

Timeline / 400 to 2000 / TURKEY

Date	Country Description
537 A.D.	Turkey The church of Haghia Sophia in Constantinople is opened on 27 December by Byzantine Emperor Justinian I having been rebuilt after its destruction in Nika Riot (532).
565 A.D.	Turkey Emperor Justinian I dies on 13/14 November. He was famous for his successful military campaigns and also for his reform of the legal code. He was also known as 'the last Roman Emperor'.
627 A.D.	Turkey The victory of the Byzantine army over the Persian army in the Battle of Nineveh on 12 December, which breaks the power of the Sassanid dynasty.
674 - 678 A.D.	Turkey Siege of Constantinople by the Muslim Arabs.
717 - 720 A.D.	Turkey Second siege of Constantinople by the Muslim Arabs.
730 A.D.	Turkey The first period of Iconoclasm begins when Byzantine Emperor Leo III forbids the worship of religious images. Empress Irene, who took power as regent for his son, Constantine VI (780–97), brought this period to an end with a council held in Nicea in 787 in favour of icon worship.
842 A.D.	Turkey The 'Triumph of Orthodoxy' that marks the end of the second Iconoclastic Period (814–42) in the Byzantine Empire. Theodora, the regent for her son Michael III, orders the restoration of the icons.
867 A.D.	Turkey Varangians attack Constantinople, the Byzantine capital.
920 - 950 A.D.	Turkey Conversion of Oghuz Turks to Islam.
976 A.D.	Turkey Basil II, also known as Bulgar-Slayer, ascends the throne of the Byzantine Empire.

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1037 A.D.	Turkey Great Seljuk Empire is founded by Tughril Beg.
1071 A.D.	Turkey Victory of the Great Seljuqs over the Byzantine army at Manzikert.
1075 A.D.	Turkey Foundation of the Anatolian Seljuqs (1077–1308).
1080 A.D.	Turkey Süleyman Bey, conquering Iznik, declares it the capital of the Anatolian Seljuqs.
1096 A.D.	Turkey The First Crusaders on their way to the Holy Lands arrive in Constantinople in December.
1100 A.D.	Turkey Kilij Arslan moves the capital of the Anatolian Seljuqs to Konya after being defeated by the Crusaders.
1147 A.D.	Turkey The Second Crusades arrive in Anatolia on the way to the Holy Lands.
1190 A.D.	Turkey The death of Frederick Barbarossa in the river of Calycadmus.
1204 A.D.	Turkey Capture of Constantinople by the Fourth Crusaders; Nicea becomes the new capital of the Byzantine Empire.
1225 A.D.	Turkey Anatolian Seljuq Sultan Alaeddin Keykubad marries the daughter of the Ayyubid Sultan al-Malik Adil.
1229 A.D.	Turkey A trade treaty is signed between Anatolian Seljuqs and the Venetians.
1243 A.D.	Turkey The Battle of Köse and the invasion of Anatolia by the Mongols.

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1273 A.D.	Turkey The death of poet Mevlana Rumi (born in Belh, Afghanistan, (1207?).
1277 A.D.	Turkey On 13 May Karamanoğlu Mehmed Bey declares that only the Turkish language is to be used for daily and official use.
1299 A.D.	Turkey The foundation of the Ottoman Empire.
1326 A.D.	Turkey Orhan Gazi captures Bursa, which becomes the second Ottoman capital after Söğüt.
1361 A.D.	Turkey Murad I captures Edirne (Adrianople). As the third Ottoman capital, Edirne now becomes the headquarters for the further expansion.
1402 A.D.	Turkey The Battle of Ankara between Tamerlane and Bayezid and the start of the Interregnum (Fetret) Period.
1453 A.D.	Turkey The conquest of Constantinople (Istanbul) by Mehmed II which brings the Eastern Roman Empire (Byzantine Empire) to an end.
1478 A.D.	Turkey The first golden coin is minted by Mehmet II.
1492 A.D.	Turkey The Jews thrown out of Spain are under the Ottoman protection.
1514 A.D.	Turkey Victory of Selim I the Grim over Shah Ismail at the Battle of Çaldıran.
1517 A.D.	Turkey Conquest of Cairo by Selim I the Grim.
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	Sulayman the Magnificent takes the throne.
1529 A.D.	Turkey First siege of Vienna by the Ottoman Army.
1538 A.D.	Turkey The naval battle of Preveza off the Adriatic coast. Barbarossa defeats Genoese admiral Andrea Doria.
1566 A.D.	Turkey Sulayman the Magnificent dies on his last expedition to the fort of Szigetvar on the Hungarian border and Selim II ascends the throne.
1588 A.D.	Turkey The death of Sinan, the master architect of the Ottoman Empire.
1595 A.D.	Turkey The first Western musical instrument in the Ottoman Palace: .an organ sent by Elizabeth I of England to Mehmet III.
1611 A.D.	Turkey Famous Turkish traveller Evliya Çelebi (1611–82) was born in Istanbul.
1657 A.D.	Turkey Death of Katip Çelebi (1609–57), famous Turkish geographer, historian and bibliographer.
1683 A.D.	Turkey The failure of the second siege of Vienna of the Ottoman Army.
1718 A.D.	Turkey Tulip Period starts (1718–30).
1721 A.D.	Turkey Çelebi Mehmed goes to France as ambassador.
1789 A.D.	Turkey Selim III, a dedicated reformer, ascends the throne in the same year as the French Revolution.

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1792 A.D.	Turkey The start of the new army Nizam-# Cedid (New Order) by Selim III.
1793 A.D.	Turkey First regular Ottoman ambassador in Europe (London).
1826 A.D.	Turkey Massacre of the Janissaries by Ottoman Sultan Mahmud II.
1828 A.D.	Turkey The fez is introduced, along with judicial, military and administrative reforms on more Western models in the Ottoman Empire.
1839 A.D.	Turkey Tanzimat Firman (Reform) declared.
1856 A.D.	Turkey The declaration of Firman of Islahat (Reform).
1875 A.D.	Turkey Ottoman Empire declares bankruptcy. Balkan uprisings.
1876 A.D.	Turkey The short-lived First Constitutional Period.
1877 A.D.	Turkey The first parliament (Meclis-i Mebusan) is established.
1881 A.D.	Turkey Mustafa Kemal Atatürk is born in Salonika.
1908 A.D.	Turkey The Young Turks Revolution overthrows Sultan Abdulhamid II. The Second Constitutional Period begins.
1909 A.D.	Turkey Muslim counter-revolution is thwarted. The sultan is deposed and constitutional monarchy is declared.

Date	Country Description
1914 A.D.	Turkey Ottoman Empire enters World War I on the German side.
1919 - 1922 A.D.	Turkey The War of Independence culminates in the creation of the modern Republic of Turkey in 1923.
1922 A.D.	Turkey Deposition and exile of the last sultan, Mehmed Vahiduddin.