

KHAFTAN*Antiques & Art, Jewellery*☎ 212-458 5425; www.khaftan.com;
Nakilbent Sokak 33; ☎ 9am-8pm;

📍 Sultanahmet

Owner Adnan Cakariz sells antique Kütahya and İznik ceramics to collectors and museums here and overseas, so you can be sure that the pieces he sells in his own establishment are top-notch. Glistening Russian icons, delicate calligraphy (old and new), ceramics, Karagöz puppets and contemporary paintings are all on show in this gorgeous shop.

MEHMET ÇETINKAYA GALLERY *Rugs, Textiles*☎ 212-517 6808; www.cetinkayagallery.com; Tavukhane Sokak 7; ☎ 9.30am-8.30pm; 📍 Sultanahmet

When rug experts throughout the country meet for their annual shindig, this is one of the places where they come to check out the good stuff. There's a second shop in the Arasta Bazaar.

MUHLİS GÜNBATTI *Textiles*☎ 212-511 6562; Tevkîfhane Sokak 12,
Cankurtaran; 📍 Sultanahmet

The fact that this shop is located opposite the posh Four Seasons Hotel is a good indicator of the quality and price of the antique costumes and kaftans on offer here. They're true collectors' items.

NAKKAŞ*Jewellery & Ceramics, Rugs*☎ 212-458 4702; Nakilbent Sokak 33;
☎ 9am-7pm; 📍 Sultanahmet

As well as pricey rugs and jewellery, Nakkaş stocks an extensive range of ceramics made by the well-regarded İznik Foundation. One of the reasons the place is so beloved of tour groups is the beautifully restored Byzantine cistern that's in the basement – make sure you have a peek.

YILMAZ İPEKÇİLİK*Textiles, Soap*☎ 212-638 4579; İshakpaşa Caddesi 36,
Cankurtaran; ☎ 9am-9pm Mon-Sat,
3-9pm Sun; 📍 Sultanahmet

Hand-loomed textiles made in a family-run factory in Antakya are on sale in this out-of-the-way shop. Good-quality silk, cotton and linen items at reasonable prices make it worth the short trek.

YÖRÜK COLLECTION*Rugs, Textiles & Handicrafts*☎ 212-511 7766; Yerebatan Caddesi
35-37, Alemdar; ☎ 9am-9pm;

📍 Sultanahmet

It's worth popping in here to admire the beautifully restored building, which originally housed an Ottoman library. Stock consists of rugs, miniatures, jewellery and quirky handmade-glass light fittings.

**Saffet Emre Tonguç***Professional guide and author of 101 Must-See Places in Turkey*

Top five must-see attractions in the city? Topkapı Place (p39), Aya Sofya (p36), Blue Mosque (p37), Bosphorus Cruise (p112) and Grand Bazaar (p52). **What things do your clients enjoy most about Istanbul?** They really appreciate Turkish hospitality and food. They also enjoy the incredible cultural heritage and the city's colourful contrasts – ancient and modern, European and Asian. **Your favourite places to eat in the city?** Develi (p65), Saray Muhallebicisi (p86), Çiya Sofrası (p48), Mangerie (p114), Varulka in Reina (p109), Asude (☎ 216-334 4414; Perihan Abila Sokak 4, Kuzguncuk; ☎ 8.30am-8.30pm) and Topaz (Map pp72-3, H1; ☎ 212-249 1001; İnönü Caddesi 50, Gümüşsuyu; mains TL30-40; ☎ noon-1am). **Your favourite bars?** Reina (p109), Blackk (p107) and 360 (p87). **Favourite cafe?** Aşşk (p105), Sade Kahve (p116), House Café (p105), Smyrna (Map pp72-3, E3; ☎ 212-244 2466; Akarsu Yokuşu Sokak 29, Çiğirir; ☎ 10.30am-midnight) and Kaktus (Map pp72-3, E1; ☎ 212-249 5979; İmam Adnan Sokak 4, Taksim; ☎ 9am-2am Mon-Sat). **Favourite neighbourhood?** Bebek (p114). It's so full of life.