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If you pick only one place to get out onto the water, Çeşme would be it. This is not to say that landlubbers won't be enchanted by this island. Whatever you do, you'll love this magical place.

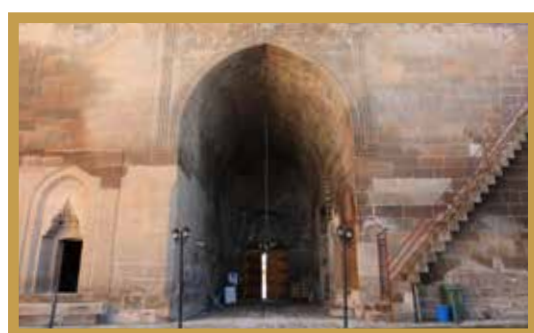


Hit the beach and choose your water sport:

Çeşme is famous for its spectacular coastline and beaches. İlica Beach is known for natural thermal springs, so the water is pleasantly warm. Altinkum Beach has a more wild beauty. There are more to choose from – including those famous for surfing, kitesurfing and windsurfing. This is the island to be bold, go for it, and get out on the water.



Visit the Çeşme Castle: Stroll the main town's charming narrow streets, cobbled lanes and low-rise historic Greek and Turkish buildings to arrive at the Castle. Built at the beginning of the 16th century atop an existing 14th century Genoese fortress, the steep climb rewards with 360-degree views of the town, the harbor and across the Aegean Sea to the Greek island of Chios.



Tour the Caravanserai: Because Çeşme was (and is) a major port, merchants in ancient times would bring their camel caravan to load their goods aboard ships. The caravanserai was built in the 16th Century during the reign of Süleyman the Magnificent. These days, it operates as a hotel and features the restored Pargalı Hamam (historic Turkish baths) from the same period.



Sample a Kumrusu: Çeşme is in the Izmir Province, a place famous for 'kumru.' This local delicacy is a sesame seed coated cob with various fillings; most commonly white cheese, tomato and green pepper. The Çeşme kumrusu is unlike any other – worthy of a sampling of this famous regional cuisine.



Sifne Thermal and Mud Spa: The famous Reisdere Spa is just 5 km away from the city. Whether or not it heals your aches and pains, it is a unique, pampering experience.

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