

2. TOURIST VISA APPLICATION PROCESS FOR NON-US CITIZENS

A citizen of a foreign country who wishes to enter Türkiye for touristic purposes may need to obtain a visa, depending on passport of his/her nationality. Please check the <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa> for visa regulations.

You can apply for a tourist visa via Turkish Consulate General in Houston by following the instructions on www.visa.gov.tr, or apply an *e-visa* online on www.evisa.gov.tr. You are kindly reminded that duration of procedure and required documents vary according to application method.

Required documents for application via Turkish Consulate General in Houston:

1. National passport or official travel document
 - a) with an expiration date at least 60 days beyond the “duration of stay” of their visa
*Example: In order to enter Türkiye having a visa with 30 days “duration of stay”, visa applicants should hold a passport valid at least for an additional 60 days which totals to 90 days (30 days + 60 days) of validity **at the time of entrance**.*
 - b) with a blank page to affix the visa
2. One fully completed application form and its attachments (must be filled in on www.visa.gov.tr)
3. One recent passport - size (2” x 2”) photograph
4. Proof of travel health/accident world-wide insurance valid through duration of stay
5. Non-refundable visa fee*
6. Original and copy of valid US alien registration card or valid US resident visa.
 - a) US tourist visa (B1/B2) holders are not eligible to get a visa.
 - b) Valid I-20 or the letter from school, needed for the students
7. If you wish your visa issued passport to be returned by mail, a postage fee of 31 USD in cash or money order payable to the Turkish Consulate General in Houston or you may provide your own pre-paid return envelope.

*Non-refundable visa fee:

Visa fee can only be paid in cash or money order payable to the Turkish Consulate General in Houston. Personal checks are not accepted.

Tourist visa with single entry: \$60

Tourist visa with multiple entry: \$190

On your appointment date, please bring us:

1. The application form (indicating the reference number)
2. If applicable, letter from festival/club/organization you are willing to attend
3. Hotel reservation / proof of address that you plan to stay
4. If you are visiting a friend/family member/relative, you need to bring a notarized invitation letter in Turkish or English from people you are staying with / inviting you, including their full names, ID no.s, phone numbers, e-mails and full address

5. Health insurance information (you need to have a valid medical international insurance showing you are covered for a minimum of 30.000 US Dollars)
6. Proof of Income (your bank statements for the last 3 months, if you are employed in the U.S. an employment verification letter signed by your employer, if you own a business / a property in the U.S., documentation proving that)
7. Your passport and a copy of the first page of it.
8. Original and a copy of valid US alien registration card or valid US resident visa.
9. One biometric photograph (passport size, white background)
10. Visa fee as cash or money order.

Application method:

As a first step, all applicants are required to make their visa applications online via www.visa.gov.tr. In the second step, applicants must submit their documents in person.

Applicants are kindly asked to bring their appointment confirmation paper (indicating the reference number) along with the required documents.

For in-person applications and interviews, applicants must have an appointment on www.visa.gov.tr.

Additional notes:

Turkish Consulate General in Houston is not responsible for documents lost in the mail or documents left unclaimed more than one week at the Consulate General after the outcome of the application.

In individual cases, you may be required to provide additional documents.

Please do not finalize your travel plans or arrangements until you are notified about the outcome of your visa applications.

The process of applications of non-US travel document holders may take 4-5 weeks. It is strongly advised for applicants to apply at least one month prior to their intended trip, if you apply for a tourist visa via Turkish Consulate General in Houston.