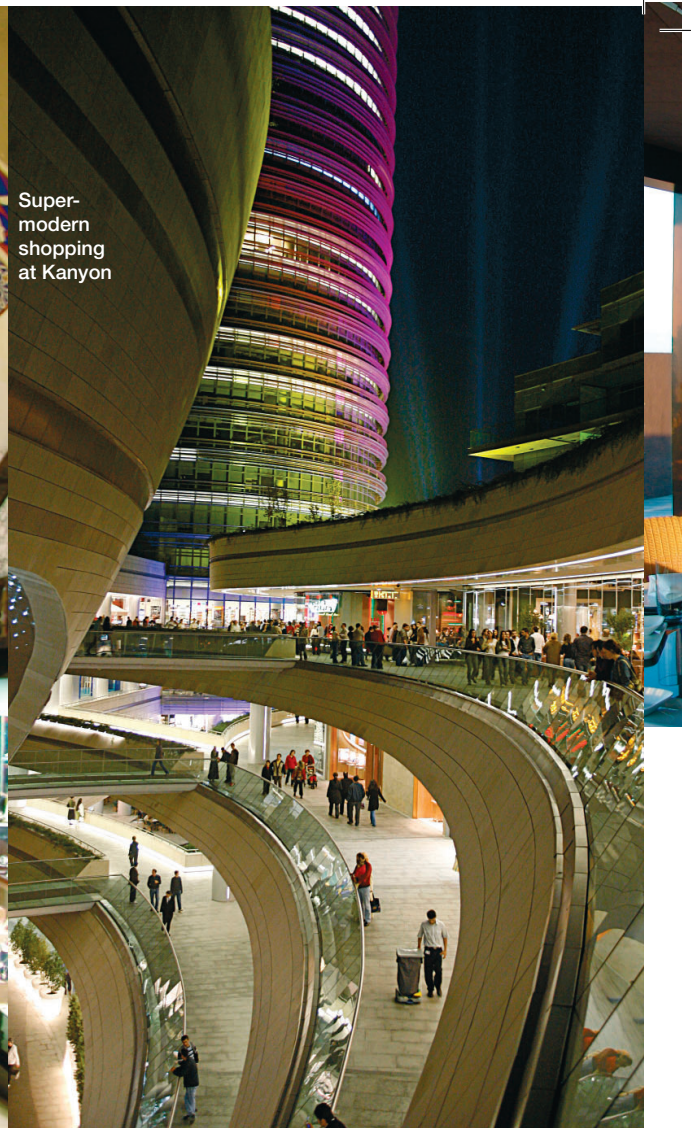




Old-style
browsing in
The Grand
Bazaar



Super-
modern
shopping
at Kanyon

Bewitching and intriguing, Istanbul is a true melting pot, blending traditional and new at every corner. Already widely known as a treasure trove of historical and cultural highlights, it's also becoming one of the world's hottest cities for dining out, partying – and shopping. With a brand new Harvey Nichols and an increasing number of designer boutiques, there's plenty to satisfy luxury buyers. And best of all, it's just a short hop from the UAE, making it perfect for an exotic overnight trip.

Adventurous travellers can split the trip into two distinct shopping missions: the exotic old and the glamorous new. If you fancy seeing the best of the traditional culture on arrival, head first for the Kapalicarsi – better known as the Grand Bazaar. Said to be the world's oldest and largest covered market, the Bazaar, in Sultanahmet (Old Istanbul), is a labyrinth that seems to go on forever, with 4,000 shops selling everything from ceramics to carpets, spices and leathers. It's easy to spend hours milling through the busy lanes, chatting with eager salesmen, sipping tea and gazing at the exotic goodies.

Meander from there down Nuruosmaniye

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Overnight In Istanbul

More than just a cultural treasure, the city that was once Constantinople is now a unique destination for adventurous luxury shoppers