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## **Turkey**

**US State Dept Travel** 

Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to Turkey due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution when traveling to Turkey due to terrorism and arbitrary detentions. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa

prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/ Consulate [90] (312) 455-5555; US Embassy Ankara, 110 Atatürk Blvd., Kavaklıdere, 06100

Ankara, Turkey; Ankara-ACS@state.gov; https://tr.usembassy.gov/

Telephone Code 90

**Local Emergency** 

Phone

Ambulance: 112; Fire: 112; Police: 112

Vaccinations See WHO recommendations

http://www.who.int

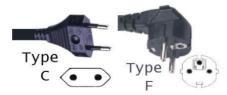
Climate Temperate; hot, dry summers with mild, wet winters; harsher in interior

Currency (Code) Turkish liras (TRY)

**Electricity/Voltage/Plug** 

Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, F



Major Languages Turkish, Kurdish, other minority languages

Religions Muslim 99.8% (mostly Sunni), other 0.2% (mostly Christian and Jews)

Time Difference UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water Opt for bottled water.

**International Driving** 

**Permit** 

Suggested

Road Driving Side Right

**Tourist destinations** Istanbul (includes Hagia Sofia & Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace); Ephesus;

Pamukkale; Sumela Monastery; Mount Nemrut; Goreme National Park & rock sites

of Cappadocia; Troy ruins; Catalhoyuk

Major Sports Soccer, basketball, volleyball

**Cultural Practices** Removing shoes in Turkish homes is customary. Be careful not to point your bare

feet at anyone though, as this is often considered taboo.

**Tipping Guidelines** Tipping 10-15% in restaurants, cafes, and bars is typical. Hotel staff expect 5-20 liras

for their services. Round up taxi fares.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

World Health Organization (WHO) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int

<u>US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens.</u> <u>https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html</u>

To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs:

American Automobile Association (AAA) (www.aaa.com) and

American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) (www.aataidp.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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