



Turkey is a rapidly modernizing country with one foot in Europe and one in Asia. Turkey's land mass is 814,578 sq.km. The European and Asian sides are divided by the Istanbul Bogazi (Bosporus).



**Official Language:** Turkish  
**Capital City:** Ankara  
**Government Form:** Republic  
**Currency:** Turkish Lira  
**Founder:** Mustafa Kemal Atatürk.

Turkey has been called " The cradle of civilization". The Republic of Turkey is based on secular, democratic, pluralistic and parliamentary system, in which rights and obligations are protected by law.



**Ankara** is the capital of Turkey and the country's second largest city. The city is 30.715 sq.km and its population is about 5.45 million.



**Mustafa Kemal Atatürk** is the founder of the Republic of Turkey.

### SOME USEFUL PHRASES

- **Good morning** Günaydın
- **Good evening** İyi akşamlar
- **Hello** Merhaba
- **Thank you** Teşekkür ederim
- **Welcome** Hoş geldiniz
- **Yes** Evet
- **No** Hayır



**Istanbul** is a megacity, as well as the cultural, economic, and financial centre of Turkey. It is the only city in the world located on two continents.

### CULTURE



### FOOD AND DRINK



### TOURISTIC PLACES



**EFES**



**PAMUKKALE**, hot springs travertines



**CAPPADOCIA** WITH FAIRY CHIMNEYS



**SUMELA VIRGIN MARY MONASTERY**



**ÖLÜDENİZ**