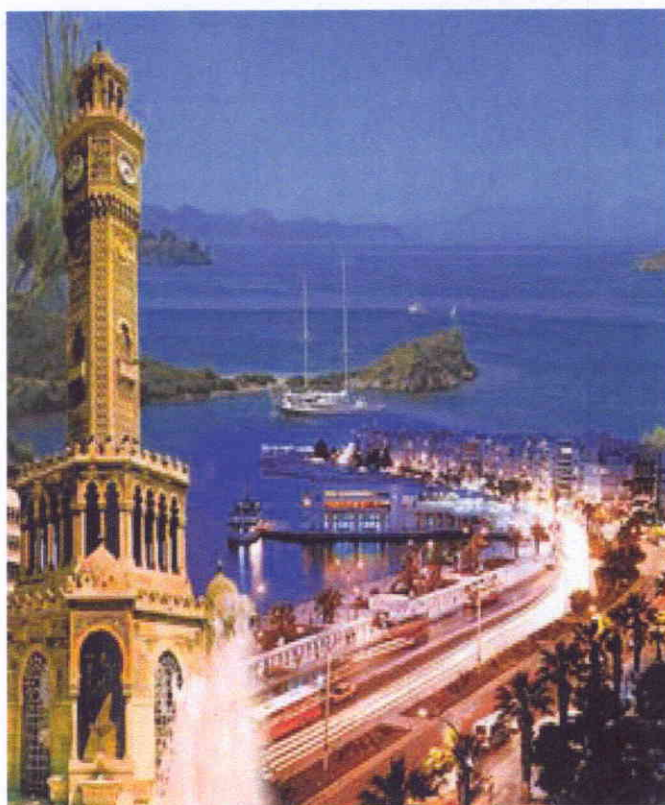


**THE 4TH SESSION OF THE
CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS**

**HILTON İZMİR HOTEL
İZMİR, TURKEY**



26 -30 APRIL 2010

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WELCOME TO THE AEGEAN PEARL

Dear Delegates to the 4th Session of Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods,

On behalf of the Turkey Codex Contact Point, it is a great pleasure for us to invite you to the 4th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods, which will be held on 26-30 April 2010 in İzmir, Turkey.

Turkey will be hosting the delegates of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods for the first time. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs is honored to host this unique international event, which brings together international professionals, tradesmen and officials, involved in contaminants.

With its 3 million inhabitants, İzmir is named to be the third largest city and the major port on the Aegean coast of Turkey. With a history of 5000 years, the city has been the center of trade and production of many traditional agricultural products like dried figs and sultanas. As a significant dried fig and sultanas center, İzmir has been chosen as the ideal place for hosting the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods Meeting. Additionally, İzmir hosts a large number of extremely important architectural and cultural sites. The town is nicknamed as the Pearl of the Aegean and has been a meeting place of people from different cultures to live in peace and harmony for centuries.

We believe that the 4th Session of Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods will be a great success. We would like to extend our sincere welcome to all of you to benefit from the meeting and enjoy İzmir.

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1. DATE AND VENUE

The 4th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods will be held on 26-30 April 2010 at the following venue:

Hilton Izmir
Gazi Osmanpasa Bulvari 7
Izmir
Turkey 35210
Tel: 90-232-497-6060
Fax: 90-232-497-6000

The Hilton hotel is one of the leading hotels in İzmir, located right at the heart of the city. Towering above the historic port and the tallest building on the Aegean Coast; Hilton İzmir is five minutes from İzmir International Fairgrounds, Convention Centre and 18 kilometers from the İzmir Adnan Menderes Airport.

2. REGISTRATION AND SECURITY

Registration of participants will take place at the entrance of the conference room of the Hilton as follows:

Sunday 25 April 2010: from 16:00–19:00 hrs
Monday 26 April 2010: from 08:00–12:00 hrs

Name badges will be provided at the registration desk. For security reasons, delegates are requested to wear their name badges at a visible place in order to gain admittance to the Hilton Hotel and the meeting rooms.

3. INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish during the meeting.

4. DOCUMENTATION

Delegates are requested to bring their own documentation to the meeting; these are available in English, French and Spanish on www.codexalimentarius.net.

5. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The special rate at the Hilton Hotel for participants to the CCCF is 110 Euro/night + taxes (%8 VAT) for single and 130 Euro/night + taxes (%8 VAT) for double occupancy for a standard room. Substitute for direct seaview is 25 Euro, for deluxe room is 35 Euro and for an executive room is 50 Euro per night. These rates include breakfast. To take advantage of this rate, participants must make their reservations at the latest by 15 March 2010. After 15 March the room rates will be 140 Euro/night + taxes (%8 VAT) for single and 160 Euro/night + taxes (%8 VAT) for double room. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel (sales.izmir@hilton.com, tel.+90.232.497 60 60 or fax.+90.232.497 60 00) using the following code: CODEX MEETING. The special rates for the meeting are only applicable for the dates from 25 – 30 April 2010). See Annex-1 for list of other hotels in İzmir.

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6. VISA

Turkey requires an official entry visa from citizens of several countries. See Annex-2 for more detailed information. The most updated information can be received from <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/sub.en.mfa?6edc6114-ba75-452d-a7ac-f6d691603318>

7. CUSTOMS

Customs formalities generally include forbidden or limited items being brought into the country, or items registered beforehand in the owner's passport. In general all types of sharp instruments and weapons are forbidden. Personal belongings can be brought in provided they will be taken out on exit. International regulations mean that there are certain procedures for the type and amount of these personal belongings, and the following list should clarify this in detail. For further information, see the website of Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry Undersecretariat of Customs or Ministry of Tourism of Turkey (www.gumruk.gov.tr or www.tourismturkey.org).

8. TRANSPORTATION

Most of the international flights come to İzmir with a connection from Istanbul. Guests are recommended to take a taxi or use the scheduled Havaş Service that departs everyday from the airport and city center (*Alsancak Büyük Efes Oteli - Swissotel*) every hour between 03:30 AM and 23:30 PM. The cost per person is 10.-TL one way for day time and 12,5.-TL after midnight. Adnan Menderes International Airport is approximately 18 kms from the Hilton Hotel and the designated meeting hotels. Taxis are a dependable means of public transportation available at all times, day and night. Taxis are yellow and have a 'Taksi' sign. Taxi charges are determined officially and have a taximeter that works when the customer gets into the car. Taxis have two charge tariffs, for day and night times. Night tariffs start at midnight and end at 06.00 a.m. and are more expensive than day time tariffs.

9. LANGUAGE

Turkish is the official language but English and German are widely spoken in cities and resorts.

10. TIME

Turkish summertime is GMT + 3 from April to October.

11. CLIMATE IN İZMİR

İzmir has a mild climate with an average temperature of 11.4 at night time and 20.9 at day time during April. İzmir is generally rainy in April.

12. CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE

The Turkish Lira is available in notes and coins. There are many banks and exchange bureaus and Traveler's checks can be cashed at most banks. Hotels and many shops and restaurants accept foreign currency.

ATM's can be found everywhere. Most ATM's accept international credit cards or bankcards. Banks will exchange foreign currency and traveler's cheque with your passport as a proof of identity. All major credit cards are accepted by the hotels, restaurants and shops. Restaurant and shops generally display signs indicating which cards are accepted. Offices and banks are open generally from 09.00 to 17.00 hours, from Mondays to Fridays, and close for lunch 12.00 to 13.30.

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13. INTERNET SERVICE

Delegates can receive and send e-mails via internet at the internet corner located in the foyer of the conference room.

There is no wireless internet facility in the conference room. Those delegates who wish to have wireless internet access should contact the Hilton Hotel Reception Desk to purchase a daily internet access.(18 TL for 1 hour, 29 TL for 24 hours)

14. COMMUNICATIONS

Turkey's GSM operators have a wide range of roaming agreements with foreign operators. It is possible to use most of the cellular phones in Turkey. Public telephones have two different systems. Some of them work with cards while others work with tokens. They are both sold in post offices and tobacco shops. For international calls it is advisable to purchase cards. All over Turkey, phone numbers consists of two sections: area code with three digits and the number itself with 7 digits.

15. ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

220 volt, 50 Hz. Most hotels have a receptacle with 110 volts. Socket type is standard European two-pin.

16. TOURIST INFORMATION

For tourist information we refer you to the following websites: www.cccf.kkgm.gov.tr
More information will be included in the conference bags which will be distributed at the start of the meeting.

17. QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the hotel or transportation, please call the Turkey Codex Contact Point at telephone number (+90)312 417 41 76 ext 6210 or e-mail at:

cccf2010izmir@kkgm.gov.tr

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ANNEX-1-List of the Hotels

	Cate gorie s	Hotel	Address	Telepho ne	Fax number	Web page	Room	Bed	Distance from the meeting venue	Single room rate	Double room rate	Note
1	**** *	Hilton Hotel	Gazi Osman Paşa Bulvarı No:7 Çankaya	+90232 4976060	+90232 4976000	www.hilton.com	381	771	meeting venue	110 euro	130 euro	Until 15 March 2010
										140 euro	160 euro	After 15 March 2010
2	**** *	Mövenpick Hotel	Cumhuriyet Bulvarı No:138 Pasaport	+90232 4881414	+90232 4848070	www.moevenpick- izmir.com	185	370	10 min. by walking	100 euro	115 euro	
3	****	Anemon Hotel	Mürsel Paşa Bulvarı 1259.Sokak No:40	+90232 4463656	+90232 4463655	www.anemonhotels.c om	101	202	15 min. by walking	60 euro	70 euro	
4	****	Anemon Fuar Hotel	1362.Sokak No:57 Konak	+90232 4460646	+90232 4463242	www.anemonhotels.c om	117	242	5 min. by walking	80 euro	90 euro	
5	****	Best Western Konak	Mithat Paşa Caddesi No:128 Konak	+90232 4891500	+90232 4891709	www.hotelkonakizmi r.com	80	159	20 min. by walking	69 euro	87 euro	
6	****	Blanca Hotel	Mürsel Paşa Bulvarı 1397.Sokak No:2 Kahramanlar	+90232 4418414	+90232 4418678	www.blancahotel.co m	75	156	15-20 min. by walking	42 euro	54 euro	Every morni ng,shu ttle to Hilton Hotel
7	****	Ege Palas Hotel	Cumhuriyet Bulvarı No:210 Alsancak	+90232 4639090	+90232 4638100	www.egepalas.com.tr	35	70	15 min. by walking	70 euro	90 euro	
8	****	İsmira Hotel	Gazi Osman Paşa Bulvarı No:28 Alsancak	+90232 4456060	+90232 4456071	www.hotelismira.co m	50	100	1 min. by walking	45 euro	60 euro	
9	****	Kaya Prestige Hotel	Şair Eşref Bulvarı 1371.Sokak No:7 Çankaya	+90232 4830323	+90232 4892299	www.kayaprestige.cp m.tr	142	284	5 min. by walking	63 euro	83 euro	
10	****	Karaca	Necatibey Bulvarı	+90232	+90232	www.otelkaraca.com	72	144	5 min. by	63	83	

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		Hotel	1379.Sokak No:55 Alsancak	4891940	4831498	.tr			walking	euro	euro	
11	****	Marla Hotel	Kazım Dirik Caddesi No:7 Pasaport	+90232 4414000	+90232 4411150	www.otelmarla.com	68	138	5 min. by walking	50 euro	60 euro	
12	****	Kordon Hotel	Akdeniz Caddesi No:2 Pasaport	+90232 4250445	+90232 4250208	www.kordonotel.co m.tr	40	80	15 min. by walking	75 euro	95 euro	
13	****	Palm City Hotel	Mürselpaşa Bulvarı No:149 Kahramanlar	+90232 4458080	+90232 4254848	www.palmcityhotel.c om	55	103	10 min. by walking	60 euro	70 euro	
14	Bout ique Hote l	My Hotel	Cumhuriyet Bulvarı no: 132 Alsancak	+90232 4453837	+90232 4455241	www.myhotel.com.tr	30	60	5 min. by walking	140 TL	170 TL	
15	***	Anba Hotel	Cumhuriyet Bulvarı No:124 Alsancak	+90232 4844380	+90232 4844383	www.hotelanba.com	53	98	5 min. by walking	90 TL	120 TL	
16	***	Kilim Hotel	Atatürk Bulvarı Kazım Dirik Caddesi No:1 Çankaya	+90232 4845340	+90232 4895070	www.kilimhotel.com .tr	70	140	5 min.by walking	120 TL	160 TL	
17	***	Hotel Antikhan	Anafartalar Caddesi No:600 Çankaya	+90232 4892750	+90232 4835925	www.otelantikhan.co m	30	60	10 min. by walking	35 euro	55 euro	
18	Bout ique hotel	İzmir Comfort Hotel	Mürsel Paşa Bulvarı No:159 Kahramanlar	+90232 4252600	+90232 4252200	www.izmircomfortho tel.com	20	40	15-20 min.by walking	55 euro	70 euro	

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ANNEX-2-Visa Information (Provisional)

Make your visa application in person and one month before you proceed to Turkey to avoid any inconvenience.

Afghanistan: Diplomatic passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days. Ordinary, Special and Service passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.

Albania: Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain two-month multiple entry visas at the Turkish border gates. Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Algeria: Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Andorra: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Angola: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.

Antigua-Barbuda: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Ordinary passport holders can obtain three month-multiple entry visas at the Turkish borders gates.

Argentina: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Armenia: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Ordinary passport holders can obtain one-month multiple entry visas at the Turkish border gates.

Australia: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Ordinary passport holders can obtain three month-multiple entry visas at the Turkish border gates.

Austria: Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain three month-multiple entry visas at the Turkish border gates. Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Azerbaijan: Ordinary passport holders are exempt from visa requirement for their travels to Turkey up to 30 days. Official passport holders are exempt from visa requirement for their travels up to 90 days.

Bahamas: Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain three month multiple entry visas at the Turkish borders gates. Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Bahrain: Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days. Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey and they can obtain their sticker type visas at the Turkish border gates upon their arrival.

Bangladesh: Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Barbados: Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain three month multiple entry visas at the Turkish borders gates.

Belarus: Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain two-month multiple entry visas at the Turkish border gates. Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Belgium: Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain three-month multiple entry visas at the Turkish border gates. Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Belize: Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Benin: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.

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- Bhutan:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Bolivia:** Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.
- Bosnia-Herzegovina:** Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 60 days.
- Botswana:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Brazil:** Official and ordinary passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.
- Brunei:** Official and Ordinary passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels up to 90 days within 180 days starting from the first entry date.
- Bulgaria:** Diplomatic and service passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 30 days. Ordinary passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days within 6 months starting from the first entry date.
- Burkina Faso:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Burundi:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Cambodia:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Cameroon:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Canada:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Ordinary passport holders can obtain three-month multiple entry visas at the Turkish border gates.
- Cape Verde:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Central African Republic:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Chad:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Chile:** Ordinary and official passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels up to 90 days.
- China:** Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels up to 30 days.
- Colombia:** Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days in each six-month period.
- Comoros:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Congo:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Costa Rica:** Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 30 days.
- Croatia:** Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days within 6 months starting from the first entry date.
- Cuba:** Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.
- Czech Republic:** Official and ordinary passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.
- Cote d'Ivoire:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Denmark:** Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.
- Djibouti:** Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days within 6 months starting from the first entry date. Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Dominica:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Ordinary passport holders can obtain three month-multiple entry visas at the Turkish borders gates.
- Dominican Republic:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Ordinary passport holders can obtain three month-multiple entry visas at the Turkish borders gates.
- East Timor:** Official and ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.

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Ecuador: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Egypt: Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

El Salvador: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Equatorial Guinea: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.

Eritrea: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.

Estonia: Only diplomatic passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days within 6 months starting from the first entry date.

Ordinary passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days within 6 months starting from the first entry date.

Ethiopia: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.

Fiji: Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Finland: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

France: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Gabon: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.

Gambia: Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Georgia: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Germany: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Ghana: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.

Greece: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Grenada: Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain three month multiple entry visas at the Turkish borders gates. Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Guatemala: Official and ordinary passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Guinea: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.

Guinea-Bissau: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.

Guyana: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.

Greek Cypriot Administration: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Ordinary passport holders can obtain one-month single entry visas at the Turkish border gates.

Haiti: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Ordinary passport holders can obtain three month-multiple entry visas at the Turkish borders gates.

Honduras: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days. Ordinary passport holders can obtain one month multiple entry visas at the Turkish borders gates.

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC: Ordinary and official "Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC (SAR) Passport" holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days. Hong Kong citizens who have "British National Overseas Passport" are subject to visa and they can obtain three month-multiple entry visas at the Turkish border gates. Holders of "Certificate of Identity-Hong Kong (C.I.)" and "Document of Identity for Visa Purposes-Hong Kong(D.I.)" must get their visas from the Turkish representations abroad.

Hungary: Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain one-month multiple entry visas at the Turkish border gates. Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 30 days.

Iceland: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

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- India:** Diplomatic passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days. Ordinary, Special and Service passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Indonesia:** Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 60 days.
- Iran:** Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.
- Iraq:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
-Official passport holders are obliged to get their visas from the Turkish diplomatic representations abroad.
- Ordinary passport holders, travelling to Turkey with the flights from Bagdad, Erbil, Suleymania or Amman Airports to Istanbul Atatürk Airport or Antalya Airport, could get their visas at the Turkish border gates upon their arrival, provided that they met certain conditions. For details please contact the nearest Turkish representation.
- Ireland:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Ordinary passport holders can obtain three-month multiple entry visas at the Turkish border gates.
- Israel:** Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.
- Italy:** Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.
- Jamaica:** Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain three month multiple entry visas at the Turkish borders gates. Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.
- Japan:** Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.
- Jordan:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. They can obtain one-month entry visas at the Turkish border gates.
- Kazakhstan:** Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 30 days.
- Kenya:** Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Official passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels up to 90 days.
- Kiribati:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Kosovo:** Official and Ordinary passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days within 6 months starting from the first entry date (is valid from 06 June 2009).
- Kuwait:** Official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days. Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey and they can obtain their sticker type visas at the Turkish border gates upon their arrival.
- Kyrgyzstan:** Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 30 days.
- Laos:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Latvia:** Ordinary passport holders are exempt from visa requirement for their travels up to 30 (thirty) days. Diplomatic and service passport holders are exempt from visa requirement for their travels up to 90 (ninety) days.
- Lebanon:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Lesotho:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Liberia:** Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.
- Libya:** Ordinary and official passport holders are exempted from visa for their travel up to 90 days within 6 months starting from the first entry date.
- Liechtenstein:** Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.
- Lithuania:** Official and Ordinary passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels up to 90 days within 180 days starting from the first entry date.
- Luxemburg:** Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels up to 90 days.