



ORTA DOĞU TEKNİK ÜNİVERSİTESİ
MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY



Info Before Arrival for Incoming
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Turkey: Quick Facts and Figures



Formal Name: Republic of Turkey

Declaration of the Republic: October 29, 1923

Capital: Ankara

Large Cities: Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Bursa (four most populated cities)

Government: Unitary Parliamentary Republic

Official Language: Turkish

Total Area: 814,578 km²

Population: 80,810, 525 (2017 census)

Currency: Turkish Lira (TL); 1 Euro= Around 6 TL

Time Zone: EET (UTC+2)

Working Hours: From Monday to Friday, 9.00-17.00 (mostly)

Official Holidays: January 1, April 23, May 1, May 19, August 30, October 29, Kurban/Sacrifice and Ramadan Holidays

Date Format: dd/mm/yyyy

International Phone Code: +90

Internet TLD: .tr

Electricity: 220 volts, 50 Hz, with round-prong European-style plugs



Type F, also works with plug C and E.



Turkey is located between Europe and Asia as a peninsula surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and Aegean Sea. On the Bosphorus bridge, which binds the continents of Europe and Asia, it is possible to see the phrases “Welcome to Asia” on one side and “Welcome to Europe” on the other side. Its diverse nature, history, archaeological treasures, and heritage are worth seeing. It is one of the unique locations around the globe where one can experience four seasons in one day. There are many reputable universities and technology zones as well as amazing beaches, spectacular mountains, skiing resorts, great museums, famous “Turkish

Baths” and much more. Turkish people are best known for their hospitality, friendly nature, strong-mindedness and good humor.

ABOUT ANKARA

Ankara has been the capital of Turkey since October 13, 1923. The city center of Ankara is the second most crowded area of Turkey and among the first 40 of the world. It can be considered as the heart of Turkey due to its proximity to Turkey’s geographical center and its function in Turkey’s progress. On the other hand, Ankara is one of the places in Turkey where on which several civilizations in history lived, such as the Hittites, Phrygians, Lydians, and Persians. Ankara is famous with its very own breed of cat (Turkish Angora with one blue and one green eye), angora goat, rabbit, pear, honey, and its grape called “Misket Üzüümü”.

Important Notes about Ankara:

Region: Central Anatolia, Upper Sakarya

Official Units: 18 districts within city limits and 25 total in the province

Total Area: 2.516 km²

Elevation: 938m

Population: 5,445,026 (2017 census)

Time Zone: EET (UTC+2)

Postal Code: 06xxx

Area Code(s): 312

License Plate: 06



Weather Conditions:

Ankara has a continental climate with cold snowy winters due to its altitude and inland location, and hot, dry summers. Spring and autumn are generally mild, but during both seasons sudden hot and cold spells frequently occur in the region. Rainfall occurs mostly during the spring and autumn. Because of Ankara’s high altitude and its dry summers, night temperatures in summer months are not so high. Ankara’s annual average precipitation is fairly low at 415 mm (16 in), nevertheless has rains fall during the whole year. The monthly mean temperature ranges from 23.6 °C in July to 1°C in January, with an annual mean of 11.7 °C. Average highest temperature is measured generally in July and August with 30.3 °C and the average lowest temperature is measured generally in January and February with -3 °C.

ABOUT METU

Now a leading international research university, Middle East Technical University (METU) (www.metu.edu.tr) was founded under the name of "Orta Doğu İleri Teknoloji Enstitüsü" (Middle East High Technology Institute) on November 15th, 1956 to contribute to the development of Turkey and Middle East countries and especially to train people so as to create a skilled workforce in the fields of natural and social sciences. METU's presence brought about new methods and introduced innovations to the Turkish higher education system manifesting METU as a pioneer of innovative education nationwide.

In 1956, the first academic program to initiate education was the Department of Architecture. Then in the spring semester of 1957, the Department of Mechanical Engineering launched its academic program. At the onset of 1957-1958 Academic Year, the Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Administrative Sciences were established. In 1959, the tasks undertaken to establish the Faculty of Arts and Sciences were completed. The Faculty of Education launched its academic programs in 1982.

Today, METU has 3 campuses with the Ankara campus covering 45^{km²} of land. There are a total of 43 undergraduate degrees offered in the five faculties of the METU main campus, and 176 graduate programs offered in the Graduate Schools of Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Informatics, Applied Mathematics and Marine Sciences. Marine Sciences conducts their academic programs at the Mersin-Erdemli campus.

Owing to the quality academic education that emphasizes merit and excellence in scientific, cultural and intellectual studies as well as the well-accomplished and qualified METU graduates, the University has become one of the most distinguished and respectable institutions of Turkey. Today, the University is proud to employ about 770 faculty (professors, associates professors etc.), 400 academic instructors and 1,400 research assistants, and have 28,000 students enrolled in its many programs. The total number of the alumni now is well over 120,000.



ACCOMODATION

1. How to Apply for Campus Accommodation:

Beneficiaries who would like to stay in METU guesthouses need to contact with ICO advisors before their mobility period. ICO advisors will communicate with guesthouses and inform the beneficiary about the availability of the rooms. Please note that ICO does its best to arrange a room for Erasmus+ beneficiaries. However, because of the high demand, for certain periods of the semester, it may not be possible to offer rooms for each beneficiary.

2. Campus Accommodation

METU Central Guesthouse (ODTÜ Misafirhanesi):

METU's Central Guesthouse, located on METU Campus grounds within the Campus Faculty Housing Complex, conveniently near the Sports and Social Facilities, the Shopping Mall, Banks, Post Office and public transportation facilities, provides 24-hour service to the local and international guests. METU Guest House is within walking distance from the Conference Venue. The main Guesthouse building has six two-room suites, six double rooms and six single rooms. And in separate buildings there are three large apartments together with seven studio apartments providing in all a total capacity of 52 beds for 65 guests. On the main floor of the main Guesthouse, there is a sitting room and a breakfast room open for all guests. Each room has Wi-Fi and cable internet, a cable TV, a telephone, and a small refrigerator. A computer with Internet connection, located in the sitting room on the ground floor, is available for all guests. Hot water is available for 24-hours. Daily served open-buffet breakfast is also available for the guests. In order to check the images of METU Guesthouse, you may visit the website below:

<http://stm.metu.edu.tr/misafirhane-resimleri>

Prices for METU Guesthouse (valid for 2018-2019 Academic Year*):

Room Type	Institution Personnel (TL)	Other Public Institution Personnel (TL)	Those who are not Personnel in a Public Institution (TL)
Single Room	70,00	87,00	105,00
Double Room	110,00	138,00	165,00
Suite Single Room	80,00	100,00	120,00
Suite Double Room	120,00	150,00	180,00
Triple Room	145,00	180,00	217,00

** Prices are subject change for different academic years*

3. Off-Campus Accommodation Options (Nearby Hotels):

- Dafne Hotel: <http://www.dafnehotel.com/index.html>
- Point Hotel: <http://www.pointhotel.com/point-hotel-ankara.aspx>
- Mövenpick: <http://www.movenpick.com/en/europe/turkey/ankara/hotel-ankara/overview/>
- Holiday Inn Cukurambar: <http://www.hicukurambar.com/en/>
- Bilkent Hotel: <http://www.bilkentotel.com.tr/en/index.php>
- The Greenpark Hotel: <http://www.thegreenparkankara.com/en>

ARRIVAL

Depending on your flight, you may have to go through PASSPORT CONTROL and CUSTOMS INSPECTION in Istanbul or Ankara. If you go through customs in Istanbul, you will need to transfer from International Flights Terminal to Domestic Flights Terminal. Please ask before you exit. Airport personnel can direct you to the domestic flights terminal when requested. Check the direction signs.

You may need to exchange some of your foreign currency for Turkish Lira as soon as you arrive in Turkey. Bank windows are available in both airports immediately before or after passport control. Exchanging money also can be done at the PTT, open 24 hours, at both airports. METU campus also houses a number of banks where currency exchange might be possible.

1. How to METU Campus from Ankara Esenboga Airport

Ankara International Airport (Esenboğa) is about 35-40 km away from METU Campus. From Ankara airport to city center, means of transportation are below (e.g. taxi or airport shuttle buses called HAVAS or BELKO).

1.1. Taxi

If you wish to take a taxi the whole way, metered taxis are also available from the airport to the city. In Ankara Esenboga Airport, there is taxi service for passenger transport 24 hours a day. More information can be found at: <http://www.esenbogataxi.com/turkce/index.aspx>.

Contact:

Tel: +90 (312) 398 00 00/1258

Tel: +90 (312) 398 08 97-98

One way taxi fares to central locations in the city are approximately 25-35 Euros (e.g. from the airport your hotel) and the ride will take around 30 minutes. By law, all taxis in Turkey are metered. You pay what is on the meter; tipping is optional. If you use the airport shuttle service, from the drop off location, as drivers usually do not speak English, you should have your destination address on a paper to show the driver.

1.2. Airport Shuttle Buses

If you get off at ASTI Coach Station, you may want to take a taxi to METU Campus, which is about 3-4 km away from ASTI. Taxi fares from ASTI are approximately 30 TL.

a. HAVAS Buses (Private Company)

- **Bus Schedules:** Services between airport and the city terminal are scheduled according to the arrival times of domestic and international flights.
- **Route:** Ankara Esenboğa Airport, Çubuk, Pursaklar, Hasköy, Keçiören, Etlik, Havaş City Terminal, ASTI (Ankara Intercity Bus Terminal-Coach Station)
Note: Even if there is one passenger going to the coach station, the coaches set off to ASTI just afterwards the other passengers are dropped in HAVAS City Terminal.
- **Passenger Dropping Spots:** HAVAS shuttles drop passengers at Çubuk intersection, Pursaklar, Hasköy, Aydınlikevler, Keçiören Bridge and Etlik Intersection on the way to city center.
- **Arrival Time:** Approximately 30 minutes to HAVAS City Terminal and 45 minutes to ASTI Coach Station
- **Ticket Fee:** around 10 -15TL (VAT incl.)

For more information, please visit the website below:

<http://www.havas.net/en/OurServices/BusServicesAndCarParkingFacilities/ServicePoints/Pages/Ankara.aspx>

b. BelkoAir Buses

- **Bus Schedules:** The buses offer services every 30 minutes from 05:00 a.m to 00:00; and every 60 minutes from 00:00 to 05.00 a.m.

06:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	14:00 p.m.	18:00 p.m.	22:00 p.m.	04:00 a.m.
06:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	14:30 p.m.	18:30 p.m.	22:30 p.m.	05:00 a.m.
07:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	15:00 p.m.	19:00 p.m.	23:00 p.m.	05:30 a.m.
07:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	15:30 p.m.	19:30 p.m.	23:30 p.m.	
08:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	16:00 p.m.	20:00 p.m.	24:00 p.m.	
08:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	16:30 p.m.	20:30 p.m.	01:00 a.m.	
09:00 a.m.	13:00 p.m.	17:00 p.m.	21:00 p.m.	02:00 a.m.	
09:30 a.m.	13:30 p.m.	17:30 p.m.	21:30 p.m.	03:00 a.m.	

- **Route:** Ankara Esenboğa Airport, Ülker, Saray, Pursaklar, Hasköy, Aydınlıkevler, Fatih Bridge, Ankamall, Gazi Hospital, ASTI (Ankara Intercity Bus Terminal-Coach Station), Kızılay, Opera, Train Station
- **Passenger Dropping Spots:** There are no passenger loading stops on the route from airport to the city center. The first dropping spot is ASTI.
- **Arrival Time:** Approximately 60 minutes to ASTI Coach Station. (It may change depending the traffic and weather conditions)
- **Ticket Fee:** around 10-15 TL (VAT incl.)

For more updated information, please visit this website: <http://www.belkoair.com/en>

Esenboğa Havalimanı İç-Dış Hatlar Terminali

Esenboğa Airport Domestic-International Terminal

GELİŞ KATI ARRIVALS LEVEL

- Yolcunun Kullanımı Dışındaki Alanlar
Non-Public Area
- Yolcunun Kullanım Alanları
Public Area
- HAVAŞ Shuttle Buses
- Servis Services
- Yiyecek & İçecek
Food & Beverage
- Gümrüksüz Mağaza
Duty Free Shop
- Pasaport Kontrol
Passport Control



- SERVIS \ SERVICES**
- Danışma \ Information Desk
 - Turizm Danışma \ Tourist Informaion
 - Emanet \ Left Luggage
 - Mescit \ Praying Room
 - Araç Kiralama \ Rent a Car
 - Banka \ Bank
 - Döviz Bürosu \ Change Office
 - Buluşma Noktası \ Meeting Point

- Kayıp Bagaj \ Lost Luggage
- Tuvaletler \ Toilets
- Asansör \ Elevator
- Çiçekçi \ Florist
- TAV Kayıp Eşya \ TAV Lost and Found
- Bagaj Alım \ Baggage Claim
- Konferans Salonu \ Conference Hall
- Gümrük \ Customs
- İlk Yardım \ First Aid

- Otopark \ Carpark
- Otobüs \ Bus
- Taksi \ Taxi
- Otopark Otomatik Ödeme Noktası
Carpark Automatic Payment Point
- Giriş \ Enterance
- Çıkış \ Exit
- THY İç Hatlar Cıp Salonu
THY Domestic Cıp Lounge
- Vize \ Visa
- Yürüyen Merdiven \ Escalator

- Yiyecek & İçecek \ Food & Beverage**
- 1. Anatolia Cafe
 - 2. Gloria Jeans Cafe
 - 3. Douwe Egberts Busgate Kiosk
 - 4. Coca-Cola Busgate Kiosk
 - 5. Burger King (Asma Kat) \ Mezzanine Level
 - 6. Flaga World of Food Restaurant (Asma Kat) \ Mezzanine Level
- Gümrüksüz Mağaza \ Duty Free Shop**
- Gümrüksüz Mağaza \ Main Duty Free Shop

On exit, airport shuttle buses are located on the right hand-side of gate F for international arrivals terminal and right hand-side of gate H for domestic arrivals terminal.

2. How to come to METU Campus

Getting to Campus from the City Center

METU is located about 7 kilometers from the center of the city. Transportation to and from METU campus is frequent and convenient. City buses (EGO buses), HALK buses and private minibuses (Dolmuş) have regular services from Kızılay (Güvenpark), Ulus (opposite the Radisson SAS Hotel and across from Gençlik Park) and Ayrancı (Portakalçiçeği Sokak) to METU campus.

Bus cards are required for EGO city buses and must be purchased before boarding the bus. City bus cards are in unit format. You can buy one, ten or twenty unit cards. Each unit is around 1 Euro. There are EGO booths at Kızılay and Ulus near the bus stops and on the main boulevard (Atatürk Boulevard) and at the Magazine Shop around dormitories area where you can purchase bus cards. You have to buy a ticket on the buses for HALK and double-decker buses. But you have to pay the driver the fare in cash on the “Dolmuş” (minibus transportation).

3. Campus Transportation

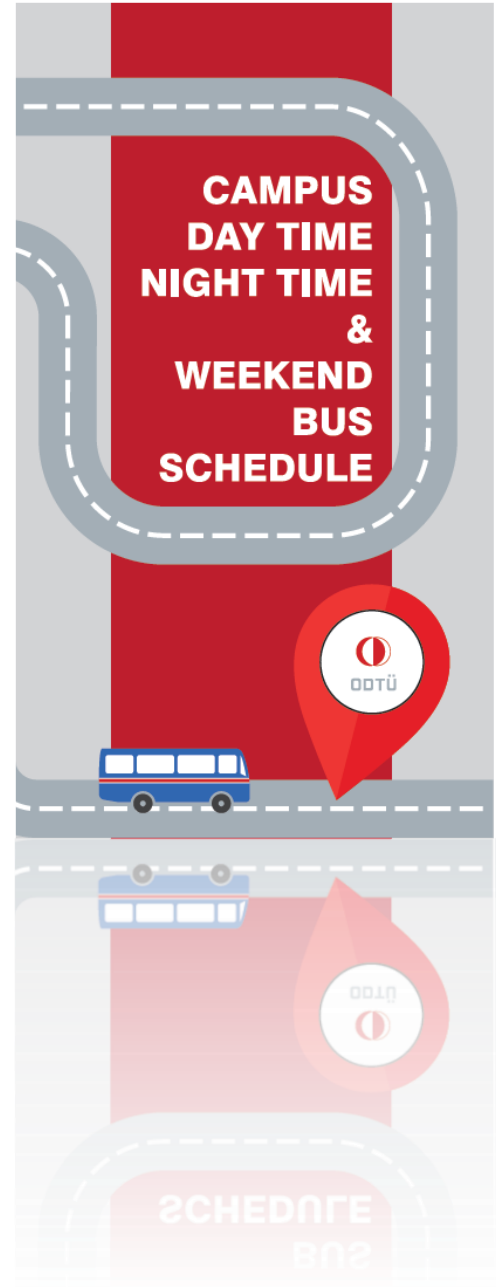
The main entrance to the ODTÜ Campus, 7 km. to the city center, is Gate A1 on the Eskişehir highway. In addition to A1, the gates A4, at the “100. Yıl” District end of campus, and A7, on the Bilkent road, can be used to enter and exit Campus. Access to the city is possible via the Ayrancı-ODTÜ, Ulus-ODTÜ and Kızılay-ODTÜ shuttle routes. There is also a shuttle bus between campus stops and A2 entrance where there is a metro stop. The shuttles stop in front of the Cafeteria until 18:00 hrs. on week days; after 18:00 hrs. and on weekends they stop in the East Dormitories zone.

Ankara Municipality’s bus services (EGO) and **subway (Metro) system** can be used for intra-city transportation. Detailed information about the routes and hours of EGO buses is available at the URLs <http://www.ego.gov.tr/EN/indexEN.asp> and <http://www.tim.metu.edu.tr/ego-hat-bilgisi>. EGO no. 133 bus can be used for transportation between ODTÜ metro station and campus center.

Campus-City ring bus services are scheduled to run at certain times of the day and frequent in-Campus ring bus services (approx. every 15 min.) are available for students and staff. There are also offices of certain intercity bus companies in the East Dormitories zone.

Campus Ring Bus Services

- Departure times of the ring bus services are listed at the URL: <http://tim.metu.edu.tr/ring-services>.
- Alternatively, may also download a brochure of the ring system at: <http://tim.metu.edu.tr/system/files/ring-brosurA4-02-ing.pdf>.
- There is also a real-time interactive METU service which show rings at the time of the query: www.ring.metu.edu.tr
- You can find a printed campus map of METU in the METU bags you have. For electronic version, you may visit: <https://www.metu.edu.tr/system/files/odu-kampus-haritasi.pdf>.
- For an interactive METU Ankara Campus Map, please check: <http://map.metu.edu.tr/>





For more readable version of the map, please check: <https://www.metu.edu.tr/system/files/odtu-kampus-haritasi.pdf>. For an interactive METU Ankara Campus Map, please check: <http://map.metu.edu.tr/>

USEFUL INFORMATION

a. Embassies

The contact information of the embassies in Turkey can be accessed via:
<https://diplomatic.mfa.gov.tr/missions.aspx?selMenuId=4>

b. Banks

There are branches of 7 banks, namely İş Bank, Akbank, VakıfBank, Garanti Bank, Ziraat Bank and Yapı Kredi Bank, in the Campus shopping zone. There are also ATMs of these banks at various locations. In addition, there are ATMs of ING Bank, Halkbank and Finansbank. The banks on Campus operate during working hours throughout the week and their phone numbers are as follows:

Bank Phone:

- İş Bank ODTÜ Branch +90 (312) 210 38 91-92/210 2774/210 11 94
- Yapı Kredi Bankası ODTÜ Branch +90 (312) 210 38 88/210 14 14
- Akbank ODTÜ Branch +90 (312) 210 10 72-73/210 38 98
- Vakıfbank ODTÜ Branch +90 (312) 210 10 57-58/210 38 99
- Ziraat Bank ODTÜ Branch +90 (312) 210 27 62/210 11 72/210 38 94
- Garanti Bank ODTÜ Branch +90 (312) 210 13 69/210 18 43/210 38 93

c. Post Office and Cargo

The Post Office is near İş Bank on the campus. Working hours for the post office is 08:30-12.00 and 13:30-17:00. All the telephone booths on ODTÜ Campus are card phones. These cards are available at the ODTÜ Post Office. The card phones can be found at the entrance of all the buildings of the university and at the post office. Students cannot make local, intercity or international calls via the ODTÜ telephone central. When necessary, they can use the ODTÜ telephone central only for in-campus calls.

The telephone number of the post office is +90 (312) 210 27 76. There is one cargo branch in ODTÜ, UPS, which is ready to give service. The address of this cargo branch is; ODTÜ Campus, EBİ Shopping Center, No: 26. The phone number of the branch is +90 (312) 210 13 08.

d. Unit of Currency in Turkey

The currency unit of Turkey is Türk Lirası (Turkish Liras, TL), and other currencies are not often used in Turkey. It is suggested Staff Week participants to carry TL with them at all times. The symbol of TL is as in the following:



1 Turkish Lira is subdivided into 100 Kuruş (kr). 1 USD is around 6 TL and 1 Euro is around 6.5 TL (these figures may fluctuate daily). Most updated information can be found on the following link: <http://www.tcmb.gov.tr/wps/wcm/connect/tr/tcmb+tr/main+page+site+area/bugun>

Coins and banknotes are demonstrated as follows:

Coins: 5 kr, 10 kr, 25 kr, 50 kr, 1,

Banknotes: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 TL.

Cost of living in Turkey is relatively low in comparison to many other places around the globe but depends on location and life choices. The below table shows approximate sample prices from Turkey:

Item	Turkish Lira
Bread 300 gr	2 TL
1 lt water in grocer's	1,5 TL
A cup of coffee in a moderate coffee shop	10-15 TL
Coke 330 ml (in supermarkets)	5 TL
Hamburger	20-25 TL
Dolmuş (minibus)	3 TL
Bus/Subway tickets	3 TL
Meal at a regular restaurant	30 TL (per person)
Meal at fine-dining restaurant (with alcohol)	100 TL (per person)

e. Medical Services

1. METU Medical Center

METU has a fully staffed (about 27 doctors on duty during working hours) Medical Center on campus that provides medical assistance, lab services and emergency ambulance service.

Medical Center Contact Info:

Tel: + (90) (312)210 49 68

Emergency Hotline: + (90) (312) 210 49 60

Ambulance Call Center: + (90) (312) 210 41 42

<http://srm.metu.edu.tr/en>



In situations requiring further examination and treatment, patients may be directed to another hospital. There are many hospitals around METU:

2. 100. YIL (Private Hospital)

100. Yıl Hospital is located within the walking distance to the campus. In case of emergencies, it is advised participants to visit 100. Yıl Hospital. Medical examinations are subject to some amount of fee. In order to learn about the fees, please check the website below.

Contact Info:

Address: Balgat Mahallesi, Muhsin Yazıcıoğlu Cad. No:54, 06530 Çankaya/Ankara

Website: <http://100yilhastanesi.com.tr>

Telephone: +90 312 284 08 08

3. KORU (Private Hospital)

KORU Hospital is located close to METU Campus. In case of emergencies, participants may also visit the KORU Hospital. Medical examinations are subject to some amount of fee. In order to learn about the fees, please check the website below.

Contact Info:

Address: Kızılırmak Mahallesi, 1450. Sk. No:13, 06510 Çankaya/Ankara

Website: <http://koruhastanesi.com>

Telephone: +90 444 6 662

SOCIAL LIFE

a. Where to Eat?

1. Eating Places on Campus

The Shopping Mall in the campus-shopping district (called as “Çarşı”) has a wide variety of eating-places, open from 8:30 to 23:30, to suit everyone’s taste and pocketbook. For those who can spend a day at METU’s lake, Eymir Lake, there are also restaurants and fast-food kiosks.

2. Eating Places in the City

- Çukurambar District

Taurus Shopping Centre is within 20 minutes of walking distance to METU Campus. Shopping Centre has a big variety of shops from clothing to sports, from jewelry to food courts. Moreover, the campus is located near to the Çukurambar district, which has a variety of eating-places. This district is pretty lively, and most famous places are Huqqa, Liva, Marco Pascha, Mado, Öküz, and so on. Average cost of a meal for one person is around 30 TL (7 Euros).

- Söğütözü District

METU Campus is also closely located to the Söğütözü district Armada Shopping Centre, which has a variety of eating-places. The Armada Shopping Centre is open from 10:00 a.m. to 22:00 p.m and has a food court on the top floor. Between the two shopping blocks at Armada Mall, there is a well-known restaurant area, which is called “Armada Hayat Sokağı” in Turkish. In “Armada Hayat Sokağı”, there are a plenty of good restaurants, cafeterias and coffee houses (e.g. Timboo, Downtown). You can get a nice filling lunch or dinner here for 30-40 TL (7 euros) per person.

- Bahçelievler District

7. Cadde (7th Street) is the major shopping street in Bahçelievler and has a wide variety of inexpensive to moderate restaurants and sidewalk cafes and pastry shops. One should also look on the side streets of 7. Cadde, especially for small home-style restaurants that serve inexpensive and tasty Turkish dishes.

- Kızılay District

Sakarya Caddesi (Street) between Selanik Caddesi and Atatürk Blvd. is famous for its “Döner” (Meat roasted on a revolving vertical spit). This meat, or chicken, fish or meat balls if preferred,

is put in a half loaf of bread with onions. There are eating places in this district with other types of food, also inexpensive and to be recommended. Yüksel Caddesi (Street) is a street with many inexpensive and good restaurants, cafeterias and pastry shops. On Kumrular Sokak (Street), behind YKM Department Store near the ODTÜ Dolmuş stop, there are small eateries. On Olgunlar Sokak (Street), running from Atatürk Blvd. to Kocatepe Cami (Mosque), there are also several restaurants, kebab restaurants, and sandwich and snack bars. Nearby on Konur Sokak, there are inexpensive restaurants frequented by students. Some of them are not open on Sundays.

- Kavaklıdere District

Tunus Caddesi (Street) is another inexpensive, convenient district for eating. Near the ODTÜ Bus Stop on Tunus Caddesi there are small kebab restaurants, cafes and sandwich shops. Prices here are moderate to moderately expensive. Arjantin Caddesi (Street) houses a number of good coffee shops (e.g. Cafemiz) that are worth stopping by.

b. Where to Shop?

1. Shopping Centers on Campus

The Shopping Mall across from the Tennis Courts has a number of shops, including a variety of clothing shops, stationary shops, bookstores and pharmacy as well as a variety of fast food eateries. Next to this mall is a Super Market where participants can buy a variety of personal needs and a small selection of groceries. In this general business area, there are hairdressers for men and women, a tailor and a shoe repairman.

2. Shopping Centers in the City

Some of the centers listed below are arcades (pasaj or çarşı) which are located on the ground and basement floors of buildings. These collections of shops are convenient and often inexpensive places to buy clothing, personal needs and household goods. Additionally, some of the major inexpensive and moderately priced department stores and malls are listed below:

- Taurus Alışveriş Merkezi (Konya Highway): Clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning.
- Armada (Eskişehir Highway, Söğütözü): Shoes, bags, underclothing, clothing, cosmetics.
- Next Level (Eskişehir Highway, Söğütözü): Shoes, bags, underclothing, clothing, cosmetics.
- Real Center (Bilkent): Home equipment, clothing, shoes, restaurants, movie theatres, dry cleaning, grocery.

- CEPA Alışveriş Merkezi (Eskişehir Highway): Clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning.
- Kentpark Alışveriş Merkezi (Eskişehir Highway): Clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning.
- Panora Alışveriş Merkezi (Oran): Clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning.
- Kızılay (Soysal, Kocabeyoğlu, Ülküalan Pasajı, etc.): Clothing and shoes
- Tunalı Hilmi Çarşısı (Kavaklıdere): Clothing, personal and household needs

c. Where to Go?

In Ankara, there are many attractive historic landmarks, museums, mosques, etc. Some attractive sightseeing locations are listed below:

- Ankara Castle (Citadel): Ankara castle whose exact construction date is unknown is as old as the city itself. It is a must see in Ankara since it is so alive in spite of its old history. There are a lot of amazing antique and souvenir shops and a museum.
- Anıtkabir: It is the mausoleum of the leader of the Turkish War of Independence and the founder of the Republic of Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk (aka. Father of the Turks). Anıtkabir features Turkish as well as Seljuk and Ottoman architectural and ornamental features. There are many statues, paintings, relics, towers and a museum.
- Hamamönü: The Hamamönü district, which is a place reflecting traditions of both the Ottoman Empire and Republic of Turkey, is a unique place worth seeing. There are mosques, Turkish baths, museums, and parks.
- Beypazarı: Beypazarı is a town located about 100 km west of Ankara. In the Ottoman period, Beypazarı was a military base and was important for the local economy. Its carrots and mineral water are very famous. There are some museums, old buildings and many places to walk and picnic.

1. Cinemas

Following are the names and locations of some popular cinemas nearby. When screening world cinema, these cinemas show films in their original language with Turkish subtitles:

- AFM CEPA, CEPA Shopping Center, Eskişehir Yolu
- Armada Movie Theatres, Eskişehir Yolu No : 6/B Blok No: 188
- Prestige Bilkent, Bilkent Shopping Center No: 5
- Kentpark Prestige, Kentpark Shopping Center, Eskişehir Yolu
- Cinemaximum, Next Level Shopping Center, Eskişehir Yolu

2. Music

- Presidential Symphony Orchestra Hall: Talatpaşa Blvd 38/A Sıhhiye
- State Opera and Ballet: Atatürk Blvd, Opera Meydanı, Ulus
- Bilkent Symphony Hall: Bilkent University (Buses leave from the bus stop at Tunus cad. and pass by the National Library Bus Stop at Bahçelievler 30 minutes before the concerts and return to these places after the concerts.)
- For a list of places with live music (bars, eateries, concert halls, etc.):
<https://foursquare.com/top-places/ankara/best-places-live-music>

3. Museums nearby

- Museum of Anatolian Civilization: Ankara's most famous museum is located at Hisarpark Cad. Ulus. It is open daily from 8:30 to 17:30
- Atatürk's Mausoleum (Anıttepe Cad. Tandoğan): Open daily from 9:00 to 17:00, the grounds are a pleasant place for walking and resting
- METU Archeology Museum: Located near the Faculty of Architecture, the museum is open weekdays from 08.30 until 17.30 and exhibits items discovered from METU's own territories.

4. Art Galleries/Event venues nearby

- Cer Modern: It is a center in which you can find one of the most precious presentations of modern art with several exhibitions and activities in Ankara.
Altınsoy Street, No: 3 Sıhhiye.
- ATO: ATO Congressium & Exhibiton Center host year round exhibitions and activities and worth to see.
Söğütözü Street, No: 1/A Çankaya
- Kültür ve Kongre Merkezi (KKM): The Cultural and Convention Center of METU, which encompasses the most recent technological facilities, is designed to host local and international conventions, seminars, meetings, conferences, concerts, other cultural activities and related services. The center consists of nine halls, two foyers, a restaurant, support and service units and benefits from the rich facilities and resources of METU campus.
- Ankara has a great number of Art Galleries featuring Turkish artists. Here is an online list: <http://www.turizm.net/cities/ankara/artgalleries.html>

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- Ambulance **112**
- Fire Station **110**
- Traffic **154**

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