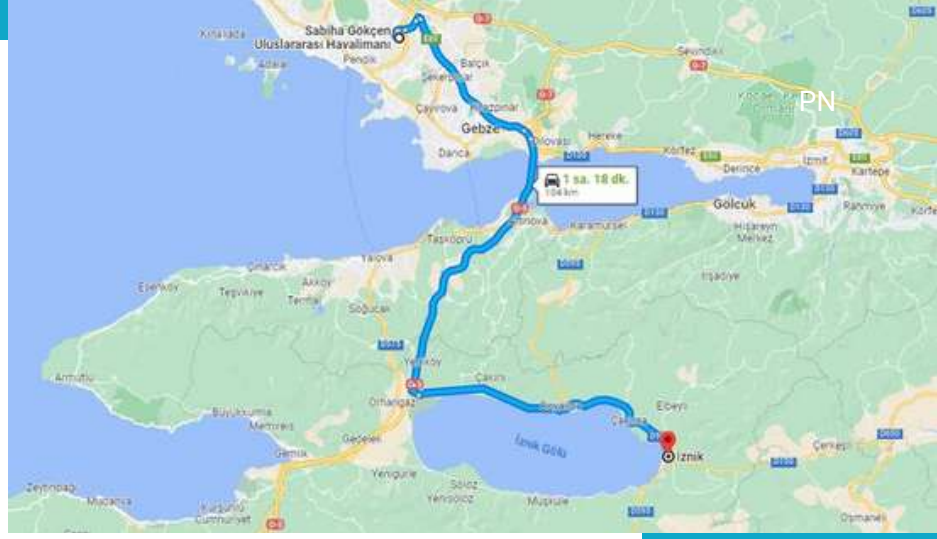
-**Eleia Hotel İznik**

-<https://maps.app.goo.gl/kmoAp1r6WcpCGwE4A>

İznik Seyir Otel


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Iznik is in Bursa city and closest airports to Bursa are Sabiha Gökçen International Airport and Istanbul International Airport in Istanbul. You can fly one of these airports.



From both airport, there is bus shuttles called Burulaş/BB Bus, you can see bus details and buy your ticket:

<https://bus.burulas.com.tr/en/Bus>

 You can buy your tickets from the website above or at the station. If you choose this option, please remember that you can come to Orhangazi using Burulaş and then continue to İznik using another mode of transportation.

Travel from Istanbul Airport to Orhangazi Oksijen Tesisi with BB Bus

OR;

Travel from Sabiha Gökçen Airport to Orhangazi Oksijen Tesisi with BB Bus

<https://bus.burulas.com.tr/en/Bus>

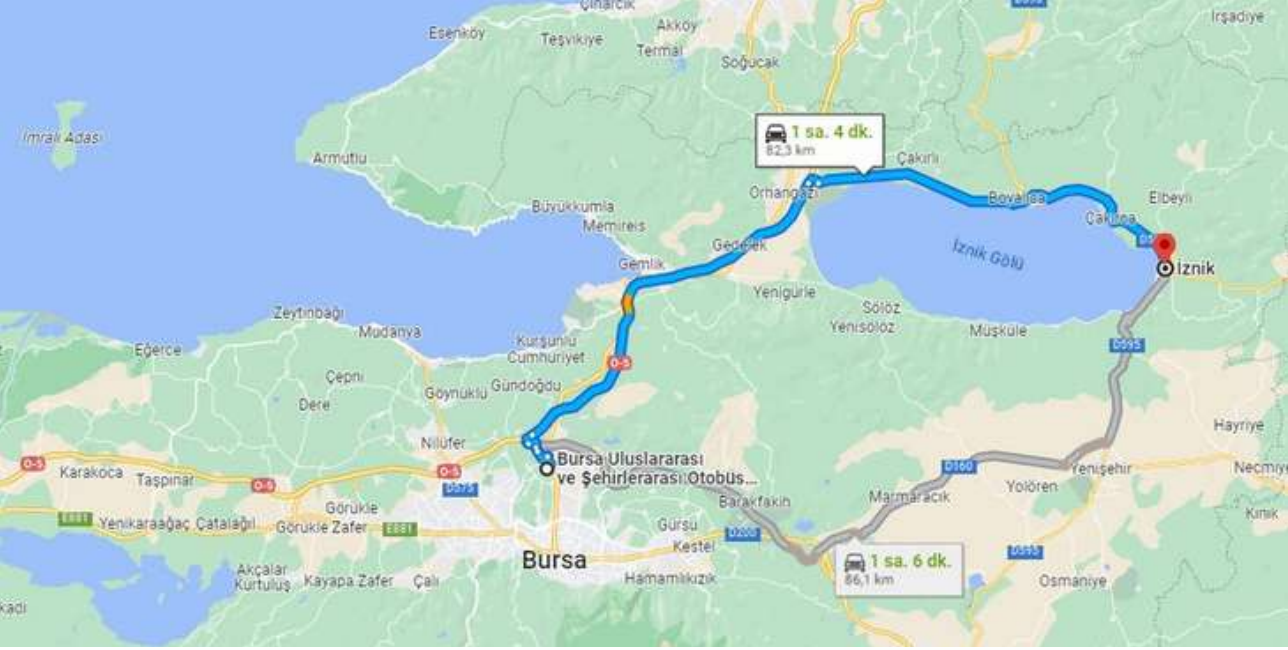
OR;

You can use international buses coming directly to Bursa Terminal and then take the Iznik bus from there.

When you need any help with taxi or other transfer process, feel free to contact us!

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**HOW TO GET
TO IZNIK?**



Travel from Orhangazi to Iznik (max. 30 minutes)

In case, some hotels close to Sabiha Gokcen Airport;

ZOOM HOTEL

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MY PALACE ROOMS HOTEL

<https://www.google.com/travel/hotels/s/hJ3L56SXNtv5Scfw8>

to Istanbul Airport;

LİLY AIRPORT HOTEL

<https://www.google.com/travel/hotels/s/NF25YjpYBSB5dfsh9>

ISTANBUL AIRPORT EXPRESS HOTEL

<https://www.google.com/travel/hotels/s/giTP5knPBcpiT7m9A>

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