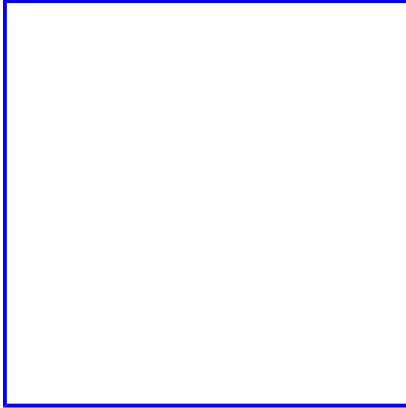


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## [It's time to get your Turkey on!](#)

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Ottawa's annual celebration of the many wonders of Turkey takes place this weekend – and no, it has nothing to do with the bird. Rather, the Ottawa Turkish Festival will turn Confederation Park into a Grand Bazaar of Turkish culture, complete with traditional music, dance and food. Mmmm, baklava.

But don't stop there! Baklava is just the beginning. Swap your morning Starbucks for a strongly brewed, tooth-rottingly sweet Turkish coffee and you'll be buzzing for the rest of the day. Make sure to round off breakfast by grabbing a few simit – large bagely-type-things the size of your face, covered in sesame seeds and guaranteed to kill a low-carb diet in a single bite – and then go dance it off!

The festival features a line-up of dancers, traditional music and Whirling Dervishes all day Saturday and Sunday. What's a Whirling Dervish? If you're curious, google it. Or - even better - go find out for yourself!

All events are free and the food is AWESOME. Visit the [festival website](#) for the complete event schedule and for more information on what to expect.

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