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# Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul

THE ONLY OTTOMAN IMPERIAL PALACE AND HOTEL ON THE BOSPHORUS

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HOTELIERS SINCE 1897



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— ISTANBUL —



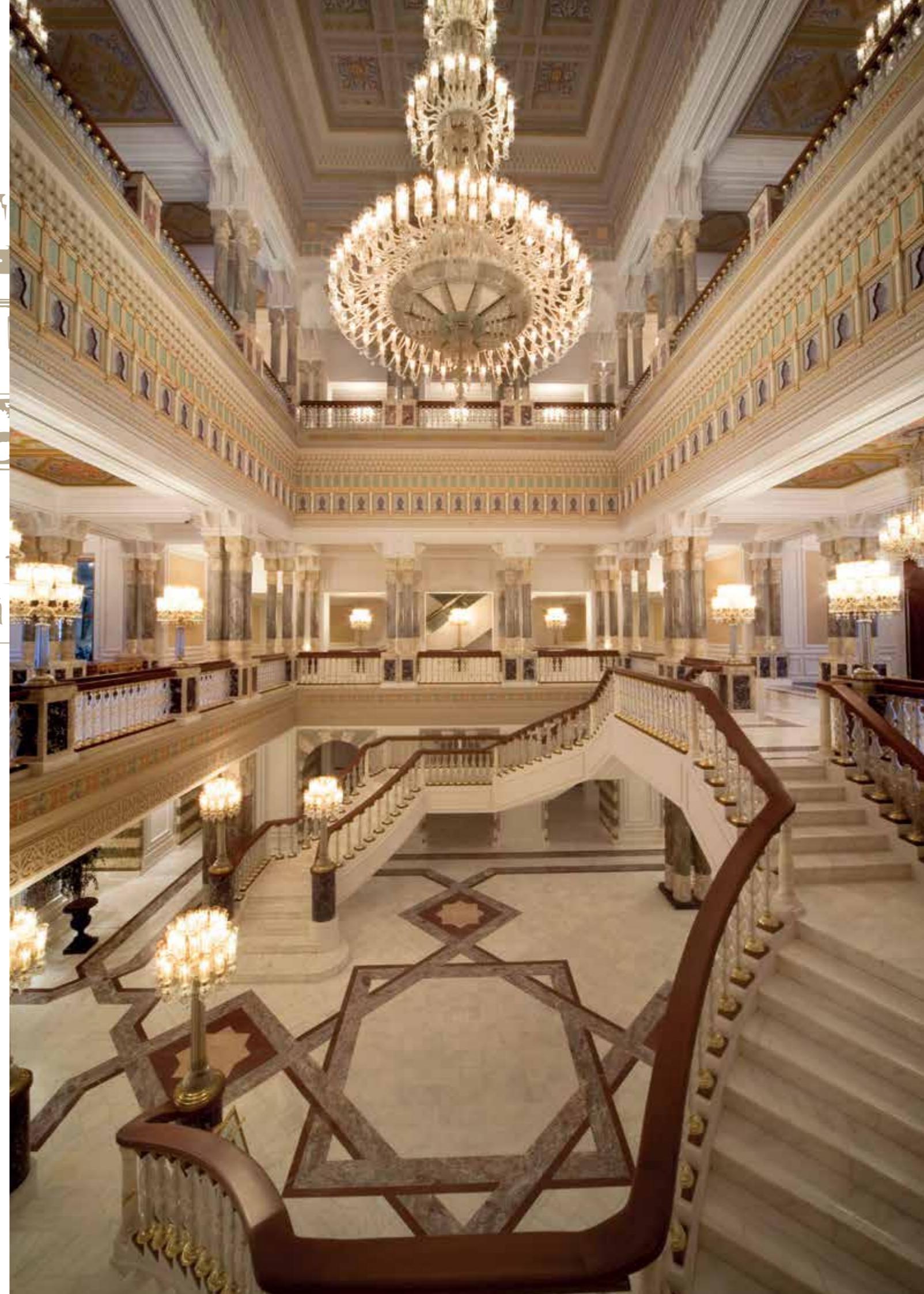
## — ROYAL BORN —

Dating back to the 17th century, Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul is the only Ottoman Imperial Palace and Hotel situated on the Bosphorus, one of the world's most important waterways. Facing Asia, with enchanting views to the historical peninsula, it offers the glamour of a genuine Ottoman Palace in a city where East meets West, Europe meets Asia and history meets the contemporary.

Following a full restoration and the addition of a modern hotel building that includes elegant rooms, restaurants and meeting rooms, the hotel and palace opened in 1991 under the leadership of Europe's oldest luxury hotel group, Kempinski Hotels.

The historical landmark also marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter as the legendary hotel has recently redesigned the guestrooms, suites, lobby, and restaurants in the hotel building, offering a world of exquisite redesigns blended with history and grandeur.

The legendary hotel has 317 rooms and suites, including 11 private palace suites in the historical Çırağan Palace. In addition to its magnificent outdoor event spaces that host prestigious local and international events, 20 meeting rooms offer advanced technology and unparalleled comfort to meet the exacting standards of visiting guests.





## — A HISTORY — OF TIMELESS ELEGANCE

In the mid-19th century, on grounds that were previously home to royal gardens, a summer villa and a marble palace, Sultan Abdulaziz commissioned the Balyan family – famous architects and veterans of palace design during the Ottoman Empire – to construct the imperial palace. In an ornate style befitting the Sultan, only the finest marbles, porphyries, mother-of-pearl and other valuable materials from around the world were utilised in the construction. Çırağan Palace eventually opened its doors in 1871, ushering in a new era of historical prominence, both as a home to the Sultan and as a host for important government meetings.

In 1910, not long after a historically significant meeting of the Ottoman Parliament, a devastating fire destroyed the interior of Çırağan Palace. Completely dilapidated, with no clear direction on how to best rejuvenate the property, the historical grounds remained uninhabitable and largely abandoned for many decades; albeit, occasionally seeing use for other activities, most notably serving as the home stadium for Beşiktaş football club.

Finally, in 1991, following a complete restoration and the addition of a modern hotel building, Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul was reborn and opened its doors to guests yearning to marvel at its historical splendour.





## — PHENOMENAL — LOCATION ON THE BOSPHORUS

“IF THE WORLD WAS ONLY ONE COUNTRY, ISTANBUL WOULD BE ITS CAPITAL.”

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE

Istanbul, the unique city that straddles the continents of Europe and Asia, fulfils all desires with its beauty and history. For thousands of years, Istanbul has been a symbol of greatness, magnificence, royalty, glory and elegance.

Enjoying a fairy-tale place in history, Istanbul is one of the world's most fascinating and attractive cities, offering thrilling experiences, natural beauty, rich historical and cultural heritage and luxurious accommodation.

To that end, Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul, ideally situated on the European shore of the Bosphorus between the districts of Beşiktaş and Ortaköy, is close to the city's main attractions, upscale shopping areas such as Nişantaşı, and only a short drive to the historical peninsula and the business districts of Levent and Maslak. Both Istanbul Airport and Sabiha Gökçen International Airport, located 42 km (26 miles) and 48 km (30 miles) away, respectively, are only a one-hour drive, door-to-door.

## — TRANSFER WITH STYLE —

Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul makes the first glimpse of this historical city unforgettable, offering guests the unmatched opportunity to turn transfer trips into a memorable, exclusive journey. Since opening, the legendary hotel remains the only hotel in Istanbul reachable by three methods: limousine, yacht or helicopter.

The ultimate way to escape Istanbul's traffic and arrive in style, Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul is also the only hotel in the city with a registered helipad on the Bosphorus.



## — A SIGNATURE TOUCH — FOR A MEMORABLE STAY



The privileged Sultan Suite guests have the joy of a chauffeur-driven luxury transfer service and point-to-point city transfers with the hotel's classy Rolls Royce

Silver Shadow throughout their stay. With this great advantage, Sultan Suite guests will cherish creating everlasting memories long after their stay.



## — THE PUBLIC AREAS —

BE IN AWE OF THE TIMELESS CHARM OF ÇIRAGAN PALACE KEMPINSKI ISTANBUL, WHERE HISTORY MEETS INNOVATION. EXPERIENCE THE GRAND TRANSFORMATION THAT SEAMLESSLY BLENDS RICH HERITAGE WITH MODERN ELEGANCE, CREATING AN ENCHANTING MASTERPIECE THAT CAPTIVATES ALL WHO ENTER.

### ARRIVAL EXPERIENCE

- Drawing inspiration from historical palace gardens, the entrance harmonises with nature and foliage.
- Adorned columns with lattice cladding add elegance, while dome-shaped ceilings exude grandeur.
- Striped curtains enhance the design theme, and the flooring features podima pebbles for a natural and textured touch.

### GUEST FLOORS

- The hotel floor maintains a seamless connection between the corridors and the lobby area.
- The mirrored folding screens reflect light and add an element of opulence, enhancing the ambience.
- Specially designed lamp shades accentuate the luxurious atmosphere of the palace hotel.

### HOTEL LOBBY

- The octagonal seating unit is the central focal point, reminiscent of large palace halls.
- The turtle figure carrying a globe symbolises longevity and wisdom, connecting to the turtle and tulip festivities in Çırağan Palace.
- The 16th- and 17th-century Iznik ceramics adorn the reception and concierge walls, showcasing historical artistry.
- Unique Venetian-style chandeliers with striped hats add a contemporary touch to a classical model.



## — ROOMS —

### THE NEW ERA OF THE GRANDE DAME OF THE BOSPHORUS

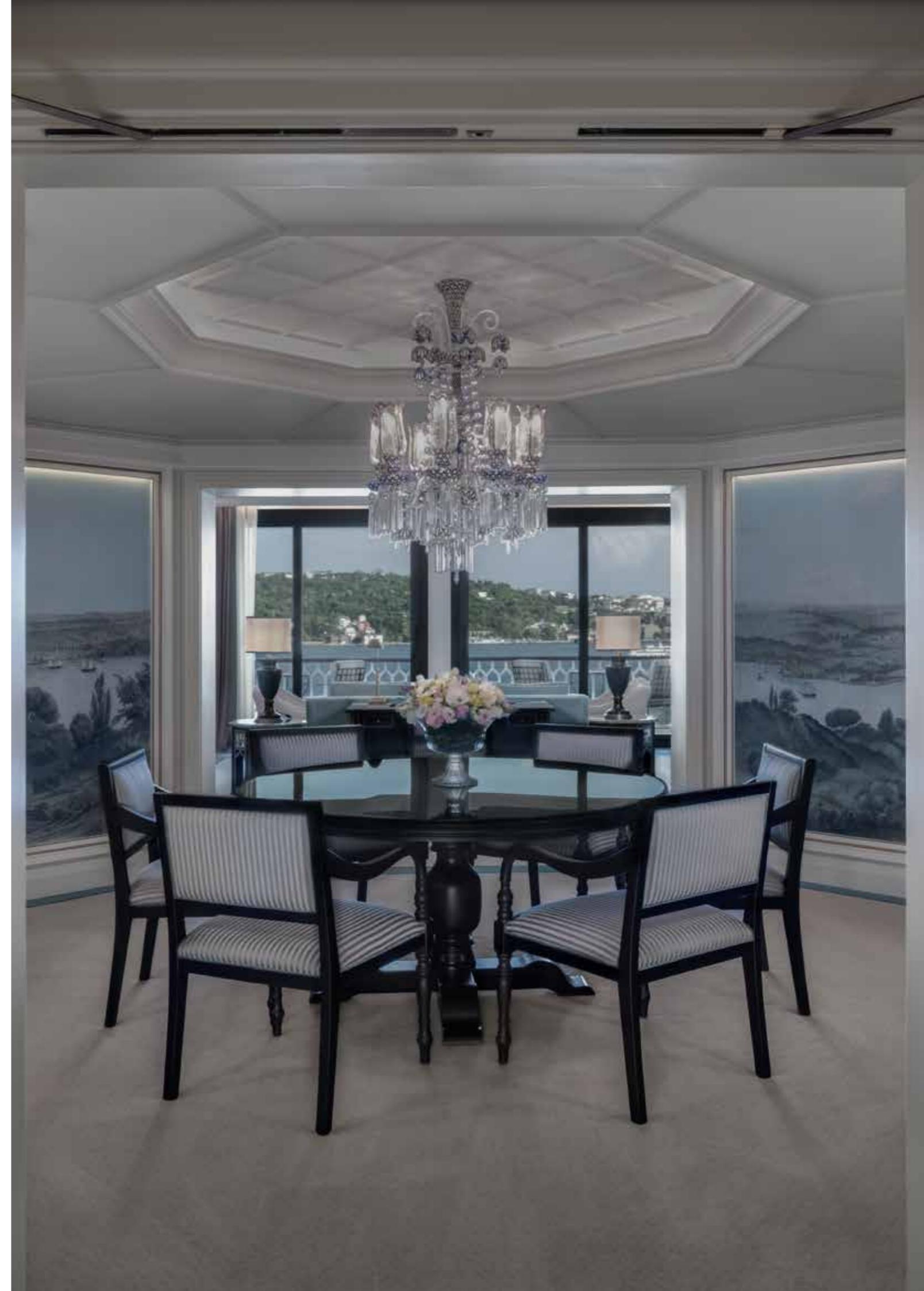
WITH ELEGANTLY REDESIGNED GUEST ROOMS, INCLUDING SUITES IN THE HOTEL AND IN THE HISTORICAL PALACE, ÇIRAGAN PALACE KEMPINSKI ISTANBUL REFLECTS A HARMONIOUS BLEND OF HERITAGE, BESPOKE SERVICE AND TURKISH HOSPITALITY, IDEAL FOR LEISURE AND BUSINESS TRAVELLERS ALIKE.

Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul, an iconic symbol of the city, has embarked on an extraordinary journey into a new era, harmoniously blending its rich historical heritage with modern elegance through a comprehensive redesign project in the hotel building. Guided by the vision of esteemed Ottoman Art Expert Serdar Gülgün and Toner Architects, the entire hotel building has been transformed into a timeless masterpiece.

Classic design elements, infused with innovative flair, transport guests to different eras, immortalising the momentous past within the hotel's walls. The new guestrooms, suites, and restaurants in the hotel building at Çırağan Palace offer timeless Ottoman

glamour; royal and authentic sophistication is reflected in design touches that take inspiration from the Ottoman Empire, including the use of mother-of-pearl, ebony inlaid furniture, hammam-style marble bathrooms, and Ottoman era-infused fabrics and furniture inspired by the Ottoman art of Ebru.

A majority of the E-shaped hotel guest rooms have an amazing sea view. These rooms overlook the Asian coast and, depending on the wing, may offer views of the historical peninsula, including the Maiden's Tower or the Bridge. Freshly redesigned hotel rooms facing the Bosphorus or Yıldız Park are spacious and comfortable, with private balconies set in refined luxury.



## REDESIGNED ROOMS & SUITES IN THE HOTEL

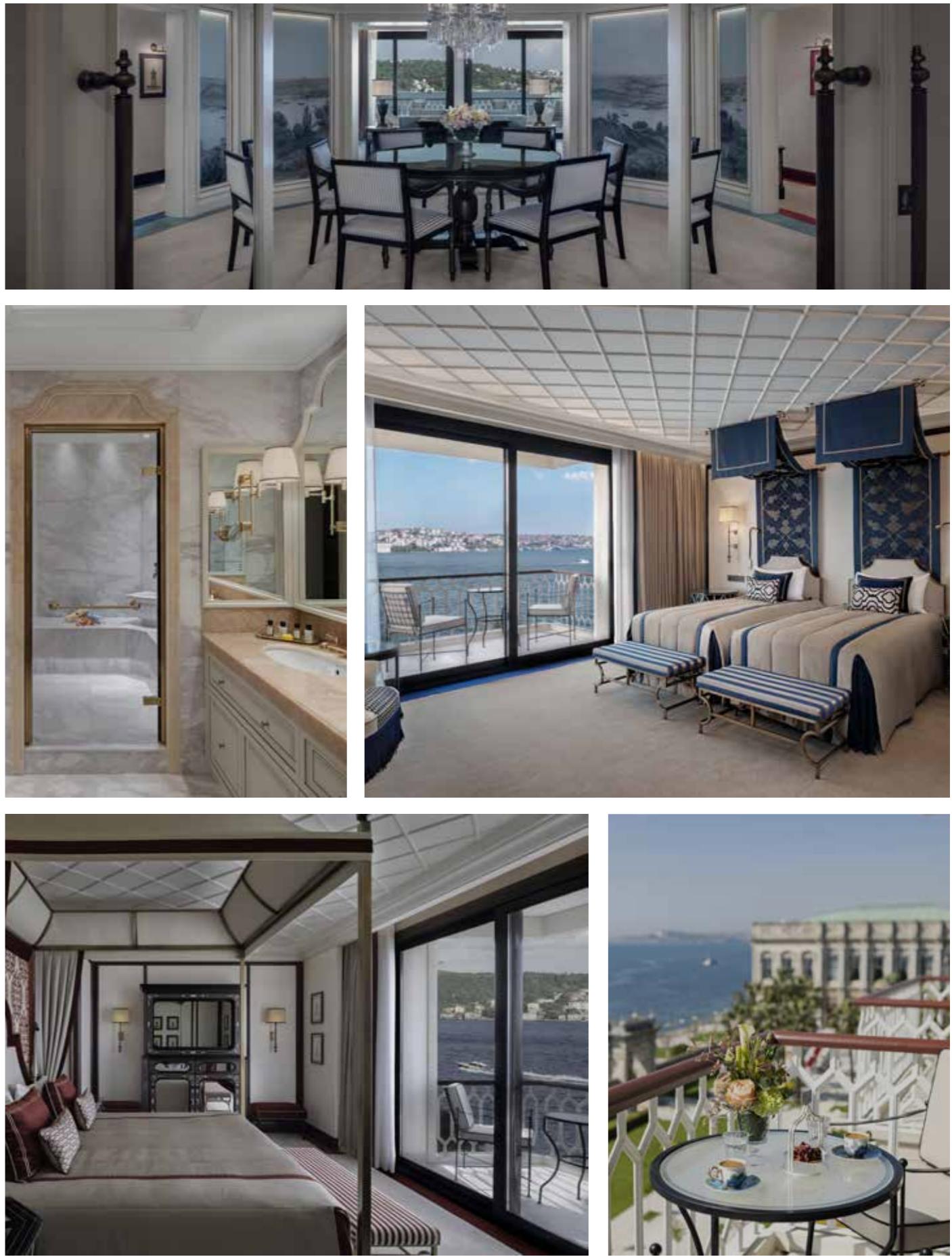
**TRADITIONAL MAGNIFICENCE OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE: THE REDESIGNED ROOMS AND SUITES EXUDÉ GRANDEUR AND OPULENCE REMINISCENT OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE. THE DESIGNERS' ARTISTIC EXPERTISE IS INFUSED WITH MODERN ELEMENTS, CREATING A HARMONIOUS BLEND OF TRADITION AND INNOVATION.**

- The corridors draw inspiration from ostentatious Ottoman tents, adding a regal touch to the design.
- Different room colours are used to symbolise the historical periods of the Ottoman era. Headboards adorned with Çintemani represent the dynasty and wealth, while the tulip-patterned motifs reflect the tulip period. Mother-of-pearl furniture adds a touch of luxury and elegance to the rooms and suites.
- The marble bathrooms pay homage to Turkish bath traditions, offering a luxurious bathing experience. Featuring grey-on-grey inlaid marble walls, the bathrooms showcase the Ottomans' expertise in creating intricate marble patterns.
- The coffered ceilings with geometrical patterns and the straw-patterned carpet draw inspiration from Ottoman palaces and traditional carpets.
- The seat designs are inspired by Ebru, the ancient Turkish art of marbling, adding an artistic touch to the rooms.
- Newly redesigned hotel rooms feature Atelier Rebul x Çırağan Palace special bathroom amenities inspired by a unique fragrance exclusive to Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul. The range includes custom-made shampoo, conditioner, hand and body lotion, and soap. Crafted with 100% renewable energy for sustainability, these products come in responsibly produced, 100% recyclable aluminium tubes, reflecting the hotel's environmental commitment.



## ROYAL OTTOMAN SUITE & PASHA SUITE

These luxurious suites feature two elegant bedrooms, an octagonal dining area, a living room and three balconies. Inspired by the Bosphorus, its decor showcases pastel blues, greenish blues and celadon colours. The master bedroom boasts a bronze four-poster bed reminiscent of ancient palaces and Ottoman architecture. Specially crafted onyx marble bathrooms with a private Turkish hammam and steam room offer a luxurious and spacious ambience for relaxation.



## — PALACE SUITES —



Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul has 11 suites in the historical palace that offer a royal experience in line with local tradition, featuring large sash windows, high ceilings, and captivating views of the Bosphorus, the historical peninsula, the palace courtyard or the park. Ten of the palace suites are

maisonette-style duplex suites, which exude a cosy and residential warmth, enhanced by the sophisticated style and soft colour palettes. Naturally, guests staying in the historical palace can also enjoy time on private terraces, relishing the refined tranquillity of this truly royal experience.



## — THE SULTAN SUITE —



The palatial Sultan Suite, almost 400 sq m (4,305 sq ft) in size, is located on Floor 2 of the historical Çırağan Palace, overlooking the Bosphorus.

One of the largest and most expensive suites in the world and equipped with advanced technology and features, the Sultan Suite is an ideal accommodation to feel the soul of this historical palace that Ottoman sultans once called home.

The Sultan Suite has colossal, beautiful doors, two decorative fireplaces, regal chandeliers, columns, and replicas of paintings by the famous palace artist, Fausto Zonaro. Floor-to-ceiling windows with extraordinary

Bosphorus views combine with the best of contemporary and classical Ottoman architecture to recreate the splendour of the original palace.

All of the imperial-style furniture with Ottoman motifs and accessories, which were made in Türkiye, dates back to the 19th century.

The Sultan Suite has proudly received numerous awards and continues to receive recognition from the world's leading publications and organisations as one of the most luxurious and expensive suites in the world.



## — 24/7 PRIVATE BUTLER — SERVICE

Upon arrival at the historical palace, guests will be carried back to Ottoman times as they are welcomed by a private butler to the sounds

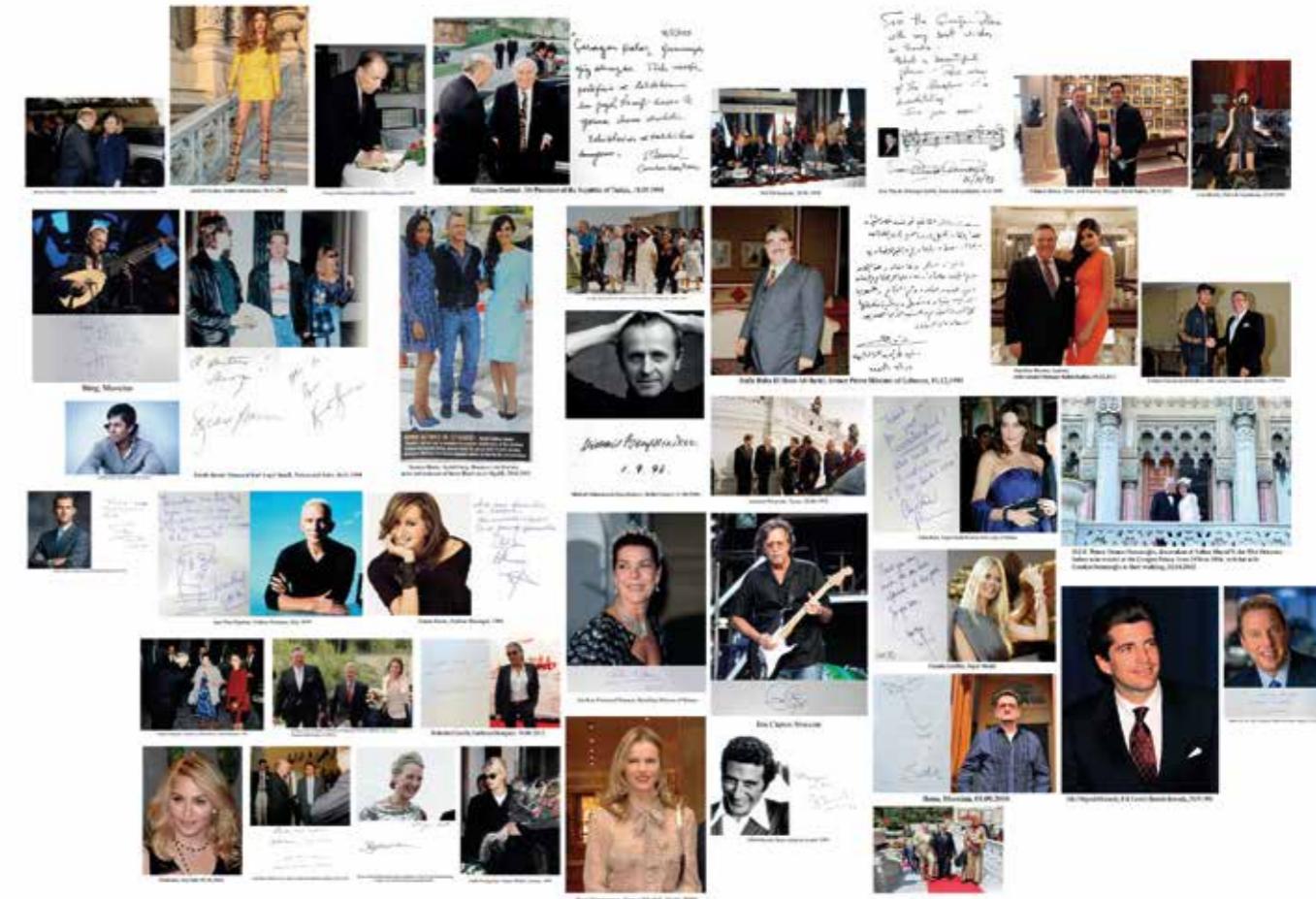
of classical music and served a traditional Ottoman drink and a sherbet in the foyer of their lavish suite accommodation.



## — NATURAL AND PALATIAL — SOAP SERVICE FOR PALACE GUESTS



Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul revives an old tradition dating back to the ancient water therapies of the Turkish bath. Guests will enjoy 100% pure olive oil handmade soap, available in four different scents: mint-lemon-green tea, jasmine, orange flower, and rose-lavender. The unique experiential event, marked by the butler slicing the soap for guests – one bar crafted for immediate use, another delicately wrapped in a pouch to take home – ensures a lasting memory. This service is provided by the butler team for guests staying in the private palace suites and the redesigned Royal Ottoman Suite, Pasha Suite, Vali Suite, and Vezir Suite located in the hotel section.



## — HOME OF ROYALS, — CELEBRITIES, GOVERNMENT DELEGATES

Once the home of Ottoman sultans, Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul has seen countless eminent figures pass through its doors. Since opening, Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul has remained “the place” to meet royalty, presidents and prime ministers, world-renowned artists, designers and business leaders.

Guests routinely visit the “Wall of Fame” to view iconic photos of the hotel’s cherished VIP visitors, as well as read anecdotes in the Golden Book, which chronicles memories from its storied past.

# — RESTAURANTS —

## TUĞRA RESTAURANT



The award-winning and Michelin Guide recommended Tuğra Restaurant, located on Floor 1 of the historical palace, offers guests the ultimate Ottoman dining experience, complete with timeless, palatial rituals.

All dishes on Tuğra's menu come perfected with significant historical underpinnings. Each dish is carefully selected as the result of a long research in the archives of the palace libraries, with discerning chefs scouring Ottoman documents, books and translations to elevate and enhance traditional recipes with respectful, modern flare.

Bearing the name Tuğra, which refers to the signature or seal of the sultans, the restaurant continues to receive critical acclaim, winning numerous awards. It is included in Business Insider's "40 Incredible Restaurants You Should Eat at in Your Lifetime" and is listed in Architectural Digest's "The World's 16 Most Spectacular Waterfront Restaurants". Having gained a coveted spot on the Michelin Guide's 'Recommended' list, as well as receiving the esteemed 'Service Award' and three toques from Gault & Millau, this legendary restaurant reaffirms its exceptional culinary and service excellence.

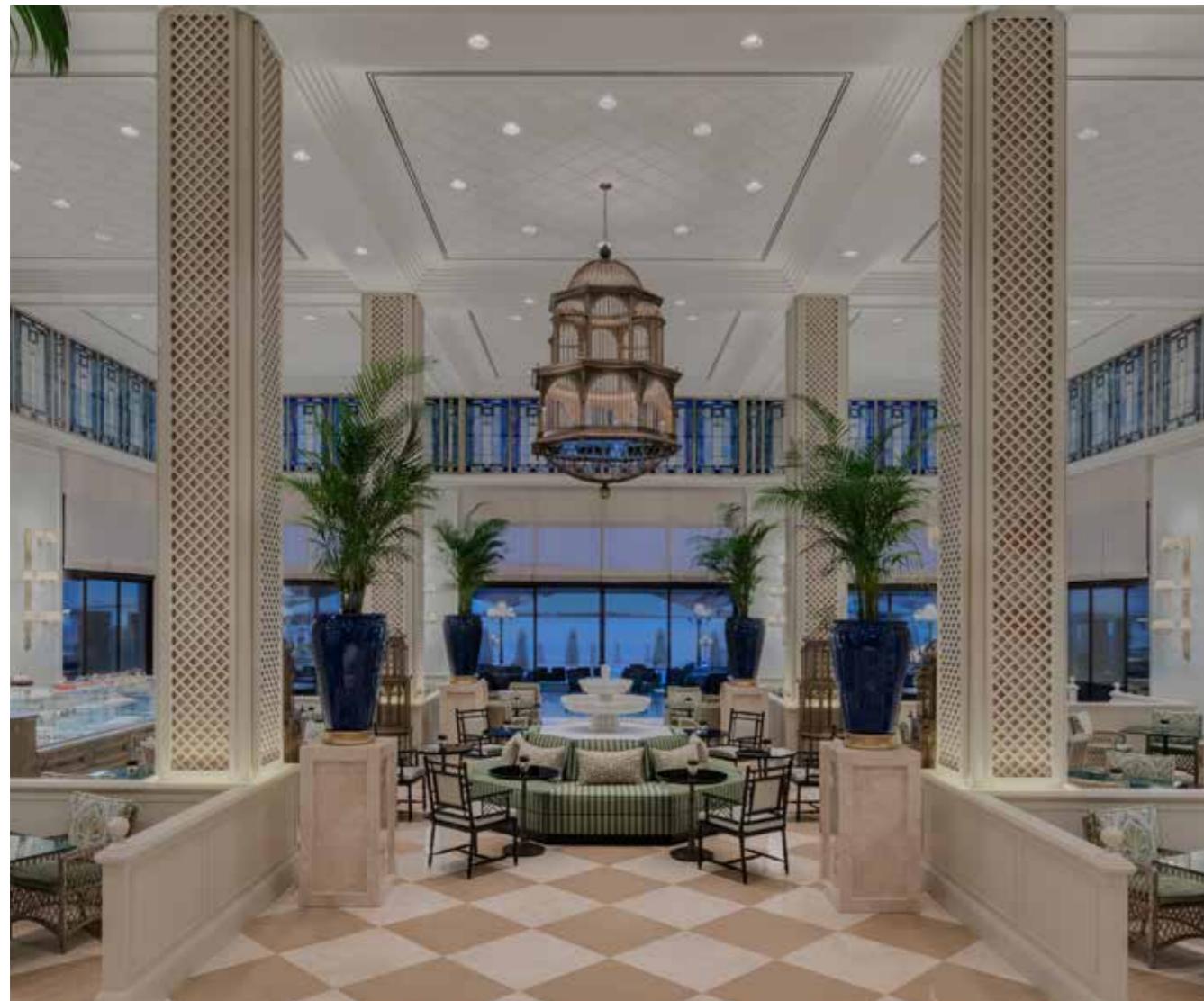
## BELLINI



Bellini Restaurant, tucked away inside the historical Çırağan Palace, offers the bliss of cherishing Italian flavours against the Bosphorus in a real, uniquely positioned palace. Located in the historical palace building, Bellini dazzles the eyes with its decoration and delights the palate with its

exquisite Italian flavours, including daily changing starters, especially homemade pasta, risottos, pizzas and flavourful Italian desserts. All the flavours on the menu are prepared with the consultancy of Sicilian chef Giovanni Vaccaro, who has more than 20 years of experience.

## GAZEBO



The waterfront lounge with a first-row view over the Bosphorus, Gazebo is elegantly redesigned and waiting its guests to kick off the novelties. Renowned for its wide variety of sweet and savoury pastries, homemade truffles, and chocolates, along with freshly brewed coffee and tea options, including refreshing coffee cocktails, signature serves, sumptuously delicious afternoon tea, and many more, this award-winning lounge is now hosting its guests with elevated services and redesigned style. Inspired by the

Ottoman style garden design “Charbagh”, this quadrilateral garden-style restaurant also reflects the art of four flowers: tulips, roses, carnations, and hyacinth. Offering a simple, refreshing, and glamorous space, this newly redesigned restaurant gives the impression of being in a royal Ottoman garden. Comfortable sofas, wicker armchairs and faux bamboo pieces, a monumental aviary, a fountain in the centre invites guests to a place of relaxation and true contemplation.

## RÜYA ISTANBUL RESTAURANT



Renowned for its noble past dating to the 17th century and its peerless location by the Bosphorus, Çirağan Palace Kempinski has embarked on a new gastronomy journey with its brand-new restaurant, Rüya Istanbul — acclaimed for masterfully blending authentic Turkish hospitality with the rich, vibrant flavours of Anatolia across various global destinations such as Cannes, Dubai, Riyadh.

Rüya combines restaurant, lounge, and bar concepts, inviting guests to an unforgettable feast with a menu that masterfully interprets the rich classics of Anatolian cuisine—from the Mediterranean to the Black Sea—with contemporary and fresh touches.

Every dish passionately celebrates Anatolia’s rich gastronomic heritage. Reflecting the warmth and sincerity of traditional Anatolian cuisine, Rüya embraces a “dream to share” approach, celebrating the joy of sharing and

bonding over food. Combining an eye-catching design with a warm, friendly atmosphere, the restaurant invites guests to lunch, dinner, and a dazzling Sunday feast, where the Palace’s iconic brunch is reimagined with Rüya’s distinctive touch.

The on-site bar offers a vibrant evening of curated drinks and delicious bites against the breathtaking backdrop of the Bosphorus. The expert mixologists craft signature cocktails and mocktails infused with iconic Turkish flavours like rose, cardamom, and pomegranate, ensuring a visually striking and unforgettable experience.

Enriched by the rhythm of live DJ performances against the backdrop of the Bosphorus and historic palace gardens, every moment spent at Rüya becomes more than a dining experience, offering an unforgettable journey that appeals to all the senses.

## BOSPHORUS GRILL



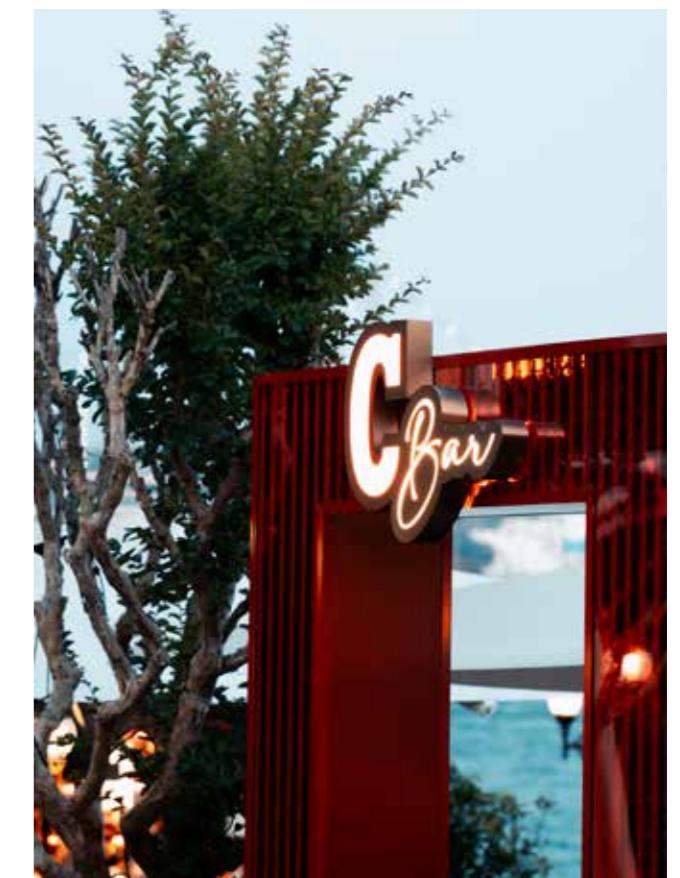
During the summertime, the Bosphorus Grill is a delicious, outdoor restaurant right on the shores of the Bosphorus.

This seasonal venue on the Bosphorus waterfront awaits guests for lunch and dinner, offering enticing seafood platters and an open-buffet selection of meat, fish,

and vegetables. The venue is strategically located at one of Istanbul's most coveted locations, offering a prime vantage point to fully appreciate the city and its glittering lights – from Çırağan Palace to the historical peninsula and Maiden's Tower, all the way along the Asian shore of the Bosphorus.

## C BAR

Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul's C BAR offers a modern mixology experience in the heart of the Bosphorus. C BAR blends iconic history with contemporary verve, reflected in its cocktails, cuisine, and atmosphere. Live DJ performances add a vibrant energy, making it perfect for alfresco evenings.



## LE FUMOIR



Located in the lush gardens of Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul, surrounded by palm trees and with a splendid view of the Bosphorus, Le Fumoir offers posh ambiance coupled with striking decor. Recently awarded "Star Bars" by Forbes Travel Guide, this bar at Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul is the perfect place to unwind. It offers a robust selection of spirits, fine wines, and enticing cocktails, all served with a unique signature style.

## BERTHOLD POP-UP VENUE



Çırağan Palace Kempinski has unveiled “Berthold” – a distinctive, delightful concept in the Palace gardens set against the breathtaking Bosphorus vista. Named after Berthold

Kempinski, founder of the Kempinski brand; “Berthold” offers a unique pop-up joint concepts.

## LUXURY PICNIC EXPERIENCE BY THE BOSPHORUS

For those who enjoy being outdoors with their loved ones, a luxurious picnic is offered with a different concept and style, and with Çırağan Palace’s tastes. With comfortable and colourful cushions in verdant gardens,

a feast full of delicious food and beverage options, a magnificent Bosphorus view and Çırağan Palace’s service, this excellent picnic is ideal for special celebrations, birthdays and family reunions.

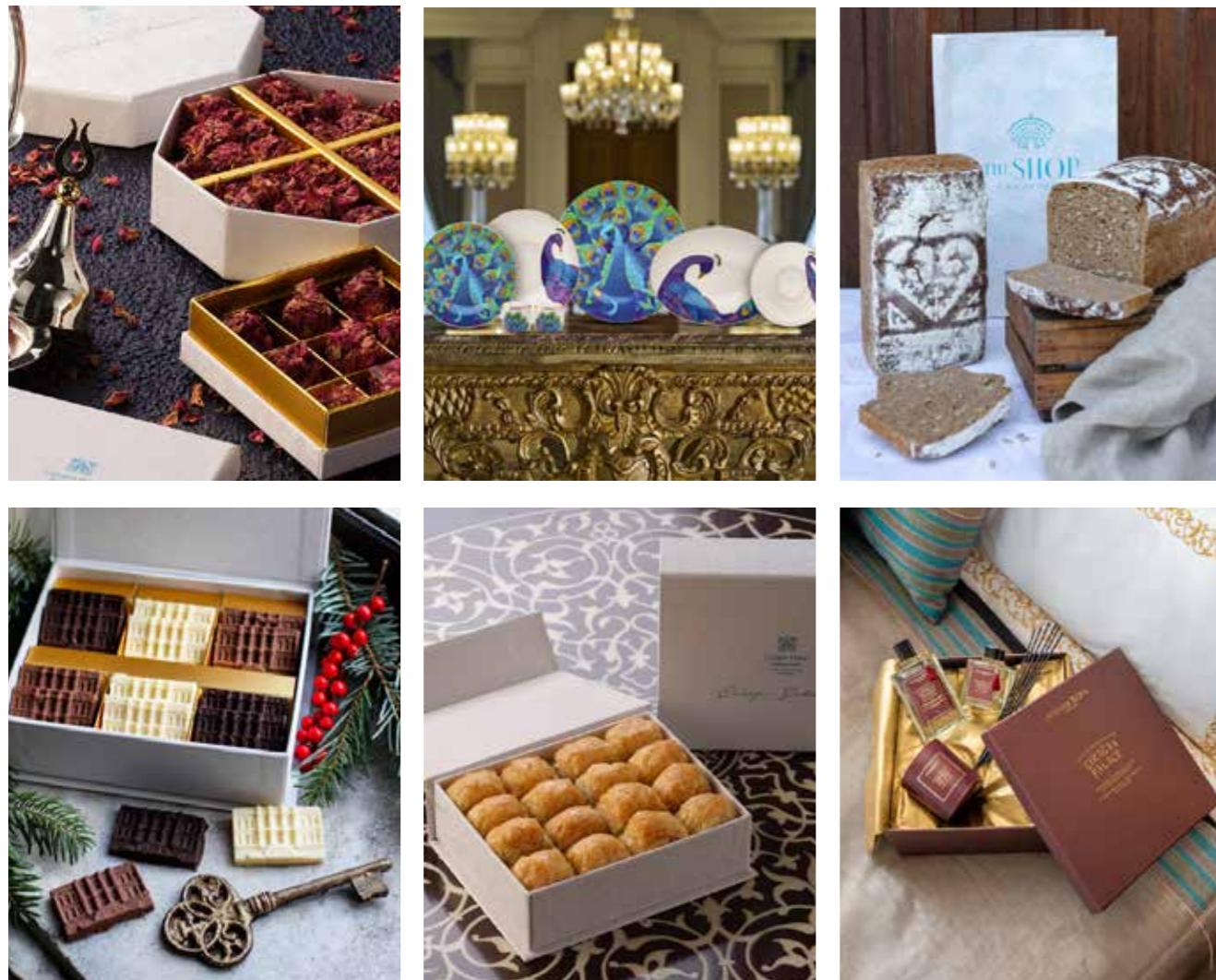


## A DREAMY DINNER UNDER THE PALM TREES

A romantic dinner served in a completely private area under the palm trees and next to the infinity pool is combined with wonderful tastes and a heart-warming view of the Bosphorus. This special dining experience comes with romantic decorations, a cosy ambience, and excellent flavours.



## — EXCLUSIVE DELICACIES — AND PRODUCTS BY ÇIRAGAN PALACE SHOP



The online shopping site of the hotel, Çiragan Palace Shop, offers savoury delicacies and unique products to its guests. Handmade chocolates, cakes, croissants made in the Palace kitchen, baklava handcrafted in the baklava room, Turkish delights, macarons, and many other delicacies, along with special collections such as the

Atelier Rebul x Çiragan Palace fragrance collection unique to the Palace, and Karaca x Çiragan Palace Shop tableware made of genuine pearls, are just some of the offerings that showcase Çiragan Palace's splendour. The Çiragan Palace Shop is also proud to have extended its range of products to include specially crafted "Boutique" items.

### BAKLAVA ROOM



Fresh and delicious baklava delicacies are made to perfection in this exclusive Baklava Room by chefs from Gaziantep, the destination known for this delectable, crunchy and sweet Turkish dessert.

The Baklava Room is a culinary creative space to fine-tune the art of baklava making.

With more than 15 distinct and enticing baklava varieties – from pistachio, walnut, chocolate and coffee to chestnut custard, melon, forest fruits and lemon – Çiragan Palace Kempinski Istanbul is a pioneer of baklava development, proudly producing nearly 15 tonnes of baklava per year.

## — DREAM EVENT — SPACES

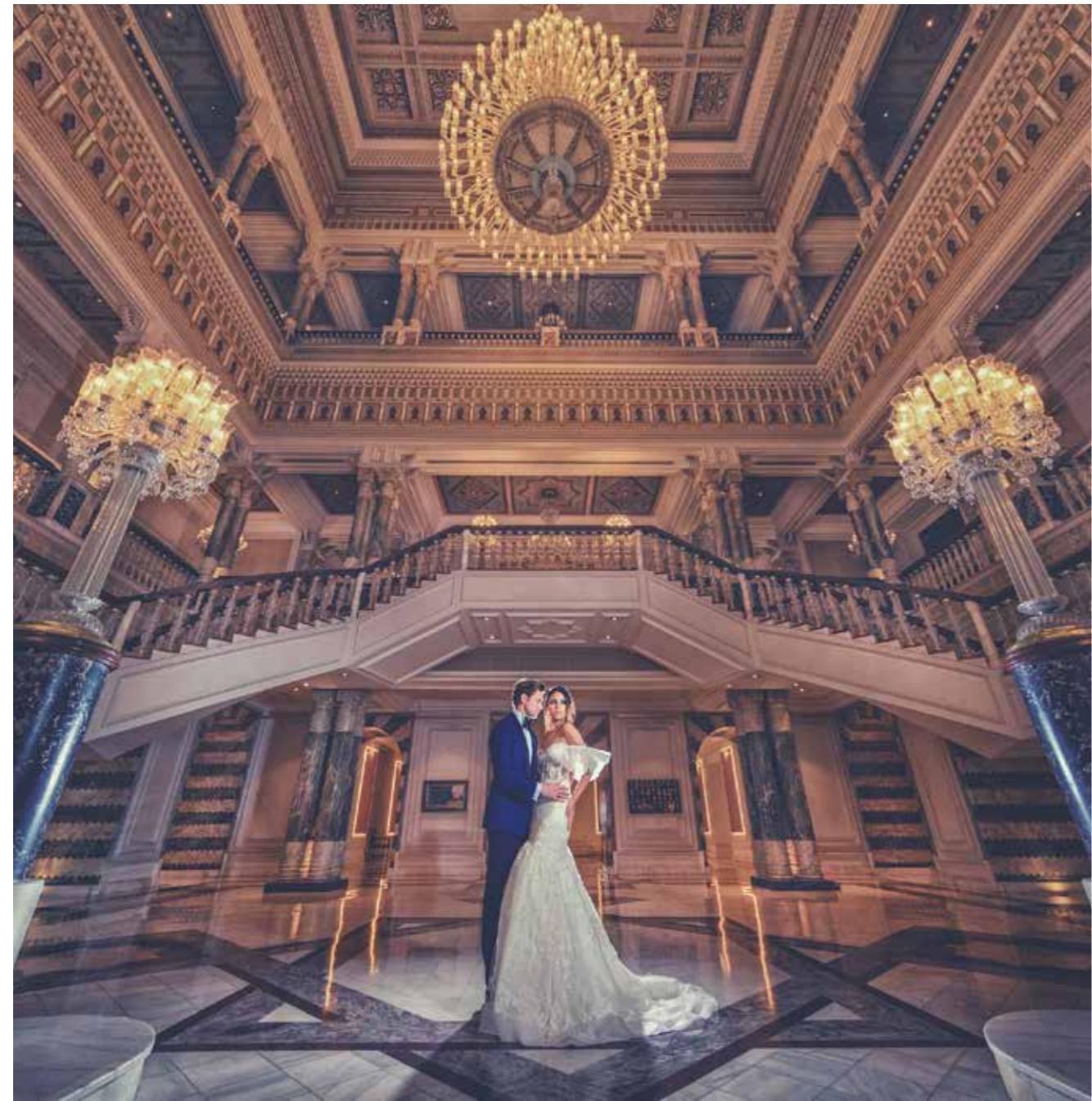


As a historical landmark, Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul frequently hosts prestigious and extravagant events, meetings, and weddings. Boasting a long list of distinct, memorable events such as government

summits, high-profile meetings and congresses, weddings, and social events that create lifelong memories, it is difficult to truly define which is Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul's most famous function.

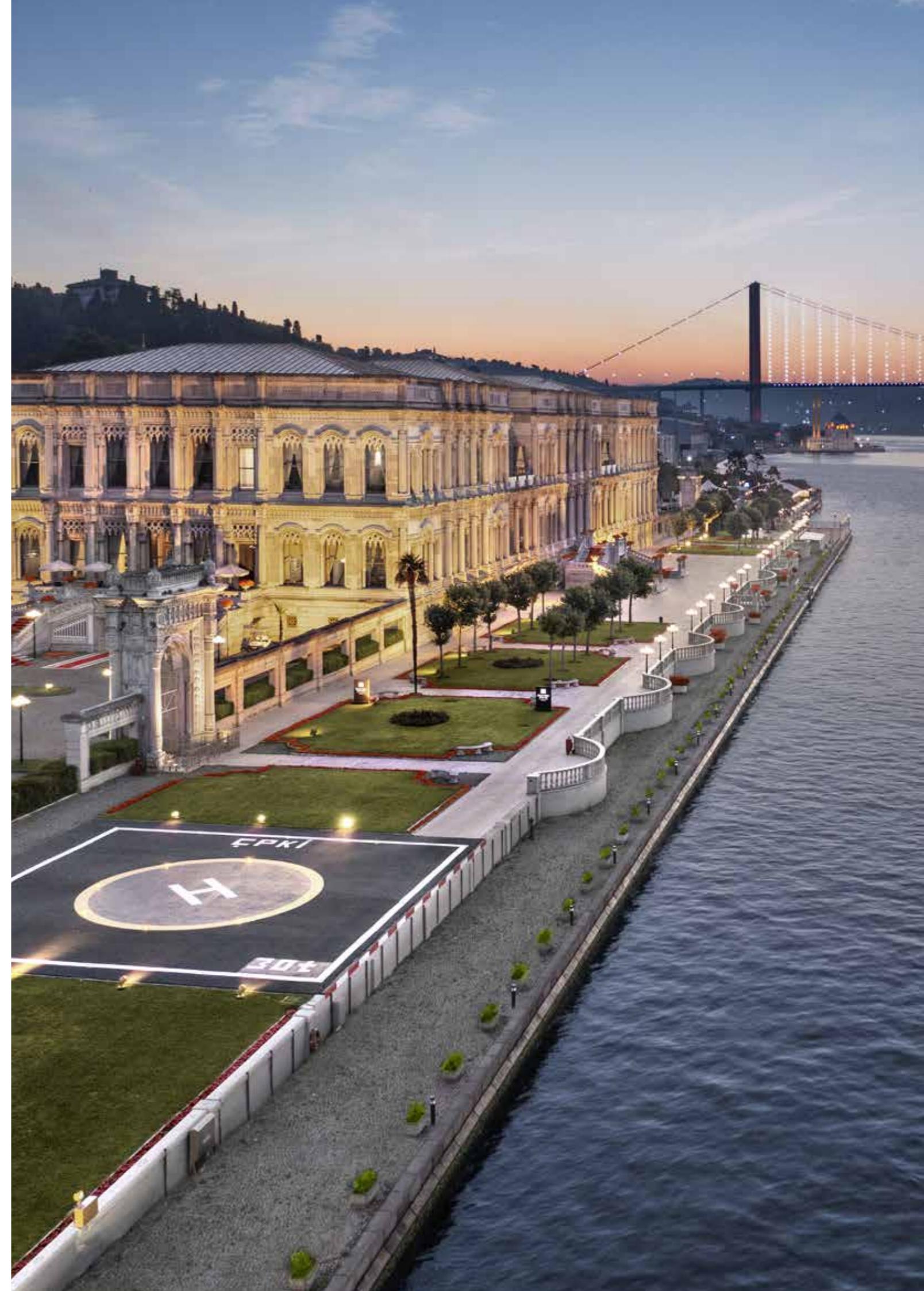


— WEDDINGS —



Once an imperial residence for sultans, Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul is the only palatial hotel on the Bosphorus to offer a dream-come-true venue and experience for couples dreaming of tying the knot in an entirely fascinating fashion.

The gorgeous wedding venues at Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul offer a flawless mix of luxury and elegance, awaiting brides and grooms from around the world.



## — THE SULTANS’ — DINNER



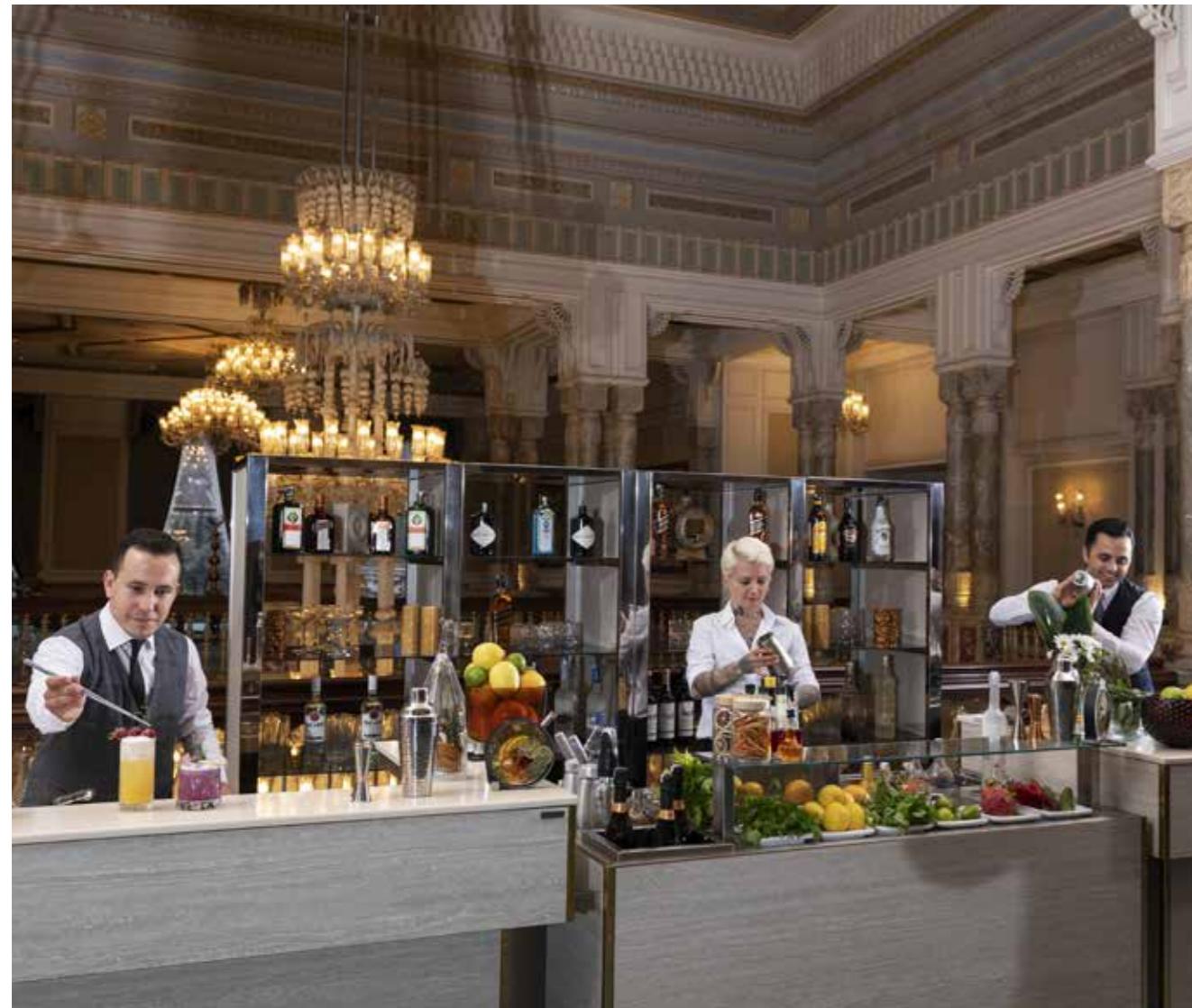
As the only Ottoman Imperial Palace and Hotel on the Bosphorus, Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul offers an exquisite experience – the “Sultans’ Dinner” tailored for guests who want to enchant all their senses while dining. Each experience has a unique story and presentation and is set in the majesty of the palace. Surrounded by artefacts reminiscent of the Ottoman era, historical highlights of this unforgettable sensory

experience include antique candelabras, jardinières, 19th-century carafes and an imperial silver coffee set with the monogram of one of the Sultans of the Ottoman Empire.

Vibrant flowers, laced plates, cutlery, napkins, glasses and special embroidered uniforms worn by the experienced banquet staff are designed exclusively for this magical journey through time.



## — PALACEOLOGY —



Çırağan Palace Kempinski presents the Palaceology service: a dedicated on-site bar and beverage service for events, featuring a colourful selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

On top of the beverage packages, inclusive of a wide variety of options, Palaceology lends a touch of colour, flavour and joy to all the events, elevated by Çırağan Palace's royal-class service and signature concoctions.





## — HISTORICAL — TURKISH HAMMAM

On the orders of Sultan Abdulaziz, Çırağan Palace was constructed from 1863 to 1871 using the best-quality marble brought from abroad. Used frequently as a meeting place for the Ottoman Parliament, a devastating fire raged through the complex in 1910, sparing only the external walls, some columns, and a large part of the Turkish hammam. The surviving original parts of the Turkish hammam remain to this day, mainly comprised of engraved wall decorations and columns, which have been vigorously preserved. Fortunately, the other area destroyed by the fire has been restored to its original glory.

With its towering ceiling, architecture and engraved ornaments, the Turkish hammam continues to be a special venue for guests visiting Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul. The distinguished atmosphere of this classical Turkish hammam creates an exceptional venue for unique gatherings and special events.

# — CATERING — BY ÇIRAGAN PALACE

Accompanied by the experienced service team and skilled chefs, the legendary hotel's Palatial Outside Catering services, designed in three different concepts, bring Çırağan Palace's splendour to in-home events. Whether for celebratory events with loved ones or corporate gatherings, Çırağan Palace and its delicacies are available at the addresses of choice.

## PALATIAL FINE DINING BY TUĞRA



## LUXURIOUS ÇIRAGAN BRUNCH



## A SUMPTUOUS AFTERNOON TEA BY GAZEBO



## — RECREATIONAL — FACILITIES



### INFINITY POOL

Located at one of the best spots on the Bosphorus, Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul's infinity pool is a favourite destination for anyone who wants to cool off during the hot summer months while immersed in the historical splendour of Istanbul. Conveniently open 365 days a year, the infinity pool provides guests with the flexibility to enjoy either a cooling swim during the steamy summer months, or the exquisite pleasure of swimming in a heated pool surrounded by snow in the winter.



### SPA

The award-winning and recently redesigned SPA of the hotel managed by Sanitas SPA, offers unique therapies and ultimate relaxation with special massage services, products and wellness treatments, all in a relaxing and cosy atmosphere. The spa includes an authentic Turkish bath, gym, whirlpool, indoor pool, massage rooms and facial treatments.



## — REMARKABLE — FACTS

The word “çırağan” means “full of light” in Persian. The word became synonymous with the palace during the Tulip Period, when torches decorated the gardens at night during “Çırağan Festivals.”

Çırağan Palace's priceless, ornamented doors were made by Vortik Kemhacıyan, then worth 1,000 gold coins each. Sultan Abdulhamid II gave one of these doors to his friend, His Imperial and Royal Majesty German Emperor and King of Prussia, Friedrich Wilhelm II, who admired the gift so much that it was put on display in the Berlin Museum.

Rare marble and mother-of-pearl were imported from all over the world for the construction of the palace. Waterfront construction alone cost 400,000 Ottoman liras, and during the construction of Çırağan Palace, which began in 1863 and was completed in 1871, 2.5 million gold coins were spent.

The grounds that surround the hotel is 47,600 sq m (512,362 sq ft), which is the equivalent of approximately eight football stadiums.

Beginning in the early 1930s, in the old palace gardens, Beşiktaş football club built what became known as Beşiktaş Şeref Stadium in honour of the football club founder. Although the Golden Gate extended 7-8 m (23-28 ft), the close proximity to the water made balls kicked into the Bosphorus a common occurrence. Beşiktaş continued to use the stadium for all home matches until 1948.



Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul continues to serve as the inspiration and setting for many books, such as *I am Çırağan*, *Letter from a Stranger* and *The Imperial Harem of the Sultans*, all of which are still on shelves today.

Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul is home to the only registered helipad on the Bosphorus.

The Palace Suite area has an array of unique, historical handmade carpets.

Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul features the biggest Viennese Baroque-style grand chandelier in the world, weighing a massive 2.7 tonnes, bearing 232 lamps. Crafted in aluminium pieces that are cut and polished by hand, the unique style is reminiscent of the grand chandeliers found in the Spanish Riding School in Vienna. Although scaffolding had originally been used to clean the chandelier, a servo has now been added, with routine maintenance and cleaning performed every six months.

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## OPEN SINCE

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## TOTAL NUMBER OF ROOMS & SUITES

317

## SPECIAL FEATURES & FACILITIES

285 Rooms and 21 Suites

Palace: 11 Private Palace Suites

Tuğra Restaurant

Rüya İstanbul

Gazebo

Bosphorus Grill

Le Fumoir

C Bar

Bellini

Berthold Pop-Up Venue

Private function rooms

Spa and Turkish bath (hammam)

Fitness Club

Outdoor infinity pool, heated during winter

Indoor pool

24-hour Business Centre

Butler service is available for Palace Suites and the top suites in the hotel building

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