

WORLD FAMOUS



PUDDING SHOP®

LALE RESTAURANT

Aan Fascinerende Metropol

Het eerste probleem bij aankomst is altijd het vinden van een geschikt hotel. Vanaf het vliegveld neem je een bus of taxi naar de Sultan Ahmet, de oudste wijk van de stad. Er zijn daar veel goedkope en toch schone hotels. Voor een tientje per nacht heb je een kamer, in de Jugendherberg (geen kaart nodig) kost het zelfs maar zeveneneenhalve piek. Ook de restaurants in die wijk zijn allemaal betaalbaar. Een hot spot is de legendarische Pudding Shop waar vroeger de hippies hun reisverhalen over Afghanistan en India uitwisselden. Dat is voorbij, maar nog steeds hangt daar de sfeer van reizigers onder elkaar; contacten worden daar nog altijd snel gelegd.

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Few Spies, Fewer Camels and the Fez Is Old Hat

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Just opposite the Mosque, for instance, there is a place called the Pudding Shop, a restaurant and garden and meeting place where a youthful traveler might negotiate a ride in the 1970's to Afghanistan or Nepal. The Pudding Shop, they used to say, marked the start of the "hippie trail" that led many young Americans and Europeans east. But these days the Pudding Shop, which is run by the Colpan family, resembles more a fast-food outlet

than a gateway to nirvana. Since last month its menus have been posted on back-lighted plastic displaying such dishes as eggplant and minced meat. The travelers, since the revolution in Iran and the Soviet sweep into Afghanistan, have abandoned the traditional route to the east, and so the Pudding Shop's history is recorded only in a plastic sign that calls it world famous and a noticeboard that used to bear messages from distant places in Nepal and India. Now its messages are mostly in German "I was

here" one says, "where were you?" It was signed Helga. "In Turkey," said the Colpan family's lawyer, "everything must change very quickly." Adem Colpan, 25 years old, reinforced a point that seems to underline the changes across the city and much of the country. "People in the States think we are kidding on the camels and wear fezzes," he said. "Some of them don't even know where Turkey is. We are not like 200 years ago. Just the way we dress, but the mind too."

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Onwards, relentless, through the backstreets we walk to Sultan Ahmet Square, the place to be. At the Pudding Shop on the north side of the square, dazed hippies returning from the East sold beaten-up VW vans to pale young students about to embark on the overland trail. Today the Pudding Shop is a clean, ordinary self-service restaurant.

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