

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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Below are some of the services and facilities most requested by American citizens in Istanbul. It is by no means a comprehensive list.

SCOUT PROGRAM

(Boys) Jean-Paul Hupez

(212) 299 9027

scoutmastertroop@yahoo.com

(Girls) Maria Ibrahimzade

mariai@superonline.com

FOREIGN HOSPITALS

KOC American

(212) 311 2000

German Hospital

(212) 293 2150

International Hospital Yesilkoy

(212) 663 3000

Italian Hospital

(212) 292 9000

Acibadem Hospital

(216) 544 4444

Florence Nightingale

(212) 224 4950

COUNSELING / PSYCHOTHERAPY

Leyla Navaro

(212) 258 9251

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

American Hospital: Candan Osma, Coordinator

(532) 211 8762

Martha Cooper

(532) 216 0748

Michael

(532) 761 6466

VETERINARIANS

Ju-En (Etiler)

(212) 257 7750

(212) 263 3110

Animalia (Levent)

(212) 280 9277

Pet Life (Tarabya)

(212) 262 9985

CLUBS

American Women in Istanbul (AWI) Shirley Topham

sstopham@hotmail.com

International Women of Istanbul (IWI) Syntnec Zoight

(212) 277 2097

(532) 735 2298

American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT)

(212) 257 8111

Istanbul / American University Association

(212) 247 5785

(212) 247 2188

St. Andrew's Society, G. Waugh or D. McClelland

(212) 334 6400

Tour Guide Edda

(212) 249 9491

(212) 247 2891

SPORTS FACILITIES

Enka (swimming, tennis, gym) Istinye

(212) 276 2297

Hillside at Alkent (tennis, aerobics, racquetball)

(212) 257 7822

Alkent – Etiler

Korukent (swimming, tennis, basketball, bowling) (212) 274 0668

Kemer Country Club, Kemerburgaz (212) 239 7010

Note: Many of the 5-star hotels offer swimming pools, gym, etc. with membership agreements. For information call the hotel.

INTERNATIONAL LIBRARIES / BOOKSTORES

British Council Library 251 Istiklal Caddesi (212) 252 7478

Robinson Crusoe Books Istiklal Caddesi

Haset Bookstore 469 Istiklal Caddesi

Sander 178 Istiklal Caddesi

French / American Bookstore 513 Istiklal Caddesi

Internasyonel Kitap Evi, Valikonagi Cad. 83 D-1 Nisantasi (212) 240 3944

Greenhouse (533) 715 0822

www.garantialisveris.com/greenhouse

CHURCHES

Anglican: St. Helen / All Saints / Christ Church (212) 244 4228

Evangelical German (212) 250 3040

Inter-denominational: Dutch Chapel / Union Church (212) 244 5212

Catholic: St. Antoine, St. Esprit (212) 244 0935

Jewish: Neve Shalom (212) 244 7566

Greek Orthodox: Patriarchate (212) 531 9670

Aya Triada (212) 244 1358

LDS Services (212) 351 0226

AMERICAN BANKS

American Express Maya Akar Center Kat 5 Daire 23 (212) 275 9526-27
Buyukdere Cad. No: 100-102
Esentepe

Bank of New York Suleyman Seba Cad BJK Plaza (212) 259 4849
No: 48 B Blok Kat 6
Akaretler

Bankers Trust Yapi Kredi Plaza B-11 Levent (212) 280 1620

Chase Manhattan Yildiz Posta Caddesi No: 52 (212) 227 9700-14
Dedeman Ticaret Merkezi
Kat 11-12 Esentepe

Ernst & Young Buyukdere Cad. Basman Han (212) 315 3000
No 4 Kat 6
Sisli

Citibank

Buyukdere Caddesi No: 100
Maya Is Merkezi, Esentepe
Hours 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

(212) 288 7700 (50 Lines)

WEB ADDRESSES FOR AMERICANS LIVING OVERSEAS

<http://www.cdc.gov.travel/>

(Geographic Health Recommendations)

<http://www.congress.gov>

This website provides the text of U.S. visa law (Immigration and Nationality Act).

<http://www.csc.gov>

This website provides information on vaccinations and other health precautions can be obtained from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention hotline for international travelers.

<http://www.customs.gov>

This is the website for the U.S. Customs Service.

<http://www.escapeartist.com>

Jump off into the global village: travel, invest, find overseas resources, read international newspapers online. This site is conscious of international human and environmental concerns and works to promote global citizenship.

<http://www.expatexchange.com>

<http://www.fvap.ncr.gov>

This is the website address for information on voting and voter registration.

<http://www.ins.usdoj.gov>

This is the website address of Immigration and Naturalization Services.

<http://www.iorworld.com>

IOR is a cross-cultural consulting group with relevant information online for making successful transitions abroad and repatriating back to the United States. This site is a bit cumbersome to navigate, but offers high-quality information.

<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov>

This is the website address for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and tax-related information.

<http://www.lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

(Library of Congress Country Studies)

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com>

This site is full of useful travel information and trivia. A bit irreverent, it provides low-cost, interesting insights into locations around the globe.

<http://www.mymerhaba.com>

<http://www.ntis.gov>

This is the website for the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), which provides information on website business. NTIS is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>

(CIA World Factbook)

<http://www.outpostexpat.nl>

This site, sponsored by Shell International for its expatriate employees and families, offers detailed information about countries and cultural regions where Shell does business.

<http://www.overseasdigest.com>

An online international community for expatriates around the world, this site delivers a wide range of in-depth coverage on life issues for Americans residing abroad. There are bulletin boards, chat groups, tax information, regional/cultural sections, and sections devoted to moving children and the issues of repatriation.

<http://www.relocation-turkey.com>

A private company that provides relocation services for expatriates and their families, including house-hunting, schools, residence and work permits, utilities subscriptions, and other practical issues. Also available at Tel. (212) 284 4474 and Fax (212) 284 4471.

<http://www.ssa.gov>

This is the website of the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA).

<http://www.state.gov>

This is the website address for information provided by the Department of State. This includes Consular Information Sheets, Public Announcements and Travel Warnings.

<http://www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/pgtrpt/2001>

This is the website address where the State Department releases its yearly report Patterns of Global Terrorism.

http://www.state.gov/www/about_state/business/com_guides/index.html

(Country Commercial Guides)

<http://www.tckworld.com>

This site is dedicated to the support and understanding of Third Culture Kids: military “brats,” missionary kids, Foreign Service and corporate kids, international exchange students and others who have lived as children in foreign cultures.

<http://www.travel.state.gov>

This is the Department of State’s Consular Affairs Bureau website address.

Other links to the Consular Affairs Bureau homepage have been listed below:

http://travel_pubs.html

http://passport_services.html

http://visa_services.html

http://customer_service.html

http://children’s_issues.html

http://judicial_assistance.html

<http://www.travel.state.gov/turkdrv.html>

Provides excellent material on driving in Turkey.

<http://www.turkey.org/turkey>

A website where you can find specific information concerning Turkey's driver permits, vehicle inspection, road tax and mandatory insurance, among other practical information for tourists in Turkey. You can also get this information through 821 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, tel. (212) 687-2194 or 687-2195, fax (212) 599-7568.

<http://www.ustrade.gov>

Information on U.S. companies and businesses abroad, including Turkey.

<http://www.ykcguide.com>

A website with a range of practical information for Americans living in Turkey.

Information for the Ministry of Industry & Trade in Turkey

Ministry of Industry & Trade of the Republic of Turkey

Consumer Protection Directorate

Tel: (312) 231 7280

Fax: (312) 286 5425

Turkish – American Business Association (American Chamber of Commerce)

Etiler Sokak, No: 1

Etiler

Tel: (212) 359 0228/26

Fax: (212) 287 1818

ISTANBUL BAR ASSOCIATION, WOMEN'S RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT CENTER

If you are facing violence and do not have the financial means to seek legal consultancy, you may call between 14:00 and 17:00 hrs during weekdays, to fix an appointment.

Istanbul Barosu Kadin Haklari Uygulama Merkezi

Istiklal Caddesi Orhan Adli Apaydin Sok. Baro Han, Kat 3, D: 305, 80050 Beyoglu

Tel. (212) 251 6325 x127

WOMEN'S SHELTERS

ANAKARA – Kadin Dayanisma Vakfi (Women's Solidarity Foundation)
Contact: Leziz Onaran (Excellent English)

Tel: (312) 284 4500/249 W

ANTALYA - Antalya Kadin Platformu (Antalya Women's Platform)
Tel: (242) 346 6343
Contact: Nilgun Eroglu (Speaks English)

DIYARBAKIR- Ka-Mer (Women's Center)
(No shelter yet but help available)
Tel: (412) 228 1053

ISTANBUL - SHCEK Kadin Konuk Evi
Tel: (212) 522 3697

Kucukcekmece Bel. Konuk Evi
Tel: (212) 624 3115
(212) 580 0772

Computer Service Companies for Personal Computers in Istanbul

These companies have end-user customer service offices. They are selected based on their location and accessibility from the Consulate General. The services vary depending on the brand of equipment and availability in the country. Their service prices and sales information vary according to exchange rates, hourly service costs, and location of the computer to be served.

Bimsan Bilgisayar, Mecidiyekoy. This firm specializes in end-user hardware and software support, regardless of computer brands.

Contact Person: Ilker Bey
Telephone: 213-1000

Bilgisayar Hastanesi, Gumussuyu, Taksim. An Authorized Compaq Technical Center, this company specializes in end-user hardware and software support. On-site support is also available. The Consulate General has worked with them several times.

Contact Person: Burcuhan Bayulgen
Telephone: 252-1767, 252-1575, 293-1016

Hewlett Packard, Okmeydani. The HP branch office is located 5 minutes from the Consulate General and specializes in end-user technical support for both HP hardware and HP software products.

Telephone: 221-6969

Lazermatik. This company is also in Okmeydani-Perpa. This company gives support for printers (especially HP printers). They can provide on-site support, if needed.

Contact Person: Aydin Berker(can speak English)
Telephone: 222-3276

Express Mail Services

Federal Express

Organize Sanayi Bolgesi
Turgut Ozal Cad.
No: 102, Ikitelli
Tel: (212) 549 0404

Feriye Cad. No:30
Taksim
Tel: (212) 250 5305

DHL

Yalcin Kones Cad. No: 20
34540, Yenibosna
Tel: (212) 478 1000

Cumhuriyet Cad. Gezi Dukkani
No: 20, Taksim
Tel: (212) 245 5850

UPS

Ambarli Cad No: 6 A Blk
Zeytinburnu
Tel: (212) 444 0066

Konaklar Mah. Cinar Sok.
No: 20 4.Levent
Tel: (212) 317 9097

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

Dilmer Tel: (212) 252 5154

International House
Language Center Tel: (212) 282 9064

Ugur Dogruguvan
School of Languages Tel: (212) 272 3709

Bogazici University Tel: (212) 257 5039

FLYING PHARMACIST SERVICE

An export pharmacy based in England, equipped and licensed to deliver personal medications directly to local doctors' offices and patients' addresses (including hotels) within three working days.

This service may be of advantage to expatriate Americans who are unable to source their regular medication from local pharmacies, or who have been prescribed specialized new drugs which are unavailable in Turkey.

International Pharmacy Organization
85 Station Road, Edgware, Middlesex HA87JH
Tel: 44 20 8381 1911
Fax: 44 20 8952 2063
E-mail: ipo@aapi.co.uk

RELOCATION SERVICES

ISTANBUL RELOCATION CONSULTING SERVICES

Kore Sehitleri Caddesi
Yuzbasi Kaya Aldogan Sokak
15/2A Zincirlikuyu

Tel: (212) 213 5855/56
Fax: (212) 288 5016
E-mail: istrelocation@superonline.com
info@relocationturkey.com

CROWN RELOCATIONS

Fulya Mah. Mevhit Pehlivan Sok
Alisamiyen Apt A Blk No 8 D 6
Mecidiyekoy
Tel: (212) 347 4410
Fax: (212) 347 4413
E-mail: Istanbul@crownrelo.com
Website: www.crownrelo.com

HEDEF REAL ESTATE AGENCY

Siraselviler Cad Guney Is Merkezi Kat 3
Cihangir
Tel: (532) 481 5528
semrasunat@hotmail.com

MARRIAGE CONSULTANTS

SEBNEM ORGANIZASYON

Kurtulus Cad 19/1 Sisli
Tel: (212) 219 0347 / 219 0348
Fax: (212) 233 8114
E-mail: sebnem@sebnemorganizasyon.com
www.sebnemorganizasyon.com

TOURING CLUB

1 nci Oto Sanayi Sitesi Yani
4. Levent Seyrantepe
Tel: (212) 282 8140-44
Fax: (212) 282 8042
E-mail: turing@turing.org.tr
Website: www.turing.org.tr

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS IN ISTANBUL

Bosphorus International Preschool

Tan Sok. No:12 Emirgan
Tel: (212) 277 8444

Bosphorus International Primary

Tel: (212) 226 3000
(212) 277 8444
primary@bipschools.net
www.bipschools.net

British International School

Tel: (212) 265 2558
bisadmin@bis.k12.tr
www.bis.k12.tr

International Small Hands Academy

Rumelihisari campus Tel: (212) 287 1568
Etiler Campus Tel: (212) 287 4785

Istanbul International Community School

Tel: (212) 857 8264
headmast@iics.k12.tr
www.iics.k12.tr

MEF International School

Tel: (212) 287 3871
Fax: (212) 287 3870
contact@mef.k12.tr

Ozel Erisin Anaokulu (ABC International Pre-School)

Sirin Sokak No:32 Baltalimani
Tel: (212) 229 3776
Fax: (212) 229 3577

TEK Pre-School

Levent

Tel: (212) 269 1337

Eden's Garden International Preschool

Tel: (212) 262 4302

www.edensgardenpreschool.com

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