



### **Welcome to Istanbul / Welcome to Yeditepe University**

Istanbul is a transcontinental city straddling two continents by its inland sea Marmara. The city is divided into four regions and has a natural harbor, the Golden Horn. One of the world's busiest waterways, the Bosphorus is situated in northwestern Turkey between the Black Sea and the Sea of Marmara. Connecting the two seas, Bosphorus also separates Istanbul to two sides known as the European side and Asian side.

#### **Visa**

Please find the Visa Information from the link below.

<https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

#### **Weather**

July is midsummer in Turkey and the weather is hot, wherever you go and whatever you choose to do. Average July temperatures in Istanbul is "only" 82°F (28°C), whereas almost every other popular destination soars above 86°F (30°C). The minimum temperature is 25°C. At night the temperature is mostly between 18-22°C. Days are usually hot with balmy evenings, so visitors should pack light and cool clothing.

### **Credit Cards**

Credit or debit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express, are accepted in hotels, restaurants, and most shops.

### **Official Language**

The official language in Turkey is Turkish. Some local people might not know English, so we suggest you download a translation app. Also you can download an offline navigation or map app, if you look for a place in İstanbul.

### **Internet Access**

Some restaurants and shopping centers might have wifi connection. Unfortunately there is no wifi inside of the campus. There is wifi in the guesthouse at the campus but sometimes it gives errors. You can buy a tourist sim card. Please see more information about the tourist sim card from the link below.

<https://www.vodafone.com.tr/tarifeler/tourist-sim-card-turkey>

### **Personal and Medical Insurance**

Medical coverage is the responsibility of the individual participant. You are recommended to ensure that your insurance plan will cover you for the whole period of your absence from home. If you are taking any prescription medication, please bring your own prescription medication with you.

### **Accommodation**

Yeditepe University has a guesthouse inside of the campus. The rooms are for 2 people, there is a private bathroom in it and the price is 200 TL per person per night. The guesthouse is a 2 star place. If you want to stay in the guesthouse, please select yes in the application form.

You can also find a place outside of the campus. Most preferred districts to stay: Ataşehir, Kadıköy, Kozyatağı, Bostancı.

### **Other Options for Accommodation:**

1. hotels.com
2. airbnb.com

Those who will be staying at Kadıköy, there will be a school bus from Kadıköy to University in the mornings. We are planning to arrange the school bus at 9:00 a.m in the morning. We will inform you about the time and departure place before you arrive.

### **Transportation**

- A convenient way to travel on public transit is possible by purchasing a rechargeable card **ISTANBULKART** - with discount for transits between types of transportation - land or sea !
- City (İETT) Buses from Campus to Kadıköy and Taksim
  - Bus No. 19 - Kadıköy... bus stop across the street from Main Entrance Bus No. 19F - Kadıköy... outside Lower Gate Entrance
  - Bus No. 256 - Ataşehir / Taksim ...across the street from Main Entrance
- Sea Transportation between Asia and Europe:
  - Passenger ferries from Kadikoy to Besiktas, Karakoy or Kabatas. Seasonal schedules are usually available at boat landings – a good place to buy Istanbulkart
  - Sea buses from Bostanci to Kabatas or Eminonu
- Dolmuş (Minibus)
  - Mini Buses with fixed routes: “start station” located across the street from main Entrance; wave to stop a dolmuş anywhere along the route; accept cash only.
- Metered Taxis
  - Taxis are mostly yellow and clearly marked as “Taksi” . Taxi Stations can be found all around the city; boat landings and bus terminals often have taxis waiting. When crossing bridges or taking tunnels the fare is added to the meter for all directions. Taxi Mobile Apps like Bitaksi or İtaksi are also available for calling.
  - Bi Taksi / <http://www.bitaksi.com/en/> (like Uber)
- Transportation to/from the Airports
  - **There are two International Airports in Istanbul.** One is Istanbul Airport located on the European Side and the other is Sabiha Gökçen Airport on the Anatolian Side. Sabiha Gökçen is closer to Yeditepe University Campus.
  - For Istanbul :  
<https://www.istairport.com/en/passenger/transport/airport-transfers?locale=en>
  - Both for İstanbul and Sabiha Gökçen :  
<https://www.hava.ist/tr/Voyage/VoyageTime>
  - For Sabiha Gökçen :  
<https://www.sabihagokcen.aero/passengers-and-visitors/transport-and-parking/transportation>
  - For Sabiha Gökçen : Airport transportation service (HAVABUS) provides great convenience to access Istanbul airports. Information on current routes and departure points are available on [www.havabus.com](http://www.havabus.com)

- From Istanbul airport to Yeditepe University you need to take the Havaist/Havabus bus to Kadıköy directly. From Kadıköy you can take a bus (19,19F,16F) and come to Yeditepe University directly.
- From Sabiha Gökçen airport to Yeditepe University you need to take either the Havaist/Havabus bus or metro to Kadıköy directly. From Kadıköy you can take a bus (19,19F,16F) and come to Yeditepe University directly. Or you can get off the Havaist bus or metro at Yenisahra and from Yenisahra you need to go to the other side of the street and get on the bus (19 or 16F) and come to the university directly.

### **Food Services**

Food at Yeditepe University is served at the Social Facilities building in 3 restaurants; 2 fast-food restaurants and Yeditepe Sofrası which caters to faculty members, as well as 9 canteens located on the ground floor of the faculty buildings.

#### **A la Carte Restaurants      Working Hours**

##### **Weekdays**

Breakfast	08.00 – 09.30
Lunch	12.00 – 14.00
Dinner	18.00 – 20.00

### **Electricity Plugs in Turkey**

For Turkey there are two associated plug types, types C and F. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and plug type F is the plug which has two round pins with two earth clips on the side. Turkey operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.



<https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/turkey/>

## **Finding your way around the Campus**

### **Campus Map**



## **Estimate Your Budget**

### **Approximate prices:**

- Food in campus: 5€ - 8 € per day
- Food outside the campus: around 8 € or more for a meal
- Public transportation card (IstanbulKart): ??
- On-campus Accommodation: Free
- Accommodation outside the campus (depending on the location): 50-100 € per day

## **Practical information**

The currency in Turkey is the Turkish Lira. It is denoted by TL.

Currently there are 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 lira banknotes and 1, 5, 10, 25 and 50 kurus coins (100 kurus make up one lira) and 1 lira coins. The current exchange rate is one Euro equals approximately ..... TL, and rates change continuously. Currency exchange facilities are readily available in banks, exchange shops and hotels.

## **Attractions**

Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Culture and Tourism

<https://tga.gov.tr/en/>

### **Cultural Activities and Events;**

Tickets for most cultural events are available at Biletix outlets (website: [www.biletix.com](http://www.biletix.com))

- Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Art, Istanbul K lt r ve Sanat Merkezi (IKSV)  
İstiklal Cad 64, [www.istfest.org](http://www.istfest.org), [www.iksv.org](http://www.iksv.org)
- French Culture Center, İstiklal Caddesi 4 <http://www.ifturquie.org/>
- Goethe Institute, Yeni ar ı Caddesi 32, Beyo lu  
<https://www.goethe.de/ins/tr/tr/sta/ist.html>
- Akbank Culture and Arts Center İstiklal Cad Zambak Sok 1  
<http://www.akbanksanat.com/en>
- Borusan Center for Culture & Art, İstiklal Cad 213 [www.borusansanat.com/en](http://www.borusansanat.com/en)
- Cemal Re it Rey Concert Hall, L tfi K rdar Ctr G m   Sok Harbiye  
<https://crrkonsersalonu.ibb.istanbul/?CRRLang=tr-TR>
- Istanbul Modern [www.istanbulmodern.org](http://www.istanbulmodern.org)
- Sabancı Museum [www.sakipsabancimuzesi.org/en](http://www.sakipsabancimuzesi.org/en)
- S reyya Operet / Theatre Building in Kad k y
- Bostancı G steri Merkezi <http://www.bgmonline.net>
- Open-Air Theatre or A ık Hava Tiyatrosu Ma ka
- Rumeli Fortress (Castle) - Rumeli Hisarı
- Pera Museum Me rutiyet Cad 65 Tepeba ı [www.pm.org.tr](http://www.pm.org.tr)

### **Istanbul's most stunning historical places:**

- Grand Bazaar
- Egyptian Spice Bazaar
- Arasta Bazaar
- Sultanahmet Area
- Antique Books Market
- Hagia Sophia Museum
- Topkapı Palace
- Blue Mosque
- Chora Museum
- Dolmabah e Palace

### **For most up-to-date information please follow Turkish News**

- Cumhuriyet, Daily <https://www.cumhuriyet.com.tr/cumhuriyet-daily>
- Duvar English <https://www.duvarenglish.com/>
- H rriyet Daily News <https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/>
- AA (Anadolu Agency) <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey>
- Istanbul Municipality twitter account <https://twitter.com/municipalityist>



Country-wide emergency number: 112

#### Yeditepe University Emergency Numbers

- o Yeditepe University: +90 216 578 00 00
- o Central Security: +90 216 578 00 00 - 1178
- o Dispensary Ambulance: +90 216 578 00 00 - 1242
- o Alo Yeditepe: 444 7 000

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