



Turkey

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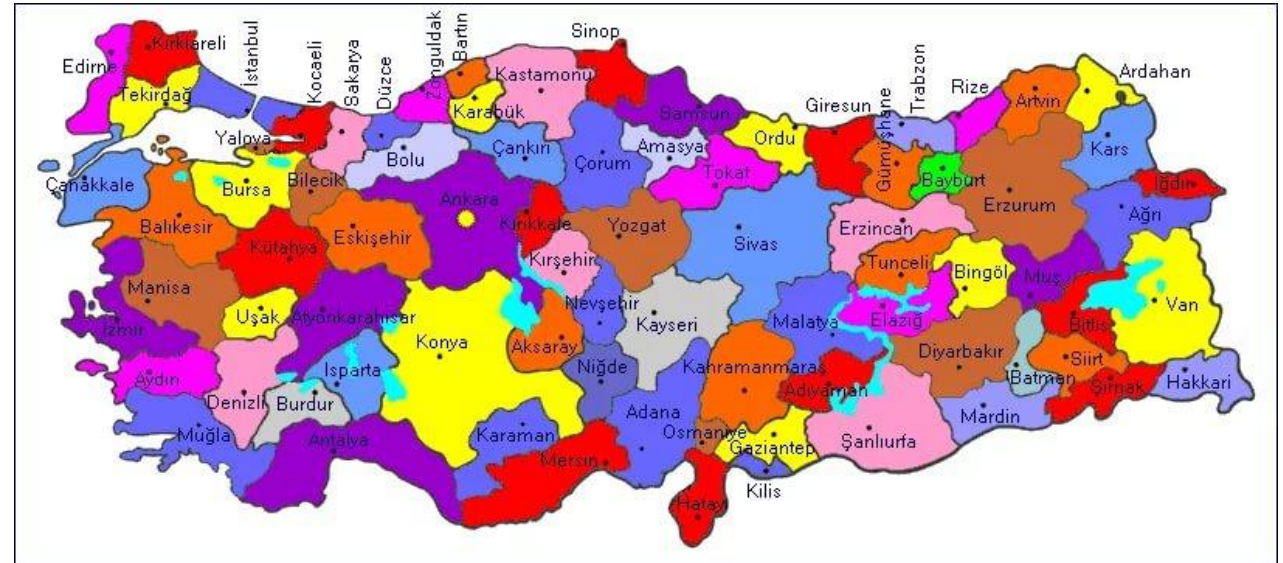
A BRIEF HISTORY OF TURKEY

- The first mention of it falls on the 4th century. Then they lived in the Altai Mountains. Around the 5th century they moved to the southwest and occupied Turkestan.



Political structure and administrative division

- Geographically, Turkey is divided into 81 provinces (il), which are subdivided into districts (ilçe). There are about 1000 of them in total. Some districts are divided into parishes. There is also an informal division into 7 regions: Aegean, Black Sea, Mediterranean, Central Anatolia, Eastern Anatolia, Marmara, Southeastern Anatolia.



- The head of Turkey is the President, elected by popular vote for a period of 5 years with the possibility of re-election for another term.



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Population

- The total population of Turkey will soon approach 80 million. Most of them are Turks, about 7 million are Kurds, from one million to five million are Crimean Tatars. 4 million Caucasians - Adygs, Abkhazians, Karachais, Dagestanis, Ingush, Ossetians, Chechens, Abazins. More than a million Arabs live compactly in the southeast.
- Turkish is spoken in Turkey.



Religion

- Turkey is a secular state and freedom of religion is enshrined in the country. Most profess Islam: Hanafi Madhhab and Maturidism. Islamic brotherhoods — tariqas are developed. The total number of Muslim mosques is about 80 thousand. Other religions are Christianity and Judaism, but their followers are much smaller.

The currency of Turkey is the Turkish Lira

- In tourist places, dollars and euros are also accepted for payment. It makes sense to change them to lira if large expenses are planned, since rounding will not be in favor of the buyer.

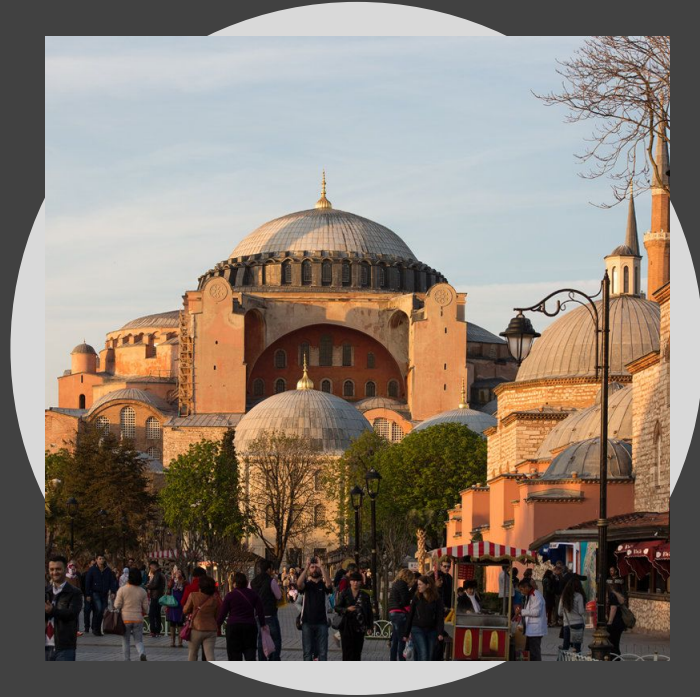


Holidays

- January 1 — New Year;
 - April 23 — National Sovereignty Day and Children's Day;
 - May 1 - Labor and Solidarity Day;
 - May 19 is the Day of Memory of M.K. Ataturk and the Holiday of Youth and Sports;
 - July 15 - Day of Democracy and National Unity;
 - August 30 — Victory Day;
 - October 29 is Republic Day.
 - Islamic religious holidays (Eid Al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha) are celebrated according to the lunar calendar and do not have a fixed date.
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- All holidays are accompanied by days off.



Cappadocia



Ayasofya Müzesi

Bosphorus Strait (Istanbul)



- **Suleymaniye Mosque (Istanbul)**



- **Galata Tower (Istanbul)**







Food

- Iskender-Kebab
- Turkish Tea
- Salep