



# Galata Mevlevihane Museum

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# Istanbul Great Palace Mosaics Museum



## Istanbul Great Palace Mosaics Museum Visiting Hours

### Winter Season

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00
16:30	16:30	16:30	16:30	16:30	16:30	16:30

### Summer Season

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00
18:30	18:30	18:30	18:30	18:30	18:30	18:30

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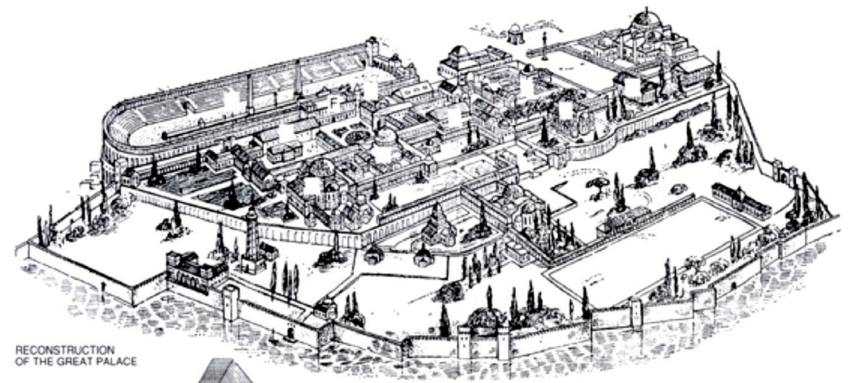
Mosaics Depicting Daily Life,  
Nature and Mythology from  
the Gorgeous Palace of the  
Byzantine Empire



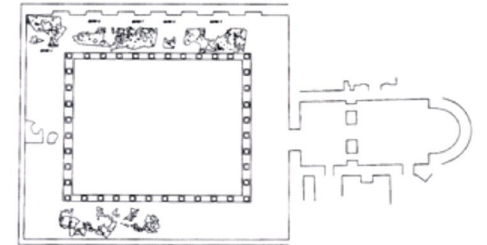
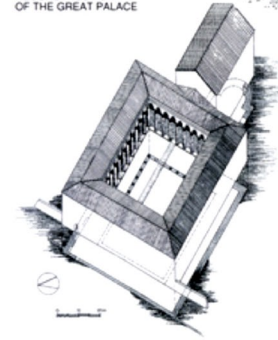




The excavations that began in the portico courtyard in 1935 unearthed the magnificent mosaics of the Great Palace which are rich in artistic value and aesthetic expression. Dating back to 450-550 AD, the mosaics created by the leading artists of that period depict a wide spectrum of scenes including realistic portrayals of daily life, humans and animals in their natural settings as well as mystical creatures.



RECONSTRUCTION OF THE GREAT PALACE



Situated in the Arasta Bazaar on the seaward side of the Sultan Ahmet Mosque Complex, the Great Palace Mosaics Museum was established upon the unearthing of the mosaic flooring of the Great Palace from the Byzantines. Mosaic pieces comprise of limestone, terracotta and colourful stones all of which are averagely about 5 mm in size. On white marble background, a fish scale technique was used. Including 150 human and animal figures and 90

different themes, the most outstanding mosaic depictions are eagle and snake struggle, children on a camel, a gryphon eating a lizard, elephant and lion struggle, mare nursing foal, children herding geese, man milking a goat, child feeding a donkey, young girl carrying a pot, bears eating apples, and hunter and tiger struggle.