

DESTINATION GUIDE

# Turkey

featuring Istanbul & Ankara

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# *Welcome to Turkey*

This guide will give you a quick snapshot of some of what Turkey has to offer. We have included key information and local tips for Istanbul & Ankara.

**Enjoy reading!**

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## Travelling from the Airport



There are two **airports in Istanbul:** **Ataturk International Airport** on the European side and the **Sabiha Gokcen International Airport** located on the Asian side.

After your arrival at the airport, you can reach the city centre by taking one of the shuttles or public transportation facilities leaving to Taksim or Kadikoy outside of the exit gates.



Taxi : Private Transfer to Taksim **150 TRY Taxi 90 TRY**

Alternatively, passengers can reach many areas of the city by taking the subway from the airport and a short ride on the tram afterwards. Furthermore, the taxis stationed outside of the exit gates will drive you to your destination by taking the most convenient routes.



Havataş Airport Shuttle Service: **14 TRY**



Subway: **1.5 TRY per journey**

**Top tip**  
If you are planning on taking public transport make sure you research the correct stop for your hotel.



## Travelling around Istanbul

**Top tip**  
Make sure you have  
enough cash for the  
ticket offices

Around the city you have the choice between Tram, Metro, Funicular, bus, boat, cable car and taxi.

The public transport infrastructure is fairly well organized and very safe, so use it without fear. For the metro, funicular, cable car, tram or boat you will need to buy tokens (the price varies depending on the transport you take). They can be purchased from dispensers in all stations.

You will need to buy your tickets from the ticket offices (no tokens and no cash).



Public Transport: (single trip)

**4 TRY to 9 TRY per journey**

## Key attractions to visit\*

	The Grand Bazaar	<b>FREE</b>		Hagia Sophia	<b>30 TRY</b>
	The Bosphorus 2 Hour trip	<b>15 TRY/8 EUR</b>		Topkapi Palace	<b>30 TRY</b>
	Gelata Tower	<b>18.50 TRY</b>		Spice market	<b>FREE</b>
	Sultanahmet, the historic city	<b>FREE</b>		Basilica Cistern (locals and students 10 TRY)	<b>20 TRY</b>
	The Golden Horn Private tour	<b>123 TRY</b>		Walk in the Gülhane Park	<b>FREE</b>
	The Old City Walking tour	<b>200 TRY</b>			

## Food and drink



### Drinks



Beer  
8 TRY  
(price increase  
in tourist area)



Coffee  
6.5 TRY



Soft drink  
2.5 TRY



Water  
0.79 TRY

### Meals

\$	Sit down inexpensive meal	???
\$\$	Meal for two	???
\$\$\$	Leading establishments	???

## Tipping

In places where service is not included, it is custom to tip for the table services you received. And even in the handful of places where service is included (look for the words servis dahil), just as on mainland Europe the waiters will expect you to tip on top of that.

The rule of thumb is to leave a tip worth 10% of the bill in restaurants, cafés and bars. Bills are always brought to your table on a plate, in a box or in some kind of booklet.

The amount is at your discretion, but the norm is TRY 2 per person.



# Shopping

Turkey is fabulous for shopping at all price points. High quality textiles, organic cottons, fashion, top quality blue jeans (Mavi is a hip Turkish brand), jewellery, leather goods, silver, gold, magnificent silk scarves, rugs and kilims, housewares, food gifts, hand painted ceramics, tiles and on and on.

**Bargaining: In most shops outside the bazaars you do not bargain but you can always ask for a cash discount.**

In bazaars, ask if the price is 'fixed', if not try to get to approximately 40% of the original asking price. Never look overly interested! Prices are generally easier to reduce if you are paying cash.



# Top Picks for Shopping

**Go at least once to the Grand Bazaar in the Old City. Hundreds of years old, it is the world's original shopping mall! Over 4000 shops.**

Dhoku has lovely antique kilims that have been re-purposed into gorgeous rugs with very fair prices.

Cashmere House has marvellous 'affordable' silk and cotton scarves and also a line of jaw-dropping fine silks, the best pashmina and antelope hair scarves.

\*Based on 1 adult single ticket  
+ excluding Sydney Airport Station Access Fee



## Welcome to Ankara



## Travelling from the airport

Although domestic and international budget carriers serve Ankara's Esenboğa airport, İstanbul's airports offer more choice.

Esenboğa airport is 33km north of the city. Havaş airport buses link the airport with Ulus and the AŞTİ otopark. Buses run every hour, after 9.30pm buses leave according to flight departure times.



Bus to City: **10TRY**



Taxi to City: **70TRY**

\*Based on 1 adult single ticket



## Travelling around the city

Ankara has a good bus, dolmuş and minibus network. Signs on the front and side of the vehicles are better guides than route numbers. Buses marked 'Ulus' and 'Çankaya' run the length of Atatürk Bulvarı. Those marked 'Gar' go to the train station, those marked 'AŞTİ' to the otogar

Standard 3.50 transport cards (valid for two journeys) are available at subway stations and major bus stops or anywhere displaying an EGO Bilet sign. They work on most buses as well as the subway. These tickets are not valid on express buses, which are the longer buses with ticket counters halfway down the vehicle.



Transport cards : **3.50 TRY**

\*Based on 1 adult single ticket

### Local tip

Buses leave from in front of the passenger arrivals gate H (domestic arrivals); international arrivals should walk left on leaving the airport terminal

## Key Attractions

	Citadel (Getting there: Metro Ulus)	<b>FREE</b>		Ethnography museum	<b>FREE</b>
	Atakule	<b>7.5 TRY</b>		Ankara state art and sculpture museum	<b>FREE</b>
	Ankara airforce museum	<b>9 TRY</b>		Kocatepe Mosque	<b>FREE</b>

### Museum of Anatolian Civilisations

Opening hours: **8.30am-6.15pm**  
Apr Oct, to 5pm Nov-Mar

Metro: Ulus  
Admission: **15 TRY**

### Anıt Kabir

The monumental mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk (1881-1938)  
Opening hours: **9am-5pm**  
May-Oct, to 4pm Nov-Apr

Metro: Tandoğan  
Audio Guide: **10 TRY**



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The Cikiricilar Yukusu area of Ankara, also known as the “Weavers’ Alley” is home to some of the city’s best traditional shopping. In this ancient market place, visitors can find real bargains on all types of hand-crafted items such as leather goods, hand-woven fabrics, and hand-made Turkish carpets.

List of the malls in Ankara:

- Ankamall
- Karum
- Cepa
- Armada
- Panora
- Optimum
- Galleria
- Arcadium
- A city
- Gordion
- Kent Park
- Anse (specialized in furnitures)
- Kızılay Alışveriş



For a more 21st Century shopping experience, visitors can head to Ankara’s Mall of Karum on Tunali Himli Avenue. This mall is full of modern restaurants and shops, selling all types of designer clothing and other goods.



# Pamukkale

Listed as a Unesco world heritage site in 1988, Pamukkale offers the exclusive opportunity to bathe in the mineral rich waters overlooking the astonishing calcite shelves. If that isn't enough, the site also boasts ancient ruins named locally as the Hierapolis which were inhabited over 2000 years ago.

Price: **30 TRY**



# Cappadocia

Imagine a life sized city crafted by bees... With it's honeycomb hills and towering phallic boulders Cappadocia is stunningly mystical place. Crafted through lashings of volcanic ash and moulded through a millennia of rain and river flow, this place is perfect for both the outdoor enthusiast as well as the tourists who enjoy a vista.

Balloon flights: **175 EUR**



# Aya Sofia

This innovative architectural church is of the many important monuments in Istanbul. This amazing building is surrounded by mosaics and invaluable cultural artefacts. Be sure to exit the building through the 2nd century bronze gate.

Price: **25 TRY**



# Ephesus

After being excavated for over 150 years Ephesus is now regarded as the most complete classical metropolis in Europe; and this is with 80% of the city still to be recovered! Be prepared, the average tour around the city takes between 1 and a half to 2 hours.

Price: **25 TRY**



# Hamams

Why not visit a Turkish spa? With treatments such as facials, pedicures and traditional bath treatments etc. it is easy to see why so many people travel to Turkey. For a truly traditional experience look for a centuries-old Hamam located in historic Sultanah-met, Istanbul.

Price **70+ TRY**

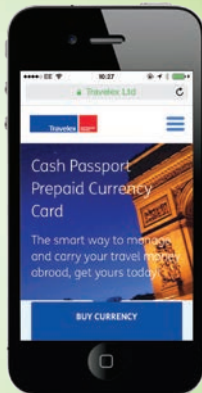


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