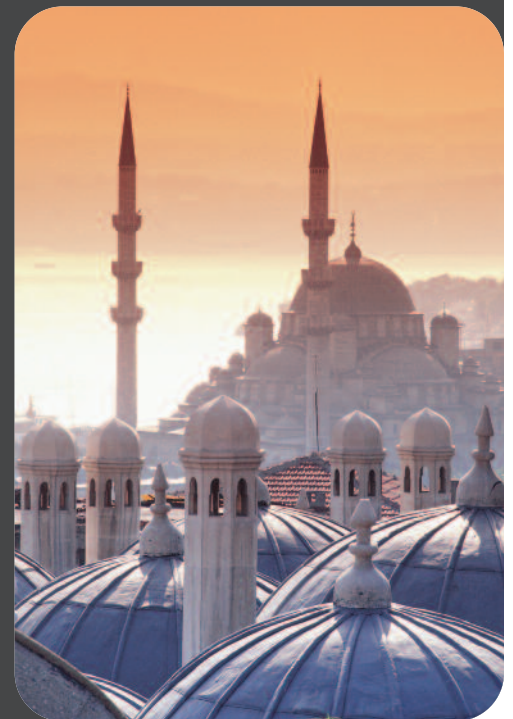


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2012 Handbook



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Getting Ready to Go

Istanbul has been known by a number of names in the past. Byzantine is its first known name. When the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great made the city the new eastern capital of the Roman Empire, he called it Nova Roma (New Rome). Constantinople (City of Constantine) however became the more popular name by which it was called. The city has also been nicknamed 'The City on Seven Hills' because its historic peninsula was built on seven hills, Vasilevousa Polis (The Queen of Cities) which rose from its importance and wealth through the Middle Ages and Dersaadet (The Door to Happiness). All this goes to indicate the glorious past this city enjoyed.

When the Republic of Turkey was founded in 1923 by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the capital was moved from Istanbul to Ankara. In the 1950s however, Istanbul underwent great structural change and modern boulevards, avenues and public squares were built. In the 1970s, the population in the city shot up dramatically as people from Anatolia migrated to Istanbul to find employment in the many new factories.

THE CAMPUS

Go to www.boun.edu.tr/about/index.html for a campus map and virtual tour of the campus. Boğaziçi is an enclosed campus with a security guard at the entrance.

The main campus (where your classes are held) is a 15-minute walk from the Superdorm. There are dining facilities there as well as a cafeteria at the near campus (the library is also located on the near campus). The central library collections can be found in the Abdullah Kuran Laibrary and is

Self-Assessment

Think strategically about setting your goals for your semester in Turkey.

- Why is this particular program of interest to you?
- List and evaluate your personal and academic interests. What do you enjoy doing in your spare time? Why did you choose your major? What courses have you enjoyed taking?
- How does the program relate to your course of study in college, career plans, and other interests?
- How and what can you contribute to make your semester in Turkey a success?

located on the North Campus. The Bogaziçi University ID Card can also be used as library card and one has access to all library services. There is a health clinic (with an English-speaking doctor) located on one of the campuses as well as an exercise facility and track where you could run. There are also lots of restaurants on the main strip between Superdorm and the main campus as well as grocery stores within walking distance. The neighborhood where Boğaziçi is located (an affluent area) is about 40 minutes by bus from places in Istanbul where you would be likely to go out/hang out. The metro in Istanbul does not go to a lot of places.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- Bogaziçi University Office of International Relations
www.intl.boun.edu.tr
- Students Abroad Website
www.studentsabroad.state.gov

This website created by the Department of State offers valuable information for students studying or traveling abroad. The website is an excellent resource to refer to before and during your semester abroad. In addition to practical information such as instructions on obtaining a passport and American Embassy contact information, the website also provides health tips and links for information regarding immunizations and health precautions to take abroad. Visit the Smart Travel section for insights for GLBT travelers, women, and travelers with disabilities as well as information pertaining to local laws and packing for international travel. The website provides two checklists in its To Go section: a "Prep-list" and a "Pack-list" to help you keep you on track as you prepare for your experience overseas.

- Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs
www.mfa.gov.tr/
- Lonely Planet: Turkey
www.lonelyplanet.com/turkey
- Embassy of Turkey: Washington, DC
www.turkishembassy.org
- Turkish Consulate: New York
www.egitimataseliginy.org/sayfalar/english.htm
- United States Embassy: Ankara
<http://turkey.usembassy.gov/embassy.html>
- Consulate General of the United States: Istanbul
<http://istanbul.usconsulate.gov/>
- How to Call Abroad
www.howtocallabroad.com

- Blog of Student Who Worked in the International Office
www.boun101.blogspot.com

Academics

ACADEMIC CONDUCT CODE

All students participating are expected to maintain high standards of academic honesty and integrity. It is the responsibility of every student to be aware of the Academic Conduct Code's contents and to abide by its provisions. The Academic Conduct Code can be found at: www.bu.edu/cas/students/undergrad-resources/code.

ATTENDANCE

You are expected to attend each class session and any course-related event. There is no cut allowance, and attendance and class participation will influence your grade for the course. In cases of chronic absenteeism, you will be required to account for your absence by personal explanation to the course instructor.

If you have been absent excessively from a course, you may be required to withdraw from that course without credit. If you expect to be absent from a class, you must notify your instructor in advance, preferably in writing.

If you are absent from class for more than two days for medical reasons, please seek medical attention. Students are encouraged to travel on the weekends .

TARDINESS

All students must make every effort to be on time for all scheduled meetings and class sessions and should notify the appropriate persons by phone or written message of extenuating circumstances that result in tardiness. If you should arrive late to class, please minimize the effects of your arrival; it will be disruptive, and some instructors will not tolerate it until break time.

COURSEWORK

You are expected to turn in all course assignments on time; turning in assignments late will have a negative effect on your grades. All academic commitments must be completed before you leave Turkey; no incompletes are permitted. Students who do not complete a course on time will be given an "F." In addition, students are not permitted to audit courses or to take courses on a pass/fail basis.

DEAN'S LIST

Students studying abroad should be aware that differences in the academic calendar at Boston University and at your international program site may mean that grades from your semester abroad are reported after the computations for the Dean's List have been made. As the semester abroad may end later than the semester on the home campus, grades for some programs may not arrive in time to be counted towards the Dean's List. In this case, students are advised to notify the office of Student Records or the Dean of Students' office in order to request that grades earned on a BU international program be counted towards the Dean's List. It is the student's responsibility to bring this to the attention of the student records office.

REGISTRATION FOR YOUR SEMESTER ABROAD

Once BUIP receives your completed online forms, you will be registered for a 16-credit program registration course which is given a 999 course number. Course registration for the program, as reflected on the BU student record, will be updated after the Study Abroad office receives the official grade report or transcript from the host institution.

Final selection and registration of courses takes place upon arrival on site in Turkey. You are expected to register for five or six courses for a total number of credits not to exceed 20. All courses at Bogaziçi are three credits.

If you are arranging ahead of time to get approval for your courses, you are encouraged to get approval for more courses than you actually intend to take so you have some flexibility when registering for classes. Only a department advisor or departmental director of undergraduate studies can determine course equivalencies for major or minor credit. To see the current courses being offered at Bogaziçi visit www.boun.edu.tr/index_eng.html.

REGISTRATION FOR YOUR RETURN SEMESTER

You will register for your return semester via WebReg as if on campus. Go to www.bu.edu/ip/leaving_returning/reg.htm for more information.

TRANSCRIPTS, GRADES, AND CREDIT TRANSFER

Work completed successfully at Bogaziçi is recorded on the host institution's official transcript. The host institution will send Boston University Study Abroad an official transcript or grade report. Please note that we often receive the transcript from the host institution well after completion of the semester, sometimes several months after the program has ended, depending on the grade reporting /record release policy of the host institution.

Once we have received the transcript, the course selections and grades will be recorded onto your BU student record and will automatically be calculated into your BU grade point average. If you plan to use the courses taken at the host institution to fulfill any major or minor degree requirements, you may need to complete a petition or other paperwork in order for the department to accept the substitutions. Please contact the relevant BU academic department directly for instructions on how to petition. Plan to save all coursework in the event that you are unable to obtain a syllabus for each course.

What to Bring

PROGRAM HANDBOOK

Bring this book and your Student Handbook with you to Turkey. It contains information you will find helpful during the semester.

DOCUMENTS

Passport and Visa

If you are traveling on a US passport, you are required to obtain an education visa for studies prior to departure. The visa is issued by the consulate within the jurisdiction for your home state. For Massachusetts residents, the New York consulate has jurisdiction.

Education Visa Application

www.e-konsolosluk.net/FormBank/FB_RenderForm.aspx?FORM=44

(Note: You must have a valid passport to apply for the education visa and that the consulate will need to physically have your passport to issue the visa. In addition to your passport, the education visa application form, passport photo, official acceptance letter from your Turkish school and the visa processing fee need to be submitted. Please check with the consulate, as you may also need to supply a pre-paid self-address return envelope.)

If you are traveling on a non-US passport, please contact the Turkish Embassy to find out if you are required to obtain a visa and the proper procedures.

You will be required to apply for a residence permit within 30 days of arrival into Turkey. For more information, visit: <http://yabancilar.iem.gov.tr/ikametingilizce.html#ogrenimamaci>

Bogaziçi students will need five passport sized photos, an application and a number provided by the International Relations Offices (including instructions) upon arrival.

Consulate General of the United States-Istanbul, Turkey

Kaplicalar Mevkii Sokak No. 2
Istinye, Istanbul

Phone: 0212-335-9200

E-mail: asc_istanbul@state.gov

<http://istanbul.usconsulate.gov>

<http://istanbul.usconsulate.gov/registration.html>

Monday-Thursday from 8:00-11:30 and 13:30 to 15:00

State Department Registration

We recommend that all students register with the US State Department through the *Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)* for their time abroad. With this registration you will receive safety and security updates regarding your host country, as well as better assistance in case of a lost passport or other emergency:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/registration/registration_4789.html

Student Identification

Bring your home college or university student I.D. card as it is always helpful to have an extra form of photo identification. If you plan on traveling outside of Turkey, it is helpful to have an International Student Identity Card (ISIC), available from STA Travel. (www.statravel.com)

CALLING CARD AND CELL PHONES

Using a calling card is a convenient and generally inexpensive way to call the US. Contact your long distance carrier (e.g. AT&T, Sprint, MCI) to obtain an international calling card for your calls back home to the States. Most of the long-distance companies offer cards and special calling plans for international calls. You may also purchase an international calling card in Turkey. (Make sure it can be used to call the US.) Many students now use Skype or similar services to make free/cheap international calls.

As for cell phones, we recommend you do NOT bring your US carrier based phone. It is better to purchase a "pay as you go" phone once in Turkey. Be advised the phone will not work outside of Turkey but question if you can purchase SIM cards from additional countries to work with the Turkish cell phone.

Recommend Items and Clothing

- A few sweaters
- A fleece
- A jacket or coat
- lightweight, wash-and-wear clothing
- Two or three pairs of long pants
- One or two nice outfits for more formal occasions
- Modest clothing for holy sites
- Rain gear
- A pair of sturdy walking shoes (the kind with thick rubber soles)
- Towels, including a bath towel
- Sheets (you can buy in Turkey but if you want something to sleep on the first night you are advised to bring your own)

Miscellaneous

- A small sewing kit
- Swiss Army knife (don't pack in your carry-on)
- Extra locks for your luggage
- A bathing suit (there will be ample opportunity for swimming during the spring, summer, and fall)
- Travel backpack
- School supplies (notebooks, etc.)—tend to be more expensive in Turkey
- laptop and flash drive (you can print at local copy shops).
- A travel guide to Turkey (the Lonely Planet and let's Go guides are generally reliable)

COMPUTERS AND E-MAIL

You will have free access to internet in your room at the Superdorm, through the University's web. Computer labs will also be available for use on both the North and South Campuses. It is recommended to bring an ethernet cable.

TEXTBOOKS

All textbooks will be purchased in Turkey. It is common in Turkey for a professor to assign readings from several textbooks and expect students to copy the material from a copy shop.

CLOTHING

The most important thing to remember when packing clothes is that whatever you pack will probably be more than you will need. Since we hope you will bring as little as possible, you will do best to bring more dark colors than lights ones and to bring clothes that layer well. Dark clothing does not show wear as easily as light clothing does and therefore may require less washing. The one thing many travelers to Turkey fail to realize is how chilly and rainy Turkey can be during the winter and that even summer evenings can be cool enough to warrant a sweater. In addition, most Turkish dormitories are not centrally heated. The majority of Turks are Muslims, but Turkish society is modern and predominately secular, so European dress styles prevail, i.e., dress the same as you would if you were visiting France, Germany, Italy or the UK.

Remember that whatever you pack, you will have to carry yourself, so pack lightly! You will need clothes suitable for both the hot climate and for visiting religious sites. Most religious sites are not open to anyone dressed "immodestly."

Men and women must cover their legs, shoulders, necklines, and arms down to the elbow. In mosques and most other Muslim holy sites, all heads must be covered.

CLIMATE

The temperature in the Istanbul area is **generally** in the 50s during the winter; in the spring and summer, the temperature stays around 80°. The coolest times of the day are the mornings and evenings.

LINENS

You should bring your own pillow, bed linens and towel(s). You may purchase them in Turkey if you want to conserve space in your checked luggage, but this may mean not having any linens your first night in the dorm.

APPLIANCES

We do not recommend that you bring any electrical appliances, but if you must, be sure to bring an adapter to convert the voltage from 110 volts to 220 volts. It is best to buy the adapter in the US. Items which work on a motor will operate more slowly because the current in Turkey is 50 Hz (cycles control speed) as opposed to 60 Hz, the US standard. The best way to avoid any problem is to make sure your appliances are dual voltage (110/220) and dual cycle (60/50). Avoid sending electronic items through the mail because such items will be automatically charged a very high customs tax.

Alarm Clock

Be sure to bring a small, non-electric alarm clock. You can also use your Turkish cell phone as an alarm clock, but you may not have one for the first few days.

PRESCRIPTIONS AND DRUG STORE ITEMS

You should bring copies of prescriptions for any medications you may need and for glasses or contact lenses if you wear them. Since prescription medications tend to be expensive abroad and because it can sometimes be difficult to get the appropriate equivalent medication, we recommend that you bring an adequate supply of whatever medications you may use during the semester. In some cases, your insurance may require a copy of your travel itinerary to cover a full semester's supply. Any medications you do bring should be in the original, properly labeled bottles. You should also bring an extra pair of glasses (or contact lenses) if you wear them. We suggest you bring your preferred over-the-counter drugs (Tylenol, Sinutab, etc.) in case you get a cold. There is nothing worse than trying to find the "right" cold medicine in a foreign country when you do not feel well. Other items you may want to consider bringing include: deodorant, contact lens solution (saline solution is very expensive abroad), sunscreen, and Tylenol, if you prefer it to aspirin.

Money Matters

As an exchange student at Bogaziçi University, you will be paying Boston University tuition thus creating a space for an incoming student from your host university. Because you will be registered at Boston University while participating in the program, you will receive in-residence credit and are entitled to use any Boston University awarded financial aid to offset the costs of the program. You will not pay academic fees to the host university unless you choose to participate in special programs such as tours or site visits.

PROGRAM FEES

Students will pay Boston University tuition for the semester that they are abroad. Participants pay separately for housing, board, airfare and other incidentals. Emergency travel assistance coverage is provided for the students.

For more information about the program fee and personal budgeting guidelines, visit: www.bu.edu/abroad/aid/finances/html

HOUSING/FINANCIAL AID AWARDS

Please note that you will need to pay for the Superdorm housing approximately one month before the start of the

program. If you are dependent upon financial assistance to pay for housing, please note that financial aid disbursements are not made until the first day of the Boston University semester. You will need to make plans accordingly.

CURRENCY

Turkish currency is based on the lira (TRY). As of August 2011, \$1 USD is equal to 1.68 TRY. Coins are issued in denominations of 5, 10, 25, and 50 kurus and 1 lira. Notes are issued in denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, and 200 lira. Start familiarizing yourself now with the currency (both notes and coins) and the exchange rate. You can find more information on exchange rates from: www.xe.com.

BANKING

Given the ready availability of ATMs and acceptance of credit cards, you won't find it necessary to open a bank account in Turkey, which is difficult to do. Expect more limited banking hours than you may be accustomed to in the US.

The nearest banks for Bogaziçi students use are:

- Garanti Bankası, Full Branch: South Campus, on the ground floor of the Engineering Building.
- Akbank, Full Branch: North Campus, on the ground floor of the first building on the right, next to the Dunkin' Donuts stand.

TRANSFERRING FUNDS

ATMs

Instead of using travelers checks (as used to be the custom), many students now rely on a combination of an ATM card and credit card. Remember to bring both types of cards with you, as your ATM card will be useless if it becomes demagnetized, damaged, or lost. With your ATM card from home, you will be able to withdraw funds from your US checking account. Although there will probably be a fee for each transaction at another bank's ATM machine, you will be charged the bank's exchange rate in effect on that day, which is typically better than the one used for normal currency exchanges. US banks vary widely in the charges they attach to foreign ATM withdraws; shop around well before leaving and consider moving your account based on what you learn.

Note: Money deposited into your US bank account during the normal working day is typically updated on the US bank's computer at midnight that day, which means you cannot withdraw money until the Turkish bank's computers have similarly updated their records at midnight the following night—in other words, there will generally be a delay of two business days before you can access those funds. Details for using ATM cards abroad vary from bank to

bank. For some banks, you will need to inform them that you plan to use your ATM card abroad so that bank officials can allow overseas card transactions. Be persistent in finding out information on service fees and restrictions. If your ATM Personal Identification Number (PIN) is not four digits long, change it to four digits before you leave the US. Many machines cannot accept a longer PIN and some do not have letters on their keyboard.

Credit Cards

Credit cards are a very good emergency money source and some students use them for the whole semester, taking cash advances. Please be aware that many credit card companies assess a fee each time the card is used abroad. The fee may be hidden on the credit card statement. Check with your credit card company for information on restrictions and guidelines. Holders of these cards can get cash on the spot from participating banks. Students have found that Visa and MasterCard are more useful than American Express or the Discover Card. Be sure to contact your credit card company to inform them of the dates and additional countries you may visit while being abroad.

Travelers' Checks

One safe way to get your money to your destination is by carrying travelers' checks. Once you reach your destination you can deposit them all in a local bank or keep them in a safe place with your belongings. Keep in mind that even if you are able to purchase travelers' checks without a fee (for example, through AAA), there is likely to be a charge for each transaction when you cash them. Students should leave a list of all travelers' check numbers at home and keep a record of those they spend in case any are lost or stolen. Make sure that you bring your travelers' checks in large denominations (eg. \$100) as each transaction carries a high exchange fee. If you plan on traveling, it is a good idea to have your travel money in small denominations (\$20) so you can cash small amounts if you need money just before leaving a country.

CASH FOR ARRIVAL

You should plan to exchange \$100 into Turkish lira before you leave so that you will have money to use when you first arrive in Turkey. Small denominations are best. You may also want to carry some US currency.

You should carry your cash and other valuables (passport, visa, airline ticket) in a money belt that you can wear around your waist, concealed under your clothing.

Arrival

ORIENTATION

Additional information about orientation will be included in your acceptance packet to Bogaziçi. The orientation session is held for all new international students typically at the beginning of the semester. The session is valuable as it provides an introduction to the host university—its faculty, students and facilities.

HOUSING

The Superdorm is located in a residential area adjacent to the campus, approximately a 15 minute walk from South Campus. All of the rooms are singles, grouped together in suites of varying sizes. The building has a capacity of 130 suites and a total of 486 rooms available for students' use. The dorm has internet access as well as a cafeteria. In addition, it provides a number of special services, including hot, water, central heating, and daily cleaning. Heavy fixtures in the suites consist of sofas, a coffee table, a dining table and chairs, a TV table, built-in wardrobe, refrigerator and the kitchen fan. The individual bedrooms are furnished with a twin-bed, a table, an office chair and built-in shelves and cupboards. Each room is wired for telephones. Superdorm provides nearly 50 channels, national and international cable TV, included in the room cost. All dorms at Bogaziçi have strict rules about student behaviors and failure to comply can result in a students being expelled from Superdorm. For more information about Superdorm, including application and regulations, please visit: www.superdorm.info

PERSONAL PROPERTY INSURANCE

Each student is encouraged to review his or her family's personal property insurance coverage. Boston University or any of its officers, agents, or representatives shall not be liable directly or indirectly for loss and/or damage to personal property by fire, theft, or other cause.

Life in Turkey

FOOD AND DINING

Both, the cafeteria on the North Campus and South Campus offer main meals between noon and 2pm. Another alternative to cooking yourself (as your kitchen facilities are limited) is going out to one of the many restaurants and snack bars that offer a wide range of Turkish cuisine.

SHOPS

A local open bazaar takes place on Saturdays which is also close to the Superdorm neighborhood.

Istanbul is a shopping paradise where old, kitsch and modern shops exist happily beside each other. From much sought-after international names to hand crafted goods, you'll find it all in Istanbul... if you know where to look. Though there are a number of boutiques, a wander through the bazaar is an absolute must for the best deals.

The commercial areas in Istanbul are:

- Grand bazaar: With over 4000 shops, you can find everything from rugs to spices, hookahs to antiques.
- Beyoglu: An up-market area that's home to a number of boutiques and modern stores.
- Nisantasi: Another modern part of the city with a number of shopping complexes.

Istanbul is also home to many super & supermarkets to get your everyday household and food preparation necessities. A few to name are Carrefour, Makro, Metro and Gima. Opening hours for most shops are daily 9:30 - 19:00 in tourist areas. Closing hours vary with some shops staying until midnight. Outside tourist areas shops may close at lunchtime and on Sundays. Istanbul covered market: Mon-Sat 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. (closed on Sundays).

GOVERNMENT AND OTHER OFFICES

Government and other offices are generally open 8:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 13:30-17:30 (Closed Saturday and Sundays).

ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Museums, Institutes, and Galleries

Istanbul is also home to a number of museums. Chief among them are the Archeological Museum, the Ataturk Museum, Asiyan Museum and Calligraphy Museum just to name a few. For a comprehensive guide to the museums, visit: www.allaboutturkey.com/ist_muze.htm

Movies

Movies are an extremely popular form of entertainment. Click the link for an update on theatres and what they're playing: www.istanbulcityguide.com/sinema/default.aspx

Night Clubs

Istanbul is world famous for its non-stop nightlife, and has something to offer everyone. For a comprehensive guide, visit: www.i-gunler.com/en/istanbul_night.php

MAIL/POST OFFICES

Turkish post offices are recognizable by their yellow PTT signs.

Post office hours: Major outlets Monday-Saturday from 8:00-24:00 and Sun 9:00-19:00; Smaller post offices have the same opening hours as government offices, 8:30 - 12:30 and 13:30-17:30 (Closed Saturday and Sundays, open daily in tourist areas).

There is a post office on Bogaziçi's North Campus. You can send surface or airmail or packages up to a weight of 2 kgs. Mail is delivered regularly to the Superdorm and dropped in the "Lettered Boxes" in the Lobby across from the Reception Desk. You will receive your mail without delay if it is addressed as follows:

YOUR NAME

Bogaziçi Universitesi
Ucaksavar Kultur ve Spor Tesisleri, Superdorm
Cengiz Topel Caddesi
Etiler 34337, Istanbul/Turkiye

Under normal conditions, packages sent through the postal services or by special courier are delivered to the Superdorm in the same manner as mail. However, if the value declared for customs purposes exceeds €100—or if after customs inspection the goods contained are found to be of a higher value than €100,—you will have to make a trip to the customs post office/the courier's office (quite a distance from the Superdorm) and claim your package. You may also have to pay a small customs fee.

TRANSPORTATION: GETTING AROUND TURKEY

Metro

The metro system offers a quick and convenient way to commute around Istanbul. It covers all main areas of the city but is fairly limited. Two lines of Istanbul's Metro system are in operation. These connect commuters to all the most important transit points i.e. bus station and international airport.

On-Site Contacts

Your main contacts at Bogaziçi University are Ece Gunay and Jana Stolarikova from the Office of International Relations, and Gulercan Selamioglu, Superdorm Manager.

Trams

You'll find Istanbul's two tram lines useful even though they're very different from each other. Although the nostalgic 19th-century tram is more fun, the newer one is more useful, and can help you travel between the heart of the tourist district and the bus terminal and/or Ataturk Airport.

Bus

City bus routes are a convenient way to get to some places you'll want to visit. Tickets are cheap (less than US\$1). You can buy them before boarding at kiosks (often white fiberglass cubes) labeled "I.E.T.T" and/or "Bilet" (ticket), or use the Akbil prepaid system (similar to the Charlie card and is rechargeable). The bus system is the most wide-ranging public transportation system. You will receive information from the Office of International Relations about obtaining the Student Akbil upon arrival.

Funicular

Istanbul is also served by two underground funicular railways. The older line is known as the Tunnel and is the oldest underground metro line in Continental Europe. A second line was added in 2006 and connects Kabatas and Taksim.

Ferryboats

Ferryboats sail on 15 lines serving 27 seaports on the shores of Bosphorus and Sea of Marmara.

Seabus

Sleek, modern catamarans provide fast sea transport to daily commuters and tourists alike. Today there are 29 terminals with a fleet of 28 catamarans, including six fast car ferries. Time schedules for all public transportation can be found at each station.

Taxi

You'll spot a number of these bright yellow taxis weaving through Istanbul's traffic. They are easy to hail down and relatively reasonable—a quick option if there are no traffic jams.

Airports

Istanbul has two airports; the main one being Ataturk International Airport which is about 23 km (14 miles) west of the city center, reachable by Metro; and Sabiha Gokcen Airport on the east side of the Bosphorus.

Intercity Bus

Below is a list of recommended bus companies for your travels in Turkey.

Varan Tourism
www.varan.com.tr
212-551 50 00

Ulusoy Tourism
www.ulusoy.com.tr
444 1 888 Call Center

Pamukkale Tourism
www.pamukkaleturizm.com.tr
444 35 35 Call Center

TRAVELING OUTSIDE OF TURKEY

When independent travel takes you outside of Istanbul, you should always consult with www.travel.state.gov to find out if there are any specific issues you should be aware of at your destination.

Names and Numbers

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Phone: (from Turkey) 90-212-359-7421 or 7259 or 7494
Fax: 90-212-265-3248

E-mail: ece.gunay@boun.edu.tr, intloff@boun.edu.tr
Website: <http://inlt.boun.edu.tr/>

Other Useful Numbers

On Call International

(Emergency Travel Assistance)
Phone: 603-328-1956 (outside the US)
or 1-866-525-1956
Group number: 711110

US Consular Agent in Istanbul

Phone: 90-212-335-9000
American Citizen Services office is open Monday-Friday,
8:00-12:30 and 13:30-16:30.

US Embassy in Ankara

Consular Section
Phone: 90-312-455-5555
American Citizen Services office is open Monday-
Thursday, 14:00-16:30. Please remember the time differ-
ence. Turkey is six hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.



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