



Samsun Overview

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Samsun is located on the north coast of Turkey, is the provincial capital of Samsun Province and is Turkey's largest Black Sea port.



The city currently has a population of over half a million people and its infrastructure continues to grow with Samsun having two universities, a large number of shopping malls and hospitals and more.

In addition, Samsun's sports specific industry continues to develop, mostly recently the city hosted the 6th Para-Taekwondo World Championship, followed by World Taekwondo Grand Prix series 2.

After successfully being awarded the 23rd Summer Deaflympics, Samsun is sure not to disappoint.

As an athlete, coach or staff involved within the Deaflympics GB team, the below information is beneficial for you to be aware of prior to your departure and during your stay in Samsun.

- UTC +3hrs
- The official languages of the event will be English and Turkish, although the local language is Turkish
- The international access code for Turkey (Samsun) is +90 (e.g. 0090 from the UK)
- The maximum day temperature Samsun will reach is 26°C max day temperature, but it generally averages around 24°C
- During July Samsun usually has 11 hours of sunshine and 15 hours of daylight per day
- The minimum night temperature Samsun will fall to is 17°C min, however it generally averages around 15°C
- Electric standard is 220v voltage (same as the UK), but you will need a 'European style adaptor; e.g. two round pins, the same as you would use elsewhere in mainland Europe.



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- The Type C electrical plug (or Europlug) is a two-wire plug that has two round pins. It fits into any socket that accepts 4.0 - 4.8 mm round contacts on 19 mm centres. They are being replaced by E, F, J, K or N sockets which work perfectly with Type C plugs.
- The Type F electrical plug (also known as a Schuko plug) has two 4.8 mm round pins spaced 19 mm apart.



Type C



Type F

Turkish Laws and customs

- Turkey has strict laws against the use, possession or trafficking of illegal drugs. If you are convicted of any of these offences, you can expect to receive a heavy fine or a prison sentence of 4 to 24 years. The possession, sale or export of antiquities is illegal.
- Dress modestly if you're visiting a mosque or a religious shrine.
- Don't take photographs near military or official installations. Ask for permission before photographing people.
- Homosexuality is legal in Turkey. However, many parts of Turkey are socially conservative and public displays of affection may lead to unwelcome attention.
- It is an offence to insult the Turkish nation or the national flag, or to deface or tear up currency.

Money

- The currency used in Samsun is Turkish Lira (TRY). If possible exchange your Pound Sterling (GBP) for Turkish Lira (TRY) before travelling. Most UK high street banks and currency exchange providers can pre-order Turkish Lira (TRY).
- ATMs are widely available in major cities and tourist areas. You can get local currency from banks and exchange bureau, known as DOVIZ in Turkish.

Health

- You should ideally arrange an appointment your health professional at least four to six weeks before travel.
- You should be up to date with routine vaccination courses and boosters as recommended in the UK. These vaccinations include for example measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine and diphtheria-tetanus-polio vaccine. However, the Turkish authorities also recommend that you that most travellers to the country should also have Hepatitis A and Typhoid vaccinations before travelling to Turkey.
- The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), is not valid in Turkey. Therefore, please ensure that you have a sufficient level of travel health cover and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment abroad and repatriation.

Interesting history about Samsun: <http://www.allaboutturkey.com/samsun.htm>

Useful information about Turkey: <http://www.enjoyturkey.com/info/Information.htm>