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GREAT BOOST TO OUR LOCAL ECONOMY

THE ACTIVITY IN CRUISE TOURISM IN KUSADASI DISTRICT OF AYDIN MAKES THE TRADESMEN SMILE. OVER 1 MILLION TOURISTS ARE EXPECTED TO COME TO THE CITY, WHICH WELCOME 785 THOUSAND PASSENGERS WITH 531 SHIPPINGS LAST YEAR, FROM THE SEA WITH 625 CRUISES IN 2024.

The activity in cruise tourism in Aydin's Kusadasi district made the tradesmen happy. The city, which hosted 785 thousand passengers with 531 cruises last year, is expected to receive more than 1 million tourists by sea with 625 cruises in 2024.

Cruise tourism continues to experience active days in Kusadasi where tourism first started in Turkey. The city, one of the most important ports of the Mediterranean, has been hosting 4-5 cruise ships a day since January.

Foreign tourists arriving by cruise ships to the city, which has blue flag beaches and a unique nature, are welcomed with folk dance performances at the port entrance. Some of the cruise passengers who purchase tours within the scope of faith tourism to become pilgrims go on buses to visit the Ancient City of Ephesus and then the House of Virgin Mary.

Those who do not go on a tour buy many types of products in the city's tourist markets, from souvenirs to textiles, from gold and diamonds to leather products. In the Mediterranean, where approximately 25 percent of world cruise tourism takes place, more than 1 million passengers are expected to visit Kusadasi with approximately 625 cruise ships by the end of 2024.

Tradesmen are hopeful about the season

Kusadasi's good start to cruise tourism in 2024 made the city's tourist market tradesmen happy. Burak Nart, who sells leather products at Grand Bazaar, said, "We had made all our preparations for the new season since January. "As tradesmen, we are very hopeful about this season," he said.

The season started earlier

Okan Akdil, who has a textile shop in Orient Bazaar, said, "This year, there are very important developments in cruise tourism for Kusadasi The most important of these is the increase in the number of ships. In addition, the 2024 season started earlier than last year. "It is a very pleasing development that larger cruise ships will anchor in Kusadasi in terms of passenger capacity," he said. (Source: Aydin Post)

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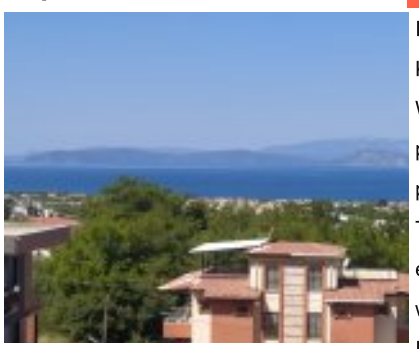

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May 1 became an official holiday, called “Workers' Day” (İşçi Bayramı), in Turkey in 1923.

The event in years gone by was marked by mass protests and occasional violence.
This caused the Turkish authorities to ban the participation in the May 1 demonstrations in 1924. The protests continued and the government banned the holiday in 1925.
May 1 returned as the “Spring and Flowers Day” (Bahar ve Çiçek Bayramı) in 1935.
It was a peaceful day until 1976, when workers organized their first May 1 demonstration in many years.

In 1981, the government banned the holiday for the second time due to mass demonstrations. May 1 returned as an official holiday under the name of “Labor and Solidarity Day” in 2009.

Labor and Solidarity Day, observed on May 1, is an official holiday in Turkey.
Administration buildings, schools and post offices are usually closed on this day. However, many businesses remain open.
Public transport routes may vary in the event of street protests. Visitors should consider avoiding demonstrations if any.
Some people in Turkey participate in demonstrations on Labor and Solidarity Day. They may demand better conditions for skilled laborers and union workers, or protest the government's policies.
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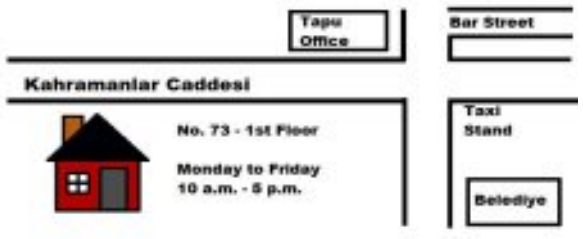

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Airbnb has been working with Turkiye to make the process as easy as possible.

After the 1st of May 2024 listings without a touristic rental residence permit will be unlisted until this process is complete.

Unlisted listings are not able to be viewed or booked by guests.

If you already have a touristic residence permit you do not need to apply again – just update your listing page with the details and you'll be all set.
If you have more questions about the process, visit the Airbnb FAQ page.
Source: Airbnb Ireland UC, 8 Hanover Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland

MOST POPULAR CHILD NAMES IN TURKIYE

Turkish parents mostly named their newborn boys Alparslana and girls Ase la in 2023, marking a change in the most popular name for girls compared to the previous year, the Turkish Statistical Institute (TÜİK) has announced.

According to TÜİK'S 2022 children statistics, "Yusuf" and "Miraç" followed the most used name, "Alparslan."

More than 8,300 of newborn male babies were named "Alparslan" in 2022.

Regarding the names for baby girls, the report revealed that "Asel" and "Defne" came after "Zeynep" in most popular names.

Apart from newborn babies, "Yusuf," "Mustafa" and "Mehmet" were the most used boy names among children aged 0-17 in 2022.

The report indicated that the most popular girl names in the same age group were "Zeynep," "Elif" and "Yağmur," respectively.
The data also revealed that as of the end of 2022, more than 22.5 million of nearly-85-million population of the country consisted of children.

Child population made up 26.5 percent of the whole population.

TÜİK predicted that the ratio of children to the total population will gradually decrease, stating that this figure will decline to 25.6 percent in 2030 and 23.3 percent in 2040.

Analyzing the child population ratios within the population of the provinces, the city with the highest child ratio in 2022 was the southeastern province of Şanlıurfa with 44.9 percent.

Some 41.4 percent of the total population in Şırnak, another southeastern city, consisted of children in 2022, becoming the second province in this regard.

The eastern province of Ağrı followed the two southeastern cities.

On the other hand, the province with the lowest child population rate was the eastern province of Tunceli with 16.9 percent.

In the analysis made in terms of age groups, the report revealed that the most populated age group among children is 5-9.

While 29.4 percent of the children were included in this age group, the range with the least number of children was 15-17.

According to the formal education statistic of the Education Ministry, the schooling rate for 5-year-old children increased from 56.9 to 81.6 percent compared to the previous education period, showing a considerable rise.
The secondary education completion rate of children also increased from 62.9 to 77.9 percent.

DID YOU KNOW?

21 FACTS ABOUT TURKIYE YOU MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN

1. Turkey is one of only two countries in the world located on two continents, Europe and Asia.
2. The city of Istanbul was once known as Constantinople and was the capital of the Byzantine Empire.
3. Turkey is home to the remains of one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus.
4. The famous Turkish ice cream, dondurma, is so thick and chewy that it can be stretched and played with like taffy.
5. The tulip was introduced to Europe from Turkey in the 16th century, sparking the "Tulip Mania" craze in the Netherlands.
6. Turkey has the world's second-largest underground city, the ancient city of Derinkuyu, which could shelter up to 20,000 people.
7. The Turkish bath, or Hamam, dates to the Roman era and is an integral part of Turkish culture.
8. Turkey is the world's largest producer of hazelnuts, supplying around 70% of the global market.
9. The famous Trojan War in Greek mythology is believed to have taken place in what is now northwest Turkey.
10. Turkey has the longest stretch of continental coastline in the world, measuring over 8,000 kilometers.
11. The red star and crescent on the Turkish flag represent the Republic of Turkey and Islam respectively.

12. Turkey is home to the world's oldest known human settlement, Göbekli Tepe, which dates back over 11,000 years.
13. The Turkish language is the largest branch of the Turkic language family, with over 75 million native speakers.
14. Turkey is the world's largest producer of apricots, figs, and pomegranates.
15. The famous Whirling Dervish ceremony is a unique form of Sufi meditation originating in Turkey.
16. The legendary Mount Ararat, where Noah's Ark is said to have landed, in eastern Turkey.
17. The Turkish city of Istanbul is the only city in the world that spans two continents, Europe, and Asia.
18. Turkey has the world's fourth-largest underground water reservoir, located beneath the Konya Plain.
19. The Turkish coffee tradition is on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List.
20. Turkey is home to the world's largest covered Grand Bazaar, located in Istanbul, with over 4,000 shops.
21. The famous doner kebab, a popular street food worldwide, originated in Turkey in the 19th century.

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Will the 25 percent increase limit on rent introduced to prevent exorbitant rent increases be lifted on July 1st?

Minister of Justice Yılmaz Tunç said, "Whether this will be extended or not will be determined on that day.
It is the decision that our parliament will make when the conditions of that day come."

Minister Tunç said on the subject: "Our priority is to achieve the inflation target.
The effect of the pandemic, the effect of the earthquake, and other factors that negatively affect our economy.
The whole world was affected. The Parliament rightly considered such a measure.

Whether this will be extended or not will be determined on that day. The conditions on that day "It is the decision that our council will make when it comes.
We started the mediator system between the landlord and the tenant. We have reduced the discussions on this issue to a certain extent."

Source: Medyatava News Center

THINKING ABOUT CLOSING IN YOUR BALCONY? THINK AGAIN !

If those who want to do a project on their balcony do not do this, the project will be cancelled.
'Hidden details will cause the project to be cancelled.'

Millions of homeowners are renovating to make changes to their apartments. However, owning a house is not enough to carry out some renovations.
If all balconies in a building are open as per the project and you still want to close the balcony of the apartment you own, there is an obstacle in front of you.

Those who want to close their balcony must obtain permission from other floor owners. Lawyer Erkan Yalçın announced the details about the issue on his social media account Instagram.

CONSENT OF FLAT OWNERS IS REQUIRED

According to the provision in Article 19 of the Flat Ownership Law, it is known that flat owners are obliged to meticulously protect the architectural condition of the main property.
Within the scope of this provision, one of the flat owners cannot have construction, repair, installation, or any changes made in common areas without the consent of all other flat owners.
According to the established practices of the Supreme Court, the external walls, and facades of the balconies of an independent section are defined as common areas in accordance with the provision of Article 4 of the Law.

FOUR FIFTHS CONDITION MUST BE MET

Lawyer Erkan Yalçın, while the Supreme Court stated that closing the balcony is an intervention in the common area, underlined that for this reason, the written consent of four fifths of the flat owners must be obtained.
Pointing out that closing the balcony would be legal if it was done in this way, Yalçın stated that the Condominium Law and the Supreme Court practice require the written consent of four-fifths of the flat owners only if the open balcony is closed. Sourced Aydın post

Should you wish to have matters clarified further, please do contact us on 0090 0256612320

Earthquake Emergency Bag Essentials

Recommended materials that you may need are:

- Water (4 liters per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation)
- Torch
- First aid kit
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- Backup batteries and charger for cell phones
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Manual can opener (for food)
- Local maps
- Clean clothes
- Blankets, jackets
- Garbage bag
- Important documents
- Personal hygiene items (mask, soap, hand sanitizer)
- Regularly used medications
- Non-perishable foods (at least a three-day supply)

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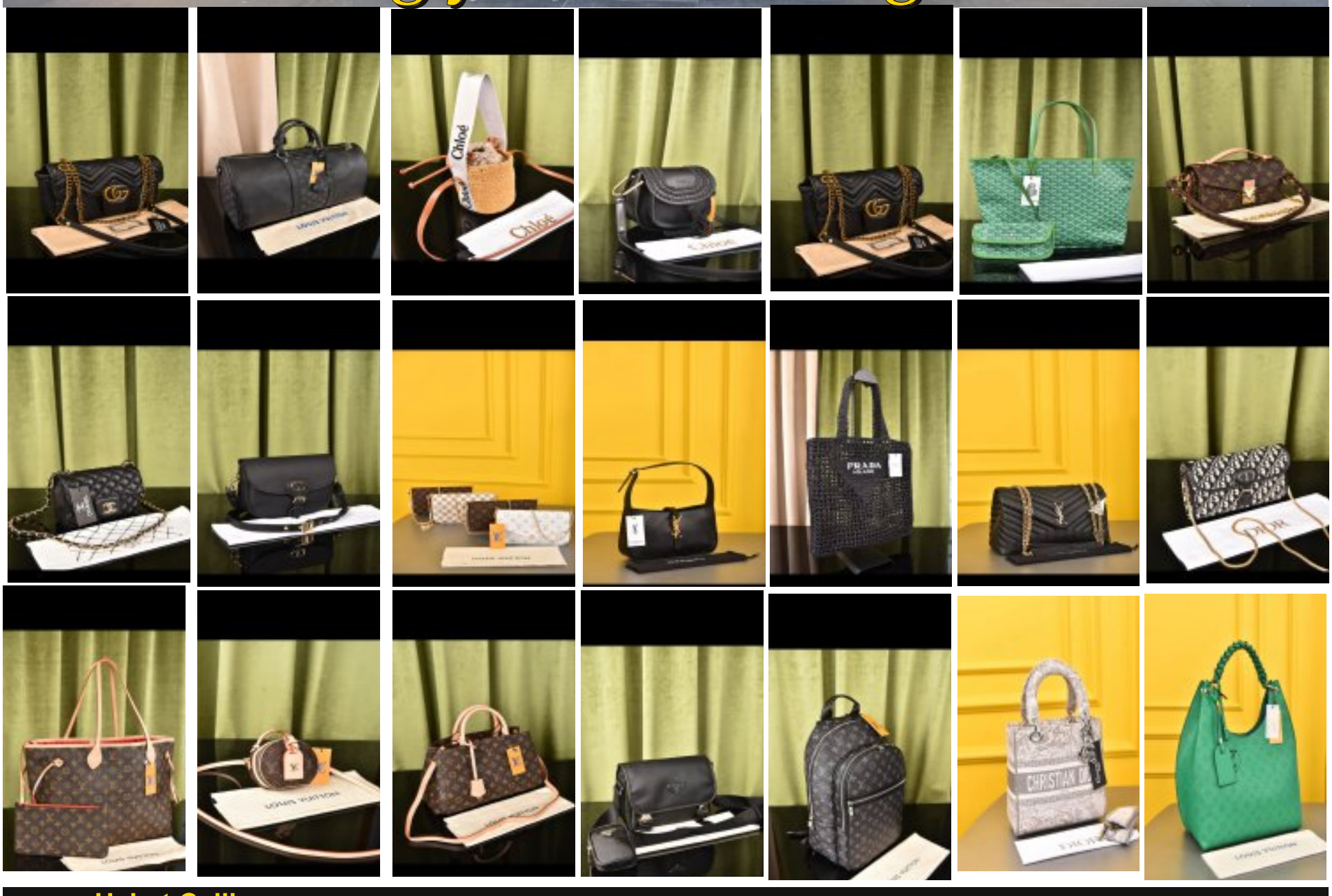

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ECONOMY

Warning about paying with IBAN for purchases! May pose risks

Experts have recently warned that directing payments for purchases to the bank account with the IBAN number may pose a number of risks for consumers and businesses.

Some businesses, instead of receiving payment by credit or debit card, direct their customers to their bank accounts by providing IBAN. Thus, businesses avoid issuing receipts or invoices. The recently increasing practice has some drawbacks for both consumers and businesses.

Tuncay Inci, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Spectrum Auditing, Consultancy, Certified Financial Consultancy Inc., stated that some businesses direct their customers to their bank accounts by providing IBAN, thus trying to avoid both bank commission and tax.

Pointing out that businesses provide price advantages to their customers up to the amount of unpaid tax, Inci said that businesses that pay their taxes face unfair competition.

Reminding that the Ministry of Treasury and Finance has initiated a study against taxpayers who unregister their earnings, Inci said, "The Ministry will examine the transfers coming to businesses and all business-related accounts via IBAN. The Ministry will also audit the accounts of business owners, their relatives and employees, and the accounts used through rental." he said.

Inci stated that as a result of the investigations, taxpayers deemed risky will be identified and explanations will be requested from these account holders.

Stating that the business must prove that it issued a receipt or invoice for that product along with the incoming money, Inci continued as follows:

"If the money flow in question cannot be proven with an invoice, the business will be subject to penalties. In addition, bank accounts obtained through leasing will also be examined within the scope of criminal activities such as financing of terrorism, money laundering and illegal betting within the framework of MASAK legislation. The Ministry of Treasury and Finance will identify risky taxpayers Tax offices, Tax Audit Board Presidency and MASAK will also be able to carry out inspections and audits.

Stating that this situation is experienced in many sectors and that the businesses in question may face penalties, Inci said, "Income and corporate taxes, provisional tax and VAT will be assessed on the earnings they unregistered by not issuing invoices or similar documents, and delay interest will be requested for these taxes. Additional "As a result, a double tax loss penalty and a special irregularity penalty will be imposed on those concerned." said.

The Chairman of the Consumers Association, emphasized that citizens should have documents such as receipts and invoices in case they suffer from the goods and services they purchased, and said, "Because our consumers have to prove from which business they purchased the defective goods or services in their applications to consumer arbitration committees in order to protect their legal rights. IBAN "No receipt or invoice is provided for payments requested via IBAN, and payments are directed to personal bank accounts. Recently, making payments via IBAN poses a great risk for consumers. Not knowing who the personal account number to which the payment is made may cause legal grievances for citizens." he said.

The Chairman pointed out that it is not right to buy goods or services from the business and send the fee to a personal bank account, and made the following statements:

"If you are told 'You have not made the payment', it is difficult to prove that you sent the fee. For this reason, in the fees sent via IBAN, you need to write in the description section for which service the payment was made. In case of any dispute or matter being taken to court, the explanation section serves as evidence for us. The situation in question is on the part of official institutions. It should also be made compulsory." Source: Consumers Association of Turkiye.

ECONOMY

Companies seek out low risk Quake sites

Turkish and international companies are looking for sites to relocate their factories from Istanbul, where experts say a big earthquake is imminent, to cities considered to be safer.

Turkiye lies on active fault lines and earthquakes are frequent.
A devastating magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck parts of southern Turkiye in February last year, killing more than 50,000 people and destroying thousands of businesses.

Another factor why companies want to move their facilities from Istanbul is rising costs, according to experts.

However, as production activities are spreading to Anatolian cities, prices at organized industrial zones in those locations have started to increase.
The provinces of Eskişehir, Sakarya and the Bozüyük district of Bilecek appear to be the best choices for companies relocating their plants.

Companies that find locations in the cities believed to be less prone to quakes for their production activities are using the valuable sites where their current factories are located in metropolitan areas for different commercial investments.

Earthquake risks and higher costs are the main factors of why companies are moving away from Istanbul, said Makbule Yönel Maya, general manager of TSKB Real Estate Appraisal.

Companies are now prioritizing the risks from the expected earthquake, she said, adding that the need for relocation is expected to continue.

As demand for new locations is increasing, rents in organization industrial zones have risen on average, 120 percent annually, according to a study carried out by TSKB Real Estate Appraisal.

The highest increases were recorded in the provinces of Malatya, Konya, Antalya,Eskişehir and Sakarya and those increases were well above the annual inflation rate.

The rents of factories in those cities are spiking due to the combination of several factors such as limited supply, strong demand and inflation, according to Maya.

In the Marmara region, rents are rising fast especially in Sakarya and Kocaeli, she said.

Data related to rent hikes indicate that industrialists are moving their facilities to Anatolian cities, Maya noted. “In places like Konya and Eskişehir, rents have increased more than 130 percent in the wake of the earthquakes,” she said.

Companies which need to build new factories, firms which invest in energy systems and those who need space for their logistics operations are buying land plots, according to Arzu Turan, from Emart Gayrimenkul, a real estate company.

Businesses are booming in the real estate market in the organized industrial zones outside of Istanbul, she said. Ref: HurrıyetDailyNews

Issue of TRY 200 Banknotes of E9 Series, Version VIII and TRY 50 Banknotes of E9 Series, Version V11

On the 5th of April, the Central Bank put into circulation E9 series of the 200TRY and 50TRY bank notes.
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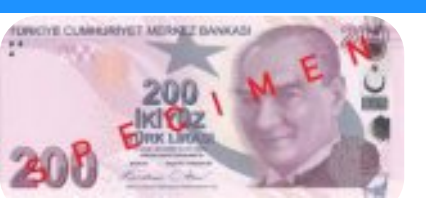

The TRY200 note: Governor Fatih Karahan, Ph.D. and Deputy Governor Osman Cevdet Akçay, Ph.D.

The TRY50 note: Deputy Governor Prof. Hatice Karahan and Hafize Gaye Erkan, Ph.D.

The old versions continue ın circulation and remain legal tender alongside the newer versions.

ENVIRONMENT

Turkiye are prepared to combat wildfires ahead of summer

In 2010, Turkey had 6.20 Mha of natural forest, extending over 11% of its land area. In 2023, it lost 23.5 kha of natural forest

Turkish authorities have concluded the last preparations against possible forest fires in the light of the onset of summer temperatures in several parts of the country, Agriculture and Forestry Minister Ibrahim Yumakli has said.

Participating in both drills and several meetings in the Mediterranean province of Antalya over the weekend, Yumakli emphasized Turkiye has reached the highest level of readiness in terms of personnel, machinery, equipment and intervention capabilities to combat forest fires.

The minister highlighted that for firefighting efforts, the country has at its disposal 105 helicopters, 26 aircraft, 5,000 land vehicles and 14 unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), making it one of the only two countries in the world to utilize UAVs in forest fire management.

Image Source: researchgate.net

The response teams also leverage AI-supported programs against forest fires, he said.

Yumakli stated "With our UAVs and smart fire observation towers using artificial intelligence, we monitor millions of hectares of forest around the clock in real-time and we are currently serving with 184 smart towers. We conduct firefighting with an AI-based system called the 'Fire Decision Support System".

Over 120,000 volunteers are ready to respond to any potential forest fires, he stated, adding that training, awareness and education regarding fire management are spread throughout the year.

Through simulation software, the reactions and decision-making abilities of participants are assessed by managing variables such as wind, humidity and the course of the fire.

Yumakli stated that they have reduced the initial response time from up to 40 minutes in the past to 11 minutes today. However, teams were unable to achieve last year's target of 10 minutes, but aim to reach this target this year, he said.

As part of the activities, a drill was conducted in a forested area in Antalya, where a controlled forest fire was simulated.

Following an alert, air and land units were dispatched to the area. The fire was initially tackled by two S-70 Sikorsky helicopters and three Air Tractor firefighting planes, with ground teams directed to the area after the aerial units had significantly contained the blaze.

Yumakli remarked that 90 percent of forest fires are caused by human factors, with negligence and carelessness being the primary reasons behind these incidents.

Last year, a forest fire risk map prepared by the European Unions Copernicus Earth observation program categorized several areas in Turkiye's Mediterranean and the southern Aegean region as extremely risky. Ref: www.tarimorman.gov.tr

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New study reveals warming trend in Türkiye's all 4 seas

The Turkish State Meteorological Service has unveiled its Seawater Temperature Analysis Report covering the years 1970 to 2023, revealing alarming trends of warming in all of Türkiye's four seas.

Over the past decade alone, the Marmara Sea has heated up by 1.9 degrees Celsius, while the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas have seen increases of 1.3 degrees each.
The Black Sea, too, has experienced a rise of 1.2 degrees in the last 10 years.

The report, compiled from 53 years of data recorded at five different periods, also shows the highest and lowest recorded temperatures throughout the years.

In the Black Sea, the warmest year recorded was 2019, with temperatures peaking at 18.5 degrees Celsius, while the lowest temperature was observed in 1987 at 13.8 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, in the Marmara Sea, the warmest year on record was also 2019, reaching 18.6 degrees Celsius, while the lowest temperature was noted in 1987 at 14.4 degrees Celsius.

Moving to the Aegean Sea, 2018 marked the warmest year recorded registering at 19.8 degrees Celsius, with 1983 recorded as the lowest at 17.7 degrees Celsius.

Lastly, the Mediterranean Sea has observed its warmest year recorded in 2019, hitting 23.8 degrees Celsius, while the lowest temperature was seen in 1992 at 20.6 degrees Celsius.

In addition to the concerning temperature trends, a high population of jellyfish was recently observed in the Mediterranean, which experts deem a warning sign reminiscent of the recent mucilage crisis in the Marmara Sea. The infestation threatens both marine ecosystems and fishing activities in the region. Ref: Hurriyet Daily News

Baris Salihoglu, the head of the Institute of Marine Sciences at Middle East Technical University in Ankara says that In the Aegean Sea, which is not affected by the temperature rise in sea water as much as others due to its structure, the warming remains between 0.5C and 1C,

The water temperature today, the 1st of May, 2024 in the Kusadasi area is slightly higher than the average on this day in recent years.
Its value has rise both over the past 20 days and over the past week.

Exactly one year ago, on this day, the water temperature in this location was 17°C.
Water temperature range in Kusadasi this month is from 16 to 21 degrees.

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Istanbul Park circuit under new management to revive F1 presence.

The Istanbul Park circuit, once the host of the Turkish Grand Prix, now has new operators determined to revive Formula One in Türkiye by 2026, according to recent media reports.

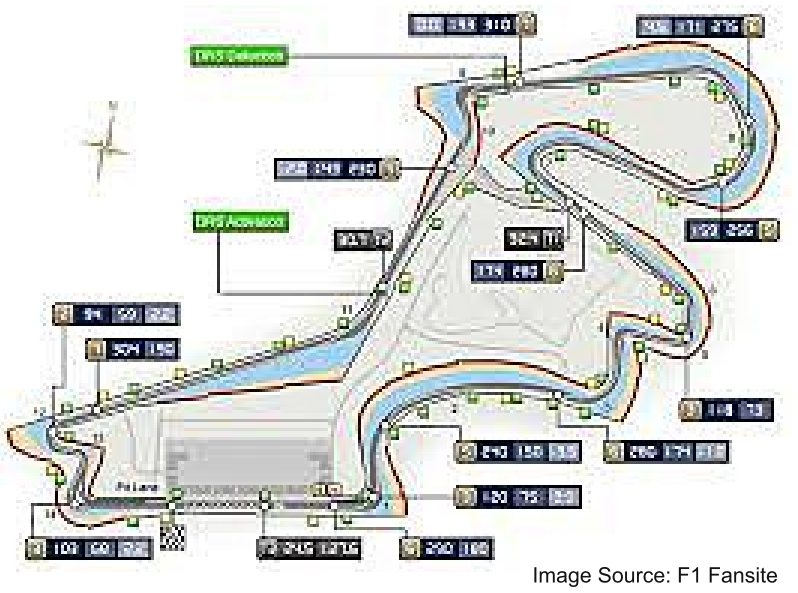

Image Source: F1 Fansite

Türkiye made a comeback to the sport in 2020 and 2021 after an absence of almost ten years.

However, it dropped off the calendar from 2022 onward, partly because of the substantial financial investment required to secure the contract, which rival venues like Qatar were able to fund.
Türkiye has since aimed to bring it back, with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan meeting the head of the governing body FIA, Mohammed Ben Sulayem, in March to discuss the return of both F1 and the World Rally Championship.

Can Bilim Eğitim Kurumları A.Ş., partly owned by Lale Cander, chairman of F1 tire provider Pirelli's Turkish branch, won the tender to operate the circuit for the next 30 years for about $117.8 million, broadcaster Haberturk and Motorsport.com's Turkish channel reported on Tuesday.

It was the sole entrant, as former operators Intercity did not bid and other expected bidders appeared to pull out, according to the reports.
Neither Can Bilim Eğitim Kurumları nor Intercity could be immediately reached for comment.

Tourism Minister Mehmet Nuri Ersoy said last month that the tender would be awarded to the bidder who could bring the sport back to Türkiye by 2026.

Istanbul Park had been popular among the drivers and saw increased attendance in 2020 and 2021 compared to the 2005-2011 run.

The new operators are tasked with reaching an agreement within a month to bring F1 back to Türkiye, and for every year from 2026 that the circuit does not host a Grand Prix, the operators will have to pay 25% of the F1-hosting contract fee to the administration, according to the tender conditions.

The new operators will also be allowed to build shopping malls and entertainment venues on the property under the tender.

Habertürk reported that a delegation from F1 owners Liberty Media would come to Istanbul following the current Muslim holy month of Ramadan to inspect the circuit. Ref: https://www.dailysabah.com/

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Minister of Energy: There will be no increase in natural gas and electricity prices in Turkey, in May

Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Alparslan Bayraktar announced that there would be no increase in natural gas and electricity prices in May and emphasized that with the production of 100,000 barrels of oil from Gabar, it would create an economic value of 3 billion dollars.

Answering questions from Turkish media, Minister Bayraktar's statements were as follows:
"The road to Gabar was our national company, which produced 33,000 barrels of oil and 600,000 cubic meters of natural gas per day in 2016. In 2016, we started working on national energy and mineral policy and strategy change."
"And within the framework of the decision, we started to implement strategic steps. We set strategic goals in exploration and production areas. First, there will be no unexplored geography in Turkey. We decided to go to geographies where exploration had been abandoned before and evaluate those areas with a different perspective. Gabar (mountain) is the result of this strategy."
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Intense work is continuing in this regard. When we reach 100,000 barrels in Gabar, speaking with today's oil prices, it is an economic magnitude of 3 billion dollars. We are not importing this; it stays in our country."

"We have wells planned in Hakkari, Van, the northwest of Gabar, and right on the border. We have a very ambitious exploration program for 2024. We will open 140 wells in 2024. We will hopefully add new reserves from these wells to our existing reserves."

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"I announced this to the world last October. I said our oil pipeline was technically ready to operate as of October 4, 2023. There has been no flow from the pipeline since that day.
We have an ongoing issue with Iraq. Turkey is not the cause of the problems.

There is a problem due to the disagreement between the Kurdistan Regional Government and the central government."
"Our President will visit Baghdad on Monday. We will also be with him in the delegation. We want this pipeline to be fully operational. Iraqi oil and the oil produced by Turkey need to reach Ceyhan." Source: BusinessTurkiyieToday

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Landmarks illuminated for Autism Awareness

World Autism Awareness Day, recognized annually on April 2, saw historic and iconic buildings in Istanbul and across the country illuminated with red or blue lights, symbolizing solidarity with individuals with autism, to raise awareness about the disorder and shed light on its unique challenges.

The Tohum Autism Foundation, a leading organization dedicated to supporting individuals with autism, is spearheading the initiative.
According to the foundation, the prevalence of autism has risen significantly over the years, with current statistics indicating that 1 in 36 children are diagnosed with autism.

In addition to landmarks, private sector buildings also joined the activities.

Awareness-raising efforts extended beyond Istanbul, with many different events taking place across the country including workshops and walks, bringing together individuals with autism, their families, local authorities and the community.

In the central province of Yozgat, northern province of Amasya and southern province of Antalya, among many others, blue balloons were released into the sky to symbolize hope.

Other inspiring moments and initiatives also took place on World Autism Awareness Day.

On a Pegasus Airlines flight from Istanbul to Ankara, Ömer Doruk Akarsu, a passenger with autism, fulfilled his dream of making an announcement on the plane with the support of the cabin crew.

With the "There is No Difference, There is Love" project organized by the Autistic Support and Education Foundation, marking its third edition this year, children with autism received photography training and captured images of prominent figures from the art and business sectors. Source: Hurrıyet Daily

In Kusadasi during the month of April, staff at the loca lpublic hospital wore Red for the month to raise awarenes.

FU BAO HAS RETURNED HOME

S Korean fans bid farewell to internet-famous Panda " Fu Bao"

Beijing only loans pandas to foreign zoos, which must usually return any offspring within a few years of their birth to join the country's breeding programme.

Fu Bao welcomed her younger twin sisters last year, named Rui Bao and Hui Bao, whose births also triggered an outpouring of excitement online in South Korea.

Under an agreement between Seoul and Beijing, Fu Bao's parents can stay in South Korea until 2031, but her twin sisters, like Fu Bao herself, must return to China before they turn four years old.

"Fu Bao" left Everland at around 11 am on the 3rd of April last, and left for China via the Incheon International Airport on a chartered plane.

Image source: AFT @The Straits Times

Before leaving Everland, the panda bid farewell to some 6,000 South Korean fans at a brief ceremony.

She was moved on a special non-vibrating vehicle typically used for semiconductor transportation,
Zookeeper Kang Cheol-won, who is famous in the South for his bonding with Everland's pandas and is widely referred to as their "grandpa", read out a letter at the ceremony, the park said.

Kang accompanied the panda on the journey to China until " Fu Bao" arrives at the country's Shenshuping Panda Base in Sichuan Province, Everland said.

"You will be forever (my) baby panda, even after 10 or 100 years. Thank you for coming to grandpa. I love you Fu Bao" Kang said in his letter, referring to himself as her grandpa.

Fu Bao is currently doing very well following her move.

Source: https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOahrYi84Pg

From Kuşadasi to Adana and back – Türkiye knows how to celebrate

Written by: Klaus Jurgens

Kuşadasi is a top-class events destination – although it is one of the world's most famous cruise and summer tourism hot-spots it offers a wide variety of cultural and other activities all year round.

To further underline this observation, one only needed to walk down to the waterfront and Marina late this April to watch the arrival and departure of the participants of the 59. Presidential Cycling Tour of Türkiye. A fantastic event indeed showcasing not just the international sports dimension but Kuşadası as a perfect large-scale events city as well.

Yet from time to time, it makes good sense to pack ones' toothbrush and explore different parts and regions of our so welcoming host nation which brings us to introducing something rather unique and special – the 12th International Orange Blossom Carnival which was held in the southern metropolis of Adana during the middle of April of this year 2024. And unique it is per definition – the carnival was Türkiye's first, and still is its only truly street carnival; granted, there are other fine parades in other locations but if we factor in the size of the event - number of people participating in their colourful costumes from all over Türkiye and many other countries, and number of spectators – it is only fair to say that the International Orange Blossom Carnival plays in its very own events and carnival champions league.

Tangible benefits and in a nutshell: nine fun-filled days, a contribution to the local and regional economy of around 150 million euros, 1.5 million visitors over the entire duration of the carnival who most definitely will become 'goodwill ambassadors' carrying Adana and how the people of Türkiye celebrate to all four corners of the country and all four corners of the world; needless to add an enthusiastic city and an 'Organizing Committee 2.0' – or, as they say here, when it's April you have to be in Adana.

Talking about the organizing committee there is no better person than Ali Haydar Bozkurt, President of the Carnival Committee and CEO (Marketing and Sales) and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Toyota Türkiye. Your friendly columnist has the real pleasure of knowing Mr. Bozkurt for well over a decade when back in 2013 no one knew whether there would ever be a second edition. They pulled it off so to speak and now want to make it even bigger. Bozkurt explained to us on location that 'in the near future, we will increase our promotional activities, especially abroad, and we want to contribute more to tourism in our region. In the coming years, we want our craftsmen to decorate the stores and houses of our citizens during the carnival season. We want to immerse ourselves even more in the carnival atmosphere. We also call on all institutions to plant more lemon trees in the streets of Adana. We want to implement this step by step in cooperation with the relevant institutions in the city. Our traders and guests are very happy with the carnival. Everyone, including children and young people, have a carnival of tolerance. I expect that Adana's economy will reach a record level with the professional support of the events within the framework of this strong cooperation, as well as with the domestic and foreign advertising support and the extension of the program duration to nine days. This year, our carnival will reach an economic value of over five billion TL. Twelve years ago, when we set out, we declared that this carnival would send a message of friendship and brotherhood to the whole world. The people of Adana have responded so well to the carnival that we now call for peace and tolerance every year.'

As part of another series of events throughout Türkiye - the large-scale Cultural Street Festival - an enormously important additional cooperation partner was found: the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism, which oversees the Cultural Street Festival. The Ministry had decided to include the street carnival in Adana as its annual kick-off event.

Which brings me to my final point for this edition of our Ege Eye newspaper: if you are interested in music ranging from Turkish pop to a symphony orchestra, like sports, fancy a river boat trip, enjoy dance and arts and crafts and above all else a true street carnival which makes us think we are in Rio instead of Adana why not plan ahead and attend the 13th International Orange Blossom Carnival 2025 in person? This year we had street parade participants from nearby İzmir per example. If we then add Adana as a charming city anyways and its geographical location near the Mediterranean Sea and many more interesting towns and cities a full weekend program could easily be arranged. Plus, Adana has its very own airport right in the city centre. Let us think about whether some of our readers and members of the expat community might be interested in heading to Adana next year; we would need to cover our own costs yet if booked well in advance those costs are very reasonable. We might engage on social media closer to the date in early 2025 – food for thought.

May I wish all our readers a wonderful start of the summer season here in Kuşadasi.

CHERRY TREES TURN WHITE IN KUSADASI

In Aydin's Kusadasi district, cherry trees blosomed and turned white with the spring months.

Kirazli Village is 17 kms from Kusadasi Cruise port and it take around 30 minutes to get there.
On the way there, you will see some fascinating scenery while driving.

Kırazli translates to Cherryland in english. Not only is Kırazlı well known for its Cherries it is famous for its organic village breakfasts, local food and traditional architecture.

The cherry orchards in Kirazlli District bloomed earlier this year because the season was warmer than normal, much to the delight of the local producers !
The owner of one cherry garden, stated that after this event heralded the arrival of spring, and the cherries will bloom in approximately 15-20 days or even within one week.
At this time of year Kirazli turns into a paradise with the arrival of spring and it is well worth a trip out to experience the environs.

Each year since the election of the current Mayor Omer Gunel, the Belediye (local Council) have organised around harvesting time of the Cherries what is known as "The Cherry Festival".
The festival had been cancelled for seven years prior to this. The festival dates are not known as yet, however it is likely to be held around the 17th or 24th of May - not confirmed.

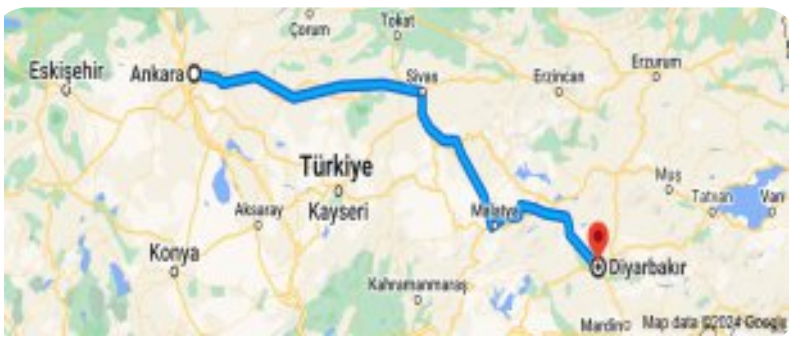
New touristic train embarks on inaugural journey

The Ankara-Diyarbakır Touristic Train has officially started service on April 19, departing from the historic railway station in the capital Ankara, offering immersive experiences to explore more of the country's rich landscapes.

The train departed from Ankara at 3:55 p.m. on April 19 and, upon arrival, will leave from the southeastern province of Diyarbakır at 12:00 p.m. on April 21.

Notably, the itinerary shows that the touristic train will depart from Ankara every Friday between April 19 and June 14, and from Diyarbakır every Sunday between April 21 and June 16.

This journey promises enchanting stopovers in Malatya for three hours during the outbound trip and four hours in Yolçatı in the eastern province of Elazığ on the return leg, with an additional three-hour leisure break in the central city of Kayseri, offering passengers ample opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich historical and cultural tapestry of these locations.



Meanwhile, the Ankara-Diyarbakır train, also known as the Mesopotamia Express, took to the rails on the scenic 1,051-kilometer route with a capacity of 180 passengers, including nine sleeping cars and one dining car.

As for ticket pricing, a deluxe sleeper cabin on the Ankara-Diyarbakır route is priced at 9,000 Turkish Liras ($278), while those wishing to accompany the train on its return journey will pay 8,000 liras.

Due to the high demand, people often buy their tickets months in advance through tour operators to enjoy the experience the touristic

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OZLEM'S TURKISH KITCHEN

Written by: Ozlem Warren

LAHMACUN; TURKISH PIZZA WITH GROUND LAMB AND PIYAZ; ONION, TOMATO AND PARSLEY SALAD

This thin, crispy Turkish pizza, Lahmacun is a very popular lunch time snack, sold in street stalls as well as in restaurants at home. We Turks also love to have it as a takeaway food; a wonderful, healthy alternative to fast food, the children love them too. Lemon is liberally squeezed over and then it is rolled up with sliced tomatoes, onion, and parsley salad, piyaz. Flour Tortillas work very well as a mini Lahmacun base if you can't get around making your own dough.

Serves 4 – 6

Preparation time – 45 minutes (add 1 hour rest for dough if you choose to make it)

Cooking time – 20 minutes

Dough ingredients:

5 ml/ 1 teaspoon active dried yeast
1/2 teaspoon sugar
150 ml/ 2/3 cup lukewarm water
350 gr/3 cups strong white bread flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon mild olive oil

Or

6 pieces of Flour Tortillas

Topping ingredients:

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon butter
1 medium onion finely chopped.
2 medium tomatoes finely chopped.
1 bunch of flat leaf parsley finely chopped.
Salt and ground black pepper to taste
225 gr / 8 oz ground lean lamb – or ground beef, if you prefer; you can also use half & half with ground lamb & beef-
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 teaspoon paprika flakes
Juice of 1 lemon

Piyaz (Sliced tomatoes, onion, and parsley salad with herbs) ingredients:

1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
Juice of 1 lemon
3 tomatoes peeled and roughly chopped.
1 large onion halved and thinly sliced.
1 teaspoon ground sumac – optional-
1 bunch of flat leaf parsley roughly chopped.
1/2 teaspoon paprika flakes – optional –
Preheat oven to 200 C / 400 F

Making the dough:

Place the sugar and the yeast in a small bowl with half the lukewarm water. Set aside for about 15 minutes until frothy.

Sift the flour and salt into a large bowl, make a well in the middle and add the creamed yeast and the rest of the lukewarm water. Using your hand, draw in the flour and work with the mixture to dough, adding more water if necessary.

Turn the dough on to a lightly floured surface and knead until it is smooth and elastic. Drip a few drops of olive oil into the base of the bowl and roll the dough in it. This will help the dough not to dry up. Cover the bowl with a damp kitchen towel and leave in a warm place for about 1 hour or until the dough has doubled in size.

Preparing the lahmacun topping:

Lightly soften the onions in the butter and olive oil. Add the chopped tomato and cook until the liquid has been absorbed. Add salt to taste and set aside to cool. Put the meat in a bowl and add the tomato paste, parsley, paprika flakes, lemon juice, cooked onions, and tomato. Season with salt and pepper and work this mixture into a paste with your hands. Cover and keep in the refrigerator until you are ready to use.

If you are making the dough; punch down the risen dough, knead it on a lightly floured surface and divide into 6 pieces. Roll each piece into a thin flat round, stretching the dough with your hands as you roll. Oil the baking sheets and place the dough rounds on them and spread a thin layer of the meat mixture covering the edges too. Bake in the oven for about 15 minutes, until the meat is nicely cooked.

If you are using fresh flour tortillas as a base, spread a thin layer of the meat mixture over the Flour Tortillas and leave to rest for a couple of minutes. Bake in the preheated oven for 10-15 minutes until brown and crispy.

For the Piyaz; work sumac and the salt into the onion slices with your hands well. Combine with the chopped tomatoes, parsley, and paprika flakes. Wisk together the extra virgin olive oil and lemon juice and pour over the Piyaz. Season with salt (if needed) and freshly ground black pepper.

Serve Lahmacun immediately with the Piyaz, with lemon wedges to squeeze over by the side.

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Supporting local charities

NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING

By Karen Froggatt

KUŞADASI ANIMAL RESCUE ASSOCIATION (ARK)
NOTICE OF ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of Animal Rescue Kusadasi have called an Ordinary Meeting of Members, to be held on Saturday 4 May 2024* at Palm Beach Restaurant & Cafe, Kadinlar Denizi, Kusadasi, Aydin, commencing at 11 am.

Members of the Association are invited to the meeting, which will be publicised on the Association's website and by other means.

The Board of Directors requests members' participation in the meeting.

* In the unlikely event that a quorum is not reached at this meeting it would be held seven days later at the same time and in the same location, and a quorum would not be required.

President / Chair of the Board

Karen FROGGATT

GÜNDEM:

1. Opening of the meeting, roll call and reference to the quorum required

2. Election of a Council Committee (a chair of the meeting, a secretary and another member), who will have the authority to sign the meeting attendance list and the minutes of the meeting

3. Consideration of an activity report regarding the work carried out by the Board of Directors and consideration of a report regarding the income and expenses of the Association

4. Receipt of the report of the Association's Audit Committee

5. Election of the Association's Board of Directors, Management Committee and Audit Committee

6. Wishes and recommendations

7. Closure of the meeting

The Teflon Frying Pan may be No More

In France, Teflon frying pans may be banned due to their carcinogenic properties.

A bill is currently under consideration in France to prohibit the production and sale of Teflon frying pans due to their carcinogenic properties.

This bill aims to target the production and sale of products containing polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which are deemed hazardous to both the environment and human health.

Proposed by ecologist lawmaker Nicolas Thierry, the bill characterizes these chemicals, known as PFAS, as "forever pollutants" due to their tendency to accumulate in the environment and human bodies.

The European Chemicals Agency published a draft in 2023 proposing the prohibition of PFAS, and the French government insists that this issue should be addressed at the European level. While initially planned to ban the use of PFAS in certain products until July 2025, amendments have expanded this prohibition to take effect from January 1, 2026, with a broader scope.

However, this proposed legislation is facing opposition from unions and workers as it threatens production facilities employing thousands in France.
Source: businessturkeytoday.com

So, Should I Keep Using A Scratched Pan?

According to delish.com and many other sites, No. While they don't necessarily present a safety concern, you still shouldn't hold onto your scratched nonstick pans.
If the scratches are fresh, you may end up with flakes of the coating in your food—which we can all agree is not delicious.

Avoid using metal Utensils and Scrubbers !

MUSIC AND FASHION

‘Cowboy Carter’ breaking Spotify and Amazon Music records

Both Spotify and Amazon Music have announced on social media that the recent drop of her eighth studio album has been highly successful.

“On March 29, Beyoncé’s “Cowboy Carter” became Spotify’s most-streamed album in a single day in 2024 so far,” the Spotify post reads.
“This is also the first time a country album holds the title this year.”

Likewise, Amazon Music posted a photo of Queen Bey stating that “Cowboy Carter marks Beyoncé’s biggest album debut” on the platform “with the most first-day global streams of all of her albums, and the most first-day streams for a country album by a female artist.”

The album includes a unique cover of Dolly Parton’s “Jolene” and boasts a host of collaborators including Parton, Willie Nelson, Miley Cyrus, Post Malone and the first Black woman to play the Grand Ole Opry, Linda Martell.

Beyoncé also shares the spotlight with emerging Black country artists Tanner Adell, Brittney Spencer, Tiera Kennedy, Reyna Roberts, Willie Jones and Shaboozey.
Source: Hurriyet Daily News

What Female Tourists Wear when visiting Turkıye

When packing for Turkey, consider the seasonal conditions first. In summer, southern cities are sweltering. Spring and autumn are the best times to visit Turkey. During these months, it's wise to pack clothes suitable for a variety of weather conditions.

In the Aegean and Mediterranean regions, especially in summer, very warm weather will welcome you. For this reason, you should take your shorts, t-shirts, and dresses with you. Don't forget your swimsuit and sunscreen.Don't forget to take comfortable shoes.

To blend in with locals, opt for a slightly more dressed-up look ("smart casual") for the cities.

In seaside resorts, beachier and more relaxed casual clothes are perfectly acceptable
The nearly universal summer tourist seaside dress of shorts and a T-shirt is absolutely fine, but make sure you aren’t walking into a mosque with this attire.

As you go into the big cities of Turkey — just like New York, Sydney, or London—most of the local people around you will be more stylishly dressed.

With the transition from the Ottoman Empire to the Turkish Republic, Turkish dressing styles have become more European.
However, more conservative individuals may dress more modestly.

You'll see many women in Turkey wearing headscarves, but you'll also see more avant-garde clothing styles and people who dress more openly.
In this sense, Turkey is a mosaic of diverse styles.

Turks are respectful of all types of dress, so prioritize your comfort. But of course, it's always necessary to be considerate of other cultures and lifestyles.

Being dressed appropriately when visiting religious places and village settlements will make for a more pleasant visit.

In a city like Istanbul, which hosts tourists from all over the world and where millions of diverse people coexist, choose clothing that make you feel comfortable and safe.

The important thing is mutual respect. Source: Tom Brosnahan - Turkey Travel planner.

The Türkiye Digital Nomad Visa.

Written by Doc Martin 04/24

What is known at April 15th, 2024?

Announced on April 15, 2024, the Turkish government officially extended an invitation to remote workers through this visa program.

The goal of the Türkiye digital nomad visa is to attract digital nomads from select countries to specific areas of Türkiye, including Antalya, Marmaris, Bodrum, Fethiye, and more.

Citizens of the countries listed below are eligible for the Digital Nomad Visa to Türkiye.

France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Ireland, Denmark, Greece, Croatia, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Finland, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia, Slovakia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Bulgaria, Romania, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, United Kingdom, Switzerland, USA, Canada, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Belarus.

The Digital Nomad Visa is a type of visa that allows individuals who work remotely or freelance to stay in a country for an extended period. This type of visa is ideal for individuals who value location independence and want the freedom to work from anywhere in the world.

While the exact duration of stay allowed by the visa is still unclear, it's thought 90 days to 1 year may be available depending on the applicant's status, here are the key details:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Valid Passport: Your passport must be valid for at least six months from your arrival date in Türkiye.

- Remote Work: You must work remotely as an employee, freelancer, or business owner for clients or companies located outside of Türkiye.

- Minimum Income: You need to earn a minimum of $36,000 USD per year (approximately $3,000 USD per month). Showing proof of income via bank statements,

- Education: A valid university degree or diploma is required.

- Medical insurance coverage with worldwide validity that covers emergency care. You may also need travel insurance depending on how long you plan to stay in the country.

- Age Range: Applicants must be between 21 and 55 years old.

Application Process.

Since the Türkiye digital nomad visa is still so new, the application process is still a little unclear. However, the country is currently accepting applications.

Firstly, individuals interested in working remotely from Türkiye should check with the nearest Turkish Embassy or Consulate in their country about requirements before starting the application process.

After submitting the application, you will be required to pay a non-refundable fee and then wait for communication from the Turkish authority on the next steps. If approved, the visa process takes between 3-15 days. Upon approval, you can travel to Türkiye and complete your visa formalities at the port of entry.

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To apply a Digital Nomad Identification Certificate, firstly you are required to sign up to the platform. Then you are expected to access your account to upload the following documents' scanned versions:

The Turkish Digital Nomad Visa

Online Application Contd.,

To apply a Digital Nomad Identification Certificate, firstly you are required to sign up to the platform. Then you are expected to access your account to upload the following documents' scanned versions:

1) To have a travel document/passport valid for at least 6 months as from the date of arrival in Türkiye.

2) Diploma or Certification of Degree document showing that you are a university graduate.

3) Document showing that the applicant works in the Digital Nomad field. That being...

   a) Contract, if applicant working within the company (except companies located in Türkiye)
   b) If applicant is self-employed, the business contract between applicant and the company, except those located in Türkiye.

4) Biometric photo

5) Document proving that the applicant has a monthly income of 3,000 USD or 36,000 USD annually.

https://digitalnomads.goturkiye.com/en/registration-form

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WORK PERMITS IN TURKIYE

Work permits are issued by the Ministry of Labor, Social services, and family or by public institutions and organizations who are authorized within their own legislation to grant same.

If you hold a valid work permit in Türkiye it is also considered to be your Residency Permit for the duration of the work permit.
The expiry date of the work permit is also the expiry date of your permit to reside here.

60 days before the work permit is due to expire you can apply for an extension provided it is with the same employer.

"A foreigner for whom a work permit extension application has been submitted may continue to work from the expiration date of the work permit during the review of the application and in any case for a period not exceeding 90 days if the work performed, and the place of work do not change.
During this period, the rights and obligations of the foreigner and the employer arising from the work permit remain unchanged.

If the work permit extension application is approved, the newly granted work permit will take effect on the day after the previous one expires". Ref: https://www.invest.gov.tr/

Whilst the extension application process is being considered, you can continue to work for 90 days after the work permit has expired. If granted the extension permit will be granted for two years and for subsequent extensions it is 3 years provided you are working for the same employer.

A new employer would mean a new application must be submitted as if it was a first-time application.

Should the work permit expire and not be renewed, you have 10 days extra residency. However, if you already have a separate residents permit you can continue to stay in Türkiye for the duration of it and renew your residency before its expiration date as normal.

For more detailed information on the application process to include the lower limits for work permit applications please visit: https://www.calismaizni.gov.tr/calisma-izni-hakkinda/calisma-izni-basvurusu/

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