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Information Guide

This guide is prepared to provide basic and quick information about Istanbul and Turkey for participants of ICSE 2014. The guide includes information about arrival & accommodation options, explore Istanbul, visa applications, airport and other topics. More detailed and further information (where to go, what to eat, city guide, city map, etc.) about Istanbul and Turkey is available in the web sites which given after related topics.

Arrival & Accommodation Options

Participants can prefer the convenience of booking the airplane tickets & hotel through a travel agency or contacting airplane & hotel themselves via internet without any third-party involvement.

For Istanbul, participants can choose among many flight options on exercise date. ICTA – Turkey suggests for the flights of Turkish Airlines as Turkish national airline company and also a star alliance member. Please visit <http://www.ataturkairport.com/en-EN/preflight/Pages/Airlines.aspx> for more information about alternative flights to Istanbul. Istanbul also offers a great number of high quality hotels to visitors. A list of suggested hotels is given below. The listed hotels are selected considering their short distance to the event venue. ICTA-Turkey is not responsible either for your booking or for any hotel related problem during your stay. For additional information on flights & hotels, please visit companies' web site below.

Hotel	Star Rating	Distance to Venue	Web Address
RADISSON BLU HOTEL, ISTANBUL SISLI	5	The Venue	http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-istanbul-sisli
HOLIDAY INN SISLI	5	0,25 km	http://www.hisisli.com/en/default.asp
LASAGRADA HOTEL	5	0,9 km	http://www.lasagradahotel.com/default.asp?LanguageID=2
RAMADA PLAZA ISTANBUL	5	1,2 km	http://www.ramadaplazaistanbul.com/
GRAND HYATT ISTANBUL	5	2,7 km	http://www.istanbul.grand.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html



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Explore the Istanbul

Istanbul is the biggest city of Turkey, constitutes the country's economic, cultural, and historical heart. With a population of about 14 million, the city is one of the most populous locations in Europe, second largest in the Middle East and the third-largest city in the world by population within city limits. Istanbul's vast area of 5,343 square kilometers (2,063 sq mi) is coterminous with Istanbul Province, of which the city is the administrative capital. Istanbul is a transcontinental city, straddling the Bosphorus—one of the world's busiest waterways—in northwestern Turkey, between the Sea of Marmara and the Black Sea. Its commercial and historical center lies in Europe, while a third of its population lives in Asia.

For further and detailed information, please visit the web sites below.

<http://www.ibb.gov.tr/sites/ks/en-us/Pages/Home.aspx>

<http://www.goturkey.com/en>

Visa Applications

Participants requiring an entry visa to Turkey should contact their nearest Turkish Embassy, Consulate well in advance. For more information please visit <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

Airport

The city of Istanbul is served by two commercial airports which are Istanbul Ataturk Airport and Sabiha Gokcen International Airport.

Istanbul Ataturk Airport is located on the Europe shore of Istanbul at Yesilkoy, at a distance of 20 km to Golden Horn, 23 km to Taksim , 25 km to the event venue and 33 km to Besiktas. Access to the city from the Istanbul Ataturk Airport is provided by taxi or subway.

Taxi cost is approximately 50 TL from Istanbul Ataturk Airport to the venue. Taxi fare is 2,7 TL for opening and 0,17 TL for per 0,1 km in Istanbul. Metro is the cheapest way to arrive to the venue. Token cost for using metro/subway is 3 TL. The Şisli station is the nearest (approximately 200 meters) station to venue. More detailed information is available in the web site <http://www.ataturkairport.com/en-EN/Pages/Main.aspx>

Sabiha Gokcen International Airport is located on the Anatolian shore of Istanbul at Pendik / Kurtkoy, at a distance of 40 km to Kadikoy, 12 km to Pendik, 50 km to Taksim and 52 km to



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the event venue. Access to the city from the Sabiha Gokcen International Airport is provided by taxi or the public bus services (IETT). Taxi cost is approximately 75 TL from Sabiha Gokcen International Airport to the venue. Public buses are available from Sabiha Gokcen International Airport to main city areas. Please visit for detailed information; (<http://www.sabihagokcen.aero/homepage>)

Note that, airport to venue transportation of all participants who register for the exercise via the web side icse2014.org will be provided by ICTA-Turkey.

Other Topics

Language; the language spoken in Turkey is Turkish. English is widely taught in schools and most of the officials can help you in English.

Time zone; Turkey covers two time zones. Istanbul time is UTC/GMT + 3 hours in May.

Weather Forecast; Istanbul has warm and a bit humidity weather condition, average temperature is about 18 °C in May. Participants can get weather forecast and further information by visiting <http://www.meteor.gov.tr/en-US/forecast-cities.aspx?m=ISTANBUL>

Electricity; in Turkey devices operate on 220 volts, 50 Hz, with round-prong European-style plugs that fit into recessed wall sockets /points.

Communication & Telephony; Turkey and Istanbul have an excellent fixed and mobile communication system. Every fixed telephone can make calls to any number in Turkey and the world. Public telephones can be found all over the city and they work with phone cards, available in the local commerce (it is generally common to buy phone cards at newspaper stands). In Turkey all mobile phone operators use GSM 3G technology. The corresponding sites contain information about international roaming. The international telephone code is of Turkey is "90". The local code for the Istanbul European and Asian Sides are "212" and "216" respectively. The venue is in the European Side of Istanbul therefore, in order to call a phone number in this area, dial 0212 (telephone number). To call from Turkey to another country, dial: 00 - (operator code*) - (country code) - (local code) - (telephone number).

Banking & Change Office; Banks are usually open weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm. They are closed on weekends and public holidays. Before departure, visitors are encouraged to check whether their credit and/or cash cards are accepted with their local bank. Automated teller machines (ATMs) can be found almost everywhere. Some machines provide 24-hour cash



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withdrawal (BRL) facilities for major credit cards. Exchange office can be found almost everywhere in the venue area. For exchange rates in Turkey, please visit <http://www.tcmb.gov.tr/kurlar/today.html>

Health Services; Public/Private health care are widely founded in Istanbul in case of illness

Food & Drinking; Turkish kitchen is one of the most delicious kitchens in the world. Traditional and modern Turkish cuisine is available in Istanbul. Please visit for further information http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turkish_cuisine

People; Turkish people are known friendly and hospitality in the world.

Useful & Emergency phone numbers

FIREFIGHTERS: 110
MILITARY POLICE: 156
CIVIL POLICE: 155
AMBULANCE: 112

Welcome to Istanbul in advance.

Kind Regards,



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