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# Survival Guide

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## 1. What should you send us as soon as you are accepted

- Your telephone number and your e-mail
- Arrival and departure date and time
- If you are vegetarian or allergic

## 2. Stuff to have before you come

- Before all the fun starts, there is a little paper work that needs to be done:
  - Visa: If you need one, don't forget to ask us to send your official invitation.
  - Passport: Please check if it's still valid.
  - Student ID card
  - Travel and health insurance
- What to bring with you
  - Medicines (if you need it)
  - Clothes for theme party (we will inform you later)
  - Anything you need for the International Evening (alcohol, something to eat, a flag, a traditional song)
  - Pocket money
  - Solar cream (+50 factor recommended because sun is really hot here ☺)
  - Sunglasses and sun hat if you are sensitive to sunlight
  - Your good mood and will to have fun and LEARN

### 3.Where are you coming?

#### 3.1.General information and facts about Turkey



## General Information

Conventional long form	Republic of Turkey
Capital	Ankara
Official Language	Turkish
Population	72.561.312
Currency	TL
Map References	Middle East
Total Area	783,562 km <sup>2</sup>
Comparative area	Slightly larger than texas
Neighbor countries	Armenia,Azerbaijan, Bulgaria,Georgia,Greece,Iran,Iraq and Syria
Coastline	7,200 km
Climate	Temperature;hot,dry summers with mild wet winters;harsher in
Natural Sources	Antimony,coat,chromium,mercury,copper,bor ate,sulfur,iron,ore



## Facts about TURKEY

- The world's oldest settlement discovered,catalhoyuk,is located in Central Anatolia and dates since year 6500 BC
- St.Nicolas-Santa Claus-was born in Patara located within Turkey's borders,and has a church named after him at Demre.
- Virgin Mary spent her last days in a place located near the ancient city Ephesus,in Selcuk.
- «Veni,Vidi,Vici»(I came, I saw, I conquered):these famous words of Julius Caesar were said after his great victory over the Kingdom of Pantus that was located in the Turkish Black Sea region.
- Homer was born in İzmir,Turkey's western coast,and in the Iliad he descried Troy that was situates in north to his birthplace.
- A part of the south-western coast of Turkey was given as a wedding gift to Cleopatra by Marcus Antohious.
- The famous Trojan Wars took place in Turkey's west side,now an imposing wooden statue of trojan horse marks the region in which it took place.
- Two of the seven wonders of the earth are located in Turkey;one of them is the Temple of Artemis,and the other is the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus.
- Anatolian Peninsula is the birthplace of many historical characters:Phrygian King Midas,the father of history Herodotus and St.Paul.
- The first man who successfully managed to fly wad Turkish.In the 17th Century Hezarfen Ahmet Celebi,with the help of two wimgs flew from the Galata Tower passed the strait and landed in Üsküdar.
- First known beauty contest was held in Anatolia the competitors were Aphrodite,Hera and Athena by the arbitration of Paris.
- The word «Turquoise» has its roots from the word «Türk»,the Mediterranean Sea at the south of Turkey with its fascinating color owes its discovery.

### 3.2. The City: DİDİM

- Didim, home of the antique city of Didyma with its ruined Temple of Apollo, is a small town, popular seaside holiday resort and district of Aydın Province on the Aegean coast of western Turkey, 123 km (76 mi) from the city of Aydın.
- Didim is located on the north shore of the gulf of Güllük opposite the Bodrum peninsula villages such as Torba, Türkbükü and Yalıkavak. The district consists of Didim itself, a coastal town of 26,000 people and a number of small towns including Altinkum (which means golden sand), Gümüşkum (silver sand) and Sarıkum (yellow sand).
- Tourism is the main source of income for the area, especially in summer, but agriculture is also an important contributor, the main crops are wheat and cotton. Animals, especially sheep and goats, are raised mainly for local consumption.
- The ruins of the Ionic Temple of Apollo with its columns pointing up into the sky and its legend of the romance between Apollo and Daphne is nearby. The original temple and home of an oracle was destroyed during the Persian Wars and the one we see today was rebuilt following the victory over the Persians of Alexander the Great.
- Miletos, the ruins of the ancient city including a well-preserved antique theatre, stadium, baths of Faustina, temple of Serapis and much more.
- Didyma was the largest and most significant sanctuary on the territory of the great classical city Miletus. To approach it, visitors would follow the Sacred Way to Didyma, about 17 km long. Along the way, were ritual waystations, and statues of members of the Branchidae family, male and female, as well as animal figures. Some of these statues, dating to the 6th century BC are now in the British Museum, taken by Charles Newton in the 19th century.

### 3.3.Turkish Currency and Some Prices

- ❖ Out local currency is “Turkish Lira”, TL. 1 Euro is approximately 3 TL
- ❖ If you need,you can change your money in banks and in exchange offices.
- ❖ Banks open from Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm with one hour of break during noon.On Saturday and Sunday banks are closed and they can exchange money at lower prices.
- ❖ You can also find exchange agencies in everywhere and most of them open 7 days/week from 8am to 7pm.
- ❖ By the way,the better choice will be to take EURO or US Dollars with you so eveywhere you can change them easily,sometimes at lower prices.You can also exchange money at the airport upon arrival at the PTT or bank window,located just before the exit of the airport,but it is useful to arrive with at least a small amount of lira in case the exchange window is closed at the time of arrival.
- ❖ Approximately, everywhere you can use your credit card; the most important credit cards are accepted: VISA, MasterCard and American Express.



❖ Here are some prices estimated in euro in order to give you some ideas about expenses in Turkey:

Product	TL	EURO
Water(0.5 liter)	0.75	0.25
Beer	6-36	2-12
Wine(a bottle)	12-24	4-8
MCDonalds Big Mac Menu	15	5
Bus and Metro Ticket	3	1
Postcard	1.5	0.5
Can of Coke	1.50-3	0.5-1
Lunch	6-15	2-5
Dürüm	7.5	2.5
Jeans	40-300	13-100
T-Shirt	10-55	3-20
A coffee	3	1
Cigarettes	7-10	2.5-3
Chocolate(a bar)	0.5-2	0.3-0.8
Hygienic Pads(packet with 10)	3-5	1.5-2.5
Condoms(10 packs)	15-20	5-7
Souvenir	3-70	1-25

### 3.4. Timezone: GMT+02:00



### 3.5. Weather Averages

	August	September
<b>Temperature</b>	28°C-82°F	26°C-78°F
<b>Low Temperature</b>	22°C-72°F	20°C-68°F
<b>High Temperature</b>	33°C-91°F	31°C-88°F
<b>Sunshine Hours</b>	10 hours	7hours
<b>Rainfall</b>	10 mm	10 mm
<b>Rainfall Days</b>	0 days	1 days
<b>Sea temperature</b>	0°C-32°F	0°C-32°F

### 3.6. Important Numbers

- ✓ In order to make national and international phone calls in Turkey,you should buy a «smart card».It is a card that includes at least 50 contours.With these ccards you can make phone calls anywhere you see a Turk Telekom Public Phone(They are in blue colours in streets and public buildings.Smart cards with 50 contours is 4 TL)
- ✓ International Phone Code:+90
- ✓ Ambulance:112
- ✓ Police:155
- ✓ Fire Fighters:110

✓ Embassies

- Albania: 0312 441 61 03
- Austria: 0312 419 04 31
- Belgium: 0312 446 82 47
- Bosnia Herzegovina: 0312 446 40 90
- Bulgaria: 0312 467 20 71
- Canada: 0 212 385 97 00
- Czech Republic: 0312 446 12 44
- Croatia: 0312 446 94 60
- Denmark: 0312 468 77 60
- Estonia: 0312 446 30 27
- France: 0312 455 45 45
- Finland: 0312 426 19 30
- Germany: 0312 426 54 65
- Greece: 0312 436 88 60
- Hungary: 0312 442 22 73
- Italy: 0312 426 54 60
- Latvia: 0216 302 50 42
- Lithuania: 0312 447 07 66
- Macedonia: 0312 446 92 04
- Moldova: 0312 446 55 27
- Netherlands: 0312 446 04 70
- Norway: 0312 405 8010
- Poland: 0312 46756 19
- Portugal: 0312 446 18 90
- Romania: 0312 466 37 06
- Russia: 0312 439 21 22 / 439 35 18
- Serbia: 0312 426 02 36 / 426 03 54
- Slovakia: 0312 467 50 75
- Slovenia: 0312 405 60 07-08
- Spain: 0312 438 03 92
- Sweden: 0312 468 02 54
- Ukraine: 0312 441 54 99



### 3.6. Useful Words & Expressions

Hi	Selam
Hello	Merhaba
Dude!	Kanka!
Welcome	Hoşgeldiniz
Good morning	Günaydın
Good evening	İyi akşamlar
Good night	İyi geceler
Yes	Evet
No	Hayır
My name is X	Benim adım X
How are you?	Nasılsın?
I'm fine	İyiyim
Please	Lütfen
Thank you	Teşekkürler
Cheers	Şerefe
I don't understand	Anlamıyorum
I love you.	Seni seviyorum
I'm gonna puke.	Kusacağım.
I'm drunk.	Sarhoşum.
I am lost.	Kayboldum.
Do you wanna dance with me?	Benimle dans eder misin?
Let's just stay friend	Arkadaş kalalım.
You're so beautiful	Çok güzelsin.

## 4. How to arrive in Didim?

### 4.1. By Plane:

There is no airport at the resort. The airports close by are in Bodrum, Izmir and Dalaman. The distances of airports are: Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport 150km, Bodrum Airport 95km. Dalaman Airport 300km.approximately  
The nearest airport to Didim, "Bodrum Airport" is about 95 km south east of Didim which means 60 minutes of journey by road. The second nearest airport to Didim, "Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport" – amongst the most qualified airports of Turkey with its capacity and facilities, is about 95 km away from Didim. Including Turkish National Airlines, many accredited international airlines have regular direct and connected flights from and to international Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport.

### 4.2.By Bus:

Didim has bus connections with all major cities and touristic resorts of the country. They generally offer the choice of a day or night trip and a free transfer from city center to the bus station. A very comfortable and relaxing way to discover the different landscapes of the country while heading for your next stop.

### 4.3.By ship:

Didim is accessible from the Greek island Samos via Kusadasi and Kos via Bodrum, The cruise ships usually sail from Venice or Piraeus, daily from April 1st till October 31st (two-hours' journey). The harbor of Kusadasi is one of the biggest port of Turkey, visited by well-known cruise companies.





## 5. General Information

### 5.1. Accommodation

- Accommodation will be in a hotel in Didim.

### 5.2. Fee

- Fee is 40 euros. But it changes according to your country category.
- Deposit paid to your own LBG isn't the fee.
- You will pay the fee here when you arrive in Turkey.
- Fee covers accommodation and 3 meals per day. However it does not cover other activities(Alcohol during parties etc). We will inform you about the extra fee (20-25 euros) for the parties like cantus or pub crawl during the course.

### 5.3. Date

- The event will occur between 25 August to 3 September.

### 5.4. Contact Info

- You can contact us regarding any questions that you have related to our 2014 summer course at this e-mail address.
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