

What happens inside of a mosque?



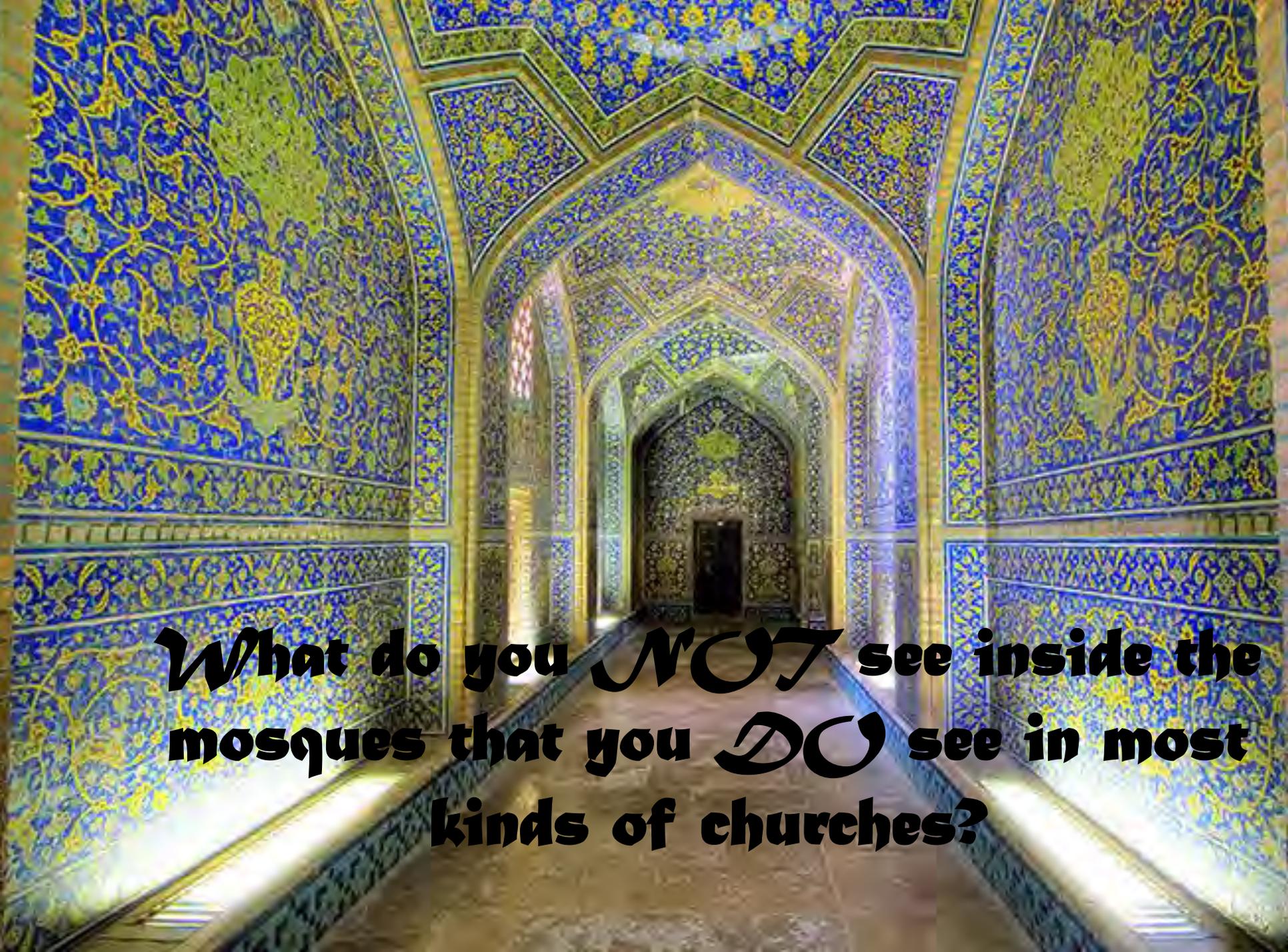




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The image shows a perspective view down a long, narrow hallway in a mosque. The walls and ceiling are covered in intricate, repeating geometric and floral tilework in shades of blue, gold, and white. The architecture features a series of pointed arches that create a sense of depth and rhythm. The floor is a light-colored, polished surface. The lighting is warm and focused, highlighting the details of the tilework. The overall atmosphere is one of historical grandeur and artistic precision.

What do you *NOT* see inside the mosques that you *DO* see in most kinds of churches?







Why is this one different?

Design and Art

- The depictions of human forms could be considered idolatry, a sin
- Primary forms of Islamic Art are
 - Ceramics
 - Architecture
 - Calligraphy
 - Geometric patterns









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The simple neighborhood mos

Friday Prayer inside a small mosque



Other Faiths

- **97% of the people of Turkey are Muslim**
- **Syria:**
 - **87% Muslim**
 - **10% Christian**





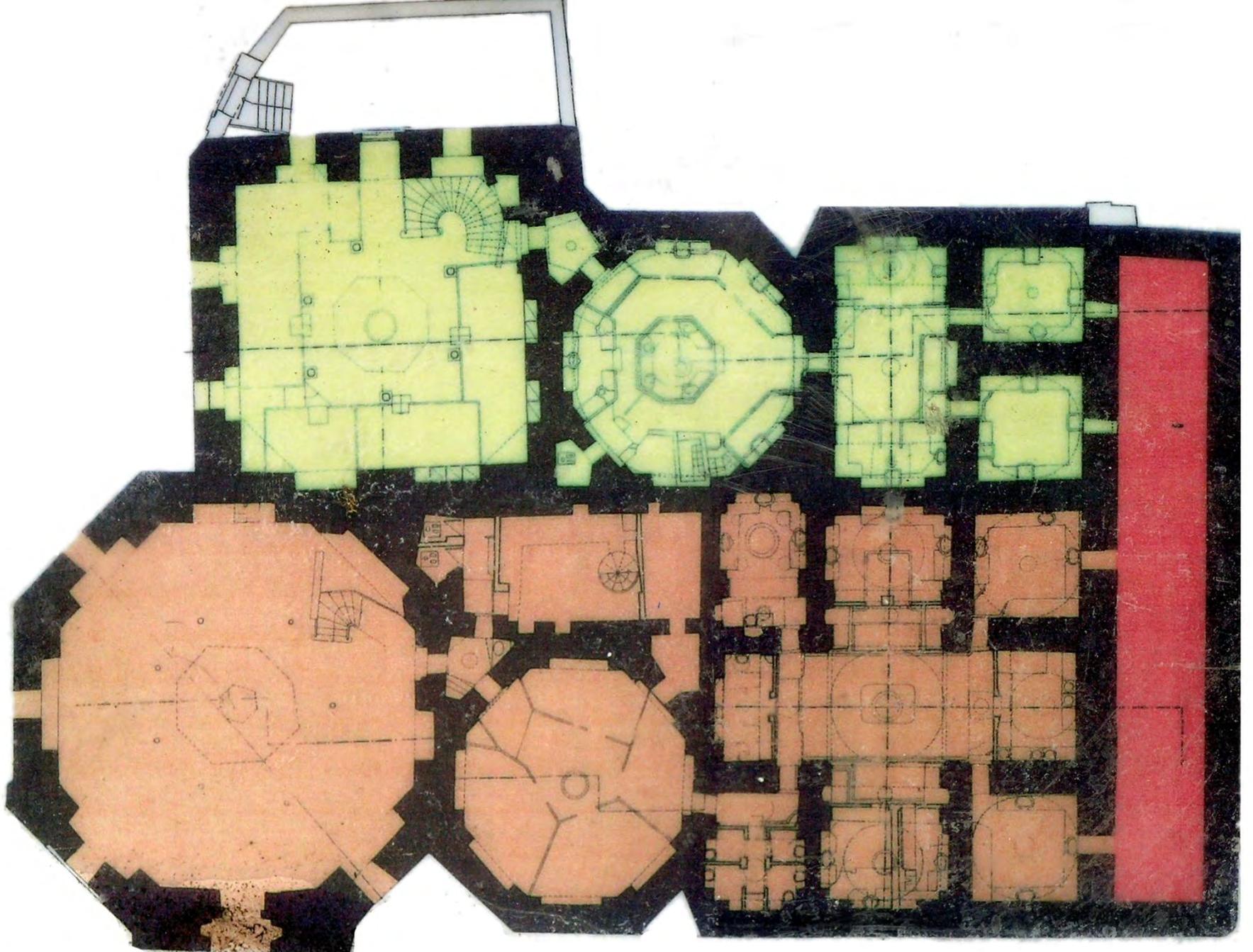
Hamam

- A hamam is a Turkish bath (like a spa), once used all over the Middle East and Eastern Europe
- Why provide a public bath?
 - Because regular people didn't have indoor baths and plumbing
 - Also a good place to socialize



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NOUR AL-DIN AL-SHAHEED BATH

NAASB is considered one of the oldest public baths, still existing in the old part of Damascus.

It is located in Al-Bzouria market, adjacent to Khan As'ad Pasha in Damascus .

It was established by Sultan Nour Al-Din Al-Shaheed in the year 565 H. - 1169 AD.
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حمام
نور الدين الشهيد

يعتبر من أقدم حمامات دمشق القديمة
يقع في سوق البزورية

قرب خان أسعد باشا في دمشق
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