

Istanbul

Istanbul, with its historical peninsula, countless sights and timeless beauty is a unique city that has been capital to many civilizations from past to present and still continues to be home to residents from all over the world.

For more information: <http://www.ibb.gov.tr/sites/ks/en-us/Pages/Home.aspx>

1.1 Climate

May is usually sunny/rainy in Istanbul. The average temperature is around 15 degrees Celsius.

1.2 Time zone

Turkey is in the Eastern European Time (EET) Zone (UTC/GMT +2 hours).

1.3 International dialling codes

The country code for Turkey is 90. The area code for Istanbul is 212 for the European side and 216 for the Asian side.

To make an international phone call, dial 00 + country code + phone number.

1.4 Electricity supply

The main voltage for electricity is 220V and 50Hz. Central European type wall socket (two-pin plugs) is standard in Turkey.



1.5 Currency, banking, credit cards and ATMs

The official currency in Turkey is the Turkish Lira (TL/₺) available in the following denominations: banknotes: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 TL; coins: 10, 25, 50 kuruş and 1 TL. Cash can usually be exchanged without commission at exchange offices (döviz bürosu), banks and hotels. Exchange rates are published daily in Turkish newspapers and can also be found in the web site of the Turkish Central Bank at <http://www.tcmb.gov.tr>

As of 9 March 2017, the exchange rate of 1 USD is 3.70 TL and 1 Euro is 3.91 TL. Banking hours are generally from 09:00 to 17:00, Monday to Friday (Some close for lunch break). Exchange offices hours are generally from 09:00 to 17:00, Monday to Saturday.

Cash machines (ATMs) are available throughout Turkey, accepting major credit and bank cards and instructions are often available in English.

1.6 Emergency number

Emergency (ambulance): dial 112,
Emergency (police): dial 155

1.7 Meeting Venue

Conrad Istanbul Bosphorus Hotel is the designated hotel and venue for the Ministerial Meeting and the Senior Officer Meeting.



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Tel : 0212 310 25 25
Website : <http://www.hilton.com.tr/oteller/turkiye/istanbul/conrad-istanbul-bosphorus/>

1.8 Health services

American Hospital is located (1,4 km away) near Conrad Istanbul Bosphorus Hotel.
Güzelbahçe Sok, No.20, 34365 Nişantaşı İstanbul, Türkiye.

1.8 Wireless internet

Wireless internet is available at Istanbul Ataturk Airport and at the hotel.

1.9 Smoking

Smoking in all indoor areas and public places are strictly prohibited in Turkey. Smoking is also restricted in certain outdoor areas where cultural, artistic, sports or entertainment activities are held.