

Public Holidays

New Year's Day — *January 1*

Youth and Sports Holiday — *May 19*

Seker Bayrami (end of Ramazan)* — *April in 1990***

Victory Day — *August 30*

Kurban Bayrami (Sacrifice Holiday) — *June in 1990***

Republic Day — *October 29 and 30*

* The Muslim holy month of Ramazan (Ramadan) has little effect on business in Turkey. Normal business is conducted on Fridays, although some government offices release their staff for prayers at 1:00 p.m.

** Dates for these religious holidays differ from year to year.

Business Hours

Monday to Friday

Banks

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Government Departments

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Foreign Embassies (Western Countries)

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Canadian Embassy

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Friday — half-day closing in July and August

Business Offices

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday to Saturday

Retail Establishments

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.