

# TRAVEL DETAILS & RESOURCES



## VACCINATIONS

There are no required vaccinations for Turkey. We recommend using resources such as the [Center for Disease Control](#) as you consult with your home doctor or other trusted medical sources, in order to make the best possible decision regarding your health.

If you reside in the Central Virginia Region, below are local medical offices that you may consider consulting. Keep in mind some vaccinations require a minimum amount of time to take effect before entering a destination. Communicate when and where you will be traveling.

Lynchburg Health Department: Phone: 434-947-6785 Address: 307 Alleghany Ave.

Liberty University Health Center: Phone: 434-338-7774 Address: located in Green Hall.

Rustburg Family Pharmacy: Phone: 434-332-1730 Address: 925 Village Hwy Suite B. Box 1005

## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE

International travel insurance is included within your trip costs, covering you from June 2 – 10, 2018. The policy is comprehensive in nature and is used throughout the university for all international travel.

## CURRENCY & CREDIT CARDS

Turkish Lira are the country's legal tender. Some vendors may be willing to accept US dollars, but you will likely receive a poor exchange rate in that process. All major international credit cards are accepted in large cities. Lira can be withdrawn in cash using an ATM card, but fees will apply. Cash can also be exchanged in country, and it is advised to bring larger bills, as they tend to get a better exchange rate. Make sure to contact your bank a few weeks before departure to alert them to your international travel dates and locations. This will keep your cards active while abroad. Keep in mind that fees will be charged for international purchases. Contact your bank for these fees.

## VAT

Value Added Tax is currently 18% and is included in the quoted price for articles purchased. Tourists are exempt from VAT when paying in foreign currency for most tourist services and for certain items purchased at approved stores. VAT is refundable at the airport upon departure from Turkey for purchases made at approved stores.

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## VISAS

The country of Turkey does require a visa for all visitors. Visas can be obtained easily through the E-Visa process, which takes just a few minutes and costs \$20. The visa is issued immediately and simply needs to be printed to bring along with your passport.

## CELL PHONE USAGE

Most cell phone carriers have additional international packages that you can add on at a monthly or daily rate. Depending on the carrier, this can cost anywhere from \$10-\$40 and will provide limited text messages, data usage, and calling minutes.

## INTERNET ACCESS

Your hotels and some bus transportation will have WiFi access, along with possibly other restaurants and shops. Please keep in mind that unless you have purchased an international data plan for your phone, access to email, texting, and other Internet-based applications will be subject to WiFi availability.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Lonely Planet Turkey](#) – A helpful guide to understanding culture, travel tips, and additional insights.
- [Rick Steves Turkey](#) – Another great guide to Turkey and travel in general, providing many Dos and Don'ts for Turkey, general packing guidelines, and other helpful tidbits.
- [Currency Converter](#) – Plan how much money you need to bring in Turkish Lira Currency.
- [Passport Application](#) – Don't have a passport yet? Follow the U.S. Department of State's instructions for applying for a passport.
- [Turkish Airlines](#) – Glance at the Turkish Airlines website to learn more about our partner airline.