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## TURKEY

### TRAVEL INTELLIGENCE SNAPSHOT

FOR U.S. TRAVELERS (AGES 25-75)

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OVERALL TRAVEL RISK RATING	TRAVELER CONFIDENCE SCORE™	EXECUTIVE SNAPSHOT	WHAT'S CHANGED?
<p style="background-color: #ff9900; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">ELEVATED</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin-top: 5px;"><b>PRIMARY DRIVERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional security concerns near certain border areas</li> <li>• Periodic terrorism threats in major cities</li> <li>• Earthquake risk in several regions</li> <li>• Traffic and transportation safety concerns</li> <li>• Seasonal infectious disease activity</li> </ul>	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #003366;">78</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; color: #003366;">/100</div> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin-top: 5px;"><b>MODERATELY FAVORABLE FOR PREPARED TRAVELERS</b></p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">Turkey remains one of the world's most visited destinations and offers generally safe travel for tourists who follow standard precautions and remain informed of local conditions.</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>Health Risk</b> ● Moderate</p> <p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>Crime Risk</b> ● Moderate</p> <p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>Terrorism Risk</b> ● Elevated</p> <p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>Natural Disaster Risk</b> ● Elevated</p> <p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>Medical Infrastructure</b> ● Good</p> <p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>Cruiser/Passenger Safety</b> ● Favorable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increased monitoring of regional security issues</li> <li>● Ongoing earthquake preparedness efforts following recent seismic activity</li> <li>● Continued focus on food and water safety</li> <li>● Strong tourism recovery and infrastructure improvements</li> <li>● Increased traveler awareness regarding demonstrations and public gatherings</li> </ul>

HEALTH INTELLIGENCE	SECURITY SNAPSHOT	CRUISE PASSENGER RISK INDEX™										
<p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>RECOMMENDED VACCINATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Routine Vaccinations</li> <li>● Hepatitis A</li> <li>● Hepatitis B</li> <li>● Rabies (higher-risk activities)</li> <li>● Measles (MMR)</li> </ul> <p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>CURRENT HEALTH CONCERNS</b></p> <table style="font-size: 8px;"> <tr> <td>● Food &amp; Waterborne Illness</td> <td>● Moderate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>● Traveler's Diarrhea</td> <td>● Moderate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>● Tick-Borne Diseases</td> <td>● Low-Moderate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>● Air Quality Episodes</td> <td>● Seasonal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>● Extreme Heat</td> <td>● Summer Risk</td> </tr> </table>	● Food & Waterborne Illness	● Moderate	● Traveler's Diarrhea	● Moderate	● Tick-Borne Diseases	● Low-Moderate	● Air Quality Episodes	● Seasonal	● Extreme Heat	● Summer Risk	<p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>U.S. TRAVELER CONSIDERATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Major tourist destinations generally considered safe</li> <li>● Visible police and tourism security presence</li> <li>● Avoid demonstrations and political gatherings</li> <li>● Exercise additional caution in southeastern border regions</li> <li>● Maintain awareness in crowded tourist areas</li> </ul>	<p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: #003366;">LOW-MODERATE</p> <p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>MAJOR CRUISE PORTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Istanbul Cruise Port</li> <li>● Kusadasi Port</li> <li>● Izmir Port</li> <li>● Bodrum Cruise Port</li> </ul> <p style="font-size: 8px;">Cruise passengers generally experience lower risk due to organized excursions and controlled transportation environments.</p>
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TOP DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS	WEATHER & ENVIRONMENT										
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; text-align: center;"> <div style="width: 20%;">  <p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>ISTANBUL</b></p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">Historic districts, shopping, culture, cruises.</p> </div> <div style="width: 20%;">  <p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>CAPPADOCIA</b></p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">Adventure tourism and world-famous landscapes.</p> </div> <div style="width: 20%;">  <p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>EPHESUS</b></p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">One of the world's best-preserved archaeological sites.</p> </div> <div style="width: 20%;">  <p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>BODRUM</b></p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">Popular cruise and resort destination.</p> </div> </div>	<p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>WEATHER &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <table style="font-size: 8px;"> <tr> <td>● Earthquakes</td> <td>● High Awareness</td> </tr> <tr> <td>● Summer Heat</td> <td>● Moderate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>● Wildfires</td> <td>● Seasonal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>● Winter Storms</td> <td>● Regional</td> </tr> <tr> <td>● Flooding</td> <td>● Localized</td> </tr> </table> <p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>BEST TRAVEL SEASONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Spring (Apr–June)</li> <li>● Fall (Sept–Nov)</li> </ul>	● Earthquakes	● High Awareness	● Summer Heat	● Moderate	● Wildfires	● Seasonal	● Winter Storms	● Regional	● Flooding	● Localized
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TRAVEL PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST	MEDICAL & EMERGENCY RESOURCES	INSURANCE & EVACUATION SNAPSHOT	TOP 5 TRAVELER RISKS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Enroll in STP</li> <li>✓ Purchase travel insurance</li> <li>✓ Verify passport validity</li> <li>✓ Download offline maps</li> <li>✓ Review emergency contacts</li> <li>✓ Carry prescription medications</li> <li>✓ Register cruise excursions</li> <li>✓ Monitor local advisories</li> </ul>	<p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>EMERGENCY NUMBERS</b></p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">Police <b>155</b></p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">Ambulance <b>112</b></p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">Fire <b>110</b></p> <p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>U.S. EMBASSY</b></p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">U.S. Embassy Ankara 06830 Centryks, Ankara, Turkey +90 312 455 0000 tr.embassy.gov</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>RECOMMENDED COVERAGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Emergency Medical</li> <li>✓ Medical Evacuation</li> <li>✓ Trip Cancellation</li> <li>✓ Travel Delay</li> <li>✓ Lost Luggage</li> </ul> <p style="font-size: 8px;">Turkey's private healthcare system is generally strong in major cities, but evacuation coverage remains advisable for serious emergencies.</p>	<p style="font-size: 8px;"><b>TOP 5 TRAVELER RISKS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Regional Security Incidents</li> <li>2 Earthquakes</li> <li>3 Traffic Accidents</li> <li>4 Food &amp; Waterborne Illness</li> <li>5 Pickpocketing &amp; Tourist Scams</li> </ol>

**TRAVELER CONFIDENCE SUMMARY**

**RECOMMENDED FOR:**

Cruise Travelers
Families
Couples
Solo Travelers
Cultural Tourism
Historical Tourism
Adventure Tourism

**ELEVATED RISK — FAVORABLE FOR WELL-PREPARED TRAVELERS**

Turkey continues to offer exceptional cultural, historical, and cruise experiences. Most visitors encounter no significant problems when they follow local guidance, remain aware of current conditions, and practice routine travel safety precautions.

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Below is a selection of trusted, publicly available websites that provide U.S. travelers with international health, safety, security, medical, and travel advisory information for destination awareness.



CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)



U.S. Department of State



STEP (Travelers' Security Preparedness)



WHO (World Health Organization)



IATA (International Air Transport Association)



ITM / IAHAT (International Travel Medicine)

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## Turkey International Travel Intelligence Report

For U.S. Travelers (Ages 25–75)

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### Executive Summary

Turkey remains one of the world’s most visited travel destinations, offering major historical sites, Mediterranean and Aegean coastlines, cruise ports, cultural tourism, medical tourism, and business travel opportunities. However, travelers should understand that Turkey presents elevated risks related to regional geopolitical tensions, terrorism concerns, transportation safety, earthquakes, crowd-related incidents, and periodic infectious disease outbreaks.

The U.S. Department of State currently advises travelers to exercise increased caution due to terrorism and arbitrary detentions in certain circumstances. Areas near the Syrian and Iraqi borders carry stronger warnings.

### Turkey Travel Risk & Preparedness Chart

<b>Category</b>	<b>Current Guidance</b>
<b>Country Travel Guidance</b>	The U.S. State Department Turkey Advisory advises travelers to exercise increased caution due to terrorism and regional security concerns. Southeastern provinces bordering Syria and Iraq carry higher-level warnings. Major tourist destinations such as Istanbul, Cappadocia, Kusadasi, Bodrum, Antalya, and Izmir remain heavily visited but require normal urban vigilance.
<b>Health Advisories &amp; Active Alerts</b>	The CDC Travelers’ Health – Turkey and World Health Organization (WHO) monitor ongoing concerns related to seasonal respiratory illnesses, food/waterborne disease, heat-related illness, and mosquito-borne infections in limited areas. Travelers should monitor for regional outbreaks and maintain routine hygiene precautions.
<b>Vaccination Recommendations</b>	CDC recommends travelers be current on routine vaccinations plus Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B. Rabies vaccination may be recommended for travelers involved in outdoor



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<b>Category</b>	<b>Current Guidance</b>
	or rural activities. MMR vaccination is strongly encouraged due to global measles activity.
<b>Safety Awareness Tools</b>	Recommended tools include: • Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) • Offline GPS maps • Hotel-arranged transportation • Travel insurance with evacuation coverage • TSA travel preparation tools • Translation and emergency communication apps
<b>Emergency Contact Resources</b>	Police: 155 • Ambulance: 112 • Fire: 110 • Tourist Police available in major tourism zones • U.S. Embassy Ankara: +90-312-455-5555 • STEP registration strongly recommended
<b>Medical Facility Locators</b>	Turkey has modern private hospitals and internationally accredited medical centers in Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, and Antalya. Healthcare quality may vary in rural regions. Recommended clinic resources: • International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM) Travel Clinic Directory • IAMAT Travel Health Advice & Clinics
<b>Weather &amp; Environmental Alerts</b>	Turkey experiences earthquakes, wildfires, flooding, severe winter storms, heat waves, and occasional transportation disruptions. Earthquake preparedness is especially important due to Turkey’s seismic activity. Travelers should monitor local weather and emergency alerts.
<b>Airport Security &amp; Re-entry</b>	Travelers should monitor current airport security procedures and re-entry requirements through: • Transportation Security Administration (TSA) • U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
<b>Destination Preparedness Checklist</b>	Recommended preparation includes: • Valid passport • Travel insurance with medical evacuation • Prescription medications in original containers • Power adapters • Backup power bank • Emergency cash • Copies of travel documents • Offline maps and emergency contacts
<b>Cruise-Specific Traveler Guidance</b>	Cruise travelers visiting Turkish ports should remain aware of crowd density, transportation scams, and petty theft in busy tourism zones. Cruise-approved transportation and excursions are recommended in unfamiliar areas.



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<b>Category</b>	<b>Current Guidance</b>
<b>Traveler Wellness Education</b>	Travelers should focus on hydration, heat protection, food safety, crowd awareness, and moderation with alcohol consumption. Common traveler concerns include gastrointestinal illness, dehydration, respiratory infections, and fatigue from extended touring.
<b>Family Travel Preparation Checklist</b>	Families should prepare: • Child identification cards • Emergency meeting plans • Copies of passports • Medication backup supplies • Travel insurance documentation • Emergency communication plans • Child-safe sunscreen and medications • Medical consent forms for minors if applicable

## **Current High-Priority Traveler Concerns**

<b>Risk Area</b>	<b>Practical Concern</b>
<b>Terrorism &amp; Security</b>	Terrorist incidents and politically motivated attacks have occurred in Turkey, particularly in major cities and near border regions.
<b>Earthquake Risk</b>	Turkey sits in a highly active seismic zone. Significant earthquakes can occur with little warning.
<b>Transportation Safety</b>	Heavy traffic congestion, aggressive driving patterns, and pedestrian hazards are common in major cities.
<b>Petty Crime &amp; Tourist Scams</b>	Pickpocketing, overcharging, taxi scams, and distraction theft can occur in crowded tourist districts and transportation hubs.
<b>Regional Instability</b>	Areas near the Syrian and Iraqi borders remain unstable and are generally not recommended for tourism travel.

## **Country Snapshot (CIA World Factbook)**



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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Summary</b>
<b>Government</b>	Presidential republic
<b>Population</b>	Approximately 86 million
<b>Primary Language</b>	Turkish
<b>Currency</b>	Turkish Lira (TRY)
<b>Economy</b>	Tourism, manufacturing, trade, agriculture, energy
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Modern transportation and telecommunications in major cities; variable rural infrastructure
<b>Emergency Services</b>	Generally reliable in urban centers; variable in remote regions

**Source:** CIA World Factbook – Turkey

### Trusted International Travel Resources

Below is a vetted list of trusted, publicly available websites that provide U.S. travelers with international health, safety, security, medical, and travel advisory information for destinations worldwide.

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Recommended Source</b>
<b>Health Alerts</b>	CDC Travelers’ Health
<b>Country Safety</b>	U.S. State Department Travel Advisories
<b>Emergency Registration</b>	Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)
<b>Global Disease Outbreaks</b>	World Health Organization (WHO)



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<b>Airport Security</b>	Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
<b>Entry &amp; Re-entry Rules</b>	U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
<b>Travel Clinics</b>	ISTM Travel Clinics
<b>Travel Clinics &amp; Health Advice</b>	IAMAT
<b>Weather &amp; Environmental Alerts</b>	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

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### Cruise Traveler Notes for Turkey

Popular cruise ports in Turkey include:

- Istanbul
- Kusadasi (gateway to Ephesus)
- Bodrum
- Antalya
- Marmaris

Cruise passengers should:

- Carry minimal valuables while ashore
- Use licensed taxis or cruise-arranged transportation
- Remain alert in crowded bazaars and transportation hubs
- Monitor local demonstrations or political gatherings
- Carry bottled water during hot weather excursions



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- Follow earthquake safety guidance in hotels and public venues
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### Practical Travel Intelligence Tips

#### Recommended Traveler Preparations

- Register with STEP before departure
- Maintain digital and printed copies of passports
- Use RFID-protected wallets in crowded areas
- Confirm travel insurance includes medical evacuation coverage
- Download offline translation and navigation apps
- Monitor local news during periods of political unrest
- Avoid unauthorized tour operators

#### Situational Awareness Guidance

Travelers should remain particularly vigilant:

- In crowded tourist districts
  - Near major transportation hubs
  - During public demonstrations
  - In nightlife districts late at night
  - Near border regions
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