

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION TURKEY

## PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

Your passport needs to be valid for at least six (6) months after your journey and should have a minimum of two (2) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

**A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Turkey and must be obtained prior to departure.**

**Electronic Visa (eVisa):** An e-Visa is available for U.S., U.K. and Canadian citizens arriving for the purposes of tourism or commerce. The cost is US\$20 per person to obtain a visa valid for 90 days. Travellers are able to receive their visa usually within 24 hours of completing the application process and can obtain an e-Visa up to one day prior to arrival. Log on to the Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs website at <http://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/> . You need a valid passport and a credit card (Visa or MasterCard). Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival into Turkey. Fill-out the on-line application form, make your payment with a credit card, and print out your e-visa. Keep the original print-out with your passport, as proof of the e-Visa will be requested by Immigration Control at all Turkish border crossings.

**Ensure you obtain entry and exit stamps from Turkish immigration authorities to avoid difficulties upon departure or with future travel to Turkey.**

Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

## VACCINATIONS

There are no vaccinations required to enter Turkey.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are widely accepted. ATMs are plentiful and dispense Turkish lira at the current rate of exchange. Unattended self-service payment kiosks such as those in parking garages, train stations or gas stations only accept a Chip and PIN card or cash.

# PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

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On internal air flights with Turkish Airlines, passenger baggage is limited to 44 pounds (20 kilograms) in Economy Class and 66 pounds (30 kilograms) in Business Class. Baggage exceeding 70.5 pounds (32 kilograms) will not be accepted on Turkish Airlines flights.

Please use the provided Buongiorno Travel luggage tags, even if your bags already have ID tags. This makes it easier for Buongiorno Travel staff to find and manage your luggage for you.

### PACKING LIST

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Cotton and other light fabrics are comfortable choices for summertime. Spring and autumn temperatures dictate medium-weight clothing selections. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Mosques, cathedrals, churches, and other religious sites require conservative dress. Arms and shoulders should be covered. Barebacked, low-necked dresses or tops or short skirts are not considered appropriate attire. When entering a mosque, women must cover their heads with a scarf; shoes must be removed so wear or carry a pair of socks.

#### Clothing

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with low or no heels
- Lightweight raincoat and umbrella
- Sweater or fleece jacket
- Brimmed hat or visor for sun protection
- Sleepwear
- Personal garments
- Socks
- Swimwear/cover-up

#### Other Recommended Items

- Sunglasses
- Sun block and lip balm
- Simple first-aid kit
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Smartphone
- Charging cables for electronics
- Global travel adapter

Laundry service is available at most hotels and dry cleaning is available in larger cities. Check costs and return times before using these services.

## TIPPING GUIDELINES TURKEY

While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars) depending on the type of journey:

	<b>Tailor Made &amp; Signature Journeys</b>
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	Not applicable
Local Guides	\$25 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	\$15 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hot Air Balloon Pilots (if applicable)	\$10 per person
Hotel Porters	\$2 per bag
Housekeepers	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added