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Ottoman's Culinary Heritage

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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.

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Enjoy your meal!

Çorbalar Soups

1. Badem Çorbası (1539)

Almond Soup (1539)

Light almond broth flavoured with grated nutmeg and pomegranate seeds

2. Toyga Aşı (XIV y.y)

Yarma buğday ve nohutlu yoğurt çorbası. Soğuk servis edilir

Toyga Aşı (XIV. c.)

Yoghurt soup with cracked wheat and chickpeas. Served cold

Soğuk İştah Açıclar Cold Appetizers

3. Asitane Lokmaları

Asitane Treats

Hums Lokması (1469)

Kuş üzümlü, çam fıstıklı ve tarçınlı nohut ezmesi

Ottoman Hums (1469)

Crushed chickpeas lightly pureed with currants, pine nuts and cinnamon

Lor Mahluti (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

Dövme Hıyar Salatası (1844)

Soğanlı ve Antep fıstıklı

Pounded Cucumber Salad (1844)

With onions and pistachios

4. Gerdaniyye

Sebze ve baharatlarla lezzetlendirilmiş beyinli kuzu gerdan sarması.

Siyah ekşi erik asidesi ile servis edilir

Gerdaniyye

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

5. Karidesli Kalamar Dolması

Stuffed Calamari with Shrimps

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

6. Vişneli Yaprak Sarma (1844)

Stuffed Vine Leaves with Sour Cherries (1844)

Grape leaves stuffed with blend of sour cherries, rice, onions, pine nuts. Cooked lightly in olive oil and seasoned with black pepper and cinnamon

7. Babaganuş

Yoğurt, sarımsak ve zeytinyağı ile harmanlanmış, közlenmiş patlıcan ve biber

Babagannush

Baked aubergine and green pepper mashed with garlic, yoghurt and olive oil

Salatalar Salads

8. Nar Ekşili ve Cevizli Çoban Salatası

Shepherd's Salad

Diced tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, scallions, crushed walnuts and herbs with a pomegranate dressing

9. Tulum Peynirli Roka Salatası

Rocket Salad with "Tulum" Cheese

10. Yoğurtlu Semizotu Salatası

Purslane Salad with Yoghurt

Sıcak İştah Açıcları Warm Appetizers

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

12. Gömlek Kebabı (1764)

Gömlek zarında; kişniş tohumu, kimyon, çam fistığı 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

13. Taze Fasulya Micmeri (1898)

İtirli bitkiler ve yenibahar ile tatlandırılmış, taratorlu çali fasulyesi mücveri

Green Bean Fritters (1898)

Lightly fried green bean eggy fritters flavoured with herbs and a touch of allspice, served with tarator sauce

14. Tulum Peynirli ve Cevizli Köz Bazıncan

Chargrilled Eggplanet with "Tulum" Cheese and Walnuts

Hamur İşleri ve Pilavlar Rice and Pastry

15. Patlıcanlı Piruhi (1844)

Patlıcan, soğan ve tulum peyniri ile doldurulmuş el açması piruhi

Eggplant "Piruhi" (1844)

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

16. Ballı Gemici Böreği

Peynirli ve bezelyeli kızartma yufka böreği, bal ile servis edilir

Sailor's Roll

Rolled pastry stuffed with cheese and peas, lightly fried and served with honey

17. Kuskus (1910)

Ceviz, pul biber ve maydanozla tereyağında çevrilmiş geleneksel "Maraş" kuskusu

Couscous (1910)

Traditional "Maraş" couscous, butter sauteed with walnuts, red pepper flakes and parsley

18. Dane-i Sarı (1539)

Nohut ve safranlı pilav

Dane-i Sarı (1539)

Saffron rice pilaf with chickpeas

Ana Yemekler Main Courses

19. Dana Külbastısı (1844)

Tarhun, defne yaprağı ve karabiberle dinlendirilmiş izgara bonfile dilimleri

Veal “Külbastı” (1844)

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

20. Kırmızı Tavuk Kebabı (1764)

Sirke ile sotelenmiş soğan yatağı üzerinde izgara tavuk filetoları.

Kırmızı lahana turşusu ile servis edilir

“Kırma” Chicken Kebab (1764)

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

21. Mahmudiyye (1539)

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

“Mahmudiyye” (1539)

Cinnamon and clove flavoured chicken stew cooked with apricots,

Rezaki raisins and almonds

22. Semüz Oğlak Kebabı (XV.y.y.)

Fırında tandır usulü pişirilmiş süt oğlak kebabı. İç pilavla ile

Baby Goat Kebab (XV c.)

Oven roasted baby goat kebab served with fragrant rice pilaf with herbs

23. Borani-i Hassa (XV. y.y.) (Vejeteryan)

Soğan, yumurta, pirinç ve sarımsaklı yoğurtlu, ıspanak yemeği

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

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

24. Tuffahiye - Elma Dolması (XV. y.y.) (Vejeteryan)

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

Zencefilli elma asidesinde pişmiş arpacak soğanı ile servis edilir

"Tuffahiye" Stuffed Apple (XV c.) (Vegetarian)

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

Served with shallots cooked in gingery apple sauce

25. "Kirde" Kebap (XVIII y.y.)

Kıtır yufka üzerinde, domates ve biberli kuzu kavurma. Yoğurt ile servis edilir

"Kirde" Kebap (XVIII c.)

Sautéed diced lamb, tomatoes and green pepper

on flat bread croutons, served with yoghurt

26. Kavun Dolması (1539)

Dana ve kuzu eti, pirinç, baharatlar, badem, dolmalık fistık ve

kuş üzümü ile doldurulmuş, fırında kavun

Stuffed Melon (1539)

Cored melon stuffed with blend of minced meat, rice, herbs, almonds,

currants and baked in the oven

27. Kıyma Püryani Yufkada (1764)

Anason, tarçın ve Antep fistığı ile lezzetlendirilmiş kuzu ve dana etinden köfte

Savoury Meat Patties (1764)

Minced lamb and veal patties flavoured with anise, cinnamon and

pistachio; wrapped in phyllo dough and grilled

Balık Yemekleri Fish Dishes

28. 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 saffron
and rose water dressing

29. Kişnişli Som Balığı Külbastısı (1862)

Grilled Salmon "Külbastı" with Coriander (1862)

Tatlılar Desserts

30. Osmanlı Helvaları Ottoman Halvas

Bal Helvası (XV. y.y.)

Bal, Antep fistığı ve haşhaşlı un helvası

Honey Halva (XV. c.)

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

Levzine (1539)

Badem helvası

Levzine (1539)

Almond halva

Me'muniyye

Pirinç unundan güllü helva

"Me'muniyye"

Halva of ground rice with rosewater

31. Helatiye

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

"Helatiye"

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

32. Şeftalili Ka'a

Cevizli şeftali tatlısı, dondurma ile servis edilir

Peach "Ka'a"

Cinnamon flavoured walnut pastry topped with baked peach slices and ice cream

33. Zırva

Üzüm pekmezli yazlık aşure

"Zırva"

Noah's Pudding with grape molasses

34. Vişneli Ekmek (1844)

Dondurma ile servis edilir

Bread Dessert with Sour Cherries (1844)

Served with ice cream



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