

Turkey



Key Facts

Location

South-eastern Europe/Asia Minor.

Time

GMT + 2 (GMT + 3 from last Sunday in March to last Sunday in October).

Area

779,452 sq km (300,948 sq miles).

Population

73.3 million (UN estimate 2005).

Electricity

220 volts AC, 50Hz.

Currency

New Turkish Lira (TRY; symbol YTL) = 100 New Kurus (Ykr). Notes are in denominations of YTL100, 50, 20, 10, 5 and 1. Coins are in denominations of YTL1 and 50, 25, 10, 5 and 1 New Kurus.

Climate

Temperatures in Ankara vary between -4°C (25°F) and 30°C (86°F). Marmara and the Aegean and Mediterranean coasts have a typical Mediterranean climate with hot summers and mild, wet winters. The east of the country is mountainous with warm summers and very cold, snowy winters.

Public Holidays

Below are listed Public Holidays for the January 2008-December 2009 period.

2008

1 Jan: New Year's Day.

23 Apr: National Sovereignty and Children's Day.

19 May: Commemoration of Atatürk and Youth and Sports Day.

30 Aug: Victory Day.

1-2 Oct: Ramazan Bayrami (End of Ramadan).

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