

Gazi University

How to get to Ankara

BY PLANE

You can get to Ankara with THY (Turkish Airlines) and various airlines for reasonable prices. The airport is out of the city and if you do not want to pay a lot for a taxi there is a regular Havas bus. This bus will drop you at city centre for of the cost and costs very cheap.

You can find detailed information about the flights on these web sites.

<http://www.thy.com/en-INT/index.aspx>

<http://www.flypgs.com/EN/>

From the Airport: Services between airport and the city terminal will be scheduled according to the arrival times of domestic and international flights.

Passenger Dropping Spots:

The shuttles drop passengers at Çubuk intersection, Pursaklar, Hasköy, Aydınlıkevler, Keçiören Bridge and Etlik Intersection on the way to city centre.

Arrival time: Approximately 35 minutes.

Ticket fee: 10, 00 YTL (VAT incl.)

http://www.havas.com.tr/en/otobus_ankara.asp

BY TRAIN

Train Path between Turkey and European Countries is provided with Bosfor Express, which runs every day between Istanbul- Bucharest- Istanbul and another train which runs every day between Istanbul- Salonika- Istanbul. Istanbul-Sofia, Istanbul-Belgrade-, Istanbul-Budapest and also Istanbul- Kışinev path is provided through additional carriages to Bosfor Express.

BY COACH

Every regional transport has bus service to Ankara and the bus station, located about 5km. to the south west of the city centre, offers services to pretty much everywhere in Turkey.

BEFORE COMING TO TURKEY

Host Country Formalities

1. Enrolment Document

Gazi University will send an enrolment document to the international students who have filled in 'Application Form' completely. This enrolment document will be needed while completing the other documents.

2. Student Visa

- To become a student in any Turkish University, it is compulsory to get a visa.
- In order to get a student visa:

The student has to apply to the nearest Turkish Consulate in his/her own country with the following documents:

a) the copy of the enrolment documents which Gazi University has sent previously.

b) The visa application form which is given by the Turkish Consulate on the demand of the student.

An Important Note: Check if it is a student visa.

- The validity period is on the visa. However, the visa is valid during the enrolment period of the student at the university.

Living in Ankara

Ankara is the capital of Turkey and the country's second largest city after Istanbul. The city has a population (as of 2007) of 4,140,890 (Province 4,466,756). Centrally located in Anatolia, Ankara is an important commercial and industrial city. It is the centre of the Turkish Government and houses all foreign embassies.

Transportation

Mini bus: 1.50 YTL per passenger

Underground-Ankara: Student: 1.10 YTL, Adult: 1.50 YTL

Bus: Student: 1.10 YTL, Adult: 1.50 YTL

In case of any difficulties contact the student representatives.

Residence Permit

Students who will come to Turkey also have to take a residence permit. The students have to apply to Ankara Directorate of Security - Foreigners' Office in a month, and below is information about the Directorate:

Address: Ankara Eminent Müdürlüğü

Iskitler Ankara 06300

- Officials will be tolerant in case the time period is exceeded.
- Documents needed for residence permit
 - Enrolment Document
 - Passport (with a student visa)
- You can get residence permit in 2-3 days. The individual is responsible for the procedures.
- After getting residence permit, one copy is given to the Registrar's Office.

FOOD

Happily enough you can also find the full range of Turkish cuisine without having to look too hard. There are a growing number of cafes and brasseries serving international cuisine at slightly steeper prices than you'd expect and these are clustered in upmarket Cankaya and Gaziosmanpasa.

There are also fast food restaurants such as Burger King, McDonalds and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

SHOPPING CENTERS

There are a lot of shopping centres in Ankara where you can find everything what you want. (Atakule, Karum, Migros, Gima, Pratikler, Real etc.)

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

The climate in Ankara is snowy and cold in the winter and hot and dry in the summer. So it is recommended that you bring necessary clothes with you according to the climate.

Studying at Gazi University

General Information

Gazi University is one of the oldest and leading universities in Turkey. The University aims to keep up with contemporary scientific and technological developments and contribute to the development of national culture. Gazi University is one of the biggest universities in Turkey in terms of its effectiveness, physical capacity and the number of staff and students.

Today, the university has 14 faculties, 7 vocational colleges, 2 higher schools, 6 institutes and 40 research centres.

Registration at the University

At your arrival, for the registration you will have to bring to the International Relations Office the following documents:

- A letter from your Home University stating the period of the scholarship, duly signed and stamped by the coordinator of the Home University.
- Health insurance (travel or specific insurance) or any private insurance
- Copy of valid passport or identity card
- A photocopy of your student card of your university
- 2 photos

Accommodation

Please contact to International Relations Office or/and the Student Representative (see below under "Contacts") for accommodation before coming to Ankara.

In Gazi University's guest house: Our University has a student guest-house with a capacity of 240 students. And its price is app. 350 Euro (per month) (incl. Breakfast & dinner). Gazi University does not have dormitories. However, because the university is close to the city centre, transportation to the university is quite easy. Students may choose to stay in private dormitories which may fit to their financial status (app.250-350 Euro per month) International Relations Office help incoming CE students find appropriate accommodation.

Academic Enrolment

After the registration you should go to the Erasmus Office at the Faculty, Center or School where you are going to study to make the academic enrolment. You will receive the following document:

— A brochure with all the subjects and timetables information

The Erasmus Office and the CE coordinator will provide you with full information about the courses and the enrolment process. The Academic enrolment will be carried out at the Faculty Erasmus Office. The registration and enrolment periods are normally the first month of the semester. At the end of your stay you will receive the Attendance Certificate, signed by the International Relations Office Director, and you're Transcript of Records, which will be sent to the Coordinator of the Home University.

Language Courses

Gazi University Turkish Learning Research and Application Centre (TÖMER), founded in 1993, is a language education centre which deals with the education of Turkish spoken in Turkey and Turkish dialects. It also precedes the research studies as a scientific discipline of this field.

Three language levels are offered in terms of the students' language proficiency level: Level C (Beginner), Level B (Intermediate) and Level A (Advanced).

At Gazi TÖMER Reading Comprehension, Writing, Speaking and Grammar lessons are given. In each classroom, four different lecturers teach classes. (Each lecturer is given the post for each lesson) At the end of the course successful students are given certificates and are graduated.

Orientation Programme

Within the frame of the orientation program, the students who newly joined the university are informed with presentation programs that will help them to have effective, productive and problem-free time during their education period at Gazi University and in Ankara. The presentation team of Gazi University introduces the social, cultural life of the university by giving information about the departments and programs of the university in English.

The social facilities; sports facilities and fields; laboratories; student clubs, and their activities; and Turkish Education Centre and the places that will meet students' accommodation needs (house or guest-house) are introduced in the orientation programs.

Besides, in order to well-inform the students about Ankara and to help them live more easily, presentations are given. Students are informed about the principal shopping centre, libraries, cultural centres, sport centres, the activities they may participate in during their spare time, and how they can make use of these activities, arrival and health services, and historical and attractions of Ankara.

Events such as tea parties and entertainments are organized in order to create a friendly atmosphere at the university and friendly relations among the students in the departments.

Academic calendar

Classes start on the 15th of September. The 1st semester ends on the 17th of January. The second period starts after the winter term break on the 9th of February and ends on the 5th of June.

Health Services

Visits to the doctors of the Centre of Health Sports and Culture (MEDIKO SOSYAL) are free; however, advanced examinations or operations are not free of charge. The problems of the students and personnel applying to the Health Unit are assessed by the service doctors. Their diagnosis and treatments are being conducted, and sent to hospitals if necessary. Students and the personnel receive their medical application forms from the hospitals they are sent to or our health unit. Examinations checkups and treatments start at 9.00 p.m. and continue to 12.00 noon. After the lunch break, between 1.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. the same health services are provided. The results of the examinations and analyses are evaluated by the doctors after 4.00 p.m.

Nourishment Services

Students can pay app. 100 EUR per month and get a lunch every day during the week in the Gazi University's dining hall. A student can go to a dining hall and pay for his/her meal directly without paying 100EUR a month.

Academic staffs, administrative staff and students' lunch meals are always prepared in the same kitchens and four different meals are served in different areas and these meals are prepared according to the calorie needs necessary for the season. A control mechanism is formed in order to provide healthier meals for the students and the staff.

In our university and its schools of higher education, there are 9 kitchens and 25 dining-halls, and four different meals are served for lunch to approximately 7500-8000 people.

Other Useful Information

Communication

There are 3 GSM lines in Turkey; Turk cell (Call Cost: 0.60 YTL (1 min.), SMS Cost: 0.30 YTL), Avea (Call Cost: 0.45 YTL, Sms Cost: 0.15) and Vodafone (Call Cost: 0.60 YTL Sms Cost: 0.15 YTL).

Bank Account

There are many different banks in Ankara. Most of them offer accounts free of charge for students. Ask for accounts for students and make sure that it is free of charge though.

Working Hours

Civil offices: (Saturday and Sunday is closed)

08:30 - 12:30

13:30 - 17:30

Banks: (Saturday and Sunday is closed)

08:30 - 12:30

13:30 - 17:00

Stores:

9:30 - 19:00

All the stores are closed in the first days of the religious holidays and in some official holidays.

Dates of the official feasts:

Republican Day - 29th October

Victory Day - 30th August

National Independence and Children's Feast- 23th April

Remembrance Day of Atatürk and Youth & Sport Feast - 19th May

Local Time: GMT + 2 hours

Electricity: 220 Volt a.c. throughout Turkey

Free days: Saturday and Sunday.

Currency: New Turkish Lira (YTL) as of 1/1/2005, 1 YTL=1,000,000 TL (Turkish Lira)
1 Euro= 1.9135 YTL)

Important Telephone Numbers:

Failure of Electric	186
Forecast	359 75 75/4

Emergency Service	112
Police	155
Fire	110

Contacts

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