



explore **TURKEY**

Where Continents Shake Hands

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Picture yourself on a ferry gliding across the Bosphorus. On the left rises a skyline bristling with minarets; on the right, tiled palaces gleam in morning light. One foot in Europe, one in Asia—yet both sides share the same scent of roasted chestnuts and the same rhythm of gulls. This guide is your personal compass through that meeting place of stories, tastes, and landscapes. Pack curiosity, and let's set off.

Essential Facts

- **Language** – Turkish (hello = Merhaba)
- **Money** – Turkish Lira(TRY); ATMs everywhere, cards welcomed in cities
- **Time Zone** – GMT +3
- **Peak seasons** – Apr–Jun, Sep–Oct (mild); Jul–Aug (hot, lively nights)
- **Power** – 230V, Euro two-pin
- **Emergency** – Call 112
- **Visa** – eVisa for most nationalities, see p7



Arrival Checklist



Airport to city:

Havaist buses link both Istanbul airports to the centre for under €5.



IstanbulKart:

Buy and load credit at airport kiosks; one card covers metro, tram, ferry, even funiculars.



Travel apps:

Use the free airport Wi-Fi to download offline maps and the BiTaksi ride-hailing app—if you need a metered cab later.



SIM card:

Turkcell's 20 GB tourist pack costs about €15—cheaper downtown than at arrivals desks.



Cash tip:

Ask ATMs for small notes; street vendors rarely break large bills.



Climate of Turkey

Turkey's climate varies depending on the region. The coastal areas along the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas have a Mediterranean climate, characterized by hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters. Central Turkey experiences a more continental climate with hot summers and cold, snowy winters.

The Black Sea region has a more temperate and humid climate, with mild winters and warm summers. This variety in climate allows Turkey to produce a wide range of crops, from olives and citrus fruits in the south to grains and vegetables in the central regions.

Respect in Practice

- **Do** greet elders first, accept offered tea, cover shoulders inside mosques.
- **Don't** raise voices in queues, snap military sites, or place feet on cushions.



Landmarks You'll Tell Friends About



Istanbul

Hear the muezzin drift across the Golden Horn, then step beneath Hagia Sophia's dome with gold mosaics and Arabic script. Cross Galata Bridge at dusk—anglers swap jokes, tea-sellers whistle, and ferries ignite ribbons of cobalt blue below in the twilight.



Cappadocia

Climb into a wicker basket before dawn; burners roar as pastel valleys unfurl below—pink, ochre, ash-grey. After landing, wander lunar ridges, then kneel inside rock-cut chapels where faded frescoes spread Byzantium's crimson, emerald, and indigo across stones.

Taste & Sip Your Way Around

What's the flavour of a crossroads? In Turkey it's smoke, syrup, and a tiny glass that never stays empty.



Street Classics

Adana kebab crackles with chilli charcoal; Balık-ekmek stuffs smoky mackerel, onion, lemon into rolls beside Galata quays daily.



Meze Parade

Humus, acılı ezme, dolma, haydari arrive fast; bread sweeps plates clean, chatter rises, colourful smears vanish quickly together.



Sweet Endings

Baklava glitters pistachio syrup; sizzling künefe hides stretchy cheese in caramel pastry—steam, rose-water sweetness linger long after.



Liquid Culture

Çay in tulip glasses; coffee bubbles in sand-heated cezves; raki clouds moon-white with water, releasing anise fragrance slowly.



Wildlife in Türkiye

Turkey's diverse landscapes support a rich variety of wildlife. The forests are home to animals like deer, wild boar, and lynx, while the mountains are inhabited by ibex and bears. The coastal areas provide a habitat for marine life, including dolphins and sea turtles.

Turkey is also an important stopover for migratory birds, making it a popular destination for birdwatchers. The country's national parks and nature reserves play a vital role in protecting its wildlife and natural beauty.

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| Getting around | Time & Cost Guide |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Metro / Tram | IstanbulKart, 15TRY per tap |
| Bosporus Ferry | 25TRY, 30 min vistas |
| Inter-city Coach (Istanbul → Izmir) | 6 h, reclining seats, tea service, 400TRY |
| Domestic Flight (Istanbul → Antalya) | 1 h, from €40 booked 3 weeks ahead |
| Car Hire (Cappadocia loop) | €35/day incl. insurance |

Sports in Türkiye

Sports are an important part of life in Turkey and the most popular is football. There are many famous soccer clubs in the country. Basketball is also popular and Turkish teams and players enjoy success in European competitions.

Traditional sports such as oil wrestling, in which wrestlers compete while soaked in olive oil, have deep cultural roots. Turkey also has a strong tradition in wrestling and has won many medals in international competitions, including the Olympics.

Daily Budget Snapshot

| STYLE | BED | MEALS | TRANSPORT | TOTAL /DAY |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Shoestring | Hostel bunk (300 TRY) | Street eats (250 TRY) | Inter-city bus (70 TRY) | ≈ €45 |
| Comfortable | Boutique double (1,500 TRY) | Restaurant (600 TRY) | Flight + taxis (400 TRY) | ≈ €120 |



The Turkey eVisa

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Most visitors from **100+ countries** must hold a Turkish e-Visa before boarding. Check your passport country on our site.

What is a Turkey e-Visa?

A **government OK sent by email** that lets you stay **30 days** in Turkey for holiday or business within a **180-day** validity period. Show the PDF (phone or print) at border control.

What you need

- Passport valid 6 months past arrival
- Debit/credit card for fee
- Working email address

(Certain nationalities need a UK/US/Schengen visa or permit — we'll flag this during checkout.)

How fast can you get it?

| OPTION | TIME | FEE* |
|------------|---------------|--------|
| Normal | 1–2 work days | Low |
| Rush | 6–12 hrs | Medium |
| Super Rush | 1–6 hrs | High |



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Farewell

Mini Phrasebook

Merhaba (*Hello*) · Teşekkürler (*Thanks*) · Lütfen (*Please*) · Evet/Hayır (*Yes/No*) · Nerede? (*Where?*) · Afiyet olsun! (*Enjoy your meal*)

Pack light: two shirts, one scarf for mosque visits, an open mind for everything else. Turkey rewards wanderers who linger—a fisherman may hand you the day's catch, a carpet-seller might pour tea just to chat. Follow call-to-prayer echoes into backstreets, chase balloon shadows across sun-scorched valleys, taste pistachio dust on warm pastry. When sea breeze replaces traffic noise, pause; that's the moment travel becomes story.

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