



## **FACTS ABOUT TURKEY**



## **REPUBLIC OF TURKEY:**

MERHABA WELCOME TÜRKİYE .

THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY IS ONE OF THE MOST FASCINATING DESTINATION IN OUR PLANET TO VISIT. 814.578 km2 . 8333 km SEASHORE TURKEY HAS BEEN HOME TO VARIOUS CIVILIZATIONS AND MANY CULTURES THROUGHOUT HISTORY . AS TÜRKS ROMA BIZANS OTTOMANS FRIGS HELLENS HITTITES .TURKEY HAS PARLIAMENT SYSTEM . MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATÜRK FOUNDER OF MODERN TURKEY.ON 1923 IT HAS BORDERS WITH GREECE .BULGARIA . GEORGIA. SYRIA- IRAQ .IRAN . TURKEY IS ENCLOSED WITH THREE SEAS BLACK SEA . AEGEAN SEA AND MEDITERRANEAN SEA. AND INNER SEA AS MARMARA SEA .TURKEY HAS SEVEN REGIONS AND EACH REGION HAVE THEIR OWN TRADITIONS CULTURES COUSINES. TURKEY HAS WONDERFULL SEASHORES FOR BLUEVOYAGE WITH YATCHS. IN SAME DAY YOU CAN SKI IN MOUNTAIN AND SWIM IN SEASIDE AT ANTALYA .MANY UNESCO HERITAGE HISTORICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS.

**POPULATION:** TURKEY HOME TO **83 MILLION** INHABITANTS. **ANKARA** IS CAPITAL CITY.

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:** TURKISCH IS MAIN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IN TURKEY. ENGLISH -GERMAN -FRENCH - RUSSIAN LANGUAGES WIDELY SPOKEN IN TOURISTIC AREAS. ESPECIALLY AT HOTELS RESTAURANTS SHOPS AND MUSEUMS.

**OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS: 01 JANUARY** NEW YEARS DAY **APRIL 23** NATIONAL AND CHILDRENS DAY **MAY 19** COMMEMORATION OF ATATÜRK AND YOUTH SPORTS FESTIVAL **AUGUST 30** VICTORY DAY **OCTOBER 29** REPUBLIC DAY.

**CURRENCY:** TURKISCH LIRA IS THE OFFICIAL CURRENCY OF TURKEY. BUT ALL CURRIENCIES AS EUROS- US DOLLARS ARE WIDELY ACCEPTED. ATM MACHINES AND CHANGE OFFICES ARE AVAIBLE EVERYCITY CENTERS. MAJOR CREDITE CARDS ARE MOSTLY ACCEPTED. **TIME ZONE:** TURKEY FOLLOWS GMT **+2 HOURS** 

USEFULL TELEPHONE NUMBERS: 110 FIRE 112 EMERGENCY AMBULANCE 155 POLICE

**INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL DIALING CODES:** FROM TURKEY **00**+COUNTRY CODE+TEL NUMBER TO TURKEY **+90**-CITY CODE+TEL NUMBER IN TURKEY **0**-CITYCODE +TEL NUMBER IN CITY DIRECT TEL NUMBER ISTANBUL TEL CODE **212** EUROPEAN SIDE **216** ASIAN SIDE

BUSINESS HOURS: OFFICES AND BANKS OPEN ON WEEKDAYS FROM **09 AM-5 PM** SHOPS **TILL 22**. OR LATER YOU CAN FIND MANY TOURISTIC SHOPS AND MALLS OPEN ON WEEKENDS TILL LATE AT NIGHT

**CLIMATE:** ISTANBUL IS HOT IN SUMMER COLD AND RAINY IN WINTER. THE MEDITERRENEAN AND EAGEAN COASTS ENJOY MILD WINTER AND HOT SUMMERS THE BLACK SEA COAST IS MILD AND DAMP RAINY IN WINTER HOT IN SUMMER CENTRAL AND EASTERN ANATOLIA REGIONS HAS HOT SUMMER AND COLD SNOWY IN WINTER

RELIGION -MOSQUES: TURKEY IS % 99 MÜSLIM COUNTRY BUT WELCOMES ALL CHRISTIAN BUDIST JEWESH PEOPLE.

YOU CAN FIND AND VISIT MANY CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGS. POSSIBLE O VISIT OLD CAVE CHURCHES ESPECIALY IN CAPPADOCIA WITH ITS COLOURED FRESCOS CAVE WALL PICTURES. TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS INSIDE THE MOSQUE IS NORMALLY NOT ALLOWED PLEASE ASK PERMISSION FROM YOUR GUIDE. WOMEN SHOULD COVER THEIR ARMS LEGS AND HEADS BEFORE ENTERING A MOSQUE. SHOES MUST BE REMOVED BEFORE ENTERING A MOSQUE.

## EATING / DRINKING :

THERE IS A WIDE VARIETIY OF CUISINE OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. VEGETABLES AND FRUITES ARE EXCELLENT YOU WILL BE WELCOMED EVERYWHERE OFFERING BY TÜRKISCH TEA OR FAMOUS TÜRKISCH COFFEE ALL KINDS OF BARBEQUE AND GRILLED BEEF CHICKEN KEBABS WILL BE SERVED TO YOU. FAMOUS ONE IS DÖNER KEBAB VARIETY OF DESSERTS -FRESH VEGETABLES SEASONAL FRUITS WILL BE ON THE MENÜ. BAKLAVA AND TÜRKISCH DELIGHTS ESPECIALLY LOKUM FAMOUS ONES. ALL KIND OF BEER AND WINES ARE PRODUCED IN TURKEY FAMOUS. FISH AND SEAFOOD MENUES ALSO GREAT. TÜRKISCH DRINK IS TÜRKISCH RAKI WITH ALCHOL. AYRAN DRINK IS MADE BY YOGURT AND SERVE WITH KEBABS

MAÍN CÍTIES: ANKARA - ISTANBUL - IZMÍR- BURSA- SAMSUN - TRABZON- KONYA- NEVSEHÍR- ADANA- URFA — EDÍRNE-DENÍZLÍ-ANTALYA HIGHLÍGHTS OF TURKEY: CAPPADOCÍA OPEN AÍR MUSEUM - KUSADASI EFESSUS-ISTANBUL TOPKAPI PALACE-BURSA GREEN MOSQUE-PAMUKKALE TRAVERTENS- NEMRUT STONE HEADS - ANTALYA ASPENDOS-SÍDE-ANKARA ANITKABÍR-ISTANBUL GRAND BAZAAR AND BOSPHORUS GOLDERN HORN—ST HAGHÍA SOPHIA -DOLMABAHÇE PALACE -BASÍLICA CISTERNS- BLUE MOSQUE-EDÍRNE OÍL WRESTLERS-KONYA TRADÍTIONAL WHIRLING DERVISH-IZNÍK TÍLES-TÜRKISH BATH HAMMAMS-SAFRANBOLU HOUSES.BERGAMA ÇANAKKALE PERGAMUN-GALLÍPOLÍ PENÍNSULA SPAS OF BURSA BEACHES OF MEDÍTERRENEAN AND EAGEAN COASTS-URFA GÖBEKLÍTEPE VÍSA : TURKEY OFFERS ONLÍNE E-VÍSA FOR MANY COUNTRIES CÍTIZENS PLEASE ASK

TAX: DONT FORGET TO ASK VAT REFUND AFTER SHOPPING AND FILL IN VAT REFUND FORM IN ORDER TO SHOW AT DEPARTURE BORDER CUSTOMS TO GET BACK VALUE ADDED TAX .