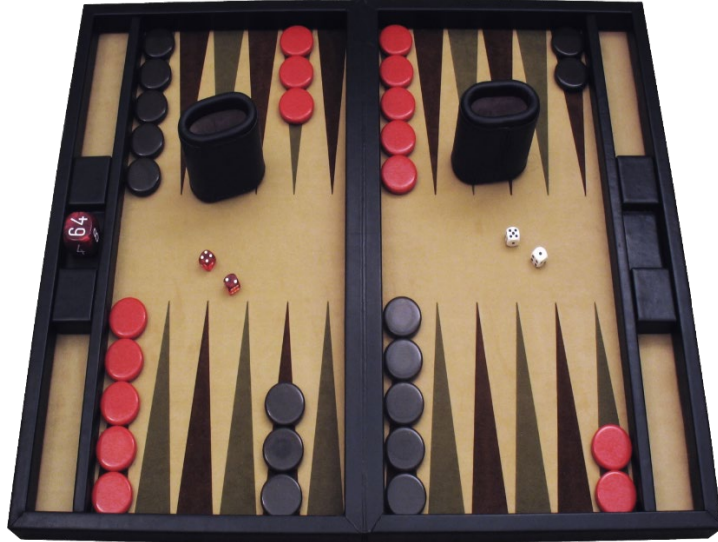


THE MOST FAMOUS GAMES IN TURKEY

TAVLA (Backgammon): Backgammon is a two-player game of Pers origin. Each player has fifteen pieces (*checkers*) that move between twenty-four triangles (*points*) according to the roll of two dice. The objective of the game is to be first to move all fifteen pieces off the board.



MANGALA (Turkish Mancala): Mangala is played on a 2x6 mancala board (i.e., 2 rows of 6 pits). At game setup, 4 pieces are placed in each pit. At their turn, the player takes all the pieces from one of their pits and drops them one at a time into the following pits counterclockwise. If the last piece in a distribution is dropped in a pit that contains 1 or 3 pieces (2 or 4 with the one just dropped), all those pieces are captured by the player. Also, if there is a continuous line of pits with either 2 or 4 pieces before the one where the capture has occurred, all the seeds in those pits are captured as well. Players may capture on either side of the board. The game ends when all the pits are empty. The player who captured most pieces wins the game.



CHESS: Chess is played on a square chessboard with 64 squares arranged in an eight-by-eight grid. At the start, each player (one controlling the white pieces, the other controlling the black pieces) controls sixteen pieces: one king, one queen, two rooks, two bishops, two knights, and eight pawns. The object of the game is to checkmate the opponent's king, whereby the king is under immediate attack (in "check") and there is no way for it to escape. There are also several ways a game can end in a draw.

