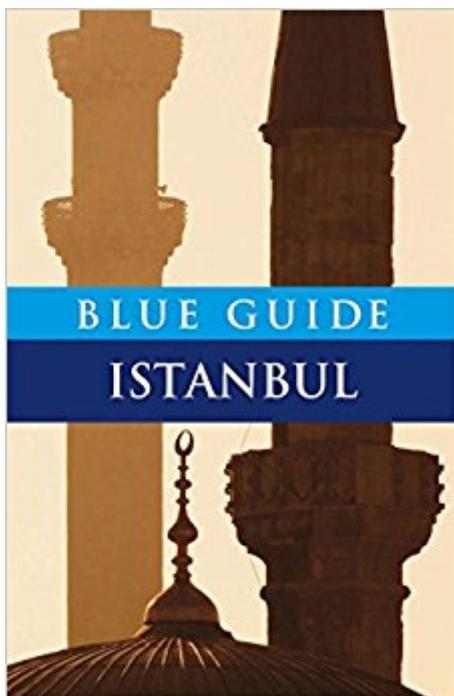


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John Freely lives in Istanbul and has authored many books on Greece and Turkey.

We took a tour which included Istanbul and needed a guide book to figure out exactly how much we could do in 25 hours. We asked our friends whose daughter studied in Turkey. She recommended the Blue Guides(regardless of year published). I can see why. This book is a goldmine for people who are interested in history and indepth descriptions of a site. We liked this one so much, that we are willing to procure more of the set. It has no recommendations for hotels, no recommendations for restaurants, no recommendations for shopping. Just plain history and descriptions of what you are seeing. If you are looking for a guide to hotels etc, try [...] but if you are interested in the most immersion you can get in a book, GET THIS!

The book is very, very informative and easy to use. If you are interested in historical sites, there is no other travel guide that measures up to this. The one area in which the authors could improve the

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Staying in Sultanahmet recently, there were many ancient remnants, parts of walls, unmarked monumental foundations, that I could not understand. I downloaded this book whilst in Istanbul and found it most helpful in deciphering these mysteries. The Blue Guide helps you get the most out of your trip!

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Very detailed and true information

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