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10 Istanbul Restaurants to Shortlist

A current, varied restaurant shortlist for travellers who want a memorable taste of the city.

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This is a planning shortlist rather than an absolute ranking. All ten restaurants appear in the current MICHELIN Guide Istanbul selection. Match the style, location and price level to your trip, and reserve ahead where required.

1

TURK Fatih Tutak / Bomonti

A destination tasting-menu experience built around contemporary interpretations of Turkish ingredients and traditions.

2

Neolokal / Karaköy

Modern Anatolian cooking in Salt Galata, with strong local sourcing and views across the historic peninsula.

3

Mikla / Beyoğlu

New Anatolian cuisine on a rooftop setting, suited to travellers combining dinner with a city panorama.

4

Arkestra / Etiler

A polished, creative restaurant in a restored villa, with a lively bar and music-led atmosphere.

5

Araka / Yeniköy

Chef-driven seasonal cooking in a quieter Bosphorus neighbourhood, known for precise vegetable-focused dishes.

Continue your shortlist

Five more options, followed by practical planning notes.

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Araf / Kadıköy

An intimate open-fire counter on the Asian side, recognised with a MICHELIN Star in the 2026 selection.

7

Nicole / Tomtom

Refined contemporary cooking near İstiklal Avenue, with tasting menus and rooftop city views.

8

Sankai by Nagaya / Bebek

Japanese fine dining with a calm Bosphorus-side setting and highly detailed technique.

9

Calipso / Küçükyalı

Seafood-focused dining on the Asian side, useful for travellers exploring beyond the historic centre.

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Karaköy Lokantası / Karaköy

A celebrated neighbourhood institution for classic Turkish dishes in an atmospheric tiled dining room.

SMART PLANNING

Reserve fine-dining restaurants early. Confirm the current menu, dress expectations, cancellation rules and accessibility directly. Istanbul traffic can be significant, so group dinner plans by neighbourhood. The sequence above is not a quality ranking.

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