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# Istanbul

2-5 players ♦ Aged 10 and up ♦ Playing Time: 40-80 minutes



## ISTANBUL: BASE GAME

Hustle and bustle in the bazaar district of Istanbul: Merchants and their assistants are hurrying through the narrow alleys attempting to be more successful than their competitors. Good organization is key: Wheelbarrows have to be filled with goods at the warehouses and then swiftly transported to the various destinations by the assistants. The goal of the merchants is to be the first to collect a certain amount of rubies.



## ISTANBUL: MOCHA & BAKSHEESH

Selling precious fabrics, the finest of spices, and the freshest of fruits in Istanbul was very good for business. But now, the customers at the bazaar have discovered a new delicacy: coffee! As the cunning merchant you are, you sense the fortune you can make by selling the tasty bean.

To overcome these new challenges, you will need more help than just that of your assistants. Luckily, for a baksheesh, the guests at the tavern are willing to take a little side job. Also, at the guild hall, you can find the valuable help you need.



## ISTANBUL: LETTERS & SEALS

You, the merchants of Istanbul, came up with a new and quite lucrative way of earning an extra dime: delivering messages to the shopkeepers of the bazaar! While doing so, you can catch some useful information here and there that you can sell to the secret society for rubies ...

In order to keep your regular business running, you have hired a companion who is actively supporting you. True, he is a little slower than you would like but at least he does not require any assistants.

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## BEFORE YOUR FIRST GAME

Before explaining the rules, we would like to offer some important advice regarding the Game Components and Setup:

### Preparation of Game Components

- Carefully remove the game components from the punchboard.
- Attach the stickers to the corresponding wooden tokens.
  - Attach the 5 round Merchant stickers to the thick wooden discs of the respective player color.
  - Attach the square Companion stickers to the wooden tokens of the respective player color.
  - Attach the 4 remaining round stickers to the wooden tokens of the corresponding color.



### If You Are Playing Istanbul for the First Time ...

... we suggest that you start by **playing the Base Game several times**, before adding an expansion, in order to learn all the rules and interactions.

If you do so, you will have to learn much less new rules and components. The options are more diverse and challenging when you add the expansions.

### A General Note Regarding this Rulebook

For a better overview, segments belonging to a specific expansion are marked with a symbol and a specific background color:

**Mocha & Baksheesh** 

**Letters & Seals** 

You can skip the respective sections if you do not use that expansion.

### Tips for Storing the Game Components in the Game Box










Sorting the components into the 4 compartments as described below, helps you to minimize the time required to find and setup all necessary game components:

1. Places from the Base Game (1-16), Overviews, Wheelbarrows
2. Further components of the Base Game: Wheelbarrow extensions, Mosque tiles, Demand tiles, Starting player marker, Coins, Rubies, Mail indicators, Dice, wooden Player tokens (cubes, discs, 1 cylinder), Smuggler, Governor
3. Components from the Mocha & Baksheesh expansion: Places (17-20), Bags of Coffee, Guild cards, Bonus cards (marked with a coffee bean in the corners), Tavern tiles, Baksheesh tiles, Barrier and corresponding tile, Coffee trader
4. Components from the Letters & Seals expansion: Places (21-25), Bonus cards (marked with a seal in the corner), Kiosk tiles, Letter tiles, Courier

## COMPONENTS: BASE GAME

 <p>16x Places 1-16</p>	 <p>6x Wheelbarrows (player boards)</p>	 <p>18x Wheelbarrow extensions</p>	 <p>Stickers for the Governor, Smuggler, and Merchants (<i>attach them before your first game</i>)</p>	<p>Per player ...</p>  <p>1 <i>thicker</i> Merchant disc (+ sticker) 5 Assistants 1 Family member 4 Goods indicators</p>
 <p>26x Bonus cards</p>	 <p>16x Mosque tiles</p>	 <p>12x Demand tiles</p>	 <p>Coins (Lira) Values: 1 (36x), 5 (24x) and 10 (12x)</p>	 <p>4x Mail indicators</p>
 <p>5x Overviews</p>	 <p>1x Starting player marker</p>	 <p>2x Governor (purple) and Smuggler (black)</p>	 <p>42x Rubies</p>	 <p>2x Dice</p>

## COMPONENTS: MOCHA & BAKSHEESH

 <p>4x Places 17-20</p>	 <p>8x Tavern tiles</p>	 <p>18x Bonus cards</p>	 <p>20x Guild cards</p>	 <p>30x Bags of Coffee, short „coffee“</p>
 <p>1x Baksheesh tile</p>	 <p>1x Barrier and corresponding tile</p>	 <p>1x Coffee trader (<i>attach the brown sticker to it</i>)</p>		

## COMPONENTS: LETTERS & SEALS

 <p>5x Places 21-25</p>	 <p>24x Kiosk tiles</p>	 <p>28x Bonus cards</p>	 <p>36x Letter tiles</p>	 <p>5x Companions (<i>attach stickers</i>)</p>
 <p>1x Courier (<i>attach sticker</i>)</p>	 <p>1x Caravan tile (<i>see page 17, Variants</i>)</p>			

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## GAME IDEA

You are leading a merchant and four assistants through the 16 Places of the bazaar. At each Place, you can carry out a specific action.

The challenge is that, to carry out an action at any of those Places, your merchant needs the help of an assistant and has to leave him behind. To use that assistant again later, your merchant has to come back to that Place and pick him up. So plan ahead carefully to avoid being left with no assistants and thus unable to do anything ...

## GENERAL NOTES

### PLACES

**Place symbol** (at some Places): A number of Bonus cards and Mosque tiles refer to these symbols.



**Rubies** (at some Places): These spaces hold Rubies that can be acquired as a reward when you meet a certain condition.

### WHEELBARROWS

The Goods indicators on your Wheelbarrows indicate how many goods you have. A Goods indicator on the left-most space (see yellow good) indicates that you don't have any of these goods. If you receive goods, move the Goods indicator to the right.

If you pay goods, move it to the left. E.g. in the example to the right, you have 1 blue and 2 green goods. The Rubies you collect are kept on these spaces.



### SYMBOLS

We use the following symbols on Place tiles, Mosque tiles, and Bonus cards:



Move a token or resource (Merchant, Assistant, ...)



Pay what is shown on the left side and take what is shown on the right side



As a consequence ...



"and"



"or"



Displays a connection between a Place and Bonus cards or Mosque tiles



1 good of your choice



Roll 2 dice



Perform an action or play a card



The regular movement of the Merchant is replaced by something else

## SETUP

*Green text: Special rules for different numbers of players*

Lay out the **16 Place tiles** in a 4x4 grid. This is considered the game board.

When playing for the first time, we recommend using the “**Short paths**” layout, in which you lay out the Places as shown below. For further games, you can try the “**Long paths**” layout or lay out the Places according to their number (1-16).

For even more variety, we suggest to lay out the Places randomly, as described in the Variants on page 17.

	15	5	2	14		16	2	8	11	
	4	12	7	3		15	7	6	4	
Layout	8	6	11	9		3	5	12	1	Layout
„Short paths“	13	10	1	16		10	9	14	13	„Long paths“

**13**  
In a 2-player game: Place the **Merchant discs** of the **unused colors** on the Mosques **14** **15** and the Gemstone Dealer **16**.

**12**  
Randomly determine a **Start player**. He gets 2 Lira and the Starting player marker. In clockwise order, each other player gets 1 more Lira than the player to his right. Then each player draws a Bonus card from the top of the stack.

**11**  
Stack your 4 **Assistant discs** and place your **Merchant disc** on top of this stack. Then place these stacks on the Fountain **7**. Place the **5<sup>th</sup> Assistant** of each player easily accessible next to the game board.

**10**  
Place your **Family members** on the Police Station **12**.



Sort the **Mosque tiles** by color and then by their number of goods symbols in 4 stacks (so that the tile on top of each stack shows 2 symbols) and place them on the two Mosques **14** **15**.

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Place **1 Ruby** per player on each of the Mosques.

**5 players:** *Only place 4 Rubies on each of the Mosques.*

**3 players:** *Remove the tiles with 5 symbols from the game.*

**2 players:** *Remove the tiles with 3 and 5 symbols from the game.*

Per player, place **1 Ruby** and **3 Wheelbarrow extensions** on the Wainwright **1**.

3

Place Rubies on the Gemstone Dealer **16** and the Sultan's Palace **13** beginning with the top space on the right. Continue to the space for the appropriate number of players. Place 1 Ruby on each space and leave the remaining spaces empty.



Place the Mail indicators in the top row of the Post Office **5**.

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Shuffle the dark **Demand tiles** and place them face-up in a stack on the Large Market **10**.

5

Repeat this procedure for the Small Market **11** using the light Demand tiles.



Determine the starting Places of the **Governor** and the **Smuggler**. For each of them, roll both dice and place the token on the Place tile with the appropriate number.

6



Shuffle the **Bonus cards** and place them face-down in a stack as well as the **coins** and **dice** next to the game board.

7



Each player chooses a color and takes the wooden components in that color. Also, take a Wheelbarrow and an Overview and place them in front of you.

8



Place the 4 Goods indicators on the grey spaces of your Wheelbarrow.

9



## FLOW OF PLAY

Beginning with the Start player you take turns in clockwise order.

When the first player has collected 5 Rubies (*in a 2-player game and when playing with an expansion: 6 Rubies*) on the appropriate spaces of his Wheelbarrow, you complete the current round. After this round, the game ends.

## YOUR TURN

*Explanations of Mosque Tiles are presented in blue and in italics*

A turn consists of 4 phases but, most of the time, only the 2 phases “Movement” and “Action” are actually played. The other phases, the so-called “Encounters” (blue background below), will only take place when your Merchant is on the same place as other tokens.

On your turn, you may use any number of Bonus cards and the special abilities of your Mosque tiles.

You **must always go through the following phases in the given order** regardless of whether you go through all of them or not!

### 1. Movement

Move your Merchant and the stack of Assistants under him (if any) by **1 or 2 Places**. You may not move diagonally and you must end up on a **different Place** than you started at.

You then have the following three options at the Merchant’s Target Place:

#### a) Pick up an Assistant

If one of your Assistants was already present at the Target Place, put your stack on top of that Assistant (see fig. on the right). He will leave that Place as part of the stack during the next Movement phase.



#### b) Leave an Assistant behind

If none of your Assistants was present at the Target Place, remove the bottommost Assistant from your stack and place him next to it (see fig. on the right). He will be left behind at that Place during the next Movement phase.



#### c) If you cannot or do not want to pick up an Assistant or leave one behind, **your turn ends immediately** (exception: Fountain 7, see page 18).

*Note: If you have the yellow Mosque tile, you may pay 2 Lira to take an Assistant back from another Place and add him to your Merchant stack.*

### 2. Encounters with other Merchants (if any)

If there are any other Merchants at the Target Place, you have to pay each of them 2 Lira. Your **turn ends immediately** if you cannot or do not want to pay.

**Exception:** You don’t have to pay other Merchants at the Fountain 7.

#### **Special case in a 2-player game:**

If you encounter a neutral Merchant (i.e. of an unused color), pay the 2 Lira into the general supply. Then roll both dice to determine a new position for this neutral Merchant and place him there.



*Example: You have to pay 2 Lira to the yellow and the green player, otherwise your turn ends immediately.*



### 3. Action

You may carry out the action that the Target Place provides (pages 18/19) - no matter if you left or picked up an Assistant. If you cannot or do not want to carry it out, you may proceed with phase 4 (Encounters).

### 4. Encounters (if any) in any order with ...



#### ... other Family members

If there are other players' Family members at the Target Place, you **must** catch them and send them all to the Police Station **12** (unless they are there already). As a reward for catching them, you may take 1 Bonus card or 3 Lira from the general supply for each such Family member. If you catch more than 1 Family member, you may take a different or the same reward for each of them (you do not get any reward in the Police Station).



#### ... the Governor

You **may** draw 1 Bonus card from the face-down stack and put it into your hand. If you do, either pay 2 Lira or discard 1 Bonus card from your hand.



#### ... the Smuggler

You **may** gain 1 good of your choice. If you do, either pay 2 Lira or 1 good.

If you used the ability of the Governor or Smuggler, roll both dice and place the respective token on the Place indicated by the result of the dice roll (according to the large brown number). Roll separately if you used them both.

*Note: You may discard the Bonus card or pay the good you received from the Governor or Smuggler in order to move them.*

## END OF THE GAME

The first player to collect 5 Rubies (*in a 2-player game and when playing with an expansion: 6 Rubies*) triggers the end of the game. When this happens, complete the current round. Then each player may use his leftover Bonus cards that provide goods or money. This may matter for the tie-breaker.

The player with the most Rubies wins. Ties are broken in the following order:

- most leftover Lira
- most leftover goods on the Wheelbarrow
- most leftover Bonus cards

If these have not resolved the tie, there are multiple winners.



*Example: You have collected your 5<sup>th</sup> Ruby. The game ends after the current round is completed.*

You can find detailed descriptions of the Places on pages 18/19, explanations on the Mosque tiles on page 22, and explanation on the Bonus cards on page 24.

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Expansion



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On your turn  
1. Move your stack, Merchant + Assistant (if 2 present)  
2. ...



## ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS

- ▶ **Coffee:** You can collect as much coffee as you like, the supply is not limited. Coffee is not considered a “good” if an effect says “any good” (e.g. when paying any good at the Sultan’s Palace **13**).
- ▶ The **Guild cards:** You can play them on your turn instead of moving and using the Merchant or the Assistants (see page 12, Your Turn, item 1).
- ▶ The **Tavern tiles:** Like the Mosque tiles, they provide ongoing benefits (see page 20, “Tavern”).
- ▶ The **Coffee trader:** Like the Governor or Smuggler, you can encounter him after your action. He can trade you 1 coffee for 2 Lira or any 1 good (see page 12, Your Turn, item 2).

## SETUP

The following rules are added on to the Base Game rules, so you will also need the Base Game components.

Lay out the 20 numbered **Places** (1-20) in a 5x4 grid.

For your **first game** with this expansion, we recommend the setup shown to the right. For future plays, we recommend using the “Random layout” variant, see page 17.

16	15	18	3	10
8	1	7	17	4
2	19	6	12	9
20	11	5	14	13

- 1 Setup the rest like in the Base Game (see there: pages 6/7, steps 2-13) and do the following steps. Add the **additional Bonus cards** to the cards from the Base Game.
- 2 Roll the dice to determine the starting position of the **Coffee trader**, as you do with the Governor and Smuggler.
- 3 **Guild Hall 18**  
Shuffle the **Guild cards** and place them in a face-down pile on the Guild Hall. Guild cards that you play or discard are placed in a face-up discard pile next to the game board.
- 4 **Tavern 19**
  - ▶ Put the **Barrier** and the corresponding **Barrier Control tile** next to the game board.
  - ▶ Sort the **Tavern tiles** by type and then by the number of coffee symbols in 2 piles, so that the tile on top of each pile shows 1 coffee symbol. Put both piles ready at hand next to the game board.
  - ▶ Place the **Baksheesh tile** (3 yellow goods facing up) on the designated space.
- 5 **Coffee House 20**  
Beginning with the space showing a ruby symbol, place 1 ruby on each space of the Coffee House (except for the space showing “6”).
- 6 Place the coffee ready at hand next to the game board.



## YOUR TURN

You play your turn much like in the Base Game with the following 2 additions:

1. You now have an alternative to using your Merchant:

**Instead of going through the normal 4 steps of your turn, you can play a Guild card. Carry out the effect of the Guild card and afterwards place it on the discard pile next to the game board.**

### Important:

- ▶ Playing a Guild card replaces your entire turn, so you do not move your Merchant and you do not have any encounters – unless the effect of the Guild card says differently.
  - ▶ When you play a Guild card, you cannot use any Bonus cards or Mosque tiles that require you to be at a particular Place. You can play any other Bonus cards.
  - ▶ You must carry out all instructions on the Guild card. If you cannot, you may not play it.
2. In phase 4 of your turn (Encounters), you can now encounter another token, the **Coffee trader**. He is used in the same way as the Governor and Smuggler. His effect: You can take 1 coffee if you pay 2 Lira or any 1 good.



### Example (Guild card #16):

*After paying 15 Lira, you receive an additional 3 coffee and a Ruby.*

## END OF THE GAME

The end of the game is triggered once any player has **6 rubies**, regardless of the number of players. Apart from that, the Base Game rules apply.

The explanations of the additional Places can be found on page 20, the Tavern tiles on page 22, the Guild cards on page 23 and the Bonus cards on page 24.



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Letters & Seals Expansion

## ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS

- ▶ **Letters:** Letters provide an additional way of getting **Rubies** and can be used for **double moves**. The front side of each Letter shows 1 Seal and a Place number, the back side shows 2 Seals. Whenever you receive a Letter, you must place it face up in front of you. Once you deliver a Letter (see page 16, Your Turn, item 2), you must turn it to the back side.



The Seals visible on your Letters can be exchanged for Rubies (see page 21, Secret Society 24) or used for double moves (see page 16, Your Turn, item 4).



- ▶ **Companion:** The Companion is a new token waiting in the general supply. The first time you use the action at the Fountain 7 you can move him to your personal supply. Once there, at the start of your turn, you can place him on the same Place as your Merchant. Doing so does not cost anything, even if there are other Merchants at that Place.

Once your Companion is on the game board, you must choose whether you move him **or** your Merchant to take actions (see page 16, Your Turn, item 1).

Each time you take the Fountain action, you can additionally move your Companion back to your supply. From there, you can place him again, as described above.



- ▶ **Kiosk tiles:** They show rewards for using the Kiosk 22 (see page 21).



- ▶ **Courier:** This is a new token you can encounter after your actions (like the Governor and Smuggler). He provides 1 Letter if you pay him 2 Lira or discard 1 Letter (see page 16, Your Turn, item 3).

*Note: If a card or token shows 1 or more coffee beans, ignore the coffee bean symbol. These symbols are only relevant in the "Great Bazaar" variant (see page 17).*



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## SETUP



The following rules are added to the Base Game rules, so you will also need the Base Game components.

Place the 20 numbered **Places** (1-16 and 21-24) in a 5x4 pattern.

For your **first game** with this expansion, we recommend the setup shown to the right.

For future plays, we recommend using the “Random layout” variant, see page 17.

9	1	4	21	3
15	6	7	11	22
13	24	12	14	8
10	2	23	5	16

- 1** Set up the game as described in the Base Game rules (see pages 6/7, steps 2-13). Then proceed with the following additional steps. Decide whether you want to solely use the **new Bonus cards** or shuffle them together with the Base Game cards. If you do the latter, a symbol in the corners of the cards will help you to separate them after the game.
- 2** Roll the dice to determine the starting position of the **Courier** (as you do with the Governor and Smuggler).
- 3** **Kiosk 22**  
Shuffle the **Kiosk tiles** and place them in 2 face-down stacks on the Kiosk. Used Kiosk tiles are placed in a discard pile next to the game board. If you run out of Kiosk tiles during the game, shuffle the discard pile to form new draw piles.
- 4** **Secret Society 24**  
Place the depicted amounts of Lira below the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> rank.
- 5** Turn the **Letters** to the back side (showing 2 Seals) and shuffle them. Place them next to the game board, forming one or more draw piles. Used Letters are placed in a discard pile. If you run out of Letters, shuffle the discard pile to form new draw piles.
- 6** Place the **Companions**, as well as the **remaining Rubies** ready at hand next to the game board.



## YOUR TURN



You play your turn much like in the Base Game with the following 2 additions:

1. There is a new movement option:

If your **Companion** is in play, i.e. standing on a Place tile, you can move him **instead of your Merchant**. The Companion follows the same rules as the Merchant with the following exceptions:

- The Companion can only move **by 1 Place**, i.e. to an orthogonally adjacent Place.
- He works alone. He does not have or require any Assistants.
- Bonus cards and tiles showing the Merchant do **not** apply to the Companion unless explicitly stated otherwise.

*Note: If a Merchant or Companion moves to a Place with other players' Merchants or Companions, you must pay 2 Lira for each of those tokens before you can take the Place's action!*



*Example: Your Companion is already in play. You can use him on your next turn.*

- When a token (Merchant, Family Member, or Companion) is at a Place specified by one or more of your Letters, you must turn these Letters to the back side – they are considered “delivered”. It does not matter whether or not the token was moved, and whether you turn the Letter before or after it moves.
- In phase 4 of your turn (Encounters), you can encounter a new token – the Courier. He is used in the same way as the Governor and Smuggler. His effect: You can take 1 Letter if you pay 2 Lira or discard 1 Letter.
- End of your turn: **Once per round**, you can discard Letters showing a total of **3 Seals** to immediately take an **additional turn** (so-called “double move”). Overpaid Seals are forfeit.

## END OF THE GAME

The end of the game is triggered once any player has **6 rubies**, regardless of the number of players. Other than that, the Base Game rules apply.



The explanations of the additional Places can be found on page 21, the Kiosk tiles on page 22, and the Bonus cards on page 24.



## VARIANTS

The following variants can be played separately or can be combined at will, as you prefer.

### Random layout

- Shuffle the Place tiles and lay them out.
- The Fountain **7** has to be one of the inner Places. If necessary, exchange it with another Place.
- The Black Market **8** and the Tea House **9** must have a distance of at least 3 Places from each other and must not be placed in the same column or row. If necessary, exchange them with other Places.

### Neutral Assistants (2-4 players)

If you have already played Istanbul a few times, we recommend trying this more tactical variant:

- During setup, replace the bottommost Assistant of your stack with an Assistant of a neutral color (we recommend using white as the neutral color, see fig. to the right).
- If your Merchant ends his movement on a Place with a neutral Assistant, he may pick him up as if it was one of your Assistants.
- If there are both a neutral and one of your Assistants on the respective Place, you may decide which Assistant to pick up in order to carry out the action.
- You are allowed to have more than one neutral Assistant in your stack.
- At the Fountain **7**, you can only get your own Assistants back.



### The Great Bazaar

We recommend this variant to all players who are sufficiently experienced in the Base Game and its expansions. In this variant, the Base Game is combined with **both** expansions “Mocha & Baksheesh” and “Letters & Seals”.

- Arrange the Places numbered 1-25 randomly in a 5x5 pattern.
- Place the Fountain **7** in the center of the game board. Make sure the Black Market **8** and Tea House **9** minimum distance restriction is met.
- Use all Bonus cards.
- Apart from that, the normal Base Game and expansion rules apply.

*Note: The Tavern tile regarding the Governor, Smuggler, and Coffee trader also applies to the Courier.*



### The Caravan Leader

This box introduces a new tile, the Caravan tile, along with a new game variant.

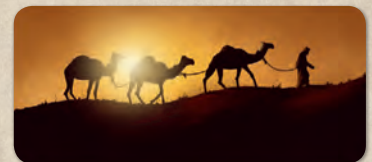
At the start of the game, put the Caravan tile on the Caravansary **6**.

If you carry out the action of the Caravansary, take the Caravan tile **at the end of your turn**.

The player who holds the Caravan tile is the **Caravan Leader**.

If you are already the Caravan Leader when you carry out the action of the Caravansary, your action is modified: You keep both cards drawn, so you don't have to discard a card.

A player remains the Caravan Leader until another player performs the action on the Caravansary.



## PLACES (BASE GAME)

### PLACES

**Place symbol** (at some Places): A number of Bonus cards and Mosque tiles refer to these symbols.



**Rubies** (at some Places): these spaces hold Rubies that can be acquired as a reward when you meet a certain condition.



### Wainwright

Pay 7 Lira into the general supply to take a Wheelbarrow extension from the Wainwright and place it in your Wheelbarrow.

As soon as you complete your Wheelbarrow, i.e. once you have extended it for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, immediately and only once take 1 Ruby off the Wainwright and place it on your Wheelbarrow.



### Fabric/Spice/Fruit Warehouse

Move the Goods indicator of the respective good as far to the right as possible.

*If you have the green Mosque tile, you may pay 2 Lira to gain 1 additional good of any type.*



### Post Office

You receive the resources that are depicted on the 4 uncovered spaces. Then move the leftmost Mail indicator of the top row down to the bottom row. If all Mail indicators are already in the bottom row, move them all back to the top row.

*Example: You receive 3 Lira, 1 yellow, and 1 red good. Then you move the Mail indicator off the blue good onto the yellow one.*



### Caravansary

Take 2 Bonus cards into your hand and discard 1 Bonus card from your hand.

**Note:** When taking Bonus cards with this action (**and only with this one**), you may **also** take them from the top of the face-up discard pile!



If you are playing with the Mocha & Baksheesh expansion included, take 1 coffee from the supply, on top of the effect known from the Base Game.



### Fountain

Return any number of your Assistants to your Merchant stack.

The Fountain is the only Place where you do not need to have an Assistant there to carry out the action and you do not have to pay other Merchants if they are present.

If you send your Family Member to the Fountain, your Assistants are still returned to your Merchant stack.



### Black Market

Gain 1 red or 1 yellow or 1 green good. Roll both dice:

If you rolled **7 or 8**: Gain **1 blue good**.

If you rolled **9 or 10**: Gain **2 blue goods**.

If you rolled **11 or 12**: Gain **3 blue goods**.

You may also roll the dice first and gain the 1 additional good afterwards.

*If you have the red Mosque tile, you may turn 1 die to "4" after the roll or re-roll both dice (1x).*

*Example: You have rolled 2 and 5. As you have the red Mosque tile, you may turn the 2 to 4. Consequently, you have rolled 9 in total and may gain 2 blue goods and 1 other non-blue good.*





### Tea House

Announce a number between 3 and 12. Then roll both dice.

If you roll equal to or greater than the announced number, take the announced number of Lira from the general supply. Otherwise, only take 2 Lira.

*If you have the red Mosque tile, you may turn one die to "4" after the roll or re-roll both dice (1x).*



### Small/Large Market

Sell 1-5 of the goods that are depicted on the Demand tile. Move the Goods indicators on your Wheelbarrow accordingly. Then take the revenue from the general supply according to the table.

Finally, move the current Demand tile to the bottom of the stack.

*Example: You sell 1 red, 1 green, and 2 yellow goods and in exchange receive 14 Lira.*



### Police Station

If your Family member is in the Police Station, "free" it and send it to another Place. Then carry out the action of that Place. Your Family member **does not have any encounters** (see page 9, Your turn)!

While at other Places, your Family member may be **caught by other Merchants** and sent back to the Police Station. As a reward, the catching player will get 1 Bonus card or 3 Lira.

*Example: You send your Family member from the Police Station to the Spice Warehouse. You fill your Wheelbarrow with the green goods. You do not have to pay 2 Lira to your opponent and you may not use the Governor.*



### Sultan's Palace \*

Deliver all the goods that are not covered by a Ruby to the Sultan.

As a reward, take the next available Ruby from the track and place it on your Wheelbarrow. Consequently, the next Ruby will be more expensive.

*Example: You have to pay 2 blue, 2 red, 1 yellow, 1 green, and 1 good of any type to get the next Ruby from the track.*



### Small/Great Mosque

Take 1 Mosque tile. To do so, your Wheelbarrow must carry the goods that are depicted on the Mosque tile in the required quantities. Then pay 1 of the depicted goods. Each Mosque tile provides a special ability (see page 22, Mosque tiles or *blue texts*).

You may only have one copy of each tile.

As soon as you acquire **both tiles of one Mosque**, immediately and only once take **1 Ruby** from that Mosque and place it on your Wheelbarrow.

*Example: In order to get this Mosque tile, your Wheelbarrow needs to carry at least 3 blue goods and you have to pay 1 of them. After you paid the good, you receive the tile and then add the 5<sup>th</sup> Assistant of your color to the bottom of your Merchant stack.*



### Gemstone Dealer \*

Pay a number of Lira into the general supply equal to the biggest number that is not covered by a Ruby.

Then take the next available Ruby from the track and place it on your Wheelbarrow. Consequently, the next Ruby will be more expensive.

*Example: The biggest number that is not covered by a Ruby is 15. So you have to pay 15 Lira to get the next Ruby from the track*



\* When you take the last Ruby from the Sultan's Palace **13**, the Gemstone Dealer **16**, or the Coffee House **20**, place 1 Ruby from the supply on the Ruby symbol of that Place.

## PLACES (MOCHA & BAKSHEESH)



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### Roasting Plant

Choose 1-3 of the following 3 options:

- ▶ Pay 2 Lira and take 2 coffee.
- ▶ Pay any 1 good and take 2 coffee.
- ▶ Discard a Bonus or Guild card and take 2 coffee.

This way you can get up to 6 coffee.



*Example: You pay 2 Lira and discard a Bonus card to receive 4 coffee from the supply.*

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### Guild Hall

Take 1 coffee from the supply. Take 2 cards from the top of the face-down pile of Guild cards. Then place a Guild card from your hand (which does not need to be one of the cards you just drew) on the face-up discard pile next to the game board, without using its effect.

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### Tavern

Choose one of the following 3 options. You may need to pay a “baksheesh” in form of 1-4 coffee, depending on your choice:

- ▶ Pay 2 coffee and place the **Barrier** between 2 Places. Carry out the action of 1 of these Places. You do not have any encounters. Take the **Barrier Control** tile, which indicates that you are the only player who may pass the Barrier. The other players may not move through the Barrier – even if they have the **Movement** tile (see below).
- ▶ Take the topmost Tavern tile from one of the piles and pay the depicted amount of coffee. You can only have one of each type of Tavern tile. The Tavern tile provides an ongoing effect that you can use for the rest of the game:



*Example: You pay 2 coffee and take the Barrier Control tile. You place the Barrier between the Post Office and the Fabric Warehouse, using the action of the latter.*



#### ▶ Movement tile:

Instead of moving your stack 1 or 2 Places, you can move it any number of Places in a straight line (but you cannot move through the Barrier, unless you have the Barrier Control tile).



#### ▶ Encounter tile:

Whenever you encounter the Governor, Smuggler and/or Coffee trader and receive something from them, you do not need to pay anything for it anymore.



If you play the „Great Bazaar“ variant, this rule also applies to the Courier.

- ▶ Pay 4 coffee and the goods depicted on the Baksheesh tile. Take the next available Ruby from either the Sultan's Palace 13, the Gemstone Dealer 16, or the Coffee House 20 . Afterwards turn the Baksheesh tile to the other side.



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### Coffee House

Deliver an amount of coffee to the Coffee House equal to the biggest number that is not covered by a ruby (6-10). As a reward, take the next available ruby from the track and place it on your Wheelbarrow.

## PLACES (LETTERS & SEALS)



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### Embassy

Take 2 Letters from the general supply and place them face up in front of you (i.e. with the Place number facing up).



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### Kiosk

Take 1 Letter from the general supply and place it face up in front of you.

Then turn over 1 Kiosk tile per player plus 1 (if necessary, shuffle the discarded tiles). Beginning with you and in clockwise order, each player must do the following:

- ▶ Choose 1 of those Kiosk tiles.
- ▶ Carry out its action (see page 6: Overview of Kiosk Tiles) **or not**.
- ▶ Turn it face down. The other players cannot choose it.

You also get to use the remaining Kiosk tile. Then discard all of those Kiosk tiles.

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### Auction House

Take 1 Good of your choice. Then auction off 2 Bonus cards:


Place a bid of at least 1 Lira. Then each other player in clockwise order may place exactly 1 bid or pass. Each new bid must be higher than the last. After all other players had the chance to bid, you may place a final bid or pass.

The winner of the auction draws 2 Bonus cards from the draw pile and takes them into their hand. If you win, pay your bid to the general supply. If another player wins, they must pay their bid to you.

*Example with 3 players: Yellow takes 1 blue Good and places an initial bid of 1 Lira. Red passes; Blue bids 5 Lira. Yellow could place a final bid but passes. Blue draws 2 Bonus cards from the draw pile and pays 5 Lira to Yellow.*

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### Secret Society

Discard Letters showing a total of 6 Seals. As a reward, take the next Ruby from the Sultan's Palace **13**, the Gemstone Dealer **16**, or the Coffee House **20** (only available in the "Great Bazaar" variant) and place it on your Wheelbarrow . The 1<sup>st</sup> player to take this action receives 3 Lira, the 2<sup>nd</sup> player takes 2 Lira, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> player takes 1 Lira. Any subsequent player only gets the Ruby and no additional Lira.

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### Catacombs

Take 1 Good of your choice (or Coffee). Then move your Merchant stack **or** Companion, whoever performs this action, to a Place of your choice. You may not take that Place's action and you do not have any encounters there.

 When you take the last Ruby from the Sultan's Palace **13**, the Gemstone Dealer **16**, or the Coffee House **20**, place 1 Ruby from the supply on the Ruby symbol of that Place.

## MOSQUE TILES



### Red tile

At the Tea House **9** and the Black Market **8**, you may turn 1 die to “4” after the roll **or** re-roll both dice (1x).



### Green tile

When using one of the three Warehouses **2 3 4**, you may pay 2 Lira to gain 1 additional good of any type.



### Blue tile

Immediately take the 5<sup>th</sup> Assistant of your color from the general supply and place him under your Merchant stack.



### Yellow tile

Once on your turn, you may pay 2 Lira to return 1 of your Assistants under your Merchant stack.

## TAVERN TILES



### Movement tile

Instead of moving your stack 1 or 2 Places, you can move it any number of Places in a straight line (but you cannot move through the Barrier, unless you have the Barrier Control tile).



### Encounter tile

Whenever you encounter the Governor, Smuggler, and/or Coffee trader and receive something from them, you do not need to pay anything for it anymore.

## KIOSK TILES



Take 1 yellow Good and 1 Lira.



Take 1 green Good and 1 Lira.



Take 1 red Good and 1 Lira.



Take 2 yellow Goods.



Take 2 green Goods.



Take 2 red Goods.



Take 1 yellow Good.



Take 1 green Good.



Take 1 red Good.



Take 1 blue Good.



Take 1 Bonus card.



Take 2 Lira.



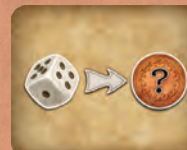
Take 1 Coffee or 2 Lira.



Take 1 Coffee or 3 Lira.



Move your Companion to your personal supply.



Roll 1 die and take 1 Lira per pip rolled.



Pay 10 Lira for a Wheelbarrow extension.



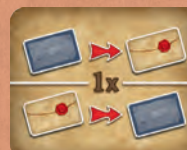
Pay 1 blue, yellow, green, and red Good for a Wheelbarrow extension.



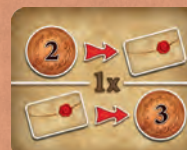
Move your Merchant stack to the Fountain **7** without collecting any Assistants.



Choose one: Pay 1 Good (or Coffee) and take 1 Letter, or discard 1 Letter and take 1 Good (or Coffee).



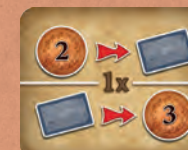
Choose one: Discard 1 Bonus card and take 1 Letter, or discard 1 Letter and take 1 Bonus card.



Choose one: Pay 2 Lira and take 1 Letter, or discard 1 Letter and take 3 Lira.



Choose one: Pay 2 Lira and take 1 Good of your choice (or Coffee), or pay 1 Good of your choice (or Coffee) and take 3 Lira.



Choose one: Pay 2 Lira and take 1 Bonus card, or discard 1 Bonus card and take 3 Lira.

## GUILD CARDS



Take 1 free wheelbarrow extension from the Wainwright and add it to your wheelbarrow.

Move the red goods indicator as far to the right as possible. Gain up to 3 different goods (no coffee).

Move the green goods indicator as far to the right as possible. Gain up to 3 different goods (no coffee).

Move the yellow goods indicator as far to the right as possible. Gain up to 3 different goods (no coffee).

Take 4 Lira and gain up to 4 different goods (no coffee).

Take 3 bonus cards from the face-down pile and put them into your hand.

Move your merchant and any number of your assistants to the Fountain. Then take another turn.

Gain either 2 red, 2 yellow, or 2 green goods. Roll both dice and gain:  
4-6: 1 blue good  
7-12: 3 blue goods

Carry out the Tea House action and receive double the income.

Pay 1 red, 1 green, and 1 yellow good. Receive 15 Lira in exchange.

Pay 1 blue, 1 red, and 1 green good. Receive 20 Lira in exchange.

Choose a place and carry out its action. If possible, send your family member to the Police Station.

Pay any 6 goods (but no coffee) and take the next ruby from the Sultan's Palace.

Take 1 tile from the Small Mosque that you do not own already. Pay 1 of the required good.

Take 1 tile from the Great Mosque that you do not own already. Pay 1 of the required good.

Pay 15 Lira and take the next ruby from the Gemstone Dealer. Then take 1 coffee per ruby you have.

Take 5 coffee.

Take 1 coffee. Take 2 Guild cards from the face-down pile and put them into your hand.

Carry out 1 or 2 Tavern actions, in total paying 1 coffee less than required.

Take the next ruby from the Coffee House and pay half the cost (rounded up).

### Notes on the Guild Cards:

- ▶ It does not matter where your Merchant is at, when playing a Guild card.
- ▶ Cards #8 and #9: You may not use the red Mosque tile.
- ▶ Example for card #9: You say "7", but you roll "5". You receive 4 Lira instead of the usual 2 Lira.
- ▶ Card #12: You do not receive any reward for sending your Family member to the Police Station. You can use this card even if your Family member is already at the Police Station.
- ▶ Example for card #14: You take the red Mosque tile and pay 1 red good.
- ▶ Example for card #19: You take a Tavern tile costing 2 coffee. Also, you move the Barrier and carry out the action of an adjacent Place. Instead of a total of 4 coffee, you only pay 3 coffee.

## BONUS CARDS

- ▶ On your turn, you may play **any number of Bonus cards**.
- ▶ Place every used or discarded Bonus card on the face-up discard pile on the Caravansary **6**.
- ▶ When taking a Bonus card, draw it from the face-down draw pile (exception: Caravansary **6**, see page 18).
- ▶ Shuffle the discard pile to form a new face-down draw pile as soon as the draw pile runs out.
- ▶ You may keep any number of Bonus cards in your hand.



Gain 1 good of your choice.  
*May only be played before or after an action, but not while carrying one out.*



Take 5 Lira from the general supply.



If you carry out the action at the Sultan's Palace **13**, after completing the action, carry it out one more time.  
*The number of goods to deliver to the Sultan increases after each action.*



If you carry out the action at the Post Office **5**, after completing the action, carry it out one more time.  
*Move a Mail indicator after each action as usual.*



If you carry out the action at the Gemstone Dealer **16**, after completing the action, carry it out one more time.  
*The amount of Lira to pay for the Ruby increases after each action.*



Place your Family member on the Police Station **12** and collect the reward.  
*Not playable if your Family member is already at the Police Station **12**.*



If you carry out the action at the Small Market **11**, you have to sell the required number of goods but you may use other types of goods than required.



In the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of your turn, do not move your Merchant.  
*Your Merchant stays at his current Place but you have to use an Assistant again.*



In the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of your turn, move your Merchant stack by 3 or 4 Places (instead of 1 or 2).



In the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of your turn, return 1 of your assistants to your Merchant stack.



Take 2 coffee from the supply.



Pay 2 coffee and take 1 Guild card from the face-down pile.



Pay 1 coffee and take 8 Lira.



Exchange up to 3 goods (or coffee) for the same number of other goods (or coffee).  
*Ex.: You exchange 3 yellow goods for 2 blue goods and 1 coffee.*



Roll 2 dice and take the depicted rewards.



After you roll the dice (except for when you move a neutral token), you can turn one die to "6".



Instead of moving your Merchant by 1 or 2 Places, move him to a corner Place.



If you are at the Wainwright **1**, you can immediately carry out the action one more time.



If you are at the Coffee House **20**, you can immediately carry out the action one more time.



Take 1 Letter.



Roll 2 dice and take the corresponding reward.



Pay 1 Good (or Coffee) to receive 7 Lira.



Take the depicted Good and 3 Lira.



Carry out the action of the topmost Bonus card on the discard pile.



During the "Movement" phase, move your Family Member to an orthogonally adjacent Place and take that Place's action without having any encounters. This replaces your regular turn, i.e. you do not move your Merchant or Companion. For this, your Family Member may neither be at the Police Station **12** nor move there.



During the "Movement" phase, choose another player's Merchant and move your Merchant stack to that Place. This replaces your regular movement by 1 or 2 Places. You do not have to pay that specific Merchant but you do have encounters with other tokens, if present.



During the "Movement" phase, you can move your Companion by 2 Places instead of just 1.



Use the Governor, Smuggler, Courier, or Coffee trader (in the "Great Bazaar" variant) and pay the cost. Then roll the dice to determine the new position of that token.



If you are at one of the Mosques **14**, **15**, you can immediately take its action one more time.



If you are at the Secret Society **24**, you can immediately take its action one more time.



During the "Movement" phase, you can pay 3 Lira to move your Merchant stack to any Place. This replaces your regular movement by 1 or 2 Places.