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## Holy relics at Topkapı Palace now online in 3D

It is now possible to take a virtual tour of the Chamber of Holy Relics at the Topkapı Palace in İstanbul, the former capital of the Ottoman Empire, thanks to the Web site [www.360tr.com](http://www.360tr.com).

Visitors to the Web site can see many items believed to have belonged to the prophets of the Abrahamic traditions, including the cloak of the Prophet Muhammad, the staff of the prophet Moses, the sword of the prophet David and a cooking vessel of the prophet Abraham.

The [www.360tr.com](http://www.360tr.com) multimedia group created the virtual tour as part of its project to "virtualize" the Topkapı Palace. The group has taken a total of 1,250 panoramic photographs while preparing the project. The project provides a three-dimensional view from 13 different perspectives.

Also among the relics featured in this tour are the footprint of the Prophet Muhammad, the swords of the first four Caliphs of Islam, the turban of the prophet Joseph and a carpet that belonged to the daughter of the Prophet Muhammad. Many of these relics were brought to İstanbul by Ottoman Emperor Yavuz Sultan Selim in 1517 after his conquest of Egypt.

A total of 175 million people so far have visited the [www.360tr.com](http://www.360tr.com) Web site to see the virtual tour.

The group has also prepared virtual tours of the Hagia Sophia, Anıtkabir (Atatürk's mausoleum), the Zeugma Museum, the Mardin Syriac Kırklar Church, the Şanlıurfa Balıklıgöl, Cappadocia and the Bodrum Underwater Archaeology Museum, among others. It is reported that the group also wants to prepare projects for Jerusalem and the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

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