PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Climate

Turkey's summer is hot and has generally no longer periods of rainy weather. Temperature in July may range from 20 to 30 ^oC. Unexpected rainfall can occur during these days.

Currency

Currency of Turkey is lira ([‡]). Money can be exchanged in all foreign exchange offices. A large number of ATMs are available 24/7. Credit cards are widely accepted in larger restaurants and hotels, but not in every small shop, marketplaces and shuttle buses from the airport.

Electricity supply

The power sector is 220v 50Hz. If you want to use electrical items you will need an appropriate plug or adapter.

Drinking Water

It is highly recommended to make use of bottled water in Istanbul.

Smoking

In Turkey, smoking is prohibited in public spaces. Certain restaurants and cafeterias have a designated area for smokers.

Public Transport

In Istanbul, you can reach almost every place by public transport such as subway, tram, metrobus or bus. Usually, people need to purchase a smart ticket, Istanbulkart, at the ticket machine or at the train/ bus station. Please note that there are several types of Istanbulkart. Some kinds can be charged, and others are not. Buying a chargeable card is economical for frequent use. Transportation payments can be also made by credit card.