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A Place of Memory: Kasr-ı Hümayun





Atatürk's Room

In this room, Atatürk's personal belongings brought from the Savarona Presidential Yacht, like his coffee table in the shape of a kidney, telephone, table lamps, armchairs, leather resting chair and his chess table are exhibited. Also a symbolic meeting table, where Atatürk held his first press conference on January 16, 1923 with editors-in-chief of six major newspapers, who supported the War of Independence and Mustafa Kemal since the beginning and where the names of the journalists were engraved, is exhibited in the room along with some original newspaper clippings dated to 1938 about Atatürk's death.



Resting Room (Room with pearls), Reception Hall, Bedroom and the Sultan's bath are the other sections of the museum.

Kasr-ı Hümayun is located in the centre of Izmit. The first building was built on wooden foundations during the reign of Sultan Murat IV, but it was destroyed by fire and earthquake. The present building is the palace built during the reign of Sultan Abdulaziz (r. 1861-1876) in European-Baroque style. The facade of this Neo-classical two-storey building is covered with marble. The decorations of the ceilings are the work of the French painter Sason.

Amira Karabet Balyan, who was one of the Balyan brothers, is the architect of the palace. The most important feature of Kasr-ı Hümayun is that it was the one and only palace built outside of Istanbul. Until 1967, this palace building was served as governorate and service of agriculture. Since then, it was used as Izmit Museum. The building, which was restored in 1992, was heavily destroyed during the earthquake in 1999. After the next restoration between 2004 and 2005, following display and arrangement works, Kasr-ı Hümayun was opened as a palace museum on January 16, 2007.

