Turkish & Syrian Cities: Culture and Architecture

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Central to traditional Middle Eastern cities?
• Built by the Ottoman Emperor Suleymaniye the Magnificent
• Designed by Sinan (1550-1557)
• Into Symmetrical forms and domes, influenced by Italian architecture

Suleymaniye Mosque, Istanbul, Turkey
Sinan: Like a Boss

- 94 large mosques (*camii*),
- 57 colleges,
- 52 smaller mosques (*mescit*),
- 48 bath-houses (*hamam*),
- 35 palaces (*saray*),
- 22 mausoleums (*türbe*),
- 20 caravanserai (*kervansaray; han*),
- 17 public kitchens (*imaret*),
- 8 bridges,
- 8 store houses or granaries
- 7 Koranic schools (*medrese*),
- 6 aqueducts,
- 3 hospitals (*darüüssifa*)
• Corinthian columns inside
• Byzantine features
• Most impressive mosque ever built (706-715)
Minaret of Jesus
Mosque Courtyard
Before you go in, a few rules:

• Remove your shoes!
• Women, cover your heads, shoulders, and legs!
• No photographing people praying or otherwise disturbing them!