ISTANBUL TULIP FESTIVAL

Every spring, this flower is celebrated at a festival when tulips blossom in parks and flowerbeds across the city. Almost 160 kinds of tulips are planted in İstanbul. Some are yellow and orange, some are white and lily or red. They come in nearly every colour of the rainbow. About 3,000,000 tulips are planted at Emirgan Park.

You can also see the world's largest tulip carpet in Istanbul, then. About 564,000 tulips are used to make this carpet. You can buy tulip bulbs at Sultanahmet Square and plant them in your garden.

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Tulip is a special flower in İstanbul's history. It is found in Ottoman era paintings, clothing, poetry and songs. It is considered a symbol of perfection and beauty and it is the country's national flower.

During the festival, paintings are exhibited and concerts are given. A photography competition, a beach volleyball tournament and an international women's tennis tournament are organized. If you want to see the city at its most colourful time, don't miss the festival time.



- 1. Why is tulip special?
- 2. How many kinds of tulips are seen in Istanbul?
- **3.** What can you do at the festival?