

The Heart of Anatolia



Turkey is the World's 6th most popular tourist destination with 29.3 million arrivals in 2011.

- Beaches in Antalya and Muğla,
- Ski resorts in Bursa, Bolu and Erzurum,
- Valleys, clefts, fairy chimneys and sinuous folds formed by erosion in the soft volcanic rock in Cappadocia,
- Shrine of Rumi in Konya
- Historical venues, Bosphorus and vibrant life in Istanbul, along with the Early Christian sites all over the country attract visitors from Russia and Western Europe as well as the Middle East and the Far East.

The capital of Turkey, Ankara, is gaining popularity as a tourist destination for its ruins of Roman, Hittite and Seljuk Empires. It also played a key role during the Turkish Independence War when Mustafa Kemal Atatürk became a national hero until his death in 1938.

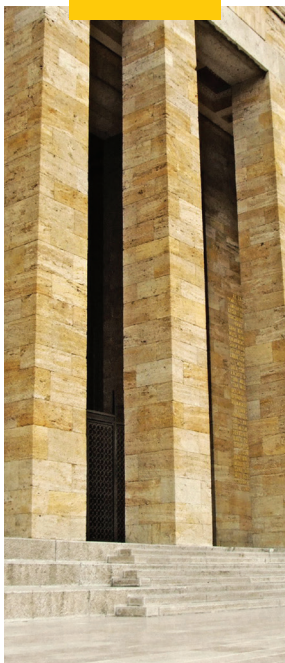
Ankara stretches in the middle of the Anatolian plateau. The city is surrounded by tributaries of Kızılırmak and Sakarya rivers. With its 25 districts, surface area of 25,437 km² (9,821 sq mi) and population of 4.9 million, Ankara is the center of policy-making, education, health and technology.



Weather in Ankara



With its 938 m (3,077 ft) elevation and 270 km (168 mi) distance to the nearest coast, Ankara has a continental climate. Cold and snowy winters follow hot and dry summers. Daytime temperatures in August occasionally hit 40°C (104°F). Nightly temperatures in the summer months can be as cool as 13°C (55°F). July and August are the hottest months with almost zero precipitation while April and May record the highest rainfall. Snowfall is common from November to March. Visiting Ankara between



November and March calls for a good insulated coat and winter boots. T-shirt and shorts will be sufficient for visitors coming between June and August. Nights and other months require a windbreaker.





**Museum of Anatolian
Civilizations**



Best
Museum In
Europe
award, 1997

Rare artefacts and artworks of Anatolian Civilizations that takes you into a trip in time.



The Operet Theatre of State Art and Sculpture Museum





The State Art and Sculpture Museum is a museum dedicated to fine arts and sculpture in Ankara, Turkey. It was designed in 1927 by architect Arif Hikmet Koyunoğlu and built between 1927 and 1930 as the Türkocağı Building, upon the direction of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder and first President of Turkey. It is located close to the Ethnography Museum and houses a rich collection of Turkish art from the late 19th century to the present day. There are also galleries for guest exhibitions.

At the Museum's Operet Theatre the most outstanding works of the artists are exhibited.

Explore Ankara

Rich in history, Ulus is one of the oldest inhabited areas in Ankara. The Roman baths, now an open-air museum was built in honor of Asclepius, the medicine god, by the Roman emperor Caracalla in the 1st century B.C. The Julianus Column was constructed in honor of Emperor Julianus. The Augustus Temple was built during the reconstruction era as Ankara was declared as the official capital of Galatea province,



Historic Downtown **Ulus**

comprising of today's Ankara, Çorum and Yozgat provinces.

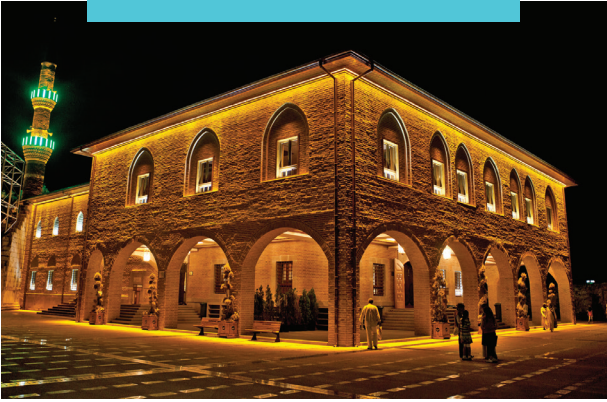
Hacı Bayram-ı Veli Mosque is situated in the vicinity of Ulus. The Grand National Assembly Building (First Senate House), the symbol of the Turkish Republic, today, is the Museum of Turkish Independence.

The **Anatolian** Civilizations Museum

Rare artefacts and artworks, remains of age-old Anatolia, can be seen in the Anatolian Civilizations Museum. The museum, officially entitled as the 'Best Museum In Europe in 1997' among 68 other museums, has a unique



collection installed in chronological order and takes its visitors into a trip in time.



Hacı Bayram-ı Veli was born and raised in Ankara. He was the spiritual leader of his era (14th century A.D.) and a valuable scholar in Anatolia.

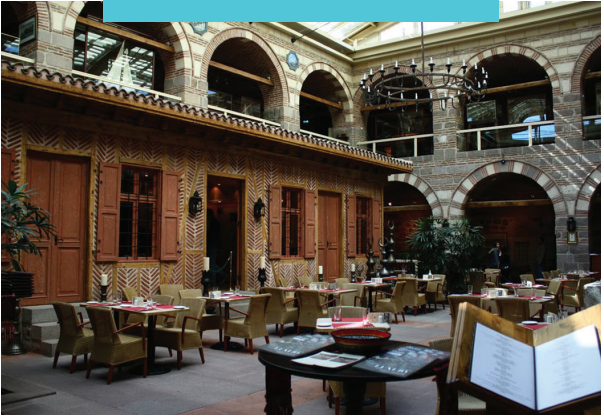
Hacı Bayram-ı Veli Mosque

Gordion Museum

Established near a small village with a population of 500, known as Yassihöyük, in 1963. Today there is a chronological exhibition in Gordion Museum and every period is represented with

characteristic examples. In three exhibit halls there are works of the the Early Bronze Age and these are followed by artefacts of the Early Phrygian Period, which ended with King Midas.





Çengelhan Rahmi Koç Museum

It is housed in a magnificent building before the entrance to the Ankara Castle. The collection contains hundreds of items from miniatures to full size boats and vehicles.



Traditional Ankara Houses

Traditional Ankara houses in Kaleiçi (Inner Castle) Neighborhood were planned in such a way to use the maximum space of narrow streets due to the position of the neighborhood (surrounded by the walls of the castle on a steep hill.) They were mostly made of wood, adobe, or brick as two or three-storey houses. Considering the conditions of the fall season, lower floors have thick walls

and small windows. Upper storeys, in contrast, have thin walls and are airy.. The houses have special rooms called "Cihannuma" (gazebo) for summer use. These rooms are characteristic of old Ankara houses. In the making of wooden ceilings, geometrical decorations were impressively used.

Korean Memorial

Ankara is also rich in respect with other monuments. Examples of modern architecture and hundred-year-old monuments can be seen in different parts of the province.



Out of City Experience

Nallıhan, Beypazarı, Kızılcahamam, Çamlıdere and Polatlı, the districts of Ankara, offer an alternative outing for those who are willing to enjoy the quiet life of the countryside. Nallıhan, 160 kilometers away from the city center, is an ideal escape point with its plateaus, hiking, camping, and bird watching opportunities.

Çayırhan District, near Nallıhan, owns an unspoiled bird paradise that contains 179 bird species in its perimeter. Once an inner sea millions of years ago, the region was inflicted by serious erosion and water drainage that revealed the visual feast what it is now. The geological formations and

the spectrum of thousands of colors during sunset and sunrise, especially after the rain, offer a unique vista.

Beypazarı District, with its weekly farmers' market, draws thousands of people from the city center. Old Ankara houses, natural hiking trails and traditional festivals make the old district more attractive for visitors. Located 100 kilometers west of the city center, the district is famous for silver works, originally called, 'telkari' i.e. filigree wirework. Despite the fact that there has been no silver mine in the region, the filigree wireworks are the common artisanal craftsmanship in the district.





Kocatepe Mosque

Destination of Excellence: Hamamönü

Hamamönü, located between Ulus and Sıhhiye districts and renovated after careful city-planning, was awarded the European Tourist Destination of Excellence 2011. Historic Ankara houses, with its authentic streets, cultural and artistic events all year around, hand-made products exhibited at the street corners, sounds of music, the

Inspired by the architectural styles of Selimiye in Edirne and Sultan Ahmet (Blue) Mosque in İstanbul, Kocatepe was built during the 20th century with a specific 16th century touch. The mosque has a dome and four minarets.



street of Art, open-air movie theater, shopping stores promising novelties for all tastes and budgets, are among the sight-seeing spots of Hamamönü.



The Atatürk Mausoleum

The Mausoleum, where Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of Turkish Republic lies in eternal peace, represents the respect of Turkish people to their savior. Located on Rasattepe, the Mausoleum re-

flects the grandiosity of modern architecture. Both the Atatürk Museum and Independence War Museum give a chance for visitors to witness how a nation was born.

Altındağ Municipality Ulucanlar Prison Museum, Art and Culture Center

History of Ulucanlar Prison dates to Early Republican Period. From 1925 to July 2006, when all its resident prisoners transferred to another prison, for 81 years Ulucanlar witnessed all military coups and several executions.

During their visit all our visitors see the wards, isolation rooms, dungeons, photos, letters and other personal belongings of the former well-known political prisoners from different ideologies. Visiting Ulucan-



lar Prison Museum gives a chance to make a sentimental journey to the past. For the ones who want to explore more, visiting hours for our museum; 10:00 to 16:00 everyday except Mondays.

Cer Modern

Aiming to be a societal education project, Cer Modern hopes to provide an inclusive experience of art and with the continuous production of projects will become a center for culture and education.

The renovation of the disused train wagon repair building by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism will provide an example of contemporary museum architecture.

Cer Modern will provide an important layer to the identity of Ankara, will be a showcase to the capital, and introduce visitors to arts of several disciplines.





Destination Of Excellence
Hamamönü



Following the restoration works, Hamamönü not only became a centre of attraction but was also deemed worthy of 2011 European Destination of Excellence Award.

After the restoration it became the newest trend place of Ankara and is both amazing in daytime and nighttime. Hamamönü makes you feel like being in a shore town despite being in the middle of the city. With the historical houses and streets, it demonstrates an historical travel.



Student City **Ankara**



Ankara is home to 21 universities. Most of these institutions are very well connected to the world through bilateral agreements and international exchange schemes such as the Erasmus Program of the EU. There are currently around 6,000 international students in the city. For a student budget, Ankara is amongst the cheapest of European capitals. Typically, 700 Turkish Liras (245 Euro, 324 USD) per month is suffice for accommodation and meals plus a modest level of travel and entertainment.

Study in Ankara

Ankara University



The oldest of the universities in Ankara offers degrees in a wide array of domains. The instruction medium in this state university is Turkish. Most of this huge institution's facilities are placed in the city center.

Hacettepe University

With some of its departments offering programs in English, German and French, Hacettepe is famous for its excellence in the education of medicine and its vibrant but relaxing campus.



Gazi University

It is another Turkish-medium university located in the city center. It offers degrees in a variety of subjects including medicine, management and law.

Bilkent University

Bilkent is the foremost private university of the region, which is famous for superb facilities, high quality education and gigantic library of more than 400,000 printed books. The language of education is English. Bilkent University ranks 31nd in the 'Times Higher Education 100 Un-



der 50' league table of the world's best young universities. It hosts the first AACSB accredited business school in the country.



Founded in 1956, METU is a prestigious state university, which is famous for its political activism, sharing culture, beautiful campus and high quality education in engineering. The tuition is English in all departments where 25,000 students study for Bachelor, Masters and

Middle East Technical University (METU)

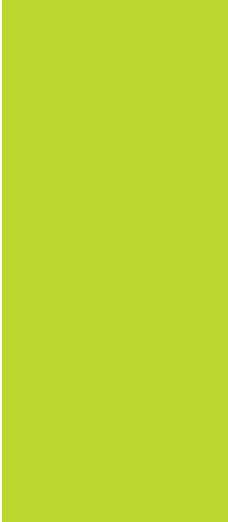
Doctoral degrees. It hosts around 2,000 international students from nearly 85 different countries either working towards a degree or enjoying an exchange period. Times Higher Education ranks the institution in its Top Universities by Reputation 2014 list.

Başkent University, TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Atılım University, Çankaya University, Ufuk University, Turgut Özal University, the University of Turkish Aeronautical Association, Yıldırım Beyazıt University, ANKA University

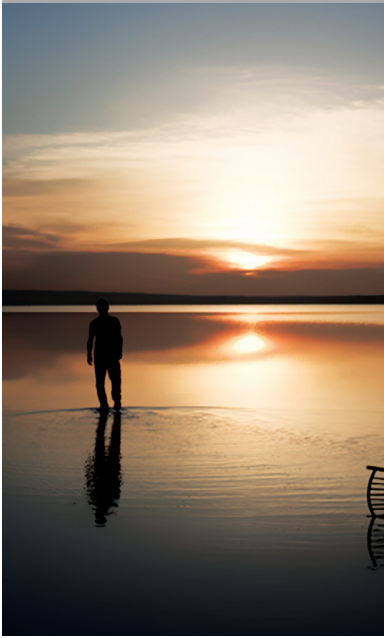
of Technology, Ankara University Social Sciences, İpek University, Yüksek İhtisas University, Gulhane Military Medical Academy, Command of the Military Academy, Police Academy and TED University are the other universities located in Ankara.

Explore Rural Life
Çamlıdere

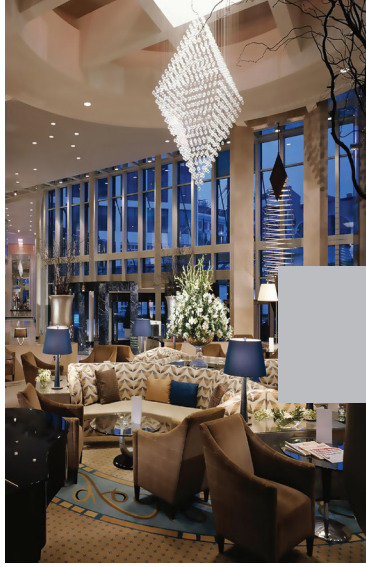




Lake Salt



Stay in Ankara



The list below includes the hotels in the city center
enjoy your holiday.



İbis Ankara Airport

Address: Balıkhisar Mah. Özal Bulvarı
No: 15 Akyurt – Ankara
Tel: +90 312 840 00 00

Meyra Palace

Address: Muhsin Yazıcıoğlu Cad. No: 55
Söğütözü – Ankara
Tel: +90 312 266 2500

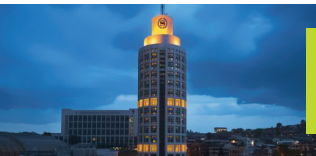


Ankara Hilton

Address: Tahran Cad. No: 12
Kavaklıdere – Ankara
Tel: +90 312 455 00 00

JW Marriott Hotel Ankara

Address: Kızılırmak Mah. Muhsin
Yazıcıoğlu Cad. No: 1 Söğütözü – Ankara
Tel: +90 312 248 88 88



Sheraton Ankara Hotel & Convention Center

Address: Noktalı Sokak, Kavaklıdere – Ankara
Tel: +90 312 457 60 00

Swissôtel Ankara

Address: Yıldızevler Mah. Jose Marti Cad.

No: 2 Çankaya – Ankara

Tel: +90 312 409 30 00



Crowne Plaza Ankara

Address: Mevlana Bulvarı No: 2

Akköprü – Ankara

Tel: +90 312 303 00 00



Rixos Grand Ankara Hotel

Address: Atatürk Bulvarı No: 183

Kavaklıdere – Ankara

Tel: +90 312 410 55 00



Divan Çukurhan

Address: Ankara Kalesi Necatibey Mah.

Depo Sk. No: 3 Ulus – Ankara

Tel: +90 312 306 64 00



Mövenpick Hotels&Resorts

Address: Beştepeler Mah. Yaşam Cad.

No:1 Söğütözü – Ankara

Tel: +90 312 258 58 00



Barcelo Ankara Altinel

Address: Gazi Mustafa Kemal Bulvarı

No: 151 Tandoğan – Ankara

Tel: +90 312 231 77 77



Bilkent Hotel

Address: Üniversiteler Mah.

İhsan Doğramacı Blv. No: 6 06800

Bilkent – Ankara

Tel: +90 312 258 58 00



Holiday Inn Ankara

Address: Kavaklıdere Mah., Tunus Cad.

No: 7, 06680 Kavaklıdere – Ankara

Tel: +90 312 424 40 00



Green Park Otel

Address: Kızılırmak Mah. 1443. Cad. No: 39

Çukurambar – Ankara

Tel: +90 312 286 34 05



Shop in Ankara



Ankara is a shopaholic's heaven. Thousands of domestic and international brands are hosted by huge shopping malls where typically the highest floor is reserved for restaurants, cafés and movie theaters. They are open between 10 am and 10 pm.

Armada

Relatively small Armada is an internationally awarded niche shopping mall. It can be reached via Ankaray subway's AŞTİ station.

Address: Next to intercity bus terminal

Panora

Focused on premium brands, Panora serves the affluent neighborhood in the south of the city.

Address: Turan Güneş Bulvarı, Oran



Antares

Antares serves the residential area in the north. Address: Halil Sezai Erkut Cad., Ayvalı, Etlik



Cepa and Kentpark

Close to the university district, these two are the youngsters' favourite. They are accessible by buses and share taxis departing from Kızılay. Address: Eskişehir Yolu 7th km

Ankamall

One of the earliest examples of enormous shopping malls in Ankara, Ankamall, can be reached via Akköprü station with the Metro subway. Address: Akköprü



Forum Ankara Outlet

Located far from the city center, it serves the northern end of the city.

Nata Vega, Anatolium and IKEA

These three are the newest additions to the shopping centers in Ankara. Address: Doğukent Bulvarı, Mamak

Optimum

Optimum serves the residential areas called Eryaman and Elvankent. Address: Ayaş Yolu, Eryaman

Kızılay AVM

Located at the very center of the city, it is mostly a take away spot.



Gordion

Gordion serves the districts in the western part of the city. Address: Eskişehir Yolu 16th km, Çayyolu

Go Out in Ankara

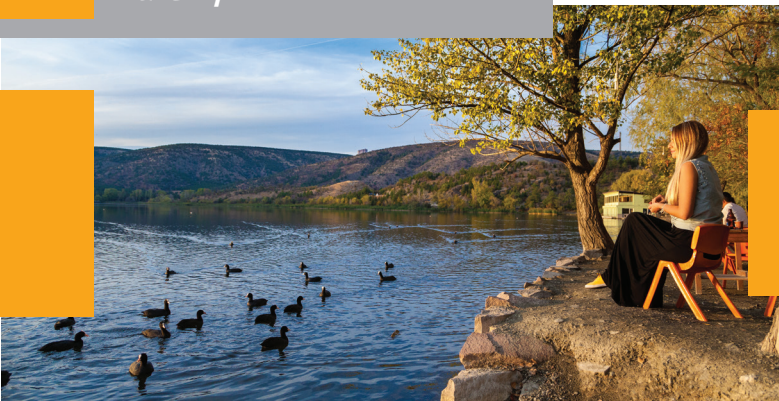


Thanks to the young population studying at the universities and working for the government, Ankara has a vibrant social life. The 7th Street in Bahçelievler, Tunalı Hilmi, Bestekar, Filistin, Tunus, Sakarya and Park Streets have numerous cafés, restaurants and clubs to hang out with friends.





Lake Eymir





Lake Eymir is a small lake in Ankara Province, Turkey. The lake was named after a Turkmen tribe named Eymir.

The lake is about 20 kilometres south of the Ankara city center within the intracity district of Gölbaşı. The southern shore lies along the ring road O-20 of Ankara.

The lake has two entrances to the east and west, and it is open to public. Only cars with a special permit are admitted inside the lake; however the parking lots located near both entrances are free for use.



Kızılcahamam



Memorial Tree



Mahkeme Ađacin
Caves



Nallıhan
Uyuzsuyu Falls



Keçiören

Andız Plateau
Autumn





Ankara is waiting for you



An accessible Ankara that provides innovative transportation and communication services. Ankara is at the intersection of the railway routes.

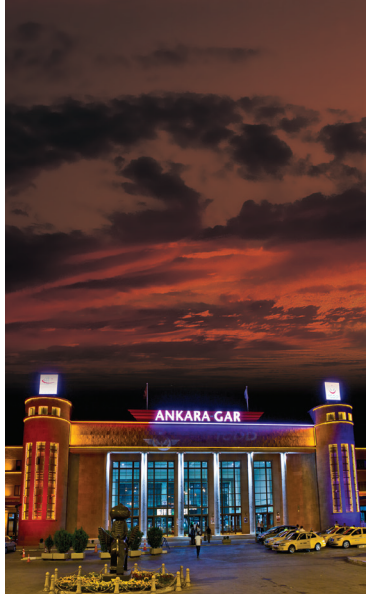


Esenboğa Airport





Transportation Emergency and Worshipping in Ankara



Subway Network: Metro and Ankaray lines

Metro runs through Kızılay (city center), Sıhhiye (hospitals), Ulus (old city), AKM, Akköprü, İvedik, Yenimahalle, Demetevler, Hastane, Macunköy, OSTİM (industrial center) and Batıkent while Ankaray covers AŞTİ (inter-

city bus terminal), Emek, Bahçelievler, Beşevler, Tandoğan, Maltepe, Demirtepe, Kızılay, Kolej, Kurtuluş and Dikimevi. Kızılay can be used as a switching point between two lines.

EMERGENCY	EMBASSIES		
Ambulance: 112	U.S.A.: 4555555	Germany: 4555100	Netherlands: 4091800
Fire: 110	UK: 4553344	France: 4554545	Iran: 4682821
Police: 155	China: 4360628	Japan: 4460200	Iraq: 4687421
Gendarmerie: 156	Russia: 4392122	S.Korea: 4684821	S.Arabia: 4685540

The rest of the public transportation burden is borne by buses and share taxis. They cost around 2.25 Turkish Liras (~USD1.03, EUR 0.78).

Buses and Share Taxis

Places of Worship



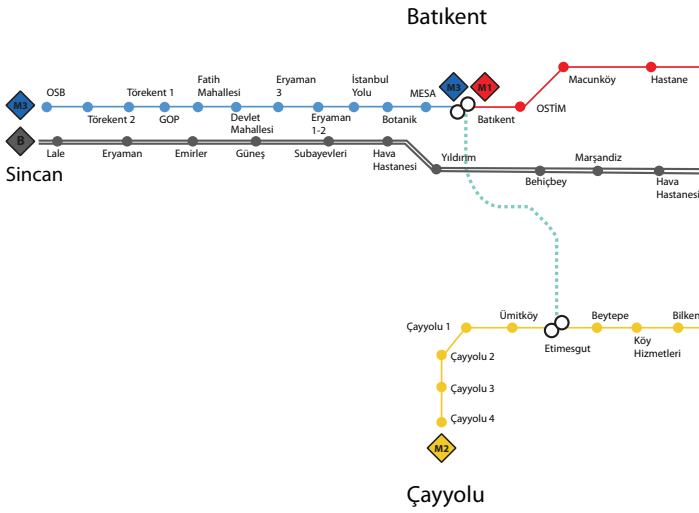
For Muslim prayers there is a mosque in almost every corner of the city. Hacı Bayram-ı Veli and Kocatepe Mosques are worth special attention. St Nicolas Anglican Church (Tel: 4678276) is in the British Embassy compound. Ankara Catholic Community can be reached at 3110118 while Apostolic Nunciature on Vatican Embassy grounds is available at 4953514. Ste Thérèse

Church (3110118) is located in Ulus. For the Orthodoxes, St. Clements Chapel (4368860) is on the Greek Embassy grounds. Church of Kurtuluş (4186287) and IPCA (2854509) serve the Protestant community while Ankara Synagogue (3116200) in Ulus is open during worship hours. The country (+90) and city (312) codes should be included when necessary.

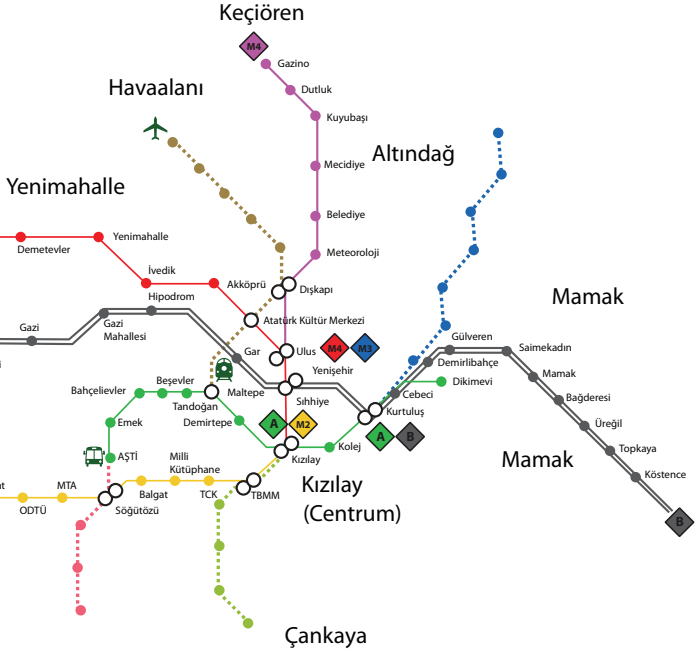
Access to Airport and Train Station

The airport can be accessed by HAVAŞ (the bus company) shuttles for 10 TL (~USD 4.6 EUR 3.49) or alternatively by Belko Air for 8 tl (~USD 3.68 EUR 2.79). They run from the ground floor of AŞTİ and from a small station near the train station every half hour. Alternative-

ly you can take EGO (municipality buses usually in white and blue colors) from different stops at the city center where you see the airport symbol. Taxis cost around 100 TL (~USD46.5, EUR34). The train station is close to Ankaray's Tandoğan and Metro's Ulus stations.



Ankara Rapid Transit Network



	Metro / Metro (Kızılay-Batıkent)
	Metro / Metro (Kızılay-Çayyolu)
	Metro / Metro (Kızılay-Sincan)
	Metro / Metro (Ulus-Keçiören)
	Ankaray / Ankarail (Dikimevi-AŞTİ)
	Banliyö Treni / Suburban Train
	Planlanan Hatlar / Planned Lines
	Aktarma Noktaları / Transfer Points
	Havaalanı / Airport
	Tren Garı / Railroad Station
	Otobüs Terminali / Intercity Bus Terminal
	Yapım Aşamasında Hatlar Lines In Construction Phase