

TURKEY

IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION

Preparation for travel

U.S. Passports

U.S. Department of State: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

Be sure your passport is up to date.

Turkey – Country Specific Information

U.S. Department of State: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1046.html

This link will provide you with important information before you begin your trip to Turkey including country description, entry/exit requirements, safety and security, crime, information for victims of crime, medical facilities and health information, medical insurance, traffic safety and road conditions, aviation safety oversight, special circumstances, criminal penalties, children's issues and registration/embassy location.

Turkish Visa

U.S. Department of State:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1046.html#entry_requirements

The Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in the U.S: <http://www.turkishembassy.org/>

Embassy of the Republic of Turkey

2525 Massachusetts Ave. NW,

Washington, DC 20008

Phone: (202) 612-6700

Fax: (202) 612-6744

E-mail: contact@turkishembassy.org

Health information for travelers to Turkey - Vaccinations and other health precautions

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinationTurkey.aspx>

Be sure you read through this guide.

Safety tips for traveling abroad

U.S. Department of State: http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips_1232.html

This is an important safety guide. Please make sure you read through this guide. Register your travel plans with the State Department at <https://travelregistration.state.gov> is recommended by the State Department.

OVERSEAS CITIZENS SERVICES: Call 1-888-407-4747 (from overseas: 202-501-4444) for answers related to questions concerning the:

- Death of an American citizen abroad
- Arrest/detention of an American citizen abroad
- Robbery of an American citizen abroad
- American citizens missing abroad
- Crisis abroad involving American citizens
- After-hours number for an emergency involving an American citizen abroad

U.S. Embassy in Ankara, Turkey:

Ambassador – Ross Wilson

Embassy:

AMERICAN EMBASSY ANKARA

110 Atatürk Blvd.

Kavaklıdere, 06100 Ankara - TURKEY

Phone: (90-312) 455-5555

Fax: (90-312) 467-0019

e-mail: webmaster_ankara@state.gov

Consular Section:

AMERICAN EMBASSY ANKARA

CONSULAR SECTION

110 Atatürk Blvd.

Kavaklıdere, 06100 Ankara - TURKEY

Website: <http://turkey.usembassy.gov/>

Reminder: Have your important documents, contact information, medications, a set of clothes and other necessities in your carry-on luggage in the event of lost or delayed luggage.

Cultural/national information for Turkey:

Turkish profile

U.S. Department of State: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3432.htm>

Information Includes geography, people, government, economy, history, political conditions, defense, foreign relations, U.S.-Turkish relations, and travel and business information.

More information about Turkey

<http://wikitravel.org/en/Turkey>

Information Includes religions, cities, other destinations, understand, get in, get around, talk, buy, eat, drink, currency, sleep, learn, work, stay safe, stay healthy and respect.

Educational system

- UNESCO - http://www.unesco.org/iau/onlinedatabases/systems_data/tr.rtf
- World Education Services - <http://www.wes.org/ewenr/cover/practical00nov.htm>
- Wikipedia - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Education_in_Turkey
- Ministry of National Education - <http://www.meb.gov.tr/english/indexeng.htm>
- The Council of Higher Education - <http://www.yok.gov.tr/>

Reminder: Please check the educational system in which the visited institution resides and make sure the visited programs are postsecondary level in the host country.

Etiquette and customs in Turkey, business etiquette and protocol in Turkey

<http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/resources/global-etiquette/turkey-country-profile.html>

Source: Kwintessential Cross Cultural Solutions

Turkish Culture

Turkish Culture Portal: <http://www.turkishculture.org/>

Other useful information and links about Turkey

* **Holiday Calendar** - <http://www.qppstudio.net/publicolidays2009/turkey.htm> or <http://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/index.html?year=2009&country=4>

* **Currency** - the currency of Turkey is known as the Lira. Use the currency converter at <http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/cross-cultural/currency-converter.html> to compare to dollars, GBP or Euro.

* **Money** – where to exchange money? Can I use traveller cheques or credit card? Get info at <http://www.wordtravels.com/Travelguide/Countries/Turkey/Currency>

* **Airport/Transportation Guides** - <http://www.wordtravels.com/Travelguide/Countries/Turkey/Airports>

* **Dialing Code** – the international dialling code is +90.

* **Time** – Turkey is +2 hours GMT. Get the time in Turkey at <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=107> (Istanbul)
<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=19> (Ankara)

* **Weather** - visit Yahoo!'s up to date [weather for](http://weather.yahoo.com/regional/TUXX.html) Turkey at <http://weather.yahoo.com/regional/TUXX.html>

* **Language** – Turkish is the official language, but English is widely understood in the main tourist areas. Want to pick up few Turkish words before the trip? Try this website <http://www.onlineturkish.com/greetings.asp>

* **Electricity** - 220 volts AC, 50Hz. The European two-pin plug is standard.

* **Tipping** - Tipping is a way of life in Turkey and it is customary to give some small change for most services, or a small percent of the bill. In bigger hotels and restaurants if a service charge is not added to the bill, it is customary to tip between 10 and 15%. For taxi fares it is enough to round up the bill. Attendants at Turkish baths expect to share about 15% of the total bill if service has been good. <http://www.wordtravels.com/Travelguide/Countries/Turkey/Basics>

* **Translation Services** - if you need a Turkish translation service you can try this link at <http://www.atanet.org/onlinedirectories/individuals.php>

* **News** - check out all the latest Google news on Turkey at <http://news.google.co.uk/news?hl=en&ned=uk&q=turkey&btnG=Search+News>

* **Intercultural Know-how** – use the following link as a tool for tips on doing business in Turkey. <http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/intercultural-business-communication/tool.php>

* **History** – read about the history of Turkey <http://www.turkishodyssey.com/turkey/history/history.htm>