

10. FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

A citizen of a foreign country, who wishes to shoot a film/documentary in Türkiye, must first have a filming/photography permit. Please get into contact with the Office of Culture and Tourism via dc@tourismturkey.org for applying to the permit.

For filming in Türkiye please follow instructions at <http://www.sinema.gov.tr/ana/sayfa.asp?id=38>

After having the permit, crew members can apply for filming and photography visa at the Turkish Consulate General in Houston by following the instructions on www.visa.gov.tr.

Required documents for application:

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. Employment verification letter or bank statement
 - a) If bank statement belongs to a sponsor, a statement which indicates the relation between applicant and the sponsor is required.
5. Proof of lodging
 - a) Hotel, rental and vacation home reservations
 - b) Invitation letter, if you stay with a relative/friend who lives in Türkiye.
6. Complete itinerary with flight information
 - a) In case of transit visa, proof of transport to final destination
7. Official permission letter
8. 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.
9. Proof of travel health/accident world-wide insurance valid through duration of stay
10. Non-refundable visa fee*
11. 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.

Filming and photography visa with single entry for US citizens: 160 USD

Filming and photography visa with multiple entry for US citizens: 190 USD

Filming and photography visa with single and multiple entry for non-US citizens: Please get into contact with the Turkish Consulate General in Houston via consulate.houston@mfa.gov.tr.

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 takes at least 3 business days. It is strongly advised for applicants to apply one month prior to their intended trip.