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**COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

**Seventh session**

**Istanbul, 3–14 November 2008**

**Information for participants\*\***

The seventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC 7) and the first special session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST S-1) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), hereinafter referred to as “the conference”, will be held on 3 to 14 November 2008 in Istanbul, Turkey. The present document contains general information that may be helpful to participants. Additional information will be provided on the UNCCD website <[www.unccd.int](http://www.unccd.int)>.

**1. Secretariat**

The secretariat of the UNCCD is headed by the Executive Secretary, Mr. Luc Gnacadja. The secretariat is based in Bonn, Germany, at:

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Hermann-Ehlers-Strasse 10  
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E-mail: [secretariat@unccd.int](mailto:secretariat@unccd.int)

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\*\* The present document was delayed due to the need to hold extensive consultations with the host country to secure comprehensive up-to-date information for participants.

## 2. Host country authorities

The Government of Turkey has established a Local Organizing Committee in charge of preparations for the conference. For additional information, participants may contact the following members of the committee:

Ekrem YAZICI  
Tel: + 90 312 207 5712  
Fax: + 90 312 207 57 56  
E-mail: eyazici@yahoo.com

Mediha OZCAN  
Tel: + 90 312 207 57 23  
Fax: + 90 312 207 57 56  
E-mail: med\_ozcn@yahoo.com

## 3. Venue of the session

The conference will be held at:

Grand Cevahir Hotel  
Darülaceze Caddesi No.9 Şişli/ Istanbul, Turkey  
Tel: + 90 212 314 42 42  
Fax: + 90 212 314 42 92

For further information on the conference venue, please visit the following website:  
<[www.gch.com.tr](http://www.gch.com.tr)>.

The session will open on Monday, 3 November 2008. Meeting rooms will be made available, without interpretation services, for informal meetings. Arrangements for such meetings should be made with the secretariat. Working hours will normally be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

## 4. Admittance to the session

The provisions governing the Conference of the Parties (COP) apply *mutatis mutandis* to the proceedings of its subsidiary bodies. Participation in the conference is therefore open to Party delegations, United Nations specialized agencies and observers in accordance with the provisions of the UNCCD and the rules of procedure of the COP.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with article 36, paragraph 2, of the Convention, for each State or regional economic integration organization which ratifies, accepts, approves or accedes to the Convention after the deposit of the 50th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, the Convention enters into force on the 90th day after the date of deposit by such State or regional economic integration organization of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. Consequently, the Parties as at the opening of the conference on 3 November 2008 will be the States and regional economic integration organizations that have deposited their instruments by 5 August 2008. Those that deposited their instruments after 5 August but by 16 August 2008 will become Parties during the session. Those that did so after 16 August 2008 will not become Parties until after the session is closed, but may participate in the session as

Party delegations do not need to present credentials because the CRIC and the CST are subsidiary bodies of the COP. However, an official list of delegation members should be forwarded to the UNCCD secretariat, for registration and security purposes, before the conference session. Observers already accredited by previous sessions of the COP should also comply with this requirement.

Any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which has not yet obtained observer status may be admitted to the conference on submission of an official request to the UNCCD secretariat, pending a final decision on its accreditation as an observer by the COP at its next ordinary session. This request should state the competence or qualification of the body or agency in matters covered by the UNCCD.

## 5. Registration

It is of the utmost importance that a passport photograph of each member of the delegation attending the conference who did not participate in the eighth session of the COP is sent to the secretariat. This will ensure an efficient pre-registration procedure, and will greatly reduce waiting times for delegates at the session venue.

Pre-registration for national delegations, United Nations specialized agencies and programmes, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as for the media, will take place at the Conference Centre entrance of the Grand Cevahir Hotel on:

- Friday, 31 October from 8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, 1 November from 8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, 2 November from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The hotel has two entrances: one leads to the lobby of the hotel and the other is located approximately 100 metres to the right and provides direct access to the Conference Centre. Delegates must go directly to the entrance to the Conference Centre to be registered and receive their badges. Once registered, it will be possible for participants to access the conference area through the lobby and Conference Centre entrance.

Registration will start on Monday 3 November and continue throughout the session on working days from 8 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Any changes to the opening hours of the registration desk will be communicated through the Official Journal of the session. Identity badges will be issued at the time of registration, and participants are requested to wear them at all times as they will be allowed access to the session venue only on presentation of their badges.

## 6. Information for the media

Representatives from the media can register at the Conference Centre entrance of the Grand Cevahir Hotel during pre-registration and registration hours on presentation of a valid press card.

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observers. The intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations accredited at the eighth session of the COP are listed in document ICCD/COP(8)/14 and Add.1. Relevant information on the status of ratifications is available on the secretariat's website <[www.unccd.int](http://www.unccd.int)>.

Applicants for media accreditation must provide the following documentation:

- A letter of assignment on the official letterhead of the media organization duly signed by the Publisher/Assignment Editor or Bureau Chief;
- A passport or identification card for identification purposes;
- One colour passport photograph;
- A valid press card;
- A completed application form.

The application form can be downloaded from the website <[www.unccd.int](http://www.unccd.int)>.

Applicants should send the above-mentioned documentation as soon as possible to the UNCCD secretariat at:

E-mail: [press@unccd.int](mailto:press@unccd.int)

Fax: + 49 228 815 2898 / 99

All the above conditions apply to both local and foreign journalists. Local journalists are advised to begin the process of accreditation as soon as possible, and at least one month before the conference.

A dedicated and fully equipped press and media centre will be available at the conference venue.

Additional information for media representatives on the UNCCD and the conference can be obtained from the UNCCD secretariat at the above-mentioned address.

## **7. Transport**

### **From ATATURK and SABIHA GOKCEN airports**

#### **ATATURK AIRPORT**

Atatürk International Airport is located in Yeşilköy (on the European side of Istanbul), 25 km from Taksim. The new International Terminal is one of the biggest in the region and a major transit point from East to West.

Transport options from Atatürk Airport into town include: a shuttle bus service – the Havaş bus company provides a service from the airport to Taksim Square and from Taksim Square to the airport, at a cost of 10YTL (USD 8.6, EUR 5.55, GBP 4.5). Buses depart every half hour from 4.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. and every 15 minutes from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. The bus stop is located at street level outside the International Arrivals building. The bus also stops at the Sea Bus station, Bakırköy, for transfers to Bostancı and Kadıköy on the Asian side, and at Aksaray. For all services and timetables, please visit the airport websites: <[www.dhmiata.gov.tr](http://www.dhmiata.gov.tr)>, <[www.havas.com.tr/tr/otobus\\_istanbul\\_saw.asp](http://www.havas.com.tr/tr/otobus_istanbul_saw.asp)>

The typical minimum taxi fare into Taksim Square is YTL 50 (USD 43.00, EUR 28 of GBP 21).

Many of the major hotels provide shuttle buses to and from the airport.

## SABIHA GOKCEN AIRPORT

Sabiha Gökçen Airport is located on the Asian side of the city on the Anatolian shore of Istanbul at Pendik / Kurtköy. It is mainly used by low-cost and charter airlines. Although 40 km from Kadikoy, 12 km from Pendik and 50 km from Taksim, the airport has convenient road links and is only 1.5 km from the TEM motorway.

- Taxis are available outside the terminal, although it can be quite expensive to travel to central Istanbul.
- The typical minimum taxi fare into Taksim Square is YTL 75.00 (USD 65.00, EUR 42, GBP 31.25)
- The Havaş bus company provides a shuttle bus service from the airport to Taksim Square and from Taksim Square to the airport. The fare is 10 YTL (USD 8.6, EUR 5.55, GBP 4.5). The service runs on the hour between 4.00 a.m. and 1.00 a.m.
- The Haydarpasa-Gebze Express departs from Pendik Train Station. There are also regular suburban services.
- Additional buses (IETT) depart from Sabiha Gökçen Airport (SAW) to central Istanbul.

For all services and timetables, please visit the airport websites:

<[www.sgairport.com](http://www.sgairport.com)>

<[www.havas.com.tr/tr/otobus\\_istanbul\\_saw.asp](http://www.havas.com.tr/tr/otobus_istanbul_saw.asp)>

### *Local transport in Istanbul*

For information on public transport in the Istanbul region and in the city centre, please visit the website: <<http://www.iETT.gov.tr>> (in Turkish and English)

### **Participants' welcome pack**

A welcoming desk will be set up at Ataturk Airport and at Sabiha Gokcen Airport. Participants will be presented with a welcome pack that includes maps of the city as well as information brochures on the transport network and facilities. A transport service organized by the host country will be provided on a commercial basis.

### **8. Hotel accommodation**

A list of hotels for participants to book directly is provided in annex I.

### **9. Medical services and emergency numbers**

Emergency medical services will be available throughout the conference. A nurse and a doctor will be on duty during the conference; their room and telephone numbers will be published in the Official Journal of the session.

Any involvement in an accident should be reported immediately to the United Nations Control Room, the room and telephone number of which will be published in the Official Journal of the session.

#### **10. Communication services**

An Internet café will be set up on the conference site.

The DHL courier mail service office can be reached on Tel: +90 212 347 74 62. The UPS mail service can be reached on Tel: +90 212 237 86 89

#### **11. Cafeteria and restaurants, and official caterer**

The Deliz Restaurant, located in the lobby of the Grand Cevahir Hotel, can accommodate up to 400 people. The Lobby Patisserie, which serves light meals and snacks, is also located in the lobby of the Grand Cevahir Hotel. Opening hours will be published during the session. The Hotel is located in the northern part of the city, and cafes and restaurants are available in the surrounding streets.

For specific catering needs, participants may also contact the local organizing committee through:

Mediha ÖZCAN  
e-mail: med\_ozcn@yahoo.com  
Tel: + 90 312 207 5723  
Fax: + 90 312 207 5756

#### **12. Banking services**

Banking services for delegates will be available at the conference venue. The location and working hours of the bank office will be published in the Official Journal of the session.

In addition, there are several ATMs and banks across the street from the conference venue, as well as all over the city, and major credit cards are widely accepted. Participants can also exchange currency at the airport or at any bank or foreign exchange office in the city. Cheques are not commonly used.

Most bank offices are open Monday to Friday from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. There are numerous currency exchange offices in various parts of the city. These are open Monday to Saturday from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

The unit of currency in Turkey is the Turkish Lira (YTL). The exchange rate as of 7 August 2008 was:

1.162 Lira = 1 United States Dollars (USD).  
1.799 Lira = 1 Euro (EUR)

### **13. Other services for delegates**

Information on postal, telephone and fax services; photocopying; and travel agency as well as any other services available for participants will be published in the Official Journal of the session.

### **14. Immigration formalities and customs regulations**

#### ***Visa regulations***

Participants who require visas to enter Turkey must obtain these from the Turkish embassies or consulate offices in their home country, or from the embassies of other countries which provide consular services on behalf of Turkey, before leaving for Istanbul. A list of diplomatic representations providing such consular services can be obtained at <[www.e-konsolosluk.net/HomePage.aspx](http://www.e-konsolosluk.net/HomePage.aspx)>. Annex II lists the visa requirements. To obtain a visa, participants are requested to submit to the embassy as set out above:

- a visa application form, duly filled;
- a valid passport;
- a passport photograph;
- their letter of invitation from the secretariat.

Participants who cannot obtain their visas prior to departure may, on an exceptional basis, obtain them on arrival at the airport in Istanbul, according to the procedures set out below.

#### **It is important that participants apply for visas as early as possible.**

Turkey applies a simple and expeditious visa procedure for participants in international meetings/events hosted in Turkey:

(a) Participants with valid passports can be issued entry visas free of charge by Turkish diplomatic representatives, provided that a list of the participants (including the necessary passport information) has been conveyed before the Conference.

(b) In cases where a Turkish diplomatic representative is not available in the country of residence, participants holding valid passports can be issued with a visa free of charge on their arrival in Turkey, provided that a list of the participants (including the necessary passport information) has been duly conveyed before the Conference.

(c) If participants with valid passports have not applied for a visa from the Turkish diplomatic representation in their country of residence, due to limitation of time/travel difficulties, they can be issued with a visa free of charge at the border / on their arrival in Turkey, provided that a list of the participants (including the necessary passport information) has been duly conveyed before the Conference.

Visa requirements by the Turkish government differ based on the passport type, the duration of stay and the country of origin of the applicant. Additional information and a full list of Turkish

diplomatic representations can be obtained from the following websites: <[www.mfa.gov.tr](http://www.mfa.gov.tr)> and <[www.e-konsolosluk.net/HomePage.aspx](http://www.e-konsolosluk.net/HomePage.aspx)>.

For detailed information on immigration regulations please visit the Turkish Ministry of Interior website at: <[www.mfa.gov.tr](http://www.mfa.gov.tr)>

### ***Health regulations***

There are no specific health requirements and no vaccinations are needed to enter Turkey.

### ***Customs regulations***

Information on the customs regulations in force in Turkey can be obtained from any Turkish embassy or consulate or at the website <<http://www.gumruk.gov.tr>>

Any delegate who fails to comply with the customs requirements regarding entry into Turkey may be prevented from entering Turkey by the local authorities.

## **15. Side and parallel events**

Participants who wish to organize side events during the conference are requested to send an application to the secretariat:

Fax: + 49 228 815 28 98 / 99

E-mail: [sideevents@unccd.int](mailto:sideevents@unccd.int)

The application form can be downloaded from the UNCCD website at <[www.unccd.int](http://www.unccd.int)>. Applications for side events should be made before 15 October 2008.

Participants are advised that the secretariat is only responsible for room allocation. Time slots and rooms will be accommodated according to availability and on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional services (such as interpretation, catering, etc.) may be obtained on a commercial basis from local accredited providers.

A calendar of parallel events during the conference will be published in the Official Journal.

## **16. Exhibition facilities**

Limited space for exhibitions will be available to participants, according to availability. Exhibition space may be booked through the secretariat by contacting:

Mr. Antonio Pires or Ms. Maria Roelver

Tel: + 49 228 815 28 08/09

Fax: + 49 228 815 28 98/99

Email: [apires@unccd.int](mailto:apires@unccd.int) or [mroelver@unccd.int](mailto:mroelver@unccd.int)

Participants are advised that the secretariat is responsible only for the allocation of exhibition space, which will be according to availability and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Exhibitors will be responsible for customs clearance of their exhibition material in accordance with Turkish customs regulations. The secretariat may be able to provide assistance. Exhibitors will be responsible for their own stands.

For additional services, special supplies and equipment, and information on receiving and storing material, participants and exhibitors may contact:

Mediha ÖZCAN  
E-mail: med\_ozcn@yahoo.com  
Tel: + 90 312 207 5723  
Fax: + 90 312 207 5756

## **17. General information about the session venue**

### ***Information about Istanbul***

Istanbul is where roads link East and West, and where the sea brings North and South together. It is located in the north-west of Turkey in the Marmara Region. Istanbul has a population of about 15 million people. It straddles the southern Bosphorus, which places the city on two continents – the western portion of Istanbul is in Europe, and the eastern portion is in Asia. Throughout history, the Golden Horn has served as a natural harbour for ships of all kinds.

Information about hotels, restaurants, museums, sightseeing, transport, and much more can be obtained on the website of the City at <<http://www.kultur.gov.tr>>

### ***Weather***

The weather in Istanbul in November can be cold and wet. In the past 30 years, the average daytime November temperature has been 11.2 °C, with an average maximum of 14.8 °C, and an average minimum of 8.3 °C. The average number of rainy days over the same period was 13.7.

### ***Electricity***

The electricity supply in Istanbul is 220 V at 50 Hz for mono phase. Plugs with two round pins are in use. An adaptor to connect appliances and/or a transformer may be needed.

### ***Local time***

The standard time is GMT + 2 hours.

Annex I

**Hotels in Istanbul and their distance from the Conference Centre**

<b>HOTELS 5 star</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CONTACT (Tel. &amp; Fax)</b>	<b>Distance</b>
<b>Ceylan Intercontinental Istanbul</b> <a href="http://www.istanbul.intercontinental.com.tr">http://www.istanbul.intercontinental.com.tr</a>	Asker Ocađı Cad. No:1 34435 Taksim/İstanbul	+ 90 212 368 44 44 + 90 (212) 368 44 99	6 Km
<b>The Marmara İstanbul</b> <a href="http://www.themarmarahotels.com">http://www.themarmarahotels.com</a>	Taksim Meydani 34437 Taksim/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 251 46 96 + 90 (212) 244 05 09	6 Km
<b>Hilton İstanbul</b> <a href="http://www.istanbul.hilton.com">http://www.istanbul.hilton.com</a>	Cumhuriyet Cad. 34367 Harbiye/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 315 60 00 + 90 (212) 296 29 53	5 Km
<b>Divan İstanbul</b> <a href="http://www.divan.com.tr">http://www.divan.com.tr</a>	Cumhuriyet Cad.No:2 34437 Taksim/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 315 55 00 + 90 (212) 315 55 15	6 Km
<b>Sheraton İstanbul Maslak</b> <a href="http://www.sheraton.com/istanbul">http://www.sheraton.com/istanbul</a>	Büyükdere Cad. Üçyol Mevkii No: 49 34398 Maslak/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 335 99 99 Pbx + 90 (212) 285 09 51	8 Km
<b>The Plaza Hotel İstanbul</b> <a href="http://www.theplazahotel.com.tr">http://www.theplazahotel.com.tr</a>	Barbaros Bulvari No: 165 80700 Balmumcu Beşiktaş/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 370 20 20 + 90 (212) 370 20 70	10 Km
<b>Sürmeli İstanbul Hotels&amp;Resorts</b> <a href="http://www.surmelihotels.com">http://www.surmelihotels.com</a>	Prof. Dr. Bülent Tarcan Sok. N:3 34349 Gayrettepe / İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 272 11 61 + 90 (212) 272 05 16	5 Km
<b>Ortaköy Princess Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.ortakoyprincess.com">http://www.ortakoyprincess.com</a>	Dereboyu Cad. No:10 80840 Ortaköy/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 227 60 10 Pbx + 90 (212) 227 91 85	10 Km
<b>Sheraton İstanbul Maslak</b> <a href="http://www.sheraton.com/istanbul">http://www.sheraton.com/istanbul</a>	Büyükdere Cad. Üçyol Mevkii No: 49 34398 Maslak/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 335 99 99 Pbx + 90 (212) 285 09 51	8 Km
<b>Conrad İstanbul</b> <a href="http://www.conradistanbul.com">http://www.conradistanbul.com</a>	34353 Beşiktaş/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 227 30 00 + 90 (212) 259 66 67	10 Km
<b>Ramada Plaza İstanbul</b> <a href="http://www.ramadaplazaistanbul.com">http://www.ramadaplazaistanbul.com</a>	Halaskargazi Cad. No:139-151 Osmanbey/Şişli/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 315 44 44 + 90 (212) 315 44 45	2km
<b>HOTELS 4 star</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CONTACT (Tel. &amp; Fax)</b>	<b>Distance</b>
<b>Midtown Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.midtown-hotel.com">http://www.midtown-hotel.com</a>	Lamartin Caddesi No:13 34437 Taksim / İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 361 67 67 + 90 (212) 361 67 68	6 Km
<b>Larespark Hotel Taksim</b> <a href="http://www.laresparkhotel.com">http://www.laresparkhotel.com</a>	Topçu Cad. No:23 34437 Taksim/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 313 51 00 Pbx + 90 (212) 254 71 60	6 Km

<b>HOTELS 4 star (continued)</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CONTACT (Tel. &amp; Fax)</b>	<b>Distance</b>
<b>Konak Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.konakhotel.com">http://www.konakhotel.com</a>	Cumhuriyet Cad. Nispet Sk. No: 9 Elmadağ – Taksim/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 225 82 50 Pbx + 90 (212) 232 42 52	6 Km
<b>Pera Tulip Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.peratulip.com">http://www.peratulip.com</a>	Meşrutiyet Caddesi No:103 34430 Beyoğlu / İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 243 85 00 + 90 (212) 243 85 02	7 Km
<b>Marble Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.marblehotel.com">http://www.marblehotel.com</a>	Siraselviler Cad. No: 41 34433 Taksim/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 252 24 48 + 90 (212) 252 05 27	6 Km
<b>Richmond Hotels İstanbul</b> <a href="http://www.richmondhotels.com.tr">http://www.richmondhotels.com.tr</a>	İstiklal Cad. No: 227 Tünel 34433 Tünel Beyoğlu/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 252 54 60 + 90 (212) 252 97 07	7 Km
<b>Eresin Taxim Premier</b> <a href="http://www.eresinpremier.com.tr">http://www.eresinpremier.com.tr</a>	Topçu Caddesi No:16 34437 Taksim/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 256 08 03 + 90 (212) 253 22 47	6 Km
<b>Best Western Eresin Taxim Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.eresintaxim.com.tr">http://www.eresintaxim.com.tr</a>	Topçu Cad. No:16 34437 Taksim/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 256 08 03 + 90 (212) 253 22 47	6 Km
<b>Feronya Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.feronya.com">http://www.feronya.com</a>	Abdülhakhamit Cad No: 70-72 Taksim/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 238 09 ¼ - 237 26 35 + 90 (212) 238 08 66	6 Km
<b>The Madison Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.madison.com.tr">http://www.madison.com.tr</a>	Recep Paşa Cad. No: 15 34437 Taksim/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 238 54 60 Pbx +90 (212) 238 51 51	6 Km
<b>Yenişehir Palas Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.yenisehirpalas.com">http://www.yenisehirpalas.com</a>	Meşrutiyet Cad. Oteller Sk. No:1/3 80050 Tepebaşı/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 252 71 60 + 90 (212) 249 75 07	7 Km
<b>The Marmara Pera</b> <a href="http://www.themarmarahotels.com">http://www.themarmarahotels.com</a>	Meşrutiyet Cad. 34430 Tepebaşı Taksim/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 251 46 46 + 90 (212) 249 80 33	6 Km
<b>Mim Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.mimhotel.com">http://www.mimhotel.com</a>	Fulya Bayırı Ferah Sok. No: 16 Nişantaşı/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 231 28 07 + 90 (212) 230 73 77	5 Km
<b>Hilton Parksa</b> <a href="http://www.istanbul-park.hilton.com">http://www.istanbul-park.hilton.com</a>	Bayildim Cad. No:12 34357 Maçka /İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 310 12 00 + 90 (212) 258 56 95	5 Km
<b>Best Western Senator Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.senatorhotel.com.tr">http://www.senatorhotel.com.tr</a>	Gençtürk Cad. Şirvanizade Sk. No:7/11 Şehzadebaşı 34470 İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 528 18 65 Pbx + 90 (212) 522 73 93	19 Km
<b>Hotel Nanda</b> <a href="http://www.nandahotel.com">http://www.nandahotel.com</a>	Balabanağa Mah. Fevziye Cad. No:3 Şehzadebaşı / İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 520 17 01 Pbx + 90 (212) 520 51 93	19 Km
<b>Best Western The President Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.thepresidenthotel.com">http://www.thepresidenthotel.com</a>	Tiyatro Cad. No:25 Beyazit Eminönü/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 516 69 80 + 90 (212) 516 69 98	20 Km

<b>HOTELS 4 star (continued)</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CONTACT (Tel. &amp; Fax)</b>	<b>Distance</b>
<b>Divan City</b> <a href="http://www.divan.com.tr">http://www.divan.com.tr</a>	Büyükdere Cad. No:84 Gayrettepe/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 337 49 00 + 90 (212) 337 49 49	5 Km
<b>Hotel Klas</b> <a href="http://www.klashotel.com">http://www.klashotel.com</a>	Harikzadeler Sok. No.48 34470 Laleli/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 511 78 74-4hat + 90 (212) 512 33 54	18 Km
<b>Yiğitalp Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.yigitalp.com">http://www.yigitalp.com</a>	Gençtürk Cad. Çukurçeşme Sk. No: 38 34470 Şehzadebaşı/Laleli/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 512 98 60 Pbx + 90 (212) 512 20 72	19 Km
<b>Orsep Royal Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.orseproyalhotel.com">http://www.orseproyalhotel.com</a>	Hocapaşa Mah. Nöbethane Cad. No:10 34113 Sirkeci Eminönü/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 511 85 85 + 90 (212) 519 66 63	21 Km
<b>Grand Anka Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.grandankahotel.com">http://www.grandankahotel.com</a>	Molla Gürani Cad. No: 46 Findikzade /İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 635 20 20 Pbx + 90 (212) 534 18 55	10 Km
<b>Lady Diana Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.ladydianahotel.com">http://www.ladydianahotel.com</a>	Binbirdirek Mah. Terzihane Sk. No:9 34400 Sultanahmet/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 516 96 42 + 90 (212) 516 96 50	22 Km
<b>Prince Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.hotelprince.com">http://www.hotelprince.com</a>	Nöbethane Cad. Kargili Sok. No:5 Sirkeci/ İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 513 25 50 Pbx + 90 (212) 522 43 59	21 Km
<b>Antik Hotel İstanbul</b> <a href="http://www.antikhotel.com">http://www.antikhotel.com</a>	Beyazit Sekbanbaşı Sok. No:10 Eminönü 34490 İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 638 58 58 Pbx + 90 (212) 638 58 65	18 Km
<b>Black Bird Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.blackbirdhotel.com">http://www.blackbirdhotel.com</a>	Kemalpaşa Mah. Gençtürk Cad. No: 51-53 Şehzadebaşı Eminönü/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 511 74 54 + 90 (212) 511 45 16	19 Km
<b>Festival Aziyade Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.festivalhotels.com">http://www.festivalhotels.com</a>	Gedikpaşa Piyerloti Cad. No: 62 34490 Eminönü/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 638 22 00 Pbx + 90 (212) 518 50 65	20km
<b>HOTELS 3 star</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CONTACT (Tel. &amp; Fax)</b>	<b>Distance</b>
<b>Cartoon Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.cartoonhotel.com">http://www.cartoonhotel.com</a>	Tarlabası Blv. No: 36-38 34435 Taksim/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 238 93 28 + 90 (212) 238 52 01	6 Km
<b>Green Anka Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.greenankahotel.com">http://www.greenankahotel.com</a>	Findikzade Sk. No. 4 34270 Findikzade/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 631 17 21 + 90 (212) 525 37 78	10 Km
<b>Avlonya Hotel</b>	Küçüklanga Cd. No: 59 34300 Aksaray/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 529 54 08 Pbx - 529 54 09 - 588 19 51 + 90 (212) 585 94 32	18 Km
<b>Grand Washington Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.grand-washington.com">http://www.grand-washington.com</a>	Gençtürk Cad. Ağayokuşu Sk. No:7 Laleli Eminönü/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 511 63 71 + 90 (212) 512 47 48	18 Km

<b>HOTELS 3 star (continued)</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CONTACT (Tel. &amp; Fax)</b>	<b>Distance</b>
<b>La Maison Hotel &amp; Restaurant</b> <a href="http://www.lamaison.com.tr">http://www.lamaison.com.tr</a>	Müvezzi Cd. No. 43 Çırağan Beşiktaş/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 227 42 63 + 90 (212) 258 87 29	10 Km
<b>Golden Crown Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.goldencrownhotel.com">http://www.goldencrownhotel.com</a>	Piyerloti Cad. No:40 Çemberlitaş/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 638 19 44 Pbx + 90 (212) 517 00 65	21 Km
<b>Hotel Söğüt</b> <a href="http://www.soguthotel.com.tr">http://www.soguthotel.com.tr</a>	Bukalidede Sok. No.11-13 34470 Şehzadebaşı/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 519 20 11 (3 Hat) + 90 (212) 511 54 37	19 Km
<b>HOTELS 2 star</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CONTACT (Tel. &amp; Fax)</b>	<b>Distance</b>
<b>Celal Sultan Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.celalsultan.com">http://www.celalsultan.com</a>	Yerebatan Cd. Salkimsöğüt Sk. No:16 34410 Sultanahmet/İstanbul	+ 90 (212) 520 93 23-24/ 520 78 61/ 520 58 93 + 90 (212) 522 97 24	22 Km

Annex II

**Countries whose nationals require a visa to enter Turkey**

(for the latest updates on visa requirements, please check the website  
[www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa](http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa))

<b>Country</b>	<b>Visa requirements</b>
Bolivia, Ecuador, Georgia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Morocco, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia	Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 90 days.
Montenegro	Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 90 days within a six-month period from the first date of entry.
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 90 days. Ordinary passport holders can obtain three-month multiple entry visas at the Turkish border.
Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 60 days.
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Turkmenistan	Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 30 days.
Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan	Ordinary passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel to Turkey up to 30 days. Official passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 90 days.
Afghanistan, India	Diplomatic passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 90 days. Ordinary, Special and Service passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey.
China, Philippines, Yemen	Ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 30 days.
Moldova	Ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain multiple entry visas at the Turkish border for stays of less than one month. Official passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 30 days.
Indonesia	Ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 60 days.
Algeria, Bangladesh, Belize, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, Fiji, Gambia, Kenya, Mauritania, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Seychelles, Thailand, Viet Nam	Ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 90 days.
Mauritius, Serbia	Ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain one-month multiple entry visas at the Turkish border. Official passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 90 days.
South Africa	Ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain one-month multiple entry visas at the Turkish border. Official passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 30 days.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Visa requirements</b>
Albania, Belarus, Ukraine	Ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain two-month multiple entry visas at the Turkish border. Official passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 90 days.
Russian Federation	Ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain two-month multiple entry visas at the Turkish border. Diplomatic passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 90 days.
Bahamas, Granada, Jamaica, Maldives, Saint Lucia	Ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain three-month multiple entry visas at the Turkish border. Official passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 90 days.
Barbados	Ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain three-month multiple entry visas at the Turkish border.
Bahrain, Kuwait	Ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain their visas at the Turkish border or on arrival. Official passport holders are exempt from visa requirements for travel up to 90 days.
Angola, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe	Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey.
Armenia, Jordan	Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. Ordinary passport holders can obtain one-month entry visas at the Turkish border.
Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Saint Kitts	Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. Ordinary passport holders can obtain

<b>Country</b>	<b>Visa requirements</b>
and Nevis	three-month entry visas at the Turkish border.
Iraq	Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are required to obtain their visas from Turkish diplomatic representatives before travel. Ordinary passport holders travelling to Turkey on flights from Bagdad, Erbil, Suleymania or Amman Airports to Istanbul Atatürk Airport or Antalya Airport can obtain visas on their arrival, provided that they meet certain conditions. For details please contact the nearest Turkish diplomatic representatives.
Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates	Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are required to obtain their visas from Turkish diplomatic representatives before travel. Ordinary passport holders can obtain visas at the Turkish border or on arrival.

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