



Storytelling in Istanbul: City of a Million Tales

With Anush Babajanyan and John Stanmeyer

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During this eight-day workshop, each participant will photograph every single day, creating a story from this ancient city, with the support of Anush and John, who have years of experience in Istanbul. In addition to practical work, lectures on narrative development, the language of photography and the art of visual storytelling, there will be discussions about today's constantly changing field of photography.

The participants will spend a lot of their time photographing in the city, together with local fixers, exploring the streets and homes of Istanbul, meeting strangers, and crafting their stories. The participants will continually return to the workshop location to review their images together with John and Anush, understanding how their story is moving forward and the directions they should be taking.

The photographers will present their newly created stories to the whole group on the last day of the workshop in a closing event, where fixers are invited, as well as anybody who contributed to the building of the story.

The creation of a concise body of work is one of the aims of this workshop, but the most important goal is the learning experience itself, and the beautiful process of overcoming the challenges while making a story happen.

This workshop will teach but also inspire you to become a better photographer and visual storyteller. We also believe in the importance of creating and expanding our community by sharing intimately and candidly our experience from being in the field for decades.

Workshop Location:

AtölyeBİA is located in the very center of Istanbul, about 15 min walk from our hotel. The studio is on the second floor and welcomes us for this workshop, providing a beautiful and spacious area for group and individual sessions. AtölyeBİA will be on our disposal and we can stay as long as needed.

AtölyeBİA Address:

Firüzağa mahallesi, Faikpaşa Caddesi No: 37 Kat: 2 Daire: 5, Beyoğlu / İstanbul
<https://goo.gl/E8c7Ms>

Accommodation:

You are welcome to stay at any location you choose in Istanbul. To make choosing an accommodation near the workshop location comfortable for you, one of our suggestions is the Anemon Galata, a beautifully decorated authentic hotel in the heart of Istanbul, just next to the incredible Galata tower. The hotel strongly suggests to book in advance in order to ensure availability of rooms.

Anemon Galata Prices and Address:

Single rooms - \$60 per room, per night

Double rooms (a double or two single beds) - \$70

<http://www.anemonhotels.com/otel-istanbul/anemon-galata.aspx>

Bereketzade Mah. Büyükhendek cd. Kuledibi / İstanbul

Our second and more affordable recommendation is the World House Hostel.

World House Hostel Prices and Address:

Single rooms - \$35 per room, per night

Double rooms - \$43 per room, per night (only double beds)

<http://www.worldhouseistanbul.com>

Galipdede Cd. No:85 Beyoglu / Istanbul

A third option is AirBnB. There are many shared and private apartments available a short 5-10 minute walking distance from the AtölyeBIA. <http://www.airbnb.com>

Please contact the hotels directly for more detailed information on rooms and booking.

Fixers:

If you speak Turkish, you will not need a translator/fixer. For those of you who do not know the language, we are arranging a group of wonderful fixers who will bring you into the richness and culture of Istanbul, and most importantly, into the story you decide to work on.

Fixer fee: \$40 per day, in addition we encourage you to support your fixer's food and transportation while working together.

Equipment and software:

Please bring any camera you are comfortable to work with, ranging from a DSLR to a smartphone camera. As for the software, Lightroom or another quality "digital asset management" application will be preferable to make the flow of editing and reviewing run smoothly. We can help answer questions or direct you on the options out there.