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Tourist Entry Requirements

Australian ordinary passport holders require a visa to enter Turkey as a tourist. This should be applied for online before travelling to Turkey at evisa.gov.tr. An e-Visa allows entry into Turkey for 90 days within any 180 day period and costs US\$60. Passports must be valid for at least 60 days beyond the visa allowable duration of stay, but six months validity beyond intended stay is recommended. Travellers should also be able to show onward/return travel arrangements when entering Turkey. Those visiting Turkey on a cruise ship and only touring inside the city of port will usually not require a visa. Travellers who fall under this category are encouraged to contact their cruise operator to confirm their requirements. Additional conditions may apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to contact a Turkish mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter Turkey with an e-Visa.

Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Fri, 3rd June 2022.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) currently advises Australians to exercise a high degree of caution in Turkey overall due to the high threat of terrorist attack. See Safety. This is the second lowest level of travel advice on a 4 level scale, which reflects the risk for average Australian travellers to this country. At level 2, there are more or higher risks than what you would typically find in a large Australian city. Do your research and take extra precautions.

DFAT advises Australians to reconsider their need to travel to the provinces of Batman, Bingol, Bitlis, Diyarbakir Province, Gaziantep, Hakkari, Hatay, Kilis, Mardin, Mus, Sanliurfa, Siirt, Sirnak, Tunceli and Van due to the unpredictable security situation. See Safety. This is the third level of travel advice.

DFAT advises that Australians do not travel to within 10km of the border with Syria or to Diyarbakir city due to the serious threat of terrorism, violence and acts of war in these areas. See Safety. This is the fourth and highest level of travel advice. Some travel insurance policies may not cover persons who enter areas designated as 'reconsider your need to travel'. Regular travel insurance policies will be void for persons who enter areas designated as 'do not travel'. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full and to subscribe to updates to this information at smartraveller.gov.au.

Turkish Mission

Turkish Embassy, Canberra

6 Moonah Place
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

Tel: (02) 6234 0000

Web: canberra.emb.mfa.gov.tr

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Turkey. Frequent or long stay travellers should consider vaccination against hepatitis B and rabies (especially if working with animals). Vaccination against typhoid should be considered particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene. Turkey is considered a low risk country for malaria, thus insect avoidance measures and anti malarial medication may be necessary depending on itinerary.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including a recent COVID-19 and annual influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures.

Australians travelling to Turkey should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues, visit smartraveller.gov.au/before-you-go/health.

Turkish Mission COVID-19 Travel Conditions

COVID-19 restrictions surrounding travel are continually evolving. Turkey does not have a dedicated COVID-19 information portal for tourists. For the latest information on travel requirements for Turkey, travellers should consult their airline/tour operator or go to turkishairlines.com/en-tr/announcements/coronavirus-outbreak/turkey-travel-rules/. All travellers should complete the online form at register.health.gov.tr within 72 hours prior to entering Turkey.

Information on Australia's COVID-19 exit and entry restrictions can be found at homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19. All travellers are reminded to download the international version of their COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate. For further information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au.



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Time Differences between Turkey and Australia

Turkey is Greenwich Mean Time +2 hours (+3 during daylight saving). The applicable time zone is Eastern European Time (EET) or Eastern European Summer Time (EEST). Daylight saving is observed from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October.

Turkey, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 6pm, Darwin 7:30pm, Brisbane 8pm, Adelaide 8:30pm, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 9pm.
Turkey, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 5pm, Darwin, Adelaide 6:30pm, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 7pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Turkey: +90
To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>
Travelex Card Services: 00800 4463 2089
Australian Reverse Charges Direct: 0811 288 0061
Visa Global Assistance: 00 800 13 535 0900
MasterCard: 00 800 13 887 0903
American Express Card Services: Call Australia on 00 61 2 9271 8664
International Operator: - 115
Directory Assistance: - 118 80
Emergency Services:
Ambulance - 112
Fire - 110
Police - 155
Local Police - 153/154
Tourist Police (Istanbul) - (+90 212) 527 4503

The emergency services may not always have English speaking staff. In this case, you should contact the Australian Embassy.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _____
Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____
Card Number: _____
Name: _____ Institution: _____
Card Number: _____

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____
Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____
Name: _____ Institution: _____
Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Turkey

Australian Embassy, Ankara
88 Ugur Mumcu Caddesi, Level 7
Gaziosmanpasa
ANKARA 06700
Tel: (+90 312) 459 9500
Fax: (+90 312) 446 4827
Web: turkey.embassy.gov.au

Australian Consulate General, Istanbul
Tel: (+90 212) 393 8542
Fax: (+90 212) 243 1332

Australian Consulate, Canakkale
Tel: (+90 286) 218 1721
Fax: (+90 286) 218 1724

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.



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Duty Free Allowances for Turkey and Australia

Allowances when entering Turkey:
Alcohol: 1 L >22% alc vol or 2 L <22% alc vol.
Tobacco: 200 cigarettes & 50 cigars & 200 g of tobacco.
Perfume: Up to 120 ml.
Other Goods: Up to €430 (€150 if under 15 years of age).

Allowances when entering Australia:
Alcohol: 2.25 L.
Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Additional tobacco products may be purchased a Duty Free Shops when entering Turkey. Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Turkey and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Turkish customs please contact a Turkish mission (contact details are listed on page one of this guide). For information on Australian customs please visit abf.gov.au.

Electrical Adaptors and Voltage

Electrical Socket type: European (type C).

Supply: 220-240 V, 50 Hz (same as Australia).

A voltage converter will usually not be required to use appliances designed for Australia. A socket converter is usually all that will be required for these appliances.

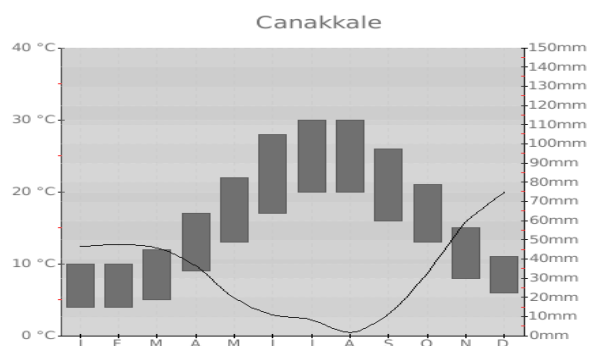
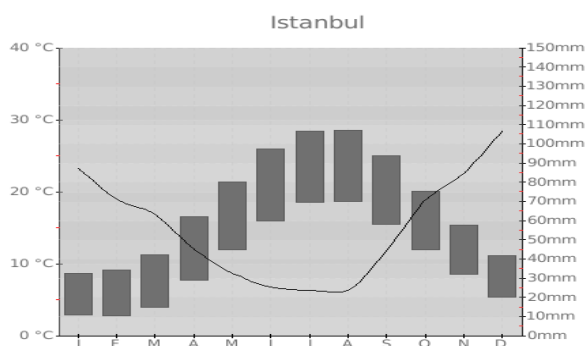


Turkish National Holidays 2022

- 01 Jan: New Year's Day
- 23 Apr: National Sovereignty and Children's Day
- 01 May: Labour and Solidarity Day.
- 01 - 04 May: Seker Bayrami (end of Ramadan)
- 19 May: Ataturk Commemoration and Youth & Sports Day
- 08 - 12 Jul: Kurban Bayrami (Feast of the Sacrifice)
- 15 Jul: Day of Democracy and Freedoms
- 30 Aug: Victory Day
- 29 Oct: Republic Day

As many Islamic holidays are timed according to the sighting of phases of the moon, the above dates are approximate only.

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Turkey



For local forecasts please go to the Turkish State Meteorological Service at mgm.gov.tr.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 11.97 Turkish Lira
10 Turkish Lira (TRY) = 0.84 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 11.51 Turkish Lira
10 Turkish Lira (TRY) will cost 0.87 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on June 3, 2022. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Currency Cheat Sheet

TL 5	=	\$0.43 AUD	This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.		
TL 10	=	\$0.87 AUD	TL 100	=	\$8.69 AUD
TL 20	=	\$1.74 AUD	TL 200	=	\$17.38 AUD
TL 30	=	\$2.61 AUD	TL 300	=	\$26.07 AUD
TL 40	=	\$3.48 AUD	TL 400	=	\$34.76 AUD
TL 50	=	\$4.35 AUD	TL 500	=	\$43.45 AUD
TL 60	=	\$5.21 AUD	TL 600	=	\$52.14 AUD
TL 70	=	\$6.08 AUD	TL 700	=	\$60.83 AUD
TL 80	=	\$6.95 AUD	TL 800	=	\$69.52 AUD
TL 90	=	\$7.82 AUD	TL 900	=	\$78.21 AUD
			TL 1,000	=	\$86.90 AUD
			TL 2,000	=	\$173.81 AUD
			TL 3,000	=	\$260.71 AUD
			TL 4,000	=	\$347.61 AUD
			TL 5,000	=	\$434.52 AUD
			TL 6,000	=	\$521.42 AUD
			TL 7,000	=	\$608.32 AUD
			TL 8,000	=	\$695.23 AUD
			TL 9,000	=	\$782.13 AUD
			TL 10,000	=	\$869.03 AUD

Notes and Coins

The legal currency of Turkey is the Turkish Lira, which is abbreviated using the symbol ₺. This symbol was only introduced in 2012 and some stores may still use the old abbreviation of TL or TRY. The subunit of the lira is the kurus (koo-ROOSH), of which there are 100 in every lira. Travellers should be aware that the Turkish Lira was revalued in 2005 with a value of 1 million old lira to 1 new lira. Travellers should only to accept those notes below, as pre 2009 lira notes may prove to be worthless. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travelers are advised to remove the below images prior to travelling.



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About Turkey

Full Name:	Turkiye Cumhuriyeti (Republic of Turkey).	Significant Dates:	657 BC - Byzantium (Istanbul) founded by Greek colonists.
Founded:	1923, from remains of Ottoman Empire.	196-396 AD - Byzantium is captured by the Romans, Christianised and renamed Constantinople.	330-1453 - Eastern Roman Empire ruled from Constantinople.
Size:	780,000 sq km (similar to NSW).	537 - Haiga Sophia built by Justinian the Great.	1453 - Ottoman Turks capture Constantinople after a 53 day siege by Sultan Mehmet II "The Conqueror".
Population:	80 million (3.6 times larger than Australia). Istanbul 13.5 mil, Ankara 4.5 mil, Izmir 2.8 mil.	1299-1922 - Reign of the Ottoman Empire.	1914-1918 - Turkey enters World War 1 on the German side.
Religion:	Muslim 99% (mostly Sunni Islam).	25 Apr 1915 - Allied forces invade and later retreat from Gallipoli.	1918 - Ottoman Empire defeated losing territory in Iraq, Palestine, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.
Language:	Turkish.	29 Oct 1923 - Republic of Turkey declared under "Ataturk".	
Ethnicity:	Turk 75%, Kurd 18%.		
GDP Per Capita:	US\$27,000 (Australia US\$50,400).		



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