How to get to Antalya

**From Istanbul**
- 1-hour flight from Istanbul Airport
- 1-hour flight from Sabiha Gokcen Airport

**From Cappadocia**
- 1-hour flight from Kayseri Airport
- 1-hour flight from Nevsehir Airport
- 7-hour drive

**From Izmir**
- 1-hour flight from Izmir Airport

**From Konya**
- 4-hour drive

**From Pamukkale**
- 3-hour drive
Antalya is a historically and geographically rich destination with a heritage of more than 2000 years.

Antalya is considered as the Tourism Capital of Turkey receiving more than 15 million international visitors annually.

Antalya is renowned for its luxurious All-Inclusive 5-star hotels, most of which located in Belek, Lara and Manavgat regions.

Antalya is also a renowned MICE and Wedding Destination of Turkey.

There are around 2000 hotels with more than 5.5 lakh bed capacity in Antalya.

There are more than 400 5-star hotel in Antalya which operate on All Inclusive System.

Antalya, with more than 200 blue flag certified beaches, is the city which has the highest number of blue flag certified beaches in the world.

Antalya City Center is located around the historical heart of the city, known as Kaleici. Old town is a citadel encircled by historic city walls and a charming historical harbour.

Antalya features some of the Mediterranean’s cleanest beaches which makes the destination the perfect holiday destination for travelers who love to relax and sunbathe.
Antalya experiences a Mediterranean climate characterized by hot summers and warm winters.

Winters from December to February are relatively warm in the region, the average temperature in this period is around 17-19 °C during the daytime and around 7-9 °C during the nighttime. Rain can be experienced during the wintertime whereas there is no snow at all during that period.

The average temperature between March to May, is around 23-25 °C during the daytime and around 13-15 °C during the nighttime. The rain is very rare in this period of the year.

Summers, from June to August, are hot and sunny in Antalya with almost negligible rainfall. Most tourists visit Antalya in this period. The average temperature in this time of the year is 32-34 °C during the daytime and around 21-23 °C during the nighttime.

Autumn, from September to November, is the time when the region attracts lots of foreign tourists from all around the world. The average temperature in autumn is around 24-26 °C during the daytime and around 15-17 °C during the nighttime.
**MUST SEE SIGHTS**

- **Old Town & The Old Harbour:** Antalya’s Old Town (Kaleiçi) remains the heart of this modern Turkish city. The old city of Antalya contains many of the city’s historic sites.

  Renovations to the marina and waterfront have added several hotels, restaurants and shops, making this a popular tourist destination.

  The Triumphal arch of the Hadrian’s Gate built in the 2nd century, is famous for its triple arches that guard the entrance to Kaleici.

- **Antalya Museum:** One of Turkey’s richest museums in terms of objects of antiquity. It is located in downtown Antalya within walking distance to city center.

  The museum contains 13 display halls including a children section and open galleries.

  Antalya museum with 5000 works of art is one of the largest museums of the country.

- **Düden Waterfalls:** It is approximately 7 km away from the city center and is one of the most beautiful waterfalls of the country. The falls consist of two cascades, and the upper part is nearly 50 feet (15 meters) tall and 65 feet (20 meters) wide.

  It is at the highest cliff of Lara Beach and Antalya’s most popular public park with picnic areas.

  Tourists from all over the world flock to see over to Antalya Düden waterfall.
**Kurşunlu Waterfall Natural Park:** Kurşunlu Waterfall is 20 km away from the Antalya city center. It takes around 20-minute to reach the park from the city center.

It is one of the favorite destinations for visitors due to its amazing natural waterfall and endemic plants, wildlife and nature.

Explorers would be delighted to visit the nearby caves that curve around the back and sides of the falls.

More than 300,000 people visits Kurşunlu Waterfall Natural Park every year.

**Aspendos Theater:**
Aspendos is considered as the best preserved ancient theater of the world.

It is 45 km away from the city center and still acts as a major destination for concerts today.

Every year the Aspendos International Opera and Ballet Festival is held here, where artists from all over the world participate to play in one of the greatest theaters.

The site is visited by approximately 400,000 people every year.

**Ancient City of Perge:**
Archaeological Site of Perge, which is included on the UNESCO Tentative List in 2009, is one of the outstanding universal values of Turkey.

It is located 15 km from Antalya city centre.

One can see Basilica and Baths, City Walls and Theatre and Stadium while visiting Ancient city of Perge.

In addition to these, “Patara Ancient City”, “Myra Ancient City” and “Church of St. Nicholas” which is also known as Santa Claus attract lots of visitors from all around the world.
TOP EXPERIENCES IN ANTALYA

- **Boat trip:** As a city with almost 600 km coastline, boat trips are available from almost every town Marina from west to east. While in the city center a two-hour boat trip from the Old Harbour is a must from Kaleici Marina. Private boat tours also available where one can have the unique experience of Turkish Riviera and visiting some of the ancient cities such as Phaselis ancient city.

- **Tahtalı Mountain Cable Car Riding:** Standing 2365 meters above the sea level, Tahtali Mountain is located 50 km. from the city center of Antalya. One can see the beautiful coastline of Antalya region, gorgeous mountains, pine forests and turquoise Mediterranean sea while having the cable car riding experience.

  It takes around 10-minute to ride to the mountain’s summit and is available everyday all year around.

  The cable-car establishment which is built with the most up-to-date CEN norms is suitable with the slogan “Sea to Sky” and combined the classical sea and mountain vacation activities.

- **Golfing:** In addition to home to best-of-the-class luxury hotels, Belek region in Antalya is also known as one of the most favorite golf destinations of the world.

  Belek offers top quality golf courses, not only for hotel guests, for all golfers, including beginners’ courses.

  Luxury Belek Hotels has 15 golf courses where one can indulge in a good game of golf.

  More than 150,000 international visitors came to the region for playing golf in 2019.

  The preferable season for golf in Antalya is the time between October to May.
Antalya is renowned leisure and MICE destination especially known for its luxury hotels and high standard all inclusive system. Most of the hotels in Antalya and Bodrum operate on All-Inclusive system, which can be explained as “food and beverages (including liquor) consumed in the hotel are included in the accommodation package”.

Most of the luxury hotels in Antalya feature grand swimming pools, aqua-park facilities, a la carte and rich buffet restaurants, sports and entertainment facilities, luxurious spa and golf courses offer a full vacation package to visitors.

**Boutique Hotels:** Apart from the Luxury All Inclusive hotels, Antalya houses Boutique hotels as well. Historical heart of the city such name-ly Old Town or Old Harbour has small B&B hotels renovated 19th century Ottoman houses with cozy courtyards and gardens of citrus trees.

These boutique hotels mostly do not operate on All Inclusive System. They usually operate on B&B.

**Shopping in Antalya:** When in Antalya you can dive into a diverse range of shopping options such as ceramics, carpets and leather products within the Old Town. (Kaleici)

There are numerous shopping malls in Antalya where one can find almost all international brands with reasonable prices.

Antalya is also famous with for street markets. Lara Street Market which is set up on Saturdays is a good example of this. In such street markets, one can finds stalls in selling clothing, jewelry, accessories, bags and souvenirs.

In addition to these, almost all 5 star Hotels in the region have their own shopping facilities.
WHAT TO EAT IN ANTALYA?

Turkish cuisine is considered as one of the three most important cuisines of the world and the local dishes of Antalya form an integral part of it.

Antalya’s signature preparations include Piyaz, Meatball, Tandır Kebap and various other cold vegetarian Mediterranean preparations.

There are lots of fish restaurants in Antalya where one can taste the rich Mediterranean sea food cuisine. Some of the fish restaurants have an open air section right by the sea. After being seated, it is customary to visit the kitchen for picking the fish and discuss the way you want it to be prepared.

Indian Food: As one of the most popular tourist destinations of the country, in addition to almost all cuisines of the world, there are Indian restaurants available in the city too.
ANTALYA WITH FAMILY

- **Rafting in Koprulu Canyon National Park**: It is the most popular rafting area of the country.
  The rafting area is around 80 km away from Antalya center and can be reached in 80-minute.
  It is a daily tour including lunch and transfers where one can have the rafting experience with his/her family and friends.

- **Jeep Safari**: Striking contrast between the beaches and the towering Taurus Mountains in the background makes Antalya and surrounding areas so attractive.
  Jeep Safari helps you to explore hidden beauties of Antalya.
  It is a one day event which you can experience together with your family and friends while traveling through the region in an off-road vehicle.

- **Land of Legends Theme parks and Aqua parks**: Located in Belek region, Land of Legends is 30 km away from the city center.
  It is a complex of aqua parks, restaurants, and famous brands.
  The place offers good opportunity of spending time by shopping or dining for parents while children have entertainment in aqua park or theme parks.
Pamukkale (White Marvel)

Pamukkale is located in Southwestern Turkey and visited by more than 2 million tourists every year.

It is a natural site which appears in almost every list of places to be seen once in a lifetime.

Pamukkale, the so-called ‘Cotton Castle’ is formed of white calcite travertines (terraces) overrunning with warm, mineral-rich waters on the mountain above the village.

HOW TO REACH

- Closest airport to Pamukkale is Denizli - Cardak Airport which is 65 km away from Pamukkale.
- 1-hour flight from Istanbul
- From the airport you can take a shuttle to Pamukkale.
- Pamukkale is a 3.5-hour drive away from Izmir city, approximately 225 km from the airport.
- Another popular drive to Pamukkale is from Antalya. It is a scenic 3-hour drive over the mountains from Antalya city center.

From the airport you can take a shuttle to Pamukkale.
The magnificent Hierapolis ancient city was established near the travertine by Romans. Those unique travertines and the ancient ruins were inscribed in UNESCO World Heritage List.

The Hierapolis city of antiquity has reached our times in a quite well preserved state. The most frequented structure of the antiquity should have been the Roman Baht House, and at present the same building is used as the archeological museum.

As a destination which attracts more than 2 million tourists Pamukkale houses quality hotels. Hot air ballooning is also available in Pamukkale. As it is a case in Cappadocia hot air balloons take off in the morning time and it can be cancelled sometimes due to the security concerns.

Pamukkale provides several unique experiences to its visitors. Enjoying the magnificent sight created by the sunset colouring the travertine in beautiful hues, is an experience worth to extend your visit.
Bodrum is a popular resort town on the southern west corner of Turkey, on the shores of the Aegean. It is a luxury destination and known as the host to numerous big Indian weddings. Bodrum is the birthplace of blue cruising and the blue voyage in Turkey. One can have the experience of luxury cruises on indigenous Turkish wooden sailboats called “gulets” among the many coves with a private chef and crew in Bodrum. Visiting the Museum of Underwater Archaeology and the Bodrum Castle is among the main activities for Bodrum. Sunbathe on the Bodrum Peninsula Beaches, Camel Beach, Bodrum Peninsula is so popular for the tourists. Shopping at Yalıkavak Marina and experiencing Bodrum’s Nightlife is a must.

HOW TO REACH
- 1-hour flight from Istanbul and Sabiha Gökçen Airport
- 6-hour drive from Antalya
- 4-hour drive from Izmir
- 3.5-hour drive from Pamukkale
Thanks to its clear sea, beautiful nature, harbour and proximity to the ancient cities, Kuşadası has been one of the earliest tourism destinations and it still continues to be popular with its lovely beaches, sun, cool breezes, restaurants serving delicious Aegean food and top-quality hotels.

Kuşadası Cruise Port is one of Turkey’s major cruise stops and the main access to ancient Ephesus.

Besides many outdoor activities such as trekking and scuba-diving, Kuşadası with its entertainment facilities is a lovely holiday resort to suit all expectations.

As one of the oldest tourism destinations of the country Kuşadası features high quality hotels some of which operates in All Inclusive System. One can explore Pigeon Island and visit the museum.

Going on a Jeep safari and exploring the surrounding areas of Kusadasi, spending the day whizzing down the slides at Adaland or Aqua Fantasy are among the top experiences in Kusadasi.

Enjoying a delicious meal on Ladies Beach whilst watching the beautiful sunset is a must.

**HOW TO REACH**

- 1-hour flight to Izmir Airport from Istanbul
- 45-minute drive from Izmir Airport
- 2.5-hour drive from Pamukkale

(Kuşadası Port)
IZMIR

Izmir is the third largest city of Turkey after Istanbul and Ankara. It is easily accessible with almost one-hour flight from Istanbul, Ankara, or Antalya.

In addition to the numerous places you can visit in Izmir; famous nearby destinations such as Bodrum, Marmaris, Pamukkale, Kuşadası are also easily accessible.

With its unique bays, blue flag beaches, facilities that offer all kinds of water sports.

Home of UNESCO World Heritage Sites
Two out of eighteen values of Turkey that are in the UNESCO World Heritage List are located in Izmir. Listed in 2014 and 2015 respectively, these are Pergamon and its Multi-Layered Cultural Landscape and Ephesus.

The Multi-Faith City
Izmir has hosted several different faiths from past to present for thousands of years. The fact that the House of Virgin Mary (Ephesus) which has been declared as the place of “pilgrimage” by the Christians, “Church of the Ecumenical Councils”, the first church to have been built for Virgin Mary, and the Saint John Basilica are located in Izmir, makes the city an attractive district for faith tourism.
The City of Flavors: İzmir has a multicultural and rich cuisine just like its history. This delicious cuisine is another reason to visit İzmir.

The most prominent feature of İzmir’s cuisine is that it’s healthy. Both the Aegean Sea itself and the climate softened by the Aegean Sea provide İzmir with the freshest seafood and the freshest vegetables.

İzmir is a city where you can enjoy authentic breakfasts, the famous kumru, local foods that include thousands of various herbs and seafood with a side of various mezes.

Ephesus: The ancient city of Ephesus is Turkey’s most important ancient city, and one of the best preserved and restored sites as well.

It contains numerous grand public buildings as the impressive Library of Celsus, the theatre, the Temple of Hadrian and the sumptuous Temple of Artemis which is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Ephesus is one of the most important centers of the ancient era that is inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2015.

Almost 2 million tourists visit Ephesus Antique city every year.
Çeşme – Alaçatı: The district of Çeşme is a very popular summer resort, 45-minute drive on a highway from İzmir downtown. It is gaining importance in the Indian film Industry as well. Famous Indian pop singer Harrdy Sandhu’s “Dance Like” song was shot in Çeşme.

The white sandy beaches stretch lazily along a road lined with exquisitely built houses, several large hotels and a number of restaurants, serving excellent seafood and Turkish specialties.

Most of the hotels are set on beaches outside the center of town and the peninsula has excellent conditions for windsurfing, with Alaçatı’s beach being one of the best spots.

In Çeşme it is possible to have a complete spa treatment alongside a beach holiday, as the area offers a wide range of hotel accommodation with some of the hotels having their own spas, making use of the area’s natural mineral waters.

İlica hot springs also offer underwater massage and electrotherapy as well as hot mineral pools and baths.