



Practical Information for Mobile Students

Istanbul Life

Climate

The climate of Istanbul falls into the category of 'temperate', which means that the seasons rather merge into each other, and temperature changes are quite subtle. Summer weather in Istanbul is both hot and rather humid, while the winters are considerably cooler and rather wet at times.

Language

The official language in Turkey is Turkish, which is spoken by the vast majority of the inhabitants. English is understood and spoken at a fair level by almost everyone in Turkey.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The ISTANBUL CARD is commonly used on the following modes of transportation within the Metropolitan Municipality of Istanbul: Sea buses, marine city lines, all the İETT buses, private/public buses the Tünel and the tramcars. You can have discounted public transportation cards. Please check the site of İETT at **www.iETT.gov.tr**

Your buddies will also help you to obtain one.

Bus

Public buses in Turkey operate much the same way as they do in other countries. Each bus displays its route and bus number, as well as indicates its origin and destination locations.

Dolmuş

Dolmuş is a communal taxi. There will be a placard in the window showing its origin and destination. Keep in mind; you have to pay cash for Dolmuş. (The most known Dolmuş are Taksim and Kadıköy)

Taxi

Licensed taxis are bright yellow, with a roof-mounted taksi sign. They're all metered, and relatively cheap by European standards. During the day and night, the clock should start with 3.20 TL.

Local Ferry

The most frequented ferry terminals on the European side of Istanbul are near Eminönü and Karaköy on both sides of the Galata Bridge. From here the ferries set sail for the Asian side of the city, where Üsküdar and Kadıköy are the main stops.

<http://www.ido.com.tr/>

Metro & Tram

New fares for the lines M1 (Aksaray-Ataturk Airport), M2 (Sishane-Haciosman), T1 (Bagcilar-Kabatas), T3 (Kadikoy-Moda), T4 (Topkapi-Habibler), F1 (Taksim –Kabatas), and Macka-Taskisla and Eyup-Pierre Loti Aerial Cable Car.

So, If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us!

See you in İstanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University!

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