



Lost Civilizations: Turkey : The Ottoman Empire, Istanbul

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Istanbul is a mysterious city with many different identities.

Byzantium for the Byzantines, Constantinople for the Oriental Roman Empire, Catholic for the Crusaders, and Muslim for the Ottomans, it has long been the refuge of the most powerful empires of the planet.

From 1299 to 1923, it was the centre of the Ottoman Empire, which spread right up to the borders of Europe.

The Ottoman Empire was originally founded by a family from the Kayi tribe, one of the Turkic tribes.

The massive size of the empire led to a very diverse population, in terms of ethnicity, language and religion.

The empire reached its peak under the rule of the sultan Suleiman.

The great genius of Ottoman civilization is visible in monuments such as the Topkapi palace, the Shehzade mosque, the Selimiyye mosque, the Dolmabahce palace and so many others.

The traces that remain of the Ottoman empire give us a glimpse into the mythical, legendary civilization that has inspired so many authors, drawn to its oriental charms.

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