



The 7 Best Places to Dine Al Fresco in Istanbul

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Boasting some of the best preserved monuments of the ancient world, beautiful mosques, and a temperate climate for most of the year, it is no surprise that Turkey's sprawling capital draws millions of tourists every year. Many local eateries will be happy to invite you make the best of a warm summer day with a meal *al fresco*. Here we review some of the best places to enjoy Istanbul's wide range of flavors in the warm Turkish sunshine.



Red Snapper at Mikla | © Bill Rand/Flickr

Mikla

Opened in 2005, [Mikla](#) has consistently enjoyed some of the best local and international reviews of any Istanbul restaurant. Situated on the rooftop of the [Marmara Pera Hotel](#) and surrounded by views of the city's most iconic historical landmarks, the 'New Anatolian Kitchen' fuses old and new. Since 2012, Chef and owner Mehmet Gürs brings his own mixed Scandinavian-Turkish background to create a reinterpretation of traditional dishes through contemporary gastronomic techniques. The end result is a truly innovative menu, sourced from selected produce, and a surprising treat to the palate.

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Opening hours: 18:00 – 12:00