



TRAVEL MANUEL FOR KESTEL, BURSA

KESTEL, BURSA, TURKEY



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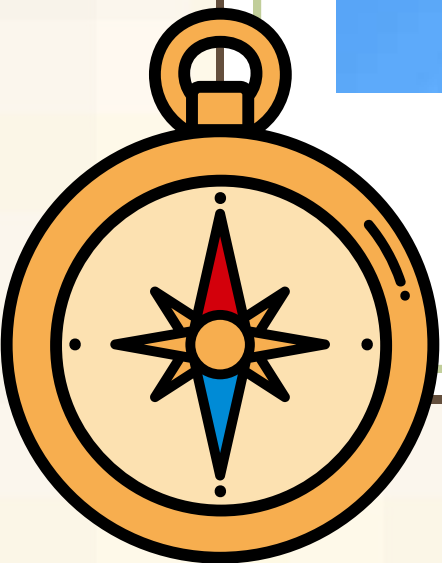
Bursa is a city located in the Marmara Region of Turkey, known for its historical and natural beauty. As the first capital of the Ottoman Empire, it holds great historical significance. Bursa is also famous for its rich cuisine, with well-known local dishes such as İskender kebab, pideli köfte, candied chestnuts, and cantık. In short, Bursa is a city worth visiting for its history, nature, cuisine, and culture.



LOCATION



Bursa is located in the Marmara Region of Turkey. It lies to the south of Istanbul and southeast of the Sea of Marmara. The city stands out with its proximity to both the sea and the mountains. It is also home to Uludağ, a major ski resort.



HOW TO GET IN BURSA

By Air

Bursa Yenişehir Airport (YEI) serves limited domestic flights. For international travel, Istanbul Sabiha Gökçen Airport (SAW) is about 120 km away. From there, buses or private transfers can take you to Bursa in about 2 hours.

By Bus

Bursa is well-connected by intercity buses from major cities like Istanbul, Ankara, İzmir, and Antalya. Bursa Otogar (main bus terminal) is the central hub for arriving passengers.

By Car

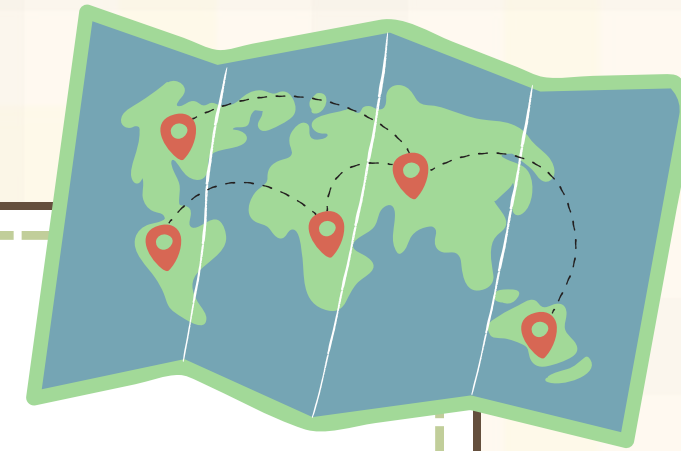
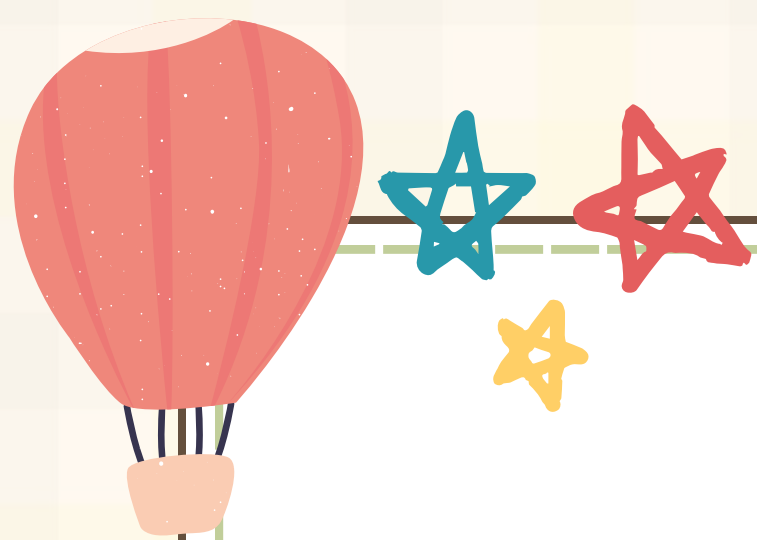
You can easily reach Bursa via well-maintained highways. From Istanbul, it takes approximately 2.5 hours via the Osmangazi Bridge.

By Train

Although there is no direct high-speed train to Bursa, nearby stations like Eskişehir or Bilecik can be used. From there, you can transfer by bus or minivan to Bursa.

By Ferry

Fast ferries from Istanbul (Yenikapı or Pendik) to Mudanya offer a scenic and comfortable option. From Mudanya, it's a short drive to the city center.



SUGGESTED PLACES TO VISIT



Grand Bazaar



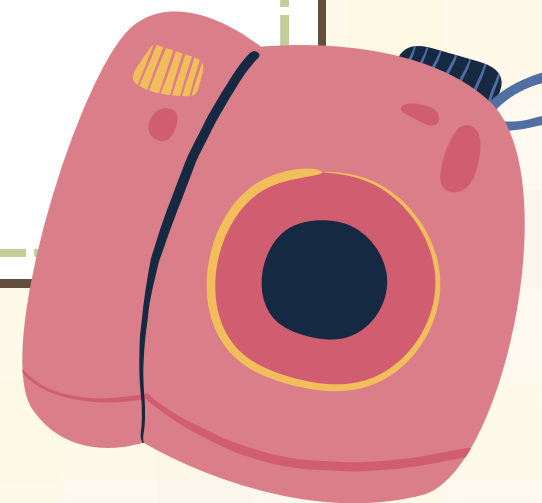
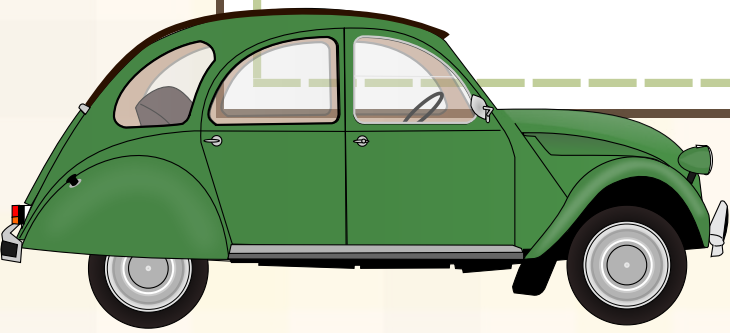
Cable railway



Irgandı Bridge



Uludağ





SUGGESTED PLACES TO VISIT



Clock Tower



Ulu Mosque



Cumalıkızık



Trilye





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GUHEM



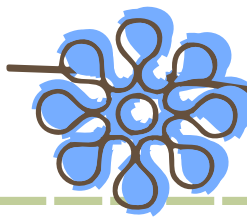
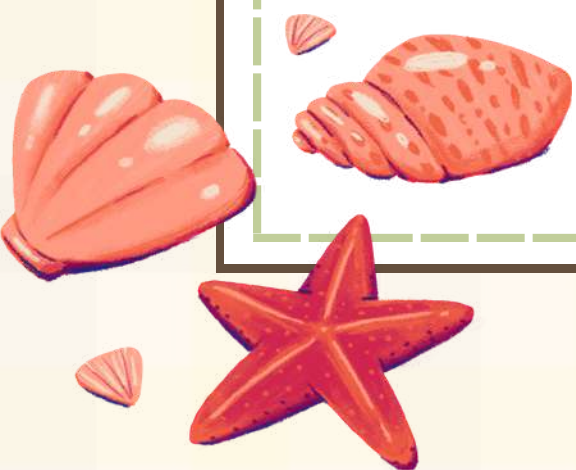
Gölyazı



Zoo



Mudanya





RECOMMENDED SHOPPING MALLS TO VISIT



Anatolium



Korupark

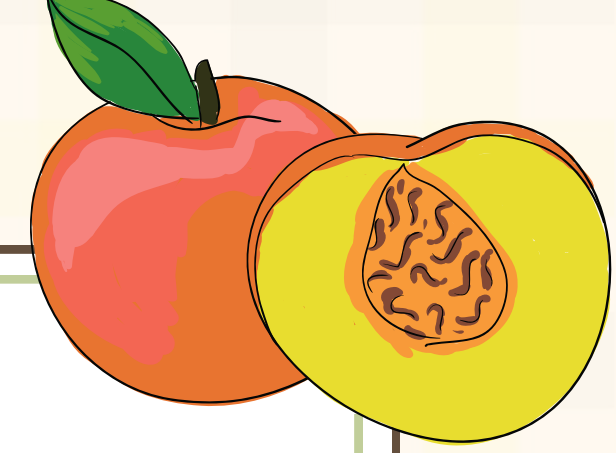


Town Square



Zafer plaza





TRADITIONAL FOODS OF BURSA



Milk Halva



Iskender

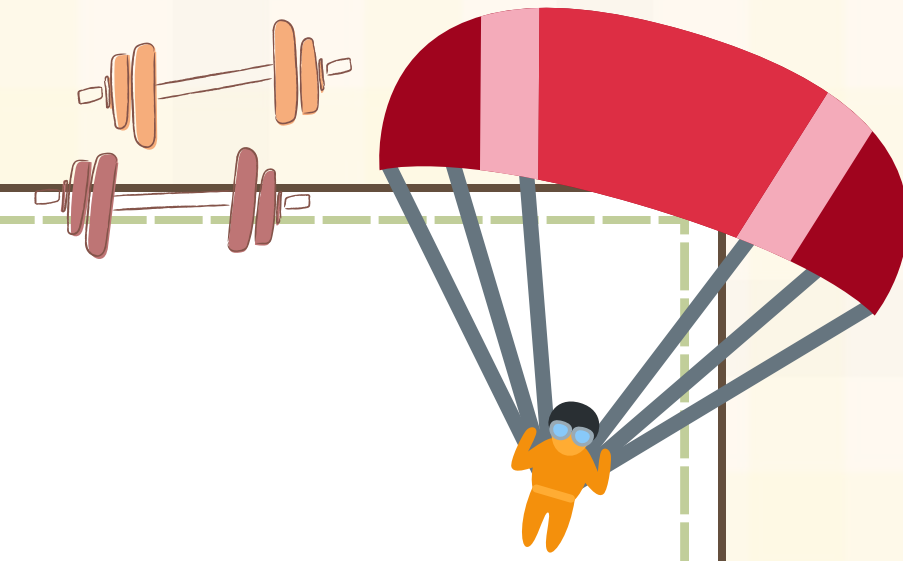


Chestnut sugar



Cantik





OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



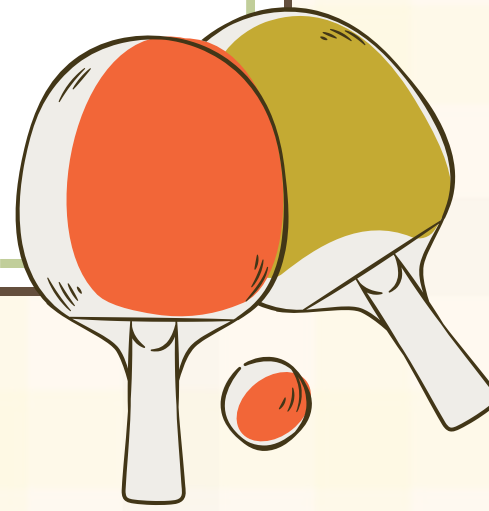
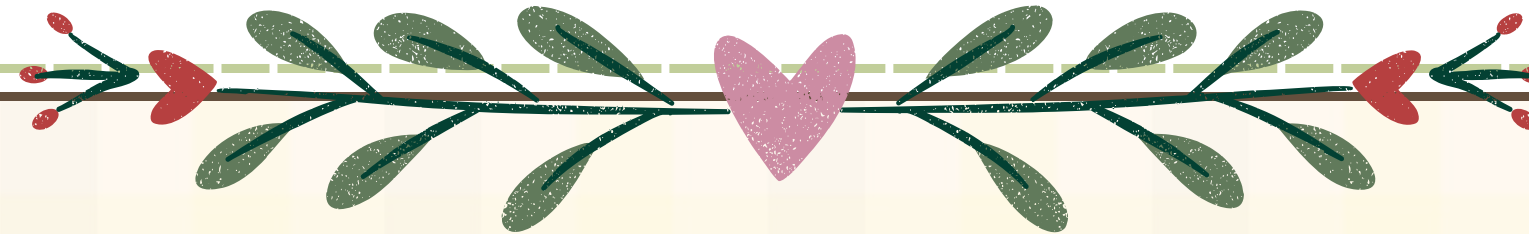
Mountaineering

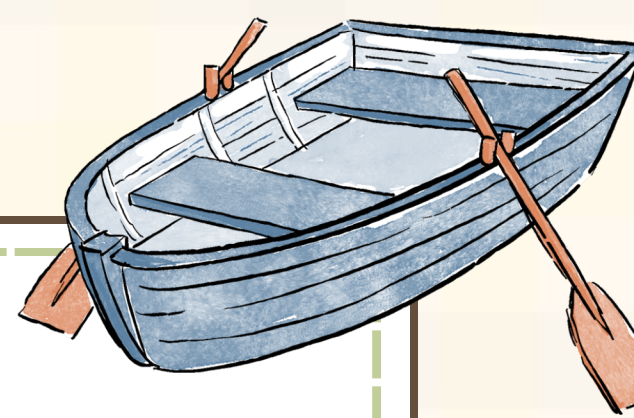


Paddle Sports



Paragliding





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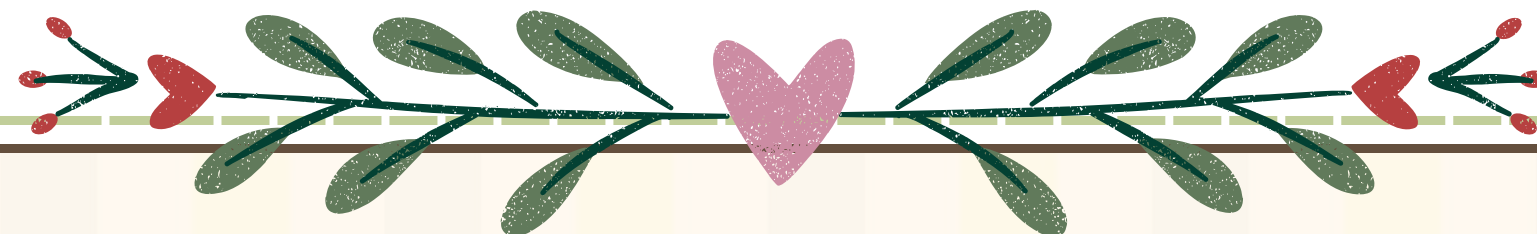
Riding a Bicycle



Hiking



Snowboard



BURSA FESTIVALS



1. Bursa Uludağ Ski Festival

An annual winter festival held at Uludağ featuring ski competitions, concerts, and entertainment.



2. Bursa International Film Festival

One of Turkey's major film festivals showcasing domestic and international films with participation from cinema professionals.



3. Bursa Yeşilçam Film Festival

An event dedicated to Turkish cinema celebrating classic Yeşilçam films and artists.

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4. Bursa Festival (Bursa Culture, Art, and Tourism Festival)

A large summer festival filled with concerts, theater performances, exhibitions, and cultural activities.



5. Uludağ Motorcycle Festival

A popular event for motorcycle enthusiasts including shows and meetups.



6. Children's Festival

Bursa Children's Festival is a celebration featuring theater performances and fun workshops for children.



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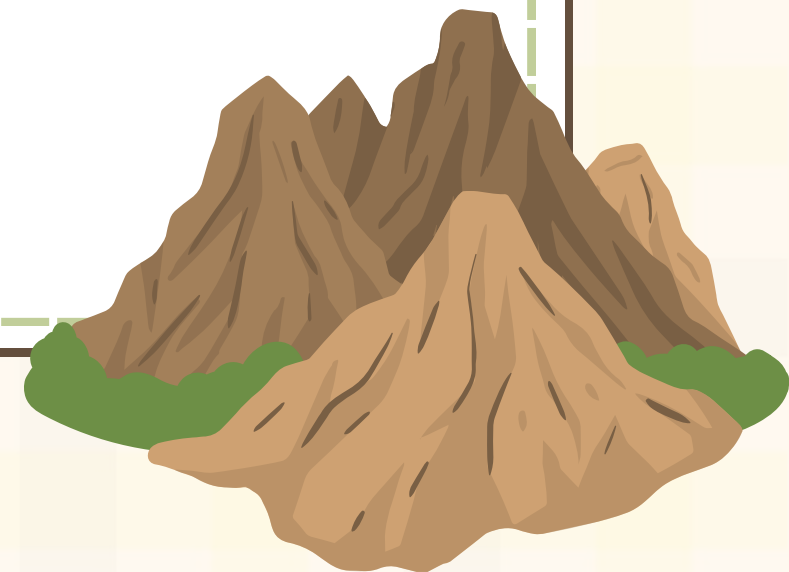
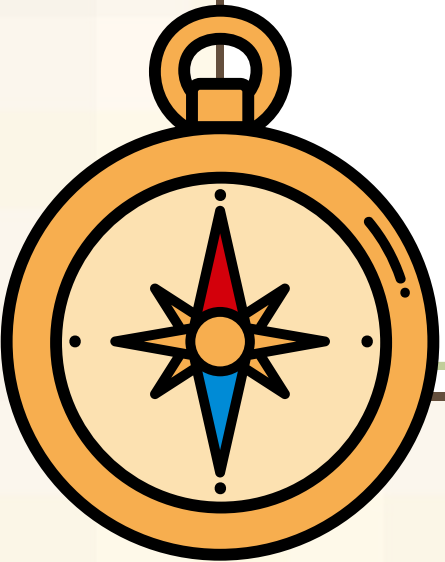
Kestel is a peaceful district located on the eastern side of Bursa, where nature and industry coexist. Situated on the foothills of Mount Uludağ, it offers access to natural beauties like Saitabat Waterfall, forests, and highlands. It is also known for its trout restaurants, traditional village breakfasts, and cherry and peach orchards. The district has developed organized industrial zones and is the last stop of the Bursaray metro line. Combining rural charm with urban development, Kestel has a population of around 75,000 and offers a calm yet growing living environment. Fruit cultivation is very popular in Kestel, especially strawberries, raspberries, pears, and figs are widely produced.



LOCATION

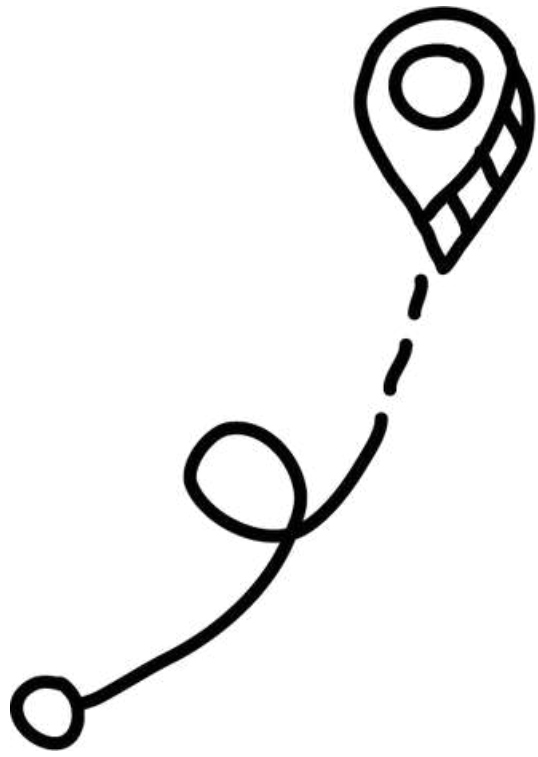


Kestel is located in the Marmara Region of Turkey, in the east of Bursa province.





HOW TO GET IN KESTEL



Transportation in Kestel is quite convenient. The Bursaay metro line's last stop is in Kestel, providing fast and comfortable access to the city center. Additionally, there are bus services from many parts of Bursa to Kestel. It is also easy to reach the district by private car via the Bursa-Ankara highway. Taxis and minibuses are commonly used both within the district and for connections to the city. Travel time to Bursa city center usually takes about 20-30 minutes.





SUGGESTED PLACES TO VISIT



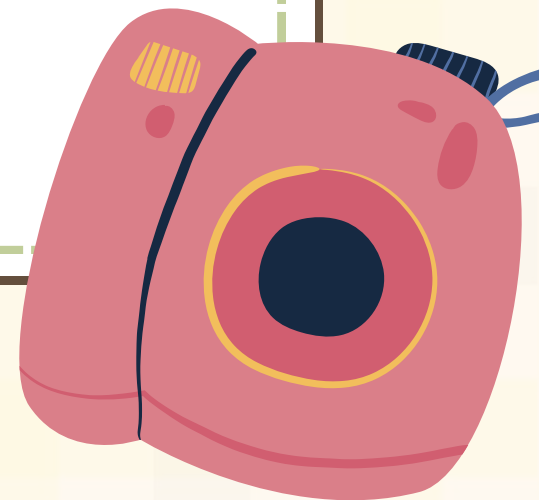
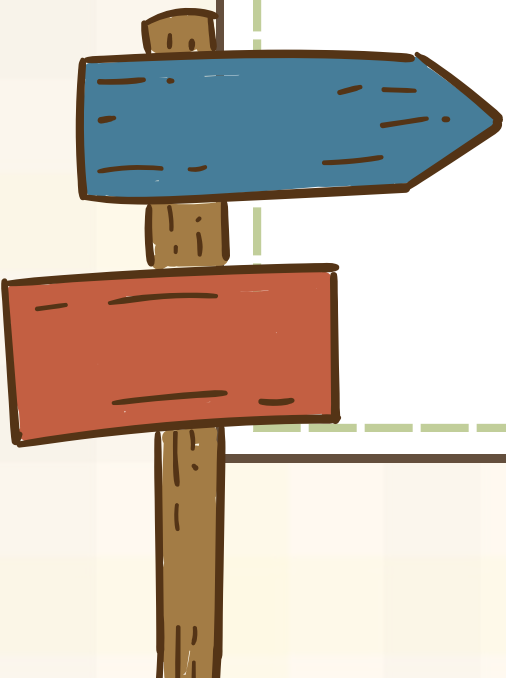
Kestel Castle



Saitabat Waterfall



Kozluören village



BEST TIME THE VISIT

Aksu kazancı goulet



- Spring: Nature comes alive, flowers bloom, and the cool weather is ideal for walking

Road with limes and trees



- Summer: Warm, but the Uludağ highlands are cool and refreshing, perfect for outdoor activities.

Kureklidere Waterfall



- Autumn: Nature changes color, making it the best time for peaceful walks and photography

Gölbashi



- Winter: Suitable for snowy landscapes and winter sports, offering a calm and quiet atmosphere.

PRODUCTS GROWN IN KESTEL



Raspberry



Aronia



Pear



Fig



PRODUCTS GROWN IN KESTEL



Dragon Fruit



Cherry



Peach



Strawberry

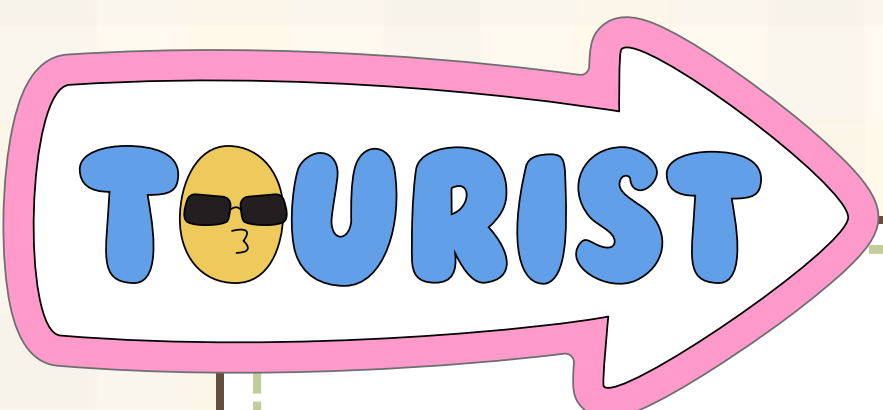




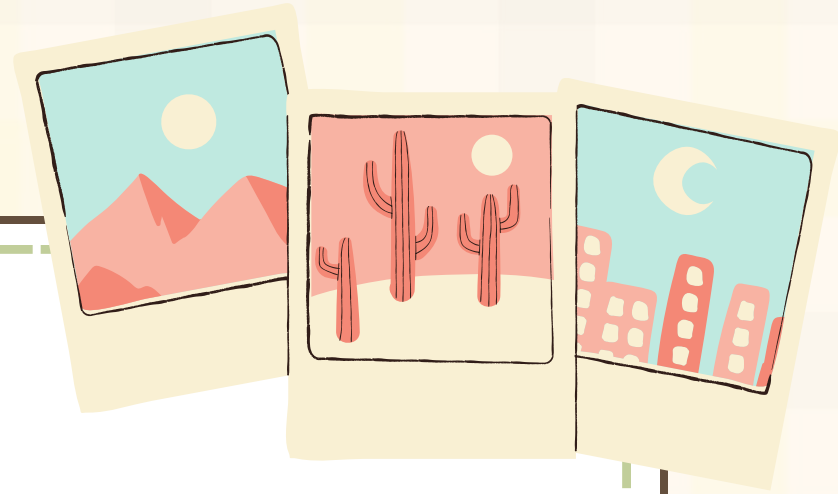
HELPFUL TRAVEL ADVICE

Make sure to visit important landmarks like Ulu Cami (Grand Mosque), Yeşil Cami (Green Mosque), and Koza Han. They offer stunning architecture and rich cultural experiences. 2. Try Local Flavors: you must taste Iskender Kebab, Bursa's famous dish! Also, try the chestnut candy (kestane şekeri) and Kemalpaşa dessert, which are special treats from the region. 3. Visit Cumalıkızık Village: This Ottoman-era village is perfect for photos, buying local products, and enjoying a peaceful day surrounded by nature. 4. Use Metro and Buses for Transportation: Public transport in Bursa is affordable and convenient. Always ask the taxi fare before you get in. 5. Check the Weather: Summers in Bursa can be hot and humid, while winters are cold. Pack suitable clothes if you plan to visit Uludağ mountain. 6. Shop at Koza Han and the Covered Bazaar: These are great places to buy silk products, spices, and handmade souvenirs. 7. Don't Forget Comfortable Walking Shoes: You'll do a lot of walking in historical and natural areas, so comfortable shoes are essential. 8. Be Aware of Tourist Crowds: Weekends can be busy especially at places like Cumalıkızık and Uludağ. Going early can help you avoid crowds. 9. Don't Hesitate to Take Photos: Every corner of Bursa is full of history and nature, so keep your camera ready to capture beautiful memories. 10. Meet Friendly and Helpful People: The people of Bursa are very hospitable. Don't hesitate to ask if you need help or directions.





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CONCLUSION

Bursa is a city where history and nature blend beautifully, captivating you from the very first step. As the first capital of the Ottoman Empire, it carries traces of the past in every corner. Landmarks like the Grand Mosque, the Green Tomb, and the silk-scented Koza Han bring history to life. With its quiet flow of history, lush nature, rich cuisine, and warm-hearted people, Bursa appeals to both the soul and the eye.

