



## AT A GLANCE

### Currency

New Turkish lira  
(abbreviated to YTL or TRY).  
Current exchange rate:  
TRY2.84 = £1.00 sterling

### Cost of living

Loaf of bread: £0.20  
Bottle of wine: £5.00

### Time zones

Two hours ahead of GMT (three hours from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October).

### Business hours

**Post offices:**  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Some close for lunch.  
**Banks:**  
8:30/9:00 am to 4:30/5:00 pm, Monday to Friday.  
Some close for lunch.  
**Shops and supermarkets:**  
9:30 am to 7:00 pm daily in tourist resorts. Outside these areas, some close for lunch and on Sundays.

### Population

Approximately 70 million

### Languages

The main languages are Turkish (official) and Kurdish. Azeri, Dimli and Kabardian are also spoken.

### Religions

99 per cent Muslim (chiefly Sunni), with Christian and Jewish minorities.

### Driving

Driving is on the right. UK licences are valid for visits of up to three months. An International Driving permit is required for longer stays. To rent a car, drivers must be aged at least 21.

### Three-bedroom house:

Average cost £105,500

### Two-bedroom apartment:

Average cost £51,000