Food and Drink
…hope you like olive oil 😊
Green Beans

- w/ olive oil and tomatoes
Often served w/ long green peppers (sometimes spicy, sometimes not)
Kebabs

- Comes in all different kinds of meat
A yogurt type drink, thin enough you can drink it w/ a straw
Salty but good on hot days
Sesame encrusted bagel/pretzel cross
Apple tea is their specialty!
Thick and rich...usually drunk w/sugar (I prefer 2)
What they wear
Fez, turban
Mostly like ours
Diverse
- Fezzes... no
- Head Scarves... yes
Handcrafts & Bazaars
Rugs
Buying a Rug

- Process could take hours
- Some are VERY expensive
How they are made
The Grand Bazaar and the Spice Bazaar
To protect against evil spirits
How is the prevalence of Evil Eye reflective of Ottoman history
Soo Friendly

How might Ottoman history contribute to this cultural aspect of the Turkish people
CULTURE

The Balkans
More hostile attitudes towards the Ottomans.

If something goes wrong a common expression is, “what do you expect, we were controlled by the Turks”

Some were bitter or fought against the Janissary system

At times in history though, the Balkans welcomed the Ottomans as liberators from their own cruel regimes
Different Food/Drink...or not

- Have Bosnian (Turkish) coffee
- More meat than Turkey
- Albania...lots of pasta
Don’t worry, this is not a terry bear voodoo doll
Albania

Evil Eye was suppressed during communist rule (religion/superstition was considered the “opiate of the masses”)

Albania the only country to officially be declared an atheist country

So people used stuffed animals instead of evil eyes to protect their homes so they wouldn’t be breaking the law.
But, you just can’t keep a good bear down