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## Ottoman's Heritage

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Asitane Restaurant olarak bizler, 1991 senesinden beri bu görkemli mutfağın saklı kalmış lezzetlerini sizlerle paylaşıyoruz. Bu yolculukta bize Topkapı ve Edirne Saray Mutfakları'nın yemek, tatlı masraf kayıtları, önemli saray ziyafetlerinin defterleri, surnameler, yabancı devlet görevlileri, seyyahlar ve çeşitli meslek gruplarının Osmanlı yaşam tarzına ilişkin kaleme aldığı kitaplar rehberlik ediyor.

Menümüzdeki yemekler bu kaynaklardan alınmış özgün reçetelere sadık kalınarak hazırlanmıştır. Asılina uygun malzeme ve usullerle pişirdiğimiz Osmanlı ve Osmanlı Saray Mutfaklarının seçkin yemek ve tatlılarını siz değerli misafirlerimizin beğenisine sunuyoruz.

Afiyet Olsun!



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## Ottoman Heritage Delicacies from the Palace

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Here at Asitane, we have made it our mission to reintroduce the authentic Ottoman cooking to the world. Since 1991, dedicated staff have hunted down lost tastes with academic zeal. In order to try and recreate authentic Ottoman Cuisine, we have consulted a variety of sources, including the budget ledgers of the three main palace kitchens - Topkapı, Edirne and Dolmabahçe - and the memoirs of foreign diplomats and visitors. It is with great pleasure that we offer you long-forgotten dishes which we have revived based on documents that lay in palace archives for 500 years. The dishes in the menu are prepared from these historic resources using original ingredients and cooking methods.

At Asitane, we strive to provide our guests with an authentic palate experience that does justice to the splendors of the Imperial kitchens. We are delighted to welcome you to our restaurant, where our welcoming and experienced staff will treat you to an unforgettable feast.

Enjoy your meal!

# Çorbalar Soups

## 1. Badem Çorbası (1539)

### Almond Soup (1539)

A light almond broth flavoured with grated nutmeg and pomegranate seeds

## 2. Kestaneli Terine Çorbası (1469)

Kurutulmuş yoğurt, nane ve kestaneli kış çorbası

### “Terine” Soup with Chestnuts (1469)

Winter soup with chestnuts, dried yogurt and mint

# Soğuk İştah Açıclar Cold Appetizers

## 3. Asitane Lokmaları

### Asitane Treats

#### Hums Lokması (1469)

Kuş üzümlü, çam fistıklı ve tarçınlı nohut ezmesi

#### Ottoman Hums (1469)

Crushed chickpeas lightly pureed with currants, pine nuts and cinnamon

#### Lor Mahlunu (1898)

Biberiye ve pul biber ile tatlandırılmış, taze soğan, sivri biber  
ve domatesli lor peyniri

#### “Lor” Cheese Blend (1898)

Fresh cottage cheese mixed with scallions, parsley, green peppers, tomatoes  
and seasoned with rosemary and paprika

#### Fava

Zeytinyağlı ve dereotlu içbakla ezmesi

#### Fava

Creamed broad beans, seasoned with dill and served with a drizzle of olive oil

#### Dövmə Hıyar Tarator (1844)

Soğanlı ve Antep fıstıklı

#### Pounded Cucumber “Tarator” (1844)

With onions and pictachios

#### **4. Gerdaniyye**

Sebze ve baharatlarla lezzetlendirilmiş beyinli kuzu gerdan sarması.

Siyah ekşi erik asidesi ile servis edilir

#### **Gerdaniyye**

Lamb chuck slowly braised with aromatic vegetables and herbs, blended  
with lamb brains, served with sour black plum extract

#### **5. Lahana Sarması, Kestaneli (1844)**

#### **Cabbage Rolls with Chestnuts (1844)**

Cabbage leaves rolled with a blend of rice, onions, spices, chestnuts cooked in olive oil

#### **6. Karidesli Kalamar Dolması**

#### **Stuffed Calamari with Shrimps**

Oven baked whole calamari, stuffed with a blend of rice, pine nuts and  
currants flavored with cinnamon and fresh mint

#### **7. Piyazlı Fasulye Favası**

Soğan piyazlı fasulye favası

#### **"Bean Fava"**

Kidney-beans creamed with olive oil, served with chopped onion salad

### **Salatalar Salads**

#### **8. Tahinli Karnabahar Salatası (1898)**

#### **Cauliflower Salad with Tahini (1898)**

Blanched cauliflower salad with mustard-seed-and-tahini dressing

#### **9. İtırılı Bitkilerle Dilber Asideli Yeşil Salata**

#### **Fragrant Green Salad**

Green salad with fragrant herbs, served with "dilber" dressing

#### **10. Karışık Turşu Tabağı**

#### **Pickled Vegetables Platter**

# Sıcak İştah Açıclar Warm Appetizers

## 11. İslî Çerkez Peyniri Izgarası, İstiridye Mantarlı Grilled "Circassian" Cheese with Oyster Mushrooms

### 12. Ciğer Köftesi (1695)

Tarçın ve karanfille lezzetlendirilmiş, kızartılmış ciğer köfteleri  
**Liver "Köfte" (1695)**

Fried liver risssoles flavoured with cinnamon and cloves served  
with red onions sauteed in pomegranate molasses

### 13. Beyza Be Cihet-i Börek-i Makiyan (XV. y.y.)

Tavuk, yumurta, taze soğan ve taze baharatlarla doldurulmuş kızartma börek  
**"Chicken Bourek" (XV. c.)**

Deep fried dough parcels stuffed with chicken, eggs,  
spring onions and fresh herbs

### 14. Hassa Böreği

Tulum peyniri, yoğurt, yeşil zeytin, ceviz, yeşil soğan ve tarhunlu yufka böreği  
**"Hassa Bourek"**

Traditional Turkish "yufka" pastry layered and rolled with "tulum" cheese and  
a blend of green olives, walnuts, yoghurt, spring onions and tarragon

### 15. Çevgani Mücver

Pirinçli ve soğanlı kıyma mücveri  
**"Çevgani Mücver"**

Deep fried patties of minced meat, rice and chopped onions blend

### 16. Ispanaklı Piruhi (1844)

Ispanak, soğan ve tulum peyniri ile doldurulmuş el açması pirohi  
**"Piruhi" (1844)**

Home made pasta parcels, stuffed with spinach, onions,  
and crumbly 'tulum' cheese

### 17. Kuyruklu Tatar Böreği

Süzme yoğurt yatağında el açması yufka ile  
kıymalı ve soğanlı kızartma börek

**"Tatar" Pastry**

Fried phyllo pastry with meat and onions filling,  
served on a bed of strained yoghurt

# Ana Yemekler Main Courses

## 18. Gömlek Kebabı (1764)

Kuzu gömlek zarında; kişniş tohumu, kimyon, çam fıstığı ve nane ile tatlandırılmış, kuzu ve dana etinden fırınlanmış köfte kebabı

## “Fatty Apron” Kebab (1764)

Minced lamb and beef blended with coriander seeds, cumin, pine nuts and mint, wrapped in caulfat and roasted in the oven

## 19. Dana Külbastısı (1844)

Tarhun, defne yaprağı ve karabiberle dinlendirilmiş ızgara bonfile dilimleri

## Veal “Külbasti” (1844)

Grilled veal fillets seasoned with tarragon, bay leaves, and black pepper

## 20. Mahmudiyye (1539)

Tarçın, karanfil ve kayısı ile lezzetlendirilmiş, Rezaki üzümülü ve bademli piliç yahnisi

## “Mahmudiyye” (1539)

Cinnamon and clove flavoured chicken stew cooked with apricots,  
Rezaki raisins and almonds

## 21. Kıyma Püryani Yufkada (1764)

Anason, tarçın ve Antep fıstığı ile lezzetlendirilmiş kuzu ve dana etinden ızgara köfte

## Savoury Meat Patties (1764)

Minced lamb and veal patties flavoured with anise, cinnamon and pistachio; wrapped in phyllo dough and grilled on charcoal

## 22. Pekmezli Ayva Dolması (1539)

Zırhla kıylmış kuzu ve dana kıymasından; pirinç, baharlı bitkiler, çam fıstığı, kuş üzümü ve pekmezli, fırında ayva dolması

## Stuffed Quince (1539)

Baked quince stuffed with a blend of minced lamb and beef, rice, aromatic herbs, pine nuts, currants and flavoured with grape molasses

## 23. Kırmızı Tavuk Kebabı (1764)

Sirke ile sotelenmiş soğan yatağı üzerinde ızgara tavuk filetoları. Kırmızı lahana turşusu ve sotelenmiş pazı yaprakları ile servis edilir

## “Kırma” Chicken Kebab (1764)

Grilled chicken fillets served on vinegar sauteed onions and served with pickled red cabbage and sauteed chard leaves

## **24. Kaz Kebabı (1539)**

Ağır ateşte fırınlanmış Çankırı kazı, kıtır yufka içerisinde ve bademli pilav yatağında

### **Goose Kebab (1539)**

Slowly roasted “Çankırı” goose served on a bed of almond pilaf  
in crunchy Turkish “Yufka”

## **25. Kuzu Kol Tandır, İç Pilavlı**

### **Roasted Leg of Lamb**

served with herbed rice pilaf flavoured with currants and pine nuts

## **26. Borani-i Hassa (XV. y.y.) (Vegetarian)**

Soğan, yumurta, pirinç ve sarımsaklı yoğurtlu, ıspanak yemeği

### **Borani-i Hassa (XV. c.) (Vegetarian)**

Spinach cooked with onions, eggs and rice, dressed with garlic yogurt

## **27. Tuffahiye - Elma Dolması (XV. y.y.) (Vegetarian)**

Bulgur, kereviz sapı ve soğan ile doldurularak fırınlanmış elma dolması.

Zencefilli elma asideinde pişmiş arpacık soğanı ile servis edilir

### **“Tuffahiye” Stuffed Apple (XV c.) (Vegetarian)**

Baked apple stuffed with a blend of cracked wheat, celery and onions.

Served with shallots cooked in ginger apple sauce

## **Balık Yemekleri Fish Dishes**

## **28. Uskumru Dolması (1844)**

Kuşüzümü, çam fıstığı ve baharatlarla doldurulmuş, kızartma uskumru dolması

### **Mackarel “Dolma” (1844)**

Breaded and fried whole mackerel stuffed with currants, pine nuts, and herbs

## **29. Levrek Biryani (XV. y.y.)**

Ceviz ve baharat içli, safranla renklendirilmiş ve fırınlanmış bütün levrek

### **Sea Bass “Biryani” (XV. c.)**

Roasted whole sea bass stuffed with walnuts and spices, served with a saffron  
and rose water dressing

# Tatlılar Desserts

## 30. Taş Kadayıfı (1828)

Portakal şerbetli ve sütlü yassı kadayıf

### Rock "Kadayıf" (1828)

Fried flat pancakes soaked in light orange syrup and milk

**18 TL**

## 31. Saraydan Helva Tabağı Halva Platter from The Palace

### Bal Helvası (XV. y.y.)

Bal, Antep fıstığı ve haşhaşlı un helvası

### Honey Halva (XV. c.)

Roasted flour halva with honey, "Antep" pistachios and poppy seeds

### Levzine (1539)

Badem helvası

### Levzine (1539)

Almond halva

### Helva-i Hakani

Nışasta Helvası

### Helva - i Hakani

Starch Halva

**20 TL**

## 32. Helatiye

Gül şerbetinde sakızlı su muhallebisi. Badem, Antep fıstığı ve mevsim meyveleri ile

### "Helatiye"

Milk pudding infused with gum mastic, served with almonds, pistachios, and seasonal fruits in a light rose water syrup

**18 TL**

## 33. Sembuse (1650)

Misk, ceviz ve bademli tatlı

### "Sembuse" (1650)

Walnut and almond dessert with musk

**18 TL**

## 34. Nar Paluzeli Muhallebi

Milk pudding topped with Pomegranate Jelly

**14 TL**



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