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Final decision on "air-bridges" to be announced soon

It is to be expected that an announcement will be made shortly about whether UK tourists will be able to travel to certain key countries without having to quarantine on return. As soon as any statements are made, we will update on all of our social media platforms.

Everyone has been waiting to see if air-bridges also called "travel corridors" will open and which will allow tourists to travel between two countries without the need to quarantine.

An air bridge is essentially a route between two countries where the coronavirus outbreak is under control especially between two countries with relatively low levels of coronavirus.

At present if you are travelling into Turkey from the UK or Ireland, you are going against the advice of you home countries government. Therefore, although you can get flights, in most cases your not covered by insurance.

Turkey's Culture and Tourism Minister Mehmet Nuri Ersoy stated that from July 1st Turkey would offer a health insurance package which would cover the coronavirus. These can be purchased at airports, certain airlines or on-line with your tour operator.

The fees for these policies are: 15€ will cover up to 3 thousand Euros - 19€ will cover up to 5 thousand Euros and 23€ will cover up to 7 thousand Euros health cover.

Of, course, this could all change, depending on whether certain European countries restrictions will be lifted and they will be given the green light to travel.

The Ege Eye would like to wish Hüseyin Aksoy the new Governor for Aydin Province every success in his new position.

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The Only Yabanci in the Village Part 2 – The Knock on the Door

David Gilford

It's strange how village life can affect you. It had been 3 months since my move to Kaynarca in the far North West of Turkey and my pace of life was beginning to slow to the rhythm of the village. Calls to prayer marked out the division of the days and I now had a favoured çay salon where most mornings I could be found drinking coffee and doing the number puzzles in the morning paper. All the blokes in the village knew me (being the only yabanci in the village has its advantages!) and would pass the time commenting on the weather and how their crops were growing.

The same could not be said for the ladies of the village. I don't know whether it's a national culture or something that's particular to this area but the ladies do not speak to strange men….particularly strange foreign men. Most evenings I like to take a walk and after meal time the ladies like to sit on benches together discussing the day. However, whenever I approached, all would go silent until I had passed and then the chatter would start up again.

One evening as I approached, I mustered my finest Turkish and with a slight nod of the head I said "İyi akşamlar bayanlar" (Good evening, ladies). You could hear a collective gasp of intaken breath before one of the ladies nodded back and let out a slightly stunned "İyi akşamlar". I left them with mutterings of "He said good evening", "He speaks Turkish" and "But he's a yabancı" ringing in my ears. Round one to the yabancı I thought.

A few weeks later and one evening I was sitting watching the TV when a knock came at the door. Well, not so much a knock, more a rap. In fact, let's be honest about this someone was hammering on my door. Glancing at my clock and realising it was 9.30 I wondered what all the commotion was about and on opening it there was my mate Tako from the café looking……..distressed. "Davut, Polis, Polis" and I didn't need my Google Translate to understand that. I flew into my bedroom and grabbed my passport and went outside, to be met not by Tako but by a not very happy looking Jandarme.

I was unceremoniously put in the back of his vehicle and off we drove. By now serious levels of stress and panic were setting in. What had I done wrong? Had I been speeding? (Highly unlikely on my Mondial scooter which struggles to get to 50km per hour with me on its back). Had I said something wrong? Had I even thought something wrong? We made our way through the village but then, for some unknown reason, we stopped at Tako'skahvehane which I frequented every morning. There were my friends all standing round one of the tables whilst sitting at the table was the biggest Jandarme officer I had ever seen with more gold braid down his arm than Danny La Rue on his way to a ball. **Continued on page 4**

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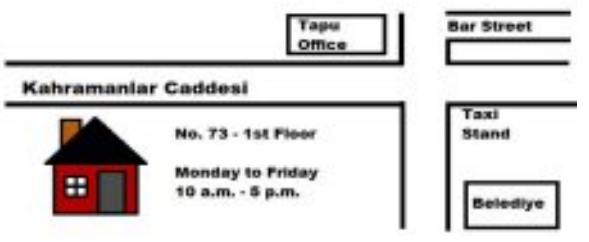

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This year the holiday starts on Friday 31st July and ends on Monday 3rd August. This is one of the oldest Islamic holidays in Turkey. It commemorates the story about Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) who showed obedience to God by agreeing to sacrifice his son. God then sent him a ram to be sacrificed instead. Families share about two-thirds of the animal's meat with relatives and neighbors and they traditionally give about one-third to the poor. In the past few years some Turkish people started making donations to charity organizations instead of sacrificing animals as the main focus is to take special care and to help the poor.

This is an official 4 day holiday and administration building along with banks will be closed. As part of the holiday falls during the weekend we will update if any extra days will be added on.

Continued from page 3: Sit! I sat. Name? I told him. Passport! I gave it. And so it went on. Question after question after question. When did you arrive in the village? Why are you living here? Do you know these people? By now the crowd around the table is 2 deep (you have to appreciate that fine entertainment is somewhat limited in rural Turkish villages) and I am experiencing for the first time what it means to be shaking with fear! My dear friend Nehir brought me a much needed coffee but my hand was shaking so much that I spilt some in my lap! I still swear it was coffee and my mates still swear that it was the biological result of being so frightened. That debate continues!

I was suddenly aware that the focus of attention had moved from me to questioning the men standing round the table. Do you know this man? Is he a problem in the village? He even called out the muhtar who, God bless her, dutifully trotted down from home at 10.15 at night to confirm she knew me and I was a well-behaved member of the community. And then…..it all stopped.

The officer with the braid sat back, obviously content that all his questions had been satisfactorily answered, ordered a coffee, took one of my cigarettes and lit it and then smiled broadly. I asked him what I had done wrong and he replied that there was no problem and this was merely 'Kontrol' which means basically checking up on all the yabancı ın the area.

He even apologised if his officers were somewhat abrupt but it had been a long day. He shook my hand and bade me farewell and I watched as his vehicle left the village, leaving behind a gibbering wreck who now truly understood…..it sometimes isn't easy being the only yabancı in the village!

Kusadasi's new one-way traffic system

When you return to Kusadasi due to the new one-way system you may have to look in the opposite direction to cross the road. There have been a few accidents where pedestrians who have been so used to looking either to the left or the right before crossing the road.

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Rare protected stag beetle found in Kusadasi garden

A rare subspecies of the stag beetle found only in the Amanos Mountains of southern Turkey and which has been threatened with extinction has turned up in a garden in Kusadasi.

The family came across the beetle as they heard it eating in their garden and what really attracted their attention was the size of the beetle. Due to its size as it can grow between 5 – 12 cm, and is known as the "King of Insects" They looked up the beetle on Google and learned that it was in danger of extinction before delivering it to the relevant authorities.

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My Turkish Kitchen

Christa EKER

How it all began:

When I moved to Turkey in 2013 I had zero Turkish but new love and a desire to try to learn so I could at least try to communicate with my soon to be family.

It was hard work and I spent a lot of time with google translate and notebooks passed between my mother-in-law and my own hands.
That was, until we got into the kitchen, somehow between passing spoons and handfuls of this, pinches of that we both forgot that neither of us were forming full sentences.
'Patlıcan' she would say as she pointed to the side table for the item she wanted. Patli-kan I would say.
'Hayır-hayır! Paaat-luuh-jaaan she would mouth.

Eventually item by item, season by season I would acquire new Turkish words to go along with the new recipes I was learning each time I went over to her house to play the doting gelin.

Armed with new words and increasing knowledge I started to get braver asking friends and Teyzes how they'd done this and what had gone into that. Before I knew what was happening I had a bug for Turkish cooking and I would eagerly search out new recipes from Tv shows and magazines, eventually, I got confident with reading and interpreting Turkish cookbooks.

Second helpings:

Each time I made a new dish I found myself getting curious about the origins of the name, food culture and history behind the Turkish kitchen. I was constantly seeking more and my husband would come from work and be served a table laid not only with food but notebooks, magazines, pens and highlighters: I had a desperate urge to learn more than just how to make the best of end of season produce but how to stock up for the other seasons.

Simple pleasures:

One of the biggest shocks I had when first cooking in Turkey was that things like aubergine were not available year-round, it would be the middle of winter and I'd want moussaka, I had no idea how I was to ignore that craving.

Eventually, I learnt to slow down and appreciate fruit and vegetables at it's best: that nothing could beat the juicy sweetness of tomato in the middle of July, that excitement and appreciation is to be gained in eagerly waiting for the first fig of the year and to savour that last scraping of quince from the jam jar before you're all out.

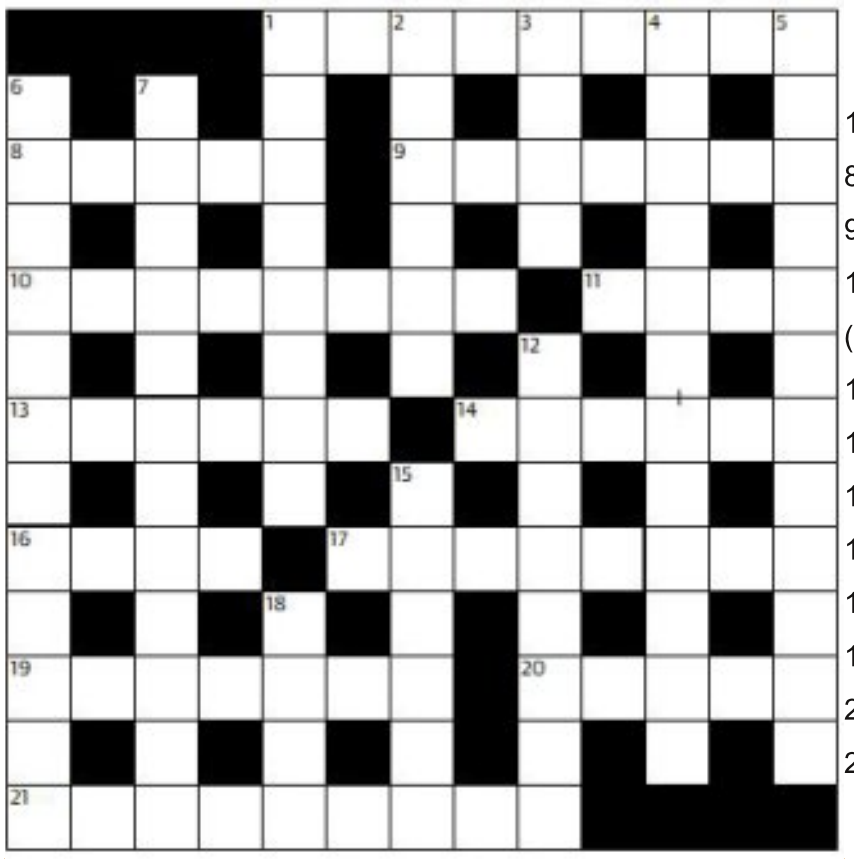
Recently we're seeing more and more out of season produce pop up in our local pazar but it's too late I'm too invested in seasonal eating and homemade preserves.

When it feels wrong:

I'm not sure if everyone goes through it but in the early days I believed that salça, sundried tomato/ pepper paste was the star of the kitchen and no decent meal could go with it. Thankfully I eventually leant that in the cooler months no matter how good tomatoes look they do not make a dish tasty but a little salça can.

When it feels right:

Even after all this time I still get a kick out of the shocked and impressed faces of Turks who hear that **Continued on page 10**



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Across

1 Easy to control or influence (9)
8 Less common (5)
9 Italian 'Mrs' (7)
10 Half-year division of an academic year (8)
11 Wound, but not fatally (4)
13 Engraved (6)
14 Look sullen (6)
16 Heart of the matter (4)
17 Excluded as a possibility (5,3)
19 Plunge (7)
20 Spanish friend (5)
21 Money granted for a purpose (9)

Down

1 Beaten soundly (8)
2 Supermarket sections (6)
3 Labels (4)
4 Style of blues played on piano (6-6)
5 Hyperbole (12)
6 Fine porcelain from Germany (7,5)
7 Baked custard dessert (5,7)
12 Become affected by open sores — late cure (anag) (8)
15 Deep dish for serving soup (6)
18 Bird's pouch for storing food (4)

Lisa Morrow – the person behind Inside Out In Istanbul and other writings

I first came to Turkey as a backpacker in 1990. It was summer, stinking hot and my hostel in Sultanahmet frequently ran out of water in the showers. By day I was intoxicated from exploring the city, and at night from drinking suspiciously cheap Black Sea cognac. Each morning I ate breakfast on the rooftop terrace, sipping ruby coloured tea as I watched American warships sail past on their way to the Gulf War.I was hooked.

However, I was still finding my feet in life so I went back to Australia where I spent the next ten years completing a university degree and working in various jobs, mainly in the book trade. I also reconnected with the man who's now my husband, and when we travelled through Turkey in 1996 for six weeks, he fell in love with the people and the country too. For a number of years we lived between Australia and Turkey, working as English teachers in both places. Then one day we suddenly realised we had more in common with our friends in Istanbul than in Sydney.

We moved over in 2010 but making the decision to stay permanently,and actually making it happen,wasn't all smooth sailing. We'd previously been in Istanbul for a year and then Kayseri in Central Turkey for two, but each time working as English teachers living in accommodation arranged by our employers. They took care of most of the bureaucracy and paperwork so all I had to focus on was learning enough Turkish to buy food, clothes and other necessities. It wasn't until we bought an apartment that I truly lived in Turkey, becoming immersed in the language and the culture. My memoir, *Waiting for the Tulips to Bloom: Adrift in Istanbul*, is born of this experience. It starts with my first visit to Turkey when I stayed in Göreme for three months and then jumps to our move to Istanbul, setting up a home rather than a house, deepening existing friendships and meeting new people, all while dealing with the emotional impact of my mother's death,

Ever since I started writing about my life in Turkey, everyone wants to know if I was afraid to make such a big leap. Wasn't it a risk to move to a country where I didn't speak the language, share the religion or really know the culture? I never felt that. I love discovering new places and delving into what makes a country and its people tick. At first it was a case of watch, read and ask lots of questions, but these days I'm fairly fluent in spoken Turkish, mainly self-taught. Consequently I speak with a huge range of people, from market vendors, my hairdresser, a cleaner at a mosque or random passengers on a bus, as well as English speaking Turks.

I use all the information I glean from these different conversations in the features, travel articles and other writing I do. *In Exploring Turkish Landscapes: Crossing Inner Boundaries* I look at how the clash of tradition and modernity in Turkey results in something fresh and unexpected. In this collection I use my physical journeys in Turkey, from Istanbul to the very east of the country and back, as a way to explore how I've changed as a result of living here.

As well as being naturally curious I studied sociology, and I'm fascinated by the way Istanbul is different things to different people. For some, Istanbul resides in the Ottoman history of Sultanhahmet and the Grand Bazaar. Others think turn-of-the-century Istiklal Street and Beyoğlu hold the key. However Istanbul is much more diverse than this. It's not one thing or place, or even both that makes the city unique. It's something else, what I call the everyday extraordinary of life in modern Istanbul and it inspired me to write *Inside Out In Istanbul: Making Sense of the City.* I write about things as seemingly mundane as street markets, drinking a cup of coffee or shopping for underwear. In Istanbul they take on a different meaning, especially once you venture past the tourist sites and into the backstreets, local neighbourhoods and squares of this vast collection of villages wrapped up in the one enormous city.

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During this period the fish are monitored by lawful institutions so as to ensure that they do not become targeted by poachers.

Usually every year their journey is witnessed by thousands of tourists. Mustafa Akkus who is a lecturer at the faculty of aquaculture of Van Yuzuncu Yil University stated that "these beautiful displays are of great importance both for the continuance of fisheries in Lake Van and for the development of ecotourism in our region".

Lake Van is one of the most interesting ecosystems in the world. Its salty and highly carbonated water makes the environment unsuitable for fresh water or marine fish species to survive with the exception of the Pearl Mullet.

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Food made in the lab? Not in Turkey as it goes organic

KLAUS JURGENS

There was a time not too long ago when organic food was regarded as something extraordinary, consuming it an expression of a kind of belief as opposed to everyday staple diet. And with regards to the latter observation quite understandably so: it was not uncommon that organic products were sold with a 50 per cent price add-on. Yet are you ready for some good news?Look no further than Kusadasi and neighboring environs! Around here organic is the new normal – we shall come back to that comment further below in this article.

All over Turkey and since the beginning of the new Millennium the sector has been steadily growing. Whilst initially a hallmark of the Aegean region it soon conquered other parts of the country; with public awareness on the rise, too, no wonder that by now we find organic farming in all four corners of the nation.

But what actually is organic agriculture and farming? In short, when a farmer decides not to use pesticides and fertilizers or for example growth hormones we talk about 'going organic'. In most instances this very laudable way of farming is then certified by the authorities. Very often the way animals are raised and treated becomes integral part of that approach as well. Its health benefits are obvious and not just for families with small children but for everyone no matter what age.

Turkish consumers know very well the difference between 'fresh' and truly organic products, respectively. In the beginning it was the same situation like everywhere else though – mostly young people, often students and environmentally aware, opted for biologically sound items. But very quickly what was nothing more than a niche market became a nationwide trend. Commentators will recall that in one widely publicized development at the time an entire village in south-eastern Turkey had been declared organic and not just a few of its local resident farmers - such enormous was the local and national interest.

Closer to home we are blessed anyways as agriculture is still a vital income generator. The best way to experience this for ourselves is to visit one of the many vibrant street markets and stalls. Whereas some only take place once a week others are a daily affair. It is part and parcel of Turkish everyday life so to speak. One might suggest that fresh produce markets only happen in the countryside; far from it – if you would travel to the capital Ankara or Istanbul you would find them everywhere. Turkish shoppers love them and not just the products on display. It is full of atmosphere, sellers try to attract buyers by rather loudly promoting their goods; shoppers are invited to try and taste before committing regardless pf product (cheese, olives grapes, melon…). Above all else it is colorful, a way of life. And in the context of last month's column a perfect start to learn the language as all items not simply feature how much they cost but the name of the item, too.

Still in the context of fresh produce markets: granted, some vegetable, some fruit may look somewhat different from what we are used to when visiting our hypermarket. But the only reason why the apple is less shiny, the only reason why out of a bunch of five tomatoes not one looks the same size-wise – they are not genetically modified, they are not standardized, they are grown and sold as they come along. In other words: what we buy is organic indeed.

And it gets even better: in our region there are some restaurants only relying on organic ingredients and that might very well include cattle from a certified farmer. With one such fantastic entrepreneur did I have the absolute pleasure to meet in person but out of journalistic fairness one should refrain from mentioning any particular establishment in a more general piece like this. However, why not come back to the issue of organic farming by means of a separate interview article with that businessperson towards the autumn?

Now you might wonder whether each and every item sold on a street or weekend market is indeed one hundred percent organic - of course not. Only farmers displaying an official certificate are actually officially certified. But by rule of thumb local produce will be (almost) organic even if that individual farmer has not obtained a certificate. You can see it with your own eyes what is 'organic' and what looks more like a glossy magazine cover instead of fresh fruit or vegetables.

Certainly the above referred to hypermarket will have an organic shelve (or two) as well but if you are asked to fork out more please make sure it is truly certified. Staying in the fork picture, many farmers offer exactly that, the so-called farm-to-fork approach. **Continued on page 12**

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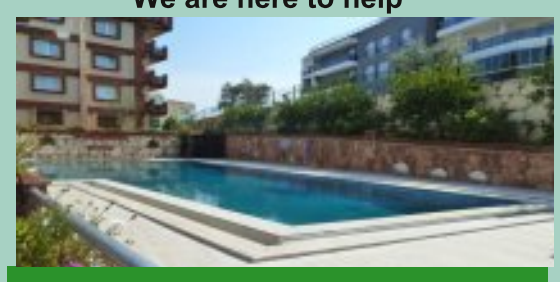

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The new park is 650 square metres and has 12 dog game units along with water fountains for the dogs to drink from.

In theory it is a great idea as it allows dogs and their owners to socialize. However; it should not be seen as a free for all, and the owners should be responsible for their dog’s behavior and training on how their pets mix with other dogs and humans.

We have seen many dog and cat homes appearing around our town for the street animals to use and feeding areas.

Our street animals have had a hard time this year before the restaurants re-opened and it is thanks to our many charitable organizations and Kusadasi Belediye who have been seen out on the streets feeding the animals.

Now that the weather is really heating up, drinking water is vital for our street animals, so if you can, leave out fresh water for them on a daily basis.

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I make my own preserves including salças, grow vegetables and have learnt how to make dishes such as Aşure, içliköfte and keşkek along with a fondness of researching both Ottoman and Dervish cuisines.

A place to share:

Much like a full meze table, it's good to share and I found myself waffling on about Turkish cuisine too much. Sometimes a dinner guest would also be interested in the merits of a good yufka brand but most eyes would glaze over as I would explain why I thought that basil was the better herb in cranberry bean stew or why I think cheap pomegranate mollases is ruining home-cooking.

Eventually, I fell upon Facebook groups and discovered there were other people out there who want to get the best out of using meat here and also needed inspiration for that 2kg of green beans the market seller insisted they could haveat a steal.

A short while after my blog Exploring The Turkish Kitchen was born. A chronicle if you like of my journey into discovering Turkey's food delights, a place to share recipes, tips and tricks that I pick up along with photographs of some of Turkey most delightful dishes and produce.

If you would like to read more about Christa’s recipes and blogs you can visit her website at https://exploringtheturkishkitchen.com

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2020, a year we will never forget and it's only July

It cannot be argued that 2020 did not start off too well. Australia was engulfed in flames and a novel form of coronavirus created a pandemic around the planet.

It goes without saying that the coronavirus has had a huge effect around the world. Some countries took stringent measures very quickly and closed their borders. Here in Turkey we have experienced lockdowns, curfews, people over 65 and under 18 have been either totally placed under lockdown and gradually have been allowed out, and many restrictions were placed on inter province travel.

There is widespread agreement among economists that it will have severe negative impacts on the global economy and we have seen this with the collapse of airlines and the tourism industry was literally brought to its knees.

Extreme temperatures and severe drought saw Australia ravaged by a series of extensive bush fires. Although they began in 2019, however; by March 2020 the fires burnt an estimated 18.6 million hectares, destroyed approximately 6,000 building and homes and killed at least 34 people. It has been estimated that at least one billion animals have died with some endangered species driven to near extinction.

One of the worst desert locust's outbreaks occurred in Kenya. According to the National Geographic" an adult desert locust is one of the most destructive migratory pests in the world: It can eat its own body-weight, or about 0.07 ounces, in vegetation every day. Since January, Kenya has experienced its worst locust invasion in 70 years. As the pests continue to multiply and East Africa moves further into its growing season, when crops are particularly vulnerable, experts are concerned the infestation could push up to 25 million East Africans into hunger.

2020 has seen Volcano eruptions such as the Taal Volcan in the Philippines which affected thousands of families and caused millions-worth of damage just days after the initial eruption on January 12.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo a new outbreak of Ebola virus disease is occurring in Wangata health zone, Mbandaka, in Equateur province. Not only has the region had to deal with this, the country has also the coronavirus and the world's largest measles outbreak to battle with.

There have also been many deaths in 2020 due to earthquakes, floods., landslides and storms, which have also left thousands homeless and cost billions in damages.

Finally, at a time when the world should be pulling together we are seeing demonstrations on a large scale. Whilst the demonstrations may be justifiable, it is sad to see that they have turned into rioting and looting.

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I have a lot of friends in real life and on social media who holiday in Turkey regularly or live in coastal towns, who've never been to Istanbul. If that's you, read one of my three books on Istanbul and Turkey, or my blog Inside Out In Istanbul and Facebook page of the same name. Then you'll understand what fuels my passion for Istanbul - the non-stop energy, an endless list of places to visit and things to do, but most importantly, its humanity.

If you would like to read more about Lisa's works, here are the links below.

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The number of species of flowers in Turkey is approximately 9,000, of which 3,000 are endemic. In Europe for instance there are 11,500 species. This shows the richness of the fauna and the flora in Anatolia.

Turkey's Yusufeli Dam will add approximately 1.5 billion Turkish lira's to the country's economy yearly

Turkey's President Erdogan has stated that a new dam and hydroelectric power plant will contribute 1.5 billion Turkish liras to the economy every year.

The dam which is located in Artvin province on the Coruh River reaches a height of 275 metres and will generate approximately 540 megawatts when it begins working at its full potential next year.

The President said at the opening ceremony via video link that the Dam was built entirely by Turkish engineers. He also went on to say that in the last eighteen years the ruling Justice and Development Party has concentrated on water resources which has led to a huge increase in the number of irrigation and flood protection facilities.

Prior to 2003, Turkey had only 105 hydroelectric power plants. There are now 585 new dams in service.

Continued from page 9: Here you are invited to actually visit a farmer and buy there and then. This cuts out the middlemen and keeps organic food at a reasonable cost. After all it is more expensive to go organic but most of that extra investment is paid to distributors and big supermarkets. Buy for yourself, or indeed frequent a local street market and you will be surprised that the additional mark-up is almost nil.

As a matter of fact many local residents would go so far as to argue that our farmers operate on an organic system as if per default. Try it, taste it and come to your own conclusion.A final insider tip: if at all possible go towards the end of the day at around four or five o'clock in the afternoon.

The produce will still be (kept) fresh but as the sellers slowly pack up they want to dispose off whatever they brought along. Now you can obtain goods at even better prices which in turn makes the seller - as well as the customer - more than happy. No food wasted and no money wasted either, a classic win-win situation.

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