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### A hotel in Anatolia in the last period of the Ottoman Empire: Hotel Tadia (1892â€“1922)

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#### Highlights

â€¢ Istanbul-EskiÅŸehir route of Berlin-Baghdad railroad was completed in 1892.

â€¢ The passengers had to stay overnight in EskiÅŸehir, a need for hotels arose in the town.

â€¢ Hotel Tadia was the most modern hotel in the middle of the moorlands of Anatolia.

â€¢ The reputation of Hotel Tadia spread throughout Europe via travelogues and travel notes.

## Abstract

A quiet and underdeveloped town, in the last quarter of 19th century, EskiÅŸehir in Turkey began to liven up with the arrival of the Berlin-Baghdad Railway. Since train rides took two days and the passengers had to stop and stay overnight in EskiÅŸehir, the city became in need of a hotel, and the visitors began to stay at hotels, along with inns and public houses. Upon this need, Madame Tadia, a Bohemian lady, turned a large house near the station into a hotel. Within this context, Hotel Tadia has an important place in the tourism history of EskiÅŸehir. The purpose of this study is to create a microhistory of Hotel Tadia, which paved the way for the concept of modern hotel business in EskiÅŸehir, and to reveal the sense of modern hotel business that it brought to Anatolia between 1892 and 1922.



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