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KASR-I HÜMAYUN PALACE MUSEUM

A Place of Memory: Kasr-ı Hümayun



Kasr-ı Hümayun is located in the center of Izmit on a large area with its outbuildings. It was built on wooden foundations for the first time during the reign of Murat IV. However, it was understood that it was destroyed due to fire and earthquake. The building that has survived is the palace built during the reign of Sultan Abdulaziz (1861-1876). It has two floors in Neo-Classical style, Euro-Baroque style and its facade is covered with marble. The ceiling decorations of the building are the work of the French Painter Sason.

The architect of the palace is Amira Karabet Balyan, one of the Balyan brothers. The most important feature of Kasr-ı Hümayun is that it is the only palace built outside of Istanbul. The palace building, which served as the Provincial and Agricultural Chamber until 1967, was used as the Izmit Museum after this year. The museum, which was restored in 1992, was severely damaged by the earthquake of 17 August 1999. Kasr-ı Hümayun, whose restoration was started in 2004 and completed in 2005, was put into service as a Palace Museum on January 16, 2007, after the exhibition arrangement.



A kidney-shaped coffee table and telephone, lampshade, armchairs and a leather lounge chair, chess table from Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's belongings of the Savarona Ship and a representative meeting table with the names of the members of the press, where he held his first press conference with the editor-in-chief of six major newspapers published in Istanbul, supporting the War of Independence and Mustafa Kemal Pasha with their pens from the very beginning, and original newspaper clippings from 1938 about Atatürk's death.

Other parts of the museum are the Living Room (Pearl Room), the Reception Hall, the Bedroom and the Sultan's Bath.

