

1 000, 5 000, 10 000, 20 000 and 50 000 lira notes and 10, 25, 50, 100, 500 and 1 000 lira coins.

No import restrictions are placed on foreign currency. Turkish currency may be exchanged only with a banker's exchange slip showing that the currency was obtained from the sale of foreign exchange in Turkey.

Traveller's cheques are recommended for use in Turkey. Canadian dollar notes (as opposed to traveller's cheques) can be difficult to exchange from time to time.

Customs and Other Formalities

Visitors are not required to declare personal jewellery or watches and may import, duty-free, 400 cigarettes, 200 g of tobacco or 50 cigars, 5 L of alcoholic beverages and 1 000 g of tea.

Gifts and other articles bought in Turkey up to a value of TL 50 000 may be freely exported. For the export of such gifts, and other articles of a value exceeding TL 50 000, evidence, such as a local bank statement, showing that the visitor has sold sufficient foreign exchange to cover the cost of the purchase is required. The exportation of antiques without a licence is prohibited.

How to Get There

Turkish international airports are Esenboga (30 km from Ankara), Ataturk (24 km from Istanbul), and Adnan Menderes (20 km from Izmir).

International and Turkish airlines operate frequent direct flights to Istanbul from most major European cities. Foreign airlines providing direct service to Ankara are Lufthansa, Swissair and Air France.

There are no direct passenger steamship services from Canada. In the summer, Turkish Maritime Lines run a weekly passenger service to Istanbul from the main north and south Mediterranean ports and a car ferry service from Venice to Brindisi and Izmir. The Italian Adriatic Line provides regular all-year service from French and Italian ports to Istanbul and Izmir.

There is regular rail service from Europe to Turkey. Trains to Istanbul run via Venice or Munich in a total time of 2 to 2½ days.