

Foreign & Commonwealth Advice for Samsun



The Foreign and Commonwealth Office are represented in Turkey by the British Embassy in Ankara and the British Consulate in Istanbul. The offices have dedicated staff to help British Nationals should they encounter difficulties whilst in Turkey. Most of the below advice is general laws and customs that apply to Turkey as a whole.

Passports & Visas

- The Turkish government advise that your passport should be valid for at least 6 months from the date you enter Turkey.
- Carry a photocopy of your passport with you at all times. It is illegal not to carry some form of photographic ID in Turkey.
- Please ensure you carry a photocopy of your passport and Games accreditation with you at all times, and make sure your 'next-of-kin' details have been entered into the back of the passport
- If you lose your passport you will need to obtain an Emergency Travel Document (ETD) from the British Embassy. ETD's are accepted for entry, airside transit and exit from Turkey within the dates printed on the document. ETDs should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into Turkey.
- British nationals need a visa to enter Turkey, except for cruise ship passengers with 'British Citizen' passports who arrive at sea ports for tourist visits to the port city or nearby cities, provided that the visit doesn't exceed 72 hours.
- You can get an e-Visa online before you travel through the official Republic of Turkey e-Visa website www.evisa.gov.tr/en/ or through the embassy. An e-visa costs \$20 and you can pay using a credit or debit card. You can apply up to 3 months in advance of your travel date. Turkish visit visas issued on arrival are valid for multiple stays up to a maximum of 90 days in a 180 day period.

Terrorism and security

In recent months Turkey has been exposed to a large amount of terrorism, civil and political unrest, particularly in its major cities and towards specific groups of people, one of which being British visitors.

Due to the current unrest in areas of Turkey, please be vigilant at all times and monitor <https://www.gov.uk/government/world/turkey> for any updates.

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