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ANTALYA MEVLEVİ LODGE MUSEUM

PLACE OF TOLERANCE AND PEACE



It is believed that the first construction date of the Mevlevi Lodge building, which is located in Kaleiçi, one of the most touristic regions of Antalya, the tourism capital of Türkiye, dates back to Seljuk Period and was used as Mevlevi Lodge from the 16th century. The museum, which consists of the Mevlevi Lodge, the bath and the tombs of 'Chain Breaker' Mehmet Bey and Nigar Hatun, displays information boards and animations about the Mevlevi as well as clothes and various possessions of Mevlevi members. It also organizes some events such as Islamic philosophy and thought courses, masnavi and divan readings, seminars, Sufi music concerts and whirling rituals. The main room covered with a dome in the Mevlevi Lodge area was the place where the whirling performances were held. The six rooms next to the main room were used by Mevlevi dervishes.



Mevlevi Lodge Bath Although the date of construction of the Mevlevi Lodge Bath is not precisely known, it is believed to have been built in the 13th century as 'Palace Bath' for private use and not for entertaining crowds, as can be understood from its ground plan and dimensions, and it was built during the Ottoman Period. Nigar Hatun in one of the tombs of the complex lay the mother of Sultan Korkut, the son of Beyazid II. The tomb of 1377 was built by Mehmet Bey, who was nicknamed "Zincirkıran" (Chain Breaker) because he managed to conquer Antalya by breaking through the port chains. The tomb contains the tombs of Mehmet Bey, his son Ali and Mustafa Dede Efendi, the Sheikh of Antalya Mevlevi Lodge. In Anatolia, which makes up most of the territory of modern Türkiye, different nations and religions have lived together in peace for thousands of years. We must say that not only government policies but also philosophers and opinion leaders of the past have played a role in establishing this peaceful and tranquil environment based on mutual tolerance and respect. One such person was Rumi, who lived in the 13th century. After Rumi's death, the Mevlevi sect was established based on his philosophy, which is based on tolerance and love, unification and integration. More than 140 Mevlevi Lodges were built in Anatolia, the Balkans, Africa and Arabian Peninsula to spread ideas based on living together as brothers without excluding anyone, and to educate and cultivate morality. Antalya Mevlevi Lodge, which has recently been converted into a museum, is one of these lodges and is believed to be among the first 4 Mevlevi Lodges established in Anatolia.

