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# May in Istanbul: Spirit and Faith

by JGC Blog  
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Traveling in Istanbul in May has been a blessing from the beginning to the end. I can't hardly believe that seven days brought such richness inside my soul, such soothing into my faith and such healing to my spirit.

I traveled during Ramadan. Fasting in a Muslim country, where everyone is living and celebrating their religion without fear or weariness is fantastic. People's happiness during Iftar when we break fast and share food was the most wonderful feeling in the world. Adults, children, elders and teenagers... all sitting down in parks and public places, all sharing foods, trading stories, talking about their faith, expressing their gratefulness for God, family and friends...

Being a part of it, living this moment with such wonderful people who opened their heart to each other was the best experience of this trip.

During Iftar we express how thankful we are, we eat and we share food, we gather around family and friend and we give to those in need.

I was on the receiving end of so much joy and care. I was invited to many homes and asked to share Iftar with many people. I felt blessed during this trip. I hope to find that humanity and love again in the next country I'm traveling.

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**FANTAC CISSE:**

# I LOOKED FOR ATLANTIS IN ISTANBUL AND I FOUND IT

*It was hidden in the deepest part of the Bosphorus, below the ground that is under the sea, protected by the Golden gates of the old Constantinople.. I have been blessed with this.  
I'm so grateful for this.*

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# Woman in Istanbul Solo Traveler guide

AN INTERVIEW WITH FANTAC CISSE  
BY JGC BLOG

**My choice to travel to Turkey, especially after the terrorist events in the last couple of years, raised some eyebrows and a few warnings. I've been told I would not be safe enough to enjoy the trip. It could not have been further from the truth.**

Not only did I felt safe but I would say that the security was actually really tight. Nowadays, everywhere is dangerous and Turkey is very aware of that. Istanbul is so much of a touristic place that the city's officials made sure to reinforced the presence of soldiers and police everywhere.

However it wasn't oppressive or scary.

And that's because the Turks are very warm people.

Traveling solo as a young woman, I was flirted with- *a lot* but I was never harassed. Also, note that as long as you are respectful of the fact that this is a Muslim country and keep your dress-code mindful of that, you will be welcomed with open arms, whether you are Muslim or not.

I went there during **Ramadan** and mid-May, so the weather was hot but not too hot. There were tourists but not too much, it really was the perfect period to travel there.

People were so happy and lively during Ramadan, it was fantastic to see; There were a lot of live **concerts** and **attractions** during that time too. All in all, it was a win.

I think the most awesome thing is how **cheap** everything was. I'm not just talking about the food. I consider this trip my best travel yet because of how much I accomplished while I was there: I went to so many museums, so many attractions, I did three **cruises** around **Bosporus** and the Islands, I ate with gusto during the night and brought back awesome **jewelry** (real silver guys) for my family.

I really recommend for everyone to visit Istanbul at least once. The Ottoman and Byzantine history behind the city is incredible and some historical monuments like the mosques and the **Dolmabahçe Palace** are just breathtaking.



"The Bosphorus cruises were one of the highlights of my trip. I did three cruises, including one during the night and it was *amazing*"

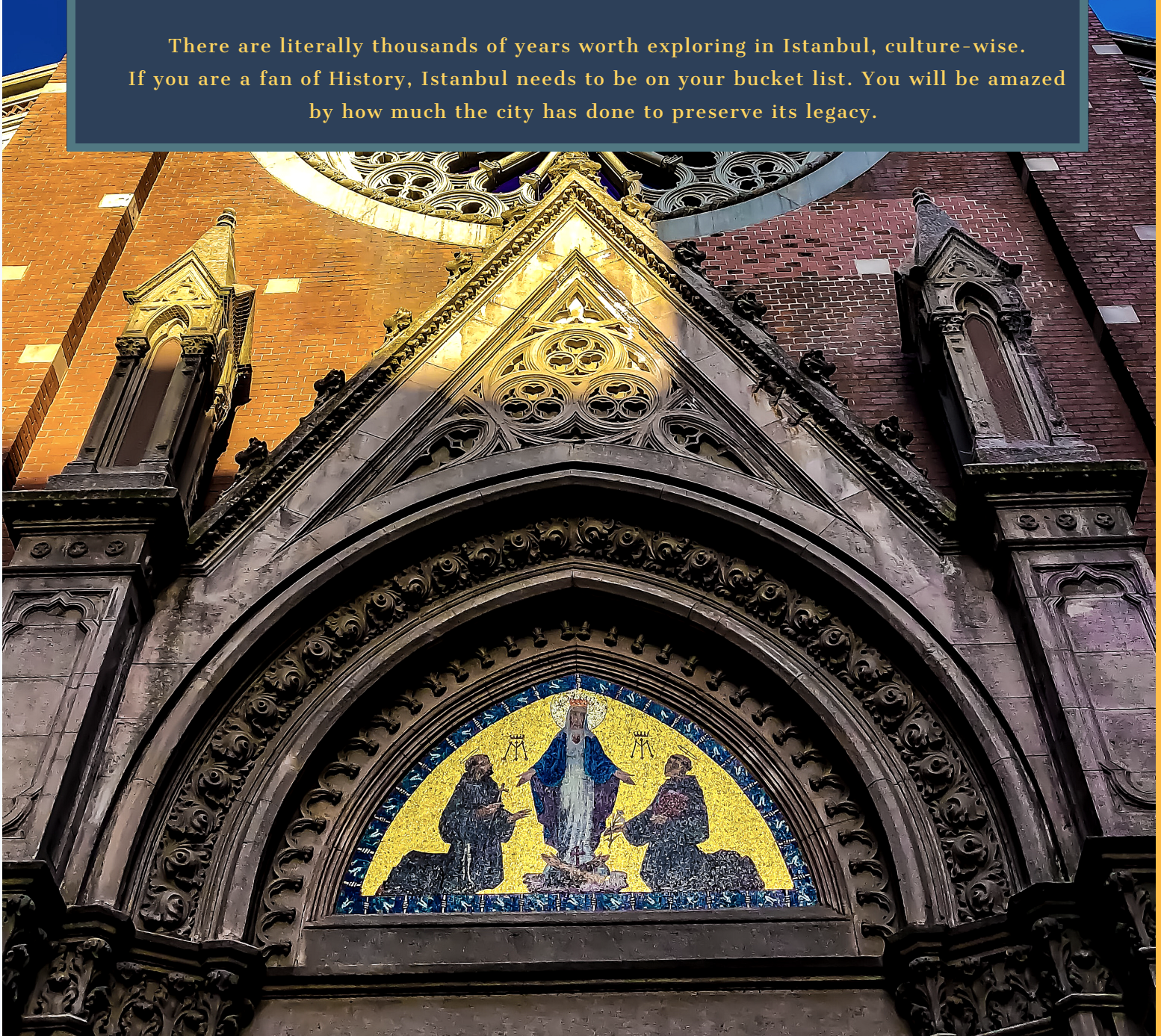
# MONUMENTS

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There are literally thousands of years worth exploring in Istanbul, culture-wise. If you are a fan of History, Istanbul needs to be on your bucket list. You will be amazed by how much the city has done to preserve its legacy.



What's more awesome than delicious quality food? Cheap delicious quality food, that's what. If you're a foodie, traveling to Istanbul is something you **must** do.



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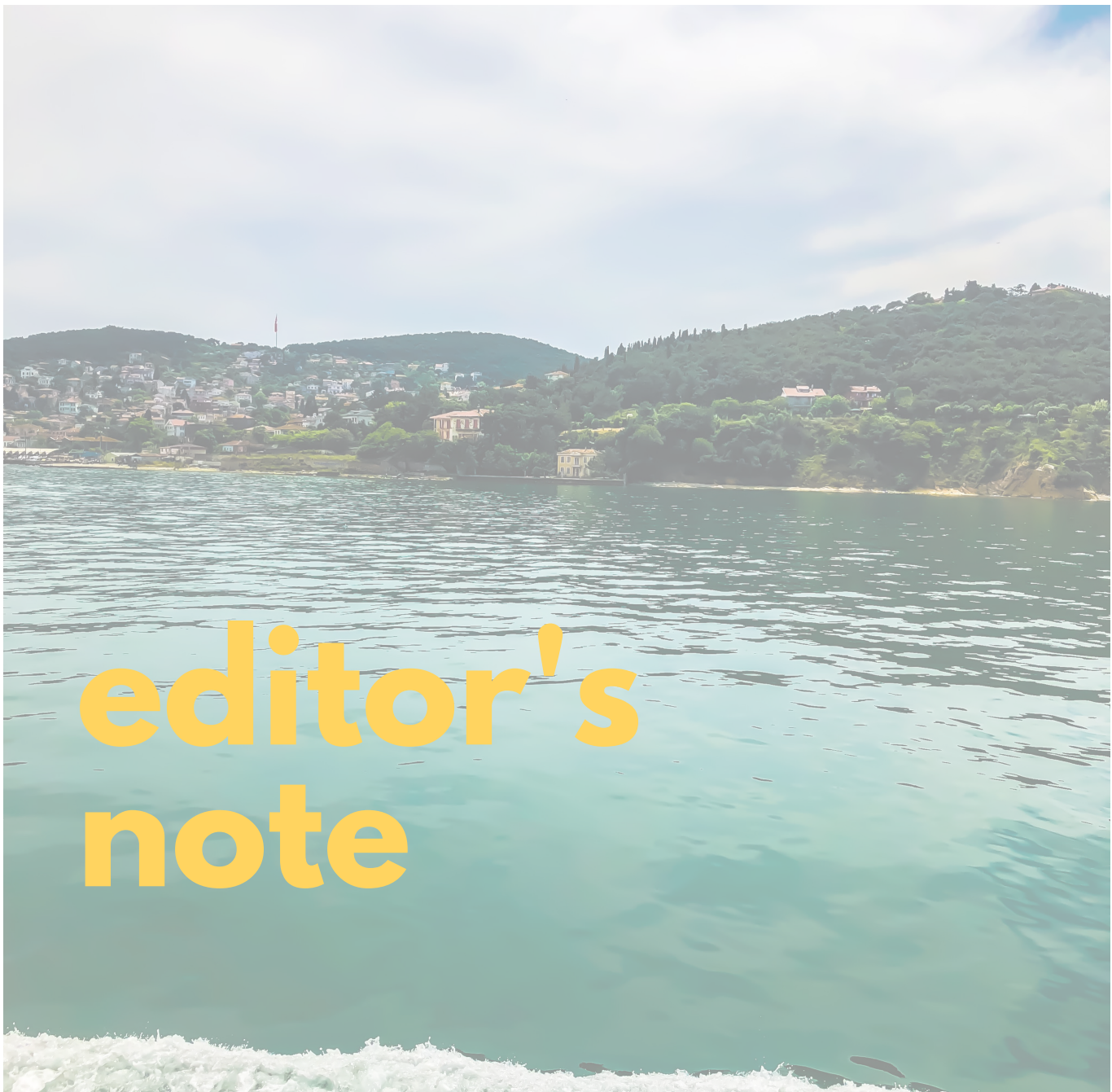
I cannot gush enough about the food! I went to the most **famous bakery in Istanbul** and ordered their chocolate cake with a Fresh homemade Lemonade. It was heaven.





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# editor's note



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