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## Constantinople through the eyes of travelers: 14-15th centuries

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Despite the rapid political and socio-economic decline of the Byzantine Empire, Constantinople continued to be a great attraction for travelers in the 14th and 15th centuries. These travelers came to Constantinople for various reasons: as private individuals, as ambassadors and frequently, as pilgrims. Their travel accounts that range from Latin, medieval Spanish, Russian to Arabic, portray Constantinople as a decaying, yet still beautiful capital. They pay tribute to its monuments and buildings, elaborating especially on its churches and the precious relics they hold. Furthermore, the travelers offer precious glimpses into daily life in Late Byzantine Constantinople, Palaiologan emperors and their palace lives, as well as into several significant political events of the period. This talk will discuss these insights provided by various travel accounts, comparing their perspectives.

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