

Looking around a Mosque



The Dome



The dome is often placed directly above the main prayer hall.

The Dome



The dome is sometimes decorated with gold.

The Dome



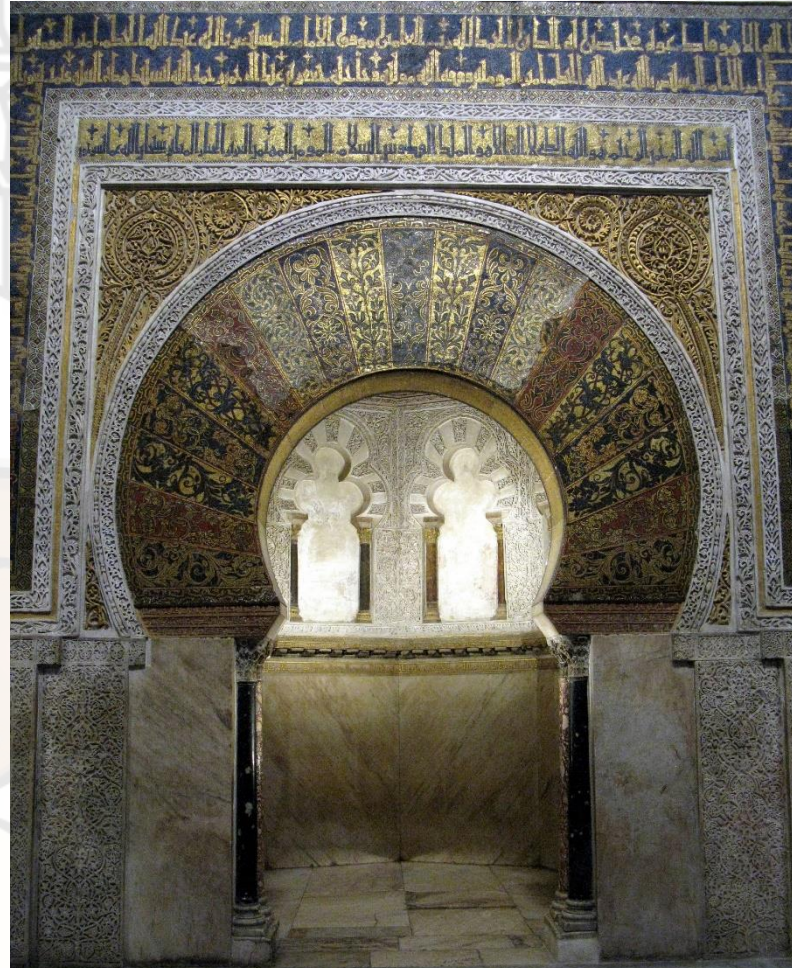
The inside of the dome can be decorated with gold, beautiful patterns and Arabic writing.

Mihrab



Mihrab is an alcove in the Qiblah wall showing the direction to face towards Mecca when praying.

Mihrab



Mihrab is where the Imam (leader) stands in the alcove to deliver prayers.

Minbar



Minbar is where the Imam stands when delivering a sermon after Friday prayers.

Minbar



The Imam stands on one of the lower steps to deliver the prayers, the top step is saved for the prophet.

Minaret



The call for prayer is called from the top of the minaret by the Imam (leader).

Minaret

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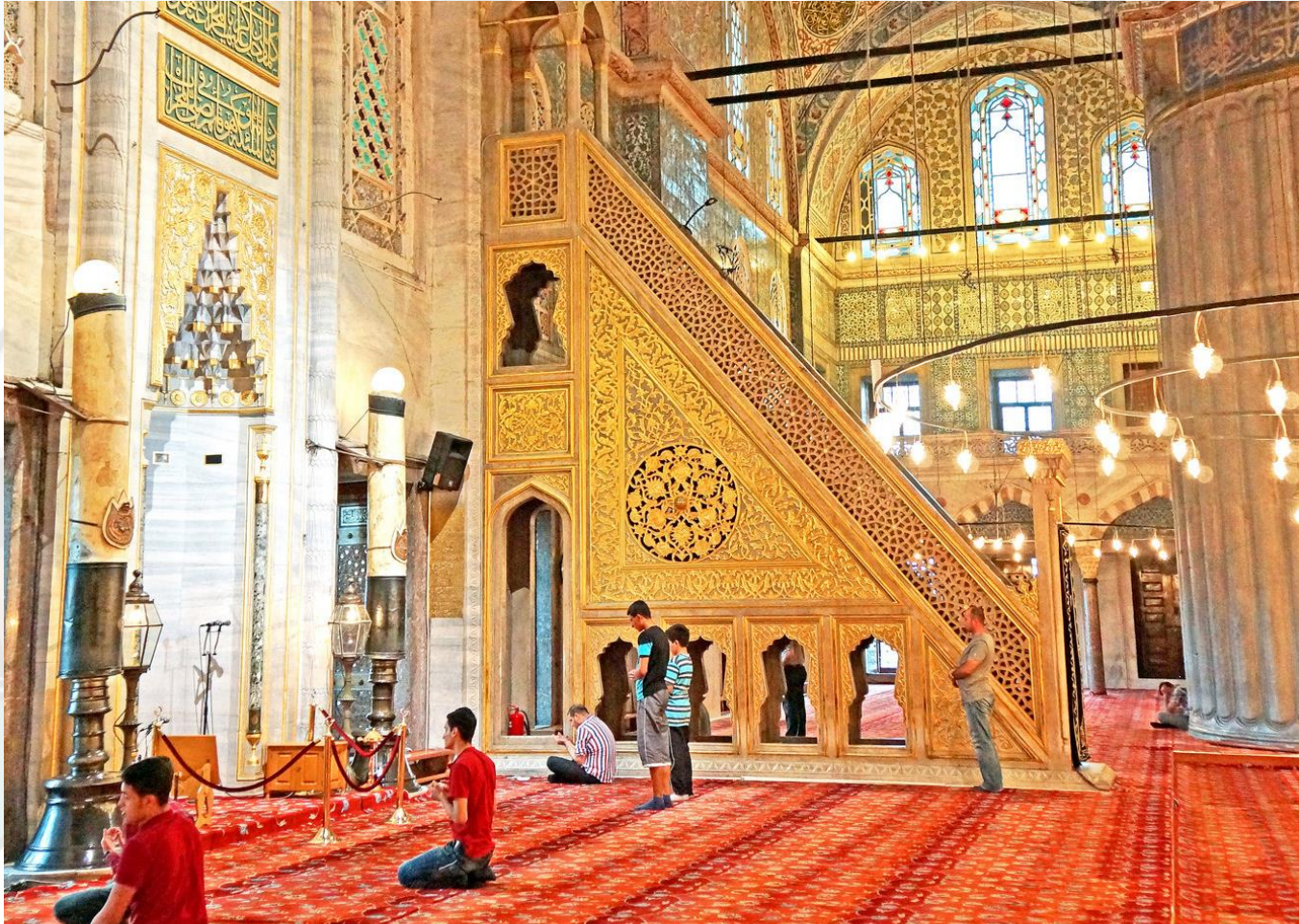


Prayer Hall



When Muslims pray, they do so on a prayer mat.
Men and women pray in separate areas.

Prayer Hall



In a mosque the prayer hall is usually carpeted so they don't need to bring mats.

The Removal of Shoes



Before going into the mosque, everyone must remove their shoes.

Wudu



Before going into the mosque, everyone must wash their hands, feet and mouths. There are separate washing areas for men and women.



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