

# *Nasreddin Hodja*

## *A Turkish Folk Philosopher*



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# *Who is Nasreddin Hodja?*

- *One of Turkey's most endearing figures*
- *He is a symbol of Turkish humor and his stories have passed from one generation to the next*
- *It is believed that he lived in the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> century*
- *He studied under famous scholars and worked for a local judge*
- *Soon, people were coming to him for advice, justice, and to listen to his amusing stories*
- *Versions of Hodja are found throughout the Middle East*



# *Who is Nasreddin Hodja?*

- *“Hodja” means “instructor” or “teacher” as well as “religious leader”*
- *He is characterized by being a wise man with great wit*
- *He is also often portrayed as a trickster*
- *He is also often portrayed riding a donkey backwards...*



<http://nasrettin-hoca-nasreddin.bloggum.com/yazilar/tag/nasreddin%20hoca%20karikaturleri/>



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*One day Nasreddin Hodja was riding his donkey backwards, facing towards the back.*

*“Hodja” the people said, “you are sitting on your donkey backwards!”*

*“No,” he replied. “It's not that I am sitting on the donkey backwards, I'm just interested in where I have been coming from more than where I am going, my friends.”*



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**“Hodja” the people said, “you are sitting on your donkey backwards!”**

**“No,” he replied. “It's not that I am sitting on the donkey backwards, the donkey is facing the wrong way.”**

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*“Hodja” the people said, “you are sitting on your donkey backwards!”*

*“No,” he replied. “My friend here wanted to go one way and I wanted to go the other, so we are compromising.”*



<http://brusselsdaybyday.blogspot.com/2007/05/nasreddin-hoca.html>