

INFORMATION GUIDE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS



NIŞANTAŞI
UNIVERSITY

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1. WELCOME

Dear exchange students!

First of all, I would like to thank you for considering the Nisantasi University as the host for your student exchange. This guide has been especially designed for international students who intend to temporarily study at the Nisantasi University in an exchange programme.

The Erasmus+ Office at Nisantasi University seeks to become a leading national center of excellence on European integration and the new challenges related with Turkey. It is our mission to serve as the focal point for all Erasmus+ actions, including student and staff mobility, research and outreach on the European affairs at Nisantasi University by providing high quality services to develop the capacities of our students, the youth and relevant stakeholder groups.

We hope that this guide will help to make your stay at the university both fruitful and enjoyable. Should any questions still remain unanswered after reading this guide, please do not hesitate to turn to one of the contact persons mentioned.

We wish you a pleasant stay in Istanbul at the Nisantasi University.

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2. THE CITY OF ISTANBUL AND HOW TO GET THERE

2.1. THE CITY

Istanbul is Turkey's most populous city as well as its cultural and financial hub. Located on both sides of the Bosphorus, the narrow strait between the Black Sea and the Marmara Sea, Istanbul bridges Asia and Europe both physically and culturally. Istanbul's population is estimated to be 15 million people, making it also one of the largest cities in Europe and the world.



Bosphorus View

HISTORY

Expanding the ancient Roman colony of **Byzantium** by the order of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, the imperial city of **Constantinople** was for nearly a thousand years the last remaining outpost of the Roman (later termed Eastern Roman or Byzantine) Empire. It was finally conquered by the Ottoman Sultan Mehmed II on 29 May 1453, an event sometimes used to mark the end of the Middle Ages. It was the nerve center for military campaigns that were to enlarge the Ottoman Empire dramatically. By the mid-1500s, Istanbul, with a population of

almost half a million, was a major cultural, political, and commercial center. Ottoman rule continued until it was defeated in WWI and Istanbul was occupied by the allies. When the Republic of Turkey was born in 1923 after the War of Independence, Kemal Atatürk moved its capital to the city of Ankara. However, Istanbul has continued to expand dramatically; today its population is approximately 15 million and increases at an estimated 400,000 immigrants per year. Industry has expanded even as tourism has grown.

ORIENTATION

Istanbul is divided in three by the north-south **Bosporus Strait** (Istanbul Bogazi), the dividing line between Europe and Asia, the estuary of the **Golden Horn** (*Haliç*) bisecting the western part and the **Sea of Marmara** (*Marmara Denizi*) forming a boundary to the south. Most sights are concentrated in the old city on the peninsula

CLIMATE

Istanbul has a temperate oceanic climate which is influenced by a continental climate, with hot and humid summers and cold, wet and occasionally snowy winters. Istanbul has a high annual average rainfall of 844 mm with late autumn and winter being the wettest, and late spring and summer being the driest.

Summer is generally hot with averages around 32°C during the day and 25°C at night. Expect temperatures of up to 38° C for the hottest days of the year. Summer is also the driest season, but it does infrequently rain. Light clothing is recommended during summer.

of **Sultanahmet**, to the west of the Bosphorus between the Horn and the Sea. Across the Horn to the north are **Galata**, **Beyoğlu** and **Taksim**, the heart of modern Istanbul, while **Kadıköy** is the major district on the comparatively less-visited Anatolian side of the city.

Winter is cold and wet, averaging 2°C at night and 7°C during the day. Although rarely below freezing during the day, high relative humidity levels and the wind chill makes it feel bitterly cold and very unpleasant.

Snowfall, which occurs almost annually, is common between the months of December and March, with an annual total snow cover of almost three weeks, but average winter snowfall varies considerably from year to year, and snow cover usually remains only for a few days after each snowfall, even under intense snow conditions.

CLIMATE °C	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Daily highs	7	10	12	15	22	27	32	32	25	19	13	10
Nightly lows	2	2	4	8	12	16	18	18	16	12	8	5
Precipitation	98	80	70	46	36	34	39	48	61	97	111	124

[Istanbul – Weather Forecast](#)

2.2. HOW TO GET THERE

BY PLANE

Atatürk Airport

Most planes arrive at Istanbul Atatürk Airport (IATA: **IST**), 20 km west of the city center. From the airport, there are various options for getting into Istanbul.

You can take a **taxi** (approximately 60-65 TRY ₺) to Taksim. There is no night fare in Istanbul - the price would be the same at midnight or midday. The **express bus service** run by the local airport service called "**Havabüs**" which departs half-hourly between 4AM-midnight and costs 12₺ (December 2017) to Taksim and Aksaray. For more details about "**Havabüs**" please [click here](#).

Another option is **metro** (06:00-00:05) (signposted "light rail" in the airport, when you get outside the baggage claim it's about a 10 minute walk in the airport to the metro line. Just follow the signs), which will take you directly to the *Otogar (bus station)* or to numerous stops within Istanbul (Aksaray in the city centre is the last stop, transfer stations for tram heading for deeper into old city is available at Zeytinburnu and Aksaray). It costs 5₺, by token (costs 2.60₺ with the Istanbulkart, July 2017) and getting to Aksaray takes around 45 minutes.

When entering the metro station, you need to buy a *jeton* (token) for 5₺. Just hand the cashier 5₺ and he will give you a token, or use the automatic dispenser (*Jetonmatik*), which accepts banknotes (5₺, 10₺, 20₺) as well as coins. Use 'select' to choose the number of *jetons* and then push 'ok'. They do not accept credit card or foreign currency here. This will get you on the red metro line (towards Aksaray). From this line, if you are going to Sultanahmet, you can transfer at Zeytinburnu and buy another jeton (5₺) - see the section on "Istanbulkart" if further travel within Istanbul's metro system will be undertaken. Note that the jeton token here is different than the first one. From Zeytinburnu, take the blue tram line **T1**, towards Kabataş which passes by: Sultanahmet, Eminönü and Tophane. The trip from the airport to Sultanahmet takes about 45min.

Sabiha Gökçen Airport

Istanbul also has a second airport, Sabiha Gökçen International Airport (IATA: **SAW**), located in the Anatolian side of the city.

The cheapest way to arrive from Sabiha Gökçen Airport to the European side of Istanbul is by **bus** (E10 or E11 lines, from

Sabiha Gökçen Airport to Kadıköy) and then ferry (from Kadıköy to many ferry stations, including some in the Sultanahmet area). A pricier option is the **Havabüs** connects this airport with Taksim in the city center for 15₺ (December 2017) and takes about an hour.



Istanbul Atatürk Airport

BY TRAIN

Istanbul Sirkeci Terminal (Sirkeci Garı) is the main railway station in the European part of the city of Istanbul (Turkey). Night trains to

Beograd, Sofia and Bucharest. To check the route for travel please [click here](#).

BY BUS

Most buses and coaches terminate at the colossal Esenler *Otogar*, about 10 km west of the city center, located on the European side. The station can be easily reached via the Otogar stop on the M1. Buses depart/arrive

for all regions of Turkey as well as for international destinations including cities in Bulgaria, Greece, Republic of Macedonia and Romania. The terminal is huge and each company has a separate office.

3. NİŞANTAŞI UNIVERSITY

Nişantaşı University is the fastest growing university in Turkey with more than 32.000 students participating in 114 bachelor, master and doctoral degree programmes. A total of 6 Faculties, Vocational School of Higher Education and Institute of Social Sciences employ approximately 400 full-time higher education teachers, researchers, assistants and administrative staff.

Firstly, Nişantaşı University was established in 2009 as 'Nişantaşı Vocational School' and it started its associate-degree program in 2010 as a trust institution of higher education. In 2012, Nişantaşı University acquired its public entity through the Law of

Establishment in the Annexed published in the Official Gazette dated 31.5.2012 and numbered 28309 for the Faculty of Economic, Administrative and Social Sciences, Faculty of Engineering-Architecture, Faculty of Arts and Design, Institute of Social Sciences.

The University has its seat in Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey. Nearly one tenth of Istanbul's inhabitants are students, which gives the city a young and lively character. Nişantaşı University serves the Turkish youth and higher education with its modern substructure equipped with the latest technology and with its dynamic, competent and experienced academic staff.



4. SELECT OF COURSES AND LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

Some faculties of the Nişantaşı University offer full degree study programmes in English language, open both to local and international students.

You can find the list of the courses taught in English [here](#).

ECTS CREDITS:

- 1 full academic year = 60 credits
- 1 semester = 30 credits

5. NİŞANTAŞI UNIVERSITY GRADING SYSTEM

Nişantaşı University uses the typical American A-F scale where GPA is calculated on a scale of 4.00. The letter grades, coefficients and percentage equivalents are given below.

SCORE	GRADE	COEFFICIENT
90-100	AA	4.00
85-89	BA	3.50
80-84	BB	3.00
75-79	CB	2.50
70-74	CC	2.00
60-69	DC	1.50
50-59	DD	1.00
0-49	FF	0.00
0-00	NA	0.00

The student's achievement is measured in the form of a Grade Point Average (GPA). The total credit points for a course are obtained by multiplying the coefficient of the final grade by the credit hours. In order to calculate the GPA for any given semester, the total credit points are divided by the total credit hours.

6. ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

In Turkey, academic year generally starts on September and ends on July. However, the academic calendar may differ from one University member to another.

Every year, the study calendar specifies the duration of organized study activities, examination periods, school holidays, and public holidays of the university. You can see the academic calendar and national holidays (2017-2018) below;

ACADEMIC CALENDAR (2017-2018)		
	FALL	SPRING
Orientation Week	<i>'The students will be informed via e-mail'</i>	<i>'The students will be informed via e-mail'</i>
Start of Lectures	16 th of October	26 th of February
End of Lectures	19 th of January	01 th of June
Mid-term Exam Period	02 nd of December – 10 th of December	14 th of April – 22 nd of April
Final Exam Period	20 th of January – 02 nd of February	02 nd of June – 13 rd of June

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NATIONAL (OFFICIAL) HOLIDAYS (2017-2018)	
Republic Day	29 th of October, 2017
New Year's Day	01 st of January, 2018
National Sovereignty and Children's Day	23 rd of April, 2018
Labor Day	01 st of May, 2018
Commemoration of Ataturk, Youth and Sports Day	19 th of May, 2018
Day of Democracy and National Unity	15 th of July, 2018
Victory Day	30 th of August, 2018
Ramadan Feast (Religious Holidays)	15 th , 16 th , 17 th of June, 2018
Sacrifice Holiday (Religious Holidays)	21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th of August, 2018

7. TURKISH LANGUAGE COURSE

Nişantaşı University offers an intensive Turkish language course to all Erasmus+ exchange students before starting the autumn or spring semester for free of charge.

Free Intensive Turkish Language Course

Prerequisite: No previous knowledge of Turkish required

By the end of this course, the students will:

- be able to comprehend basic sentences in Turkish;
- be able to produce basic sentences for introducing and describing themselves, carrying on daily simple conversation;
- have and use basic Turkish vocabulary range and will be able to conjugate for case, person and basic tenses (present continuous).

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8. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Nişantaşı University students possess the ability to engage in multiple interests. The approximately 45 student organizations found on campus enrich the social, cultural and educational experiences.

Nişantaşı University is active in a variety of areas of student life:

- **Social:** student services, legal assistance, accommodation finding services;
- **Cultural:** choirs, dance groups, publishing, radio;
- **Sports;**
- **International co-operation;**
- **Other extracurricular activities.**

Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is a group of students at the Nişantaşı University forming a part of ESN International. Main task of ESN Nişantaşı is to participate in the receiving of exchange students, including mentorship, sightseeing and social gatherings.



9. ACCOMMODATION

Niřantaşı University does not provide or guarantee accommodation. However, there are some options you can use to find your own accommodation:

- **DORMIA (Girls only)**

Address: Kağıthane Merkez Mah. Ece Sk. No:12 Kağıthane - ISTANBUL

Phone: +90 212 219 5788

Website: <http://www.dormia.com.tr/>

E-mail: info@dormia.com.tr

- **ACADEMIA RESIDENCE**

Address: Kağıthane Merkez Mah. Çobançeşme Cad. Sardunya Sk. No:4 Kağıthane Merkez - ISTANBUL

Phone: +90 212 295 4510 - 11 / +90 535 401 7070

Website: <http://www.academiareidence.com/>

E-mail: info@academiareidence.com

- **ERASMUSINN**

'Main Office' Address: Gümüşsuyu, 34437 Taksim – Beyoğlu / ISTANBUL

Phone: +90 850 885 1004 / +90 534 407 0089

Website: www.erasmusinn.com

E-mail: help@erasmusinn.com

- **ERASMUS STUDENT HOUSING ISTANBUL**

'Main Office' Address: Kurtuluş – Şişli/İstanbul

Phone: +90 533 648 8440

Website: www.erasmushouses.com

E-mail: info@erasmushouses.com

In addition, if you need help to find accommodation you may contact with ESN Niřantaşı via e-mail: esnnisantasi@esnturkey.org

10. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

If you wish to undertake a period of study at the Nişantaşı University, you should follow the steps given below;

10.1. CHECK FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENT

Check that your Institution has a [Bilateral Agreement with Nişantaşı University](#). If you do not find your institution in the list of the Nişantaşı University (NU) while NU is at your home institution's list, contact your home Erasmus Coordinator in order to resolve the matter. **A bilateral agreement between your home institution and NU is mandatory in order to become an incoming Erasmus student at Nişantaşı University.**

10.2. NOMINATION BY YOUR HOME INSTITUTE

Your institute has to provide us with the Nomination of Incoming Erasmus students selected to study at Nişantaşı University, together with students' email addresses. Since this official list is essential for acceptance, ask the International Office of your institute if they have done so. Without the nomination you will be not accepted as an ERASMUS student at NU.

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Nomination/Application Deadlines

The deadlines for students' nomination and applications are as follows:

- **July 15** for nomination in the **winter semester**.
 - **November 30** for nomination in the **spring semester**.
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10.3. COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

After your nomination by your home institute, we will contact you by e-mail with the link to the **Student Application Form**. The application form must be filled out electronically.

Passport Sized Photo, Transcript of Records (in English), **Passport, and Health Insurance** (valid in Turkey) are also must be attached with the Application Form.

Applicants must be register themselves [here](#) as well.

10.4. SELECT COURSES AND COMPLETE THE LEARNING AGREEMENT

Departmental Erasmus Coordinators are the persons responsible academically for the mobility programs. Consult the [Course Catalogue](#) of Nişantaşı University and your home Departmental Erasmus Coordinator in order to ensure your course choices.

10.5. SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Send the **Student Application Form**, the **Learning Agreement** together with your Institution's **Transcript of Records** (in English), **Passport Sized Photo**, **Health Insurance** (valid in Turkey) and your **Passport** to the International Office of NU via email. Take careful care to have them properly signed and stamped and to comply with the application deadlines which are:

- **August 15** for admission in the **winter semester**.
- **December 30** for admission in the **spring semester**.

As soon as the International Office of NU receives your documents and you are admitted as an Erasmus+ incoming student you will receive an **Acceptance/Confirmation Letter**, either by email or regular mail (only if required by your host institution).



11. USEFUL INFORMATION

11.1. VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMIT

STUDENT VISA

Before leaving your home country to study in Turkey, please contact the consulate of the Republic of Turkey in your home country and check the visa regulations for your nationality.

As a special agreement between the European Union, citizens of the EU may enter Turkey using just their EU identification cards and stay for a total of 90 days within a 180-

day period. If you are EU citizen, you must bring your passport with you to provide proof of identity once you for application for the Student Residence Permit and other bureaucratic matters. If your citizenship allows you to enter on a tourist visa, we recommend you to enter on a tourist visa. Students are allowed to complete their registration on a tourist visa.

RESIDENCE PERMIT

After you have entered the Republic of Turkey on a student visa, tourist visa, or e-visa, if you are planning to stay more than 90 days, you must obtain a Residence Permit from the Republic of Turkey, Ministry of the Interior, Directorate of Migration Management ([İçişleri Bakanlığı Göç İdaresi Genel Müdürlüğü](#)).

The Residence Permit is not issued by Nişantaşı University. The International Office provides students with the list of documents required for the application and can check your application packet before you submit your documents to Ministry officials when they visit the Nişantaşı University to review and accept the packets on a pre-arranged date, as described below.

- Students are responsible for their own legal status while they are in Turkey. All visa matters take place between the student and the Ministry of the Interior, Directorate General of Migration Services.



- The International Office at Nişantaşı University does not keep records of the visa status of enrolled students.
- Students are also responsible for learning about and assembling the documents required for the Student Residence Permit, as stipulated by the Ministry. The International Office provides the required information, helps students assemble the application documents, and arranges the day the Ministry officials come to the University to collect all of the applications from the students.
- Do not begin any Residence Permit procedures on your own. Students may not begin the application procedures until their official status as students has been verified by the University, after the Add/Drop period.

When to apply for the Student Residence Permit?

Your status as a student can be legally verified by the University only after the Add/Drop Period has finished. The Add/Drop Period takes place about a month after classes have begun. During this time, you are in the country on your tourist visa. Once you

have applied for the Student Residence Permit, your data will be entered into the system of the Ministry of the Interior and your legal status in the country is secure until the end of the semester.

Application for the Student Residence Permit

Register online with the [Ministry of the Interior, Directorate General of Migration Management](#) to fill out, download, and print out your Application Form.

Documents Required

From you:

1. **Residence Permit Application Form** (must be signed by the foreigner and/or his/her legal representative)
2. **Passport or original and photocopy of passport substitute document** (pages containing identity information and the page containing photo and processed pages)
3. **Four (4) pcs photos** (must have been taken within the last 6 months, against a white background and biometric. Do not upload family, selfie, unrecognizable, non-up-to-date or black and White photos into the system, otherwise residence permit document shall not be issued!)

4. **Valid Health Insurance Document.** This is an official, one-page letter from your insurance company that states your name, date of birth, duration of your insurance, and the amount of money for which you are covered. It must be in Turkish.
5. **Declaration which states that financial capacity is to be provided sufficiently and regularly throughout the stay** (Is declared in the Application Form. Directorate may request supporting documents.)

From the Host Institution:

6. **Student Certificate** (which shows that you are entitled actively to benefit from the rights of being a student. Document must be signed and stamped by Student Affairs.)

Please Note:

- If you have a Turkish passport or ID card or a Blue Card (Mavi Kart), you do not need to apply for a Residence Permit.

11.2. HEALTH INSURANCE

Regarding to immigration laws in Turkey, it is MANDATORY that all students have valid insurance that covers the total duration of their enrolment at Nişantaşı University. The insurance should take effect from the day the student enters Turkey and should cover them for their complete duration of stay. General requirements for health insurance policies:

- Valid in Turkey
- Translated into English or Turkish
- Meets minimum coverage requirements (as outlined below)

	Contracted Institutions		*Non-Contracted Institutions	
	Annual Minimum Limit	Contributions	Annual Minimum Limit	Contributions
Outpatient Diagnosis Treatment	2.000.-TL	Insured : 40% Company : 60%	2.000.-TL	Insured : 40% Company : 60%
Inpatient Diagnosis Treatment	Unlimited	Insured : 0% Company : 100%	20.000.-TL	Insured : 20% Company : 80%

***Non- Contracted Institutions:** Institutions (hospitals, physicians' offices, and the other health institutions) do not have an agreement with insurer.

There are other insurance options for foreign students in Turkey, however, to obtain any insurance in Turkey will take time and is often a complex process. You might have medical needs until you obtain a Turkish Health Insurance and you have to pay extraordinary amounts of cash money for any procedure as a foreigner. Therefore, we recommend that you are insured prior to entry to Turkey.

If you consider purchasing a health insurance in Turkey our International Office will assist you only after you arrive in Nişantaşı University.

If you are coming from the countries listed below, you can obtain the Health Insurance Policy in your home country by inquiring your National Medical Insurance Company for the equivalent Letter of the Turkish National Medical Insurance-SGK for the entire period of your study mobility at Nişantaşı University.

- **GERMANY:** T/A 11 form
- **NETHERLANDS:** N/TUR 111 form
- **BELGIUM:** B.T.8 form
- **AUSTRIA:** A/TR 3 form
- **FRANCE:** SE 208-01 FT, SE 208-02 FT, SE 208-04 FT, SE 208-05 TF, SE 208-06 AFT, SE 208-06 CFT, SE208-17 FT, SE 208-18 TF, SE 208-19 FT, SE 208-28 FT, SE 208-30 FT
- **MACEDONIA:** MC/TR 4, TR/MC 10
- **ROMANIA:** R/TR 3
- **ALBANIA:** AL/TR 4, AL/TR 10
- **BOSNIA:** BH/TR4, BH/TR5
- **CZECH REPUBLIC:** CZ/TR 111, CZ/TR 112
- **LUXEMBOURG:** L/TR 3

11.3. STUDENT IDENTITY CARD

Student identity card (NISHCARD) is evidence of student status. Students use the identity card to gain entry to the University buildings and book loan from Library in campus. Besides that, students can use ID card to obtain other benefits deriving from the student status such as discounts on entrance fees to museums and other visits etc.



11.4. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND ISTANBUL CARD

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



Istanbul's public transit system can be difficult to figure out; maps are rare and you often have to transfer, and pay another fare, to get where you are going. However, if you put some effort into it, you can avoid taxis and not walk too much.

There is an extensive bus system, including city-run and private buses, as well as one high-speed *Metrobüs* line; an extensive light rail system including four *Metro* (underground) lines, four *Tramvays* (aboveground), two *Finükülers* (ascending/descending), two mini-lines called *Teleferik*, and the *Marmaray* (underwater) lines; and the ferries which travel the Bosphorus.

An important supplement to all of this (particularly late at night) is the fleet of private *dolmuş* minivans, which follow prescribed routes and wait until they fill up before departing. They range in price from 2-8 lira (paid in cash), depending on how far you're going. They run all night long, unlike most of the public transport lines. So if you find yourself stranded at Taksim at 4 am, a *dolmuş* is your way home. Look for the yellow minivans, and ask them where they're going.



WHAT IS ISTANBUL CARD?

Istanbul Card is Istanbul's one-for-all (entire transit system; subways, metrobus, bus, ferries, streetcars) chipped card in the shape of a plastic ID. It is a refill card and refill is available through automated multi lingual machines or authorized kiosks around the city.

Students may visit any IETT Application Centers to apply for Student Card. You need to take your **passport, a photo, Student Certificate** and **10 TL** with you. Your IstanbulCard will be ready in 5 minutes. The main Application Centers are in Karaköy, Kadıköy, Beşiktaş, in Pendik.

Working Hours:

08:30 – 18:00 (Monday-Friday)

09:00 – 17:00 (Saturday)



11.5. LIVING EXPENSES

Living expenses (rent, food, public transport, books) in Istanbul roughly amount to €500 per month; actual expenditure depends on individual lifestyle.

11.6. INTERNET ACCESS IN CAMPUS

Nişantaşı University offers students free Internet access in campus. If you have your own laptop, tablet or mobile device then you can use them to access the Internet via the campus Wi-Fi Turkcell Superonline.



11.7. LIBRARY

Nişantaşı University Central Library has around 22.000 books arranged by type (fiction, biography, history, and so on) in shelves that hold about 50 books each. Nişantaşı University students may use the basic services of the Library free of charge with their student identity card. Also, the undergraduate students may borrow 3 books for 15 days and postgraduate students are able to borrow 4 books for 21 days.

If the Library does not have resources which you require, then you may fill the 'request form' to provide them.

Working Hours:

08:00 – 21:00 (Monday-Friday)



11.8. SHOPPING

Connecting east and west, the will to control the major trading routes was the reason why Istanbul was founded in the first place, so shopping should definitely not be overlooked in your Istanbul experience. The currency used in Istanbul is the Turkish Lira (TL or TRY) though the Euro and US dollar are also accepted at places frequented by tourists.

Istanbul's historical bazaars with an oriental ambience, once sitting firmly on the western termini of the Silk Road and spice routes, all dating back to Ottoman era, are all located in the peninsula of Old City. On the other hand, modern shopping malls (*'alışveriş merkezi'*, usually shortened to AVM), popping all around the city in the last three decades, are mostly to be found in New Istanbul and western suburbs.



11.9. ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURAL EVENTS

Istanbul hosts more than 100 special events throughout the year including music, film, dance and theatre festivals, trade fairs, exhibitions and sports events. Most of the events have international importance and attract spectators and performers from all over the world.



✚ [Istanbul International Film Festival](#) (*Uluslararası İstanbul Film Festivali*):

This began as a film week during the International Istanbul Festival in 1982 and aims to encourage the development of cinema in Turkey. It consists of a thematic international competition and Turkish film showcases. Held every year in April.

✚ [Akbank Jazz Festival](#) (*Akbank Caz Festivali*): First held in 1990, this festival provides more than 50 concerts in nine cities with a variety of Turkish, European and world jazz music. It is accompanied by various workshops, panel competitions and brunches. Held every year at the end of October or beginning of November.

✚ [International Istanbul Music Festival](#) (*İstanbul Uluslararası Müzik Festivali*): Organised by the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts, this festival showcases contributions from many world-renowned artists, conductors and performers in the fields of music, classical ballet, contemporary dance and opera. Held every year in June.

✚ [Istanbul International Ballet Competition](#) (*İstanbul Uluslararası Bale Yarışması*): First held in 2010, this competition aims to promote Turkish classical and modern ballet to a professional level with the contributions of both Turkish and international choreographers. The semi-finals, final and award ceremony are open to the public. Held every year in June.

✚ [International Jazz Festival of Istanbul](#) (*İstanbul Uluslararası Caz Festivali*): Also organized by the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Art, this festival hosts many world-renowned jazz music artists. Concerts take place in the Open Air Theatre (Açık Hava Tiyatrosu). Held every year in July.

✚ **International Istanbul Opera Festival** (*Uluslararası İstanbul Opera Festivali*): Organized by the Directorate General of State Opera, this festival has hosted world-famous opera artists and companies. It takes place every year in July at historical venues such as Yıldız Palace, Topkapı Palace, Rumelia Castle and Hagia Irene. Operas about Turkish culture and life are also performed during the festival.

- ✚ [International Istanbul Short Film Festival](#) (*Istanbul Uluslararası Kısa Film Günleri*): Screenings of short films selected from over 800 applications from around the world. Takes place every year in November.
- ✚ [Istanbul Biennial](#) (*Istanbul Bienali*): Organized by the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts, and aiming to bring together contemporary visual artists from diverse cultures. It takes place every two years from mid-September to mid-November. Every festival has a different theme.
- ✚ [Istanbul International Theatre Festival](#) (*Istanbul Uluslararası Tiyatro Festivali*): This festival brings together Turkish and international theatre companies and dance groups for classical and contemporary performances. Held every two years in May.
- ✚ **Istanbul Marathon** (*İstanbul Maratonu*): The Istanbul Marathon is unique in that it takes place over two continents; starting in Asia and ending in Europe. It is open to both professional and non-professional athletes. Held every year in October.

11.10. PHONE CODES AND EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Istanbul is the only city/province in Turkey which has more than one telephone code: **212** for European side, **216** for Asian side and Princes' Islands. When calling from one continent to the other, the usual dialing format used for intercity calls should be used, as if it's an intercity call: 0+area code (212 or 216) +7-digit telephone number.

CODES

- ✚ Country Code for Turkey: +90 / 0090
- ✚ Postal Code for Istanbul: 34000

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- ✚ Police: 155
- ✚ Tourism Police: (0212) 527 45 03
- ✚ Fire Department: 110
- ✚ For Medical or Ambulance: 112



11.11. CAFES, RESTAURANTS & MORE ON CAMPUS

There are a total of 2 Cafes, 5 Restaurants, 2 Buffets and a Market on the Nişantaşı University – 1453 NeoTech Campus. You can see some of them are given below;



"Our mission to inspire and nurture the human spirit – one person, one cup, and one neighborhood at a time."

"Offering great coffee along with traditional, organic, fair trade and flavored teas. Food includes artisan sandwiches, sweet treats and home baking."



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"Turkish inspired cuisine in a lively, contemporary restaurant. Speedy hot food service available."

"A Popular Turkish 'Fast-food' chain... Cooked breakfast, made to order simit (ring-shaped bread covered with sesame seeds), baguettes and hot food. Daily specials to keep you coming back each day."





"Köfteci Ramiz had been a popular meatball restaurant in the Aegean part of Turkey. Its delicious taste comes from 100% veal and the signature grilling technique."

"The pioneer of organized retailing in Turkey, Migros today offers spacious stores in a wide range of formats and locations whose vast selection of cosmetics, stationery, glass and kitchenware, electronic appliances, book, textiles, and other items along with groceries and other necessities give it the ability to satisfy the shopping needs of its customers."



"If ever there was a comfort food, Turkish 'manti' is it. These dumplings were first introduced to Anatolia during the Ottoman Empire, as far back as the 13th century when nomadic Mongol horsemen carried with them a dried version. The more classic Turkish recipe dates back to the 15th century when it was recorded as an Ottoman recipe, this is the same version which is still enjoyed by Turks today."

"What would a meal in Turkey be without 'pilav'? It's one of the most basic, sustaining, and comforting of all Turkish dishes. The secret is in the sizzle – which gives it a creamy, buttery, and melt in the mouth consistency and taste."



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