

Manisa



Manisa: One of the major cities of the Aegean region Manisa, with its history dating back to ancient times, bears many mysteries. Manisa, which took its place in history as the "Town of Shahzadahs" during the Ottoman era, has been the center of many ancient cities. Located at the magnificent geography between the Spil Mountain and Gediz

River, the city fascinates all visitors with its rich history and scenic beauty. Harboring the production plants of many large companies, Manisa is also the center of industry.

The western parts of the province are reined by a Mediterranean climate while the interior regions of Manisa have a continental climate. The generally hot and dry summers are followed by mild and rainy winters. Manisa is an ideal holiday destination for vacationers who want to explore the beautiful nature of the region and to follow the trails of history and to get to know the monuments of the Ottoman Empire.



How can I get there?

Manisa is one of the most scenic and beautiful cities of Turkey and can be conveniently accessed via a variety of transportation facilities.

Manisa can be reached by taking a short bus ride after landing at the Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport which is the closest airport in the region. You may also rent a car from the airport to Manisa.

The city can also be reached by taking one of the shuttle buses between any major city of Turkey and Manisa. The shuttles and other transportation vehicles leaving from the bus terminal to the city center will take you to your destination.

Are you ready to explore "the City of Shahzadas" where nature unifies with history and culture?

Attractions

One of the most beautiful cities of the Aegean Region, Manisa has many cultural and traditional assets. Numerous sites of interest as well as tasty specialties await visitors in the province.

The Museum of Manisa, exhibiting the relics and artifacts illustrating the cultural values and historical development of the city, is a must-see site to get familiar with the mindset of the region. The Akhisar Museum and Kula Kenan Evren Ethnographic Museum are among the further venues where historical works and artifacts are displayed.

The ancient city of Sardes and the Bintepeleer Tumuli, which candidate for the UNESCO World Heritage List and are located near to Salihli in Manisa province, contain relics and monuments that bear the traces of the ancient period. Having served as the capital of the Lydian Empire this ancient city, along with Tyateira and Philadelphia located in Manisa

comprise three of the Seven Churches mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

The ancient cities such as Aigai and Saittai and the ancient monuments such as Julia Gordos and the Temple of Artemis are among the many treasures of Manisa.

The Ulu, Hatuniye, Sultan and Muradiye mosques are some of the most important structures in the area. By following the traces of the Ottomans in Manisa, which is abundant in historical mosques, you will be informed about the cultural formation of the city.

Niobe, also known as the Weeping Rock, is located on Mount Spil.

According to Greek mythology, Niobe was turned into a rock to release her from grieving for the loss of her children. The rock statue of Cybele from the 13th century BC is dedicated to Cybele, goddess of fertility.

Kula is popular for its houses and natural wonders like the fairy chimneys and volcanoes which are the outcome of the operations of time and nature. Salihli, on the other hand, is well-known for the 15,000 to 20,000-year-old fossil footprints unearthed and preserved on site.

Manisa, with its magnificent nature is an ideal location for various sports activities such as paragliding, trekking, mountaineering and fishing.

Vacationers should make sure to sightsee the Byzantine Yogurtcu Castle and Manisa Castle located in the foothills of Mount Spil and visit the local bazaars offering a wide range of souvenirs and food items.

Furthermore, Manisa draws attention for its delicious cuisine. The local cuisine is basically comprised of meat and vegetable dishes and various fruits. Manisa kebab, şevketi bostan (blessed thistle dish), börülce tarator (cowpeas tarator), simit bread, mushrooms dessert and zerde are among the best-known delicacies. Synonymous with the city, Mesir paste has become worldwide renown.

A traditional province still preserving its cultural and historical assets, Manisa welcomes its guests any time of the year!

Events

Well-known for its hospitality, historical heritage as well as for its scenic beauty Manisa is host to many festivals and celebrations.

The scene of a variety of colorful activities and events, the International Manisa Mesir Festival is held from March 21 to 24 every year.

The Caglak Festival and Olive Fest, held in the third week of May in Akhisar, offer colorful festival programs rich in activities ranging from concerts and traditional games to shows and competitions.

The annual Uluderbent Cherry Culture and Art Festival and Vintage Festival held in Alaşehir in Manisa province invite visitors to taste different flavors and have a good time.

Many other festivals such as Kıranköy Kite Festival, Pine Festival and Agriculture Fair, Köprübaşı Culture, Arts and Strawberry Festival and Adala International Festival of Culture and Cinema become the site of traditional and modern celebrations hosting thousands of visitors every year.