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Population

2.5million

Currency

Turkish Lira, TL1 = 100 kuruş

Opening hours

8:30am–5:30pm for most government/office based businesses
Shops from 9am–8pm

Internet

www.guidetoturkey.comizmir.asp

www.izmirturizm.gov.

www.kultur.gov.tr

Newspapers

The Turkish Daily News (English),

www.turkishdailynews.co.tr,

Yeni Asir (Turkish- Izmir's daily),

www.yeniasir.com.tr

Emergency numbers

Police: 155

Emergency: 112

Tourist information

Adnan Menderes Airport, Tel: +90 232 274 2214, +90 232 274 2110 (daily Nov-Mar 8 am – 5 pm: April – Oct 8:30 am – 8:30 pm).

Buyuk Efes Hotel, Gaziospanpasa Bulvari, Tel: +90 232 445 7390, (May – Oct daily 8:30 am - 5:30 pm: Nov - Apr, Mon – Sat 9 am-5 pm).

Central Bureau, 1344 Sok 2, Passaport district, Tel: +90 232 483 5117, (Jun - Oct daily 8:30 am - 7 pm, Nov - May, Mon - Fri 8:30 am- 5:30 pm).

IZMIR

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“The beautiful city,” as it is known in Turkey, Izmir welcomes the visitor with a demonstration of warmth and friendliness worthy of the renowned Turkish hospitality. A city of contrasts, Izmir offers the visitor the best of both the modern and ancient worlds steeped in history, while at the same time, a cosmopolitan and vibrant city. With warm summers and mild winters, Izmir is a year-round destination.

THE CITY



© Sarah Murray

Sitting proudly astride the stunning Gulf of Izmir, the city divides into distinct areas each with its own character and ambiance. The cultural and geographical heart of the city is the Konak district, an seafront area of contrast that captures the spirit of Izmir. Konak is all about modernist architecture and wide boulevards, a great place to let the hours pass while eating, drinking, walking, talking, shopping and watching. Just behind the seafront is the bazaar, an atmospheric warren of narrow winding streets, where the sights and sounds of the traders transport you back to far distant times and undoubtedly impress any visitor to the city. Yet there is still more on offer for the adventurous visitor. North of Konark is the Alsancak area. Alsancak has undergone a dramatic renaissance and has been transformed from the unwanted neighbour into an exciting and happening party district where you will find enough night time entertainment to satisfy the most hardened hedonist.



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DO & SEE



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Archaeology Museum

The exhibits date from the time of the Greek and Roman rule. The extensive range of statuary include a 2nd century AD frieze of Poseidon and Demeter are not to be missed. Price: 3 YTL.

Address: Arkeoloji Muzesi, nr Konak Square
Phone: +90 232 425 4929

Ethnography Museum

Ever wonder about the story behind the Camel Wrestling Festivals? How a kilim (Turkish carpet) is made? Or what life was like under the reign of the Ottomans? If so, this is the place for you. Here you will find out about the traditions and customs particular to the region, and more.

Address: Efnografya Muzesi
Phone: +90 232 484 2592
More Info: Directly across from the Archaeology museum.

The Clock Tower (saat Kulesi)

Donated to the city by the Sultan Abdul Hamit II in 1901, no visit would be complete without a photo next to this, the most famous of landmarks! The Eiffel Tower of Izmir.

Address: Konak Square

Kadifekale

Izmir's very own castle, founded by Alexander the

Great, affords great views over the city and the bay. The best time is at sunset as the call to prayer echoes throughout the city. Take the #30 bus from Konak or set out for a long warm hike.

Address: Rakim Elkutlu Caddesi

Ephesus

If time permits, then a trip to Ephesus should be on everyone's agenda. Only an hour away by bus, this ancient city is one of the best-preserved sites in the Eastern Mediterranean. Marvel at the splendour of the remains and feel yourself transported back in time.

Address: Ephesus

Phone: +90 232 892 6402

More Info: Buses leave from Izmir to Selcuk every 30 mins from 6.20 am – 8.30 pm and takes about an hour.

EATING



© Scott Dexter

Izmir is awash with dining establishments, from the simple hole in the wall kebab shop to the refinery of the five-star restaurants. Most of the cheaper eats are located around the Bazaar and the Alsancak region, while along the Birinci Kordon waterfront you will find plenty of good restaurants serving up tranca and cipura, types of sea bream, which are the local specialty.

Halikarnass Bahk Lokantasi

Simply prepared with good quality seafood. With its location next to the Bazdurak Cami fish market, food doesn't come much fresher!

Address: 873 sok, Izmir

More Info: Junction of 870, 871 and 873 soks

Dogu Karadeniz Lokantasi

Traditional style restaurant serving grilled meats, variety of local mezes, occasionally served with an accompaniment of impromptu Turkish folk music.

Address: Yeyisel Cikmanzi 39E

Altinkapi

Well-established restaurant with alfresco dining. Enjoy a plate of doner or grilled meat dishes served with fresh salad while doing a spot of people-watching.

Address: 1444 Sok 14A, Alsancak

Deniz Restaurant

Highly regarded by the locals for its range of fish dishes including its very own fish soup. Best to book ahead.

Address: Izmir Palas Hotel, Vasif Cinar Bulvari

Phone: +90 232 422 0601

Vejetaryan Restaurant

As the name suggests, it's a sanctuary for vegetarians in a jungle of meat-eating establishments. Get there early as the food sells fast.

Address: 1375 Sok 11

Kemal'in Yeri

One of many restaurants along this lane, however, this particular establishment is renowned for its seafood dishes. The quality is reflected in the price.

Address: 1453 Sok 20A

Phone: +90 232 422 3190

1888

Beautiful restaurant set in an 18th-century restored mansion. The food, a mixture of traditional Turkish and Mediterranean seafood, lives up to its opulent

surroundings.

Address: İkinci Kordon 248
More Info: Cumhuriyet Bulvarı

CAFES



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Limon Cay Salonu

While away a few hours in this extremely popular café. A varied crowd gathers here to discuss the events of the day over a cup of tea (cay), while sharing a Turkish water pipe (nargile). They also sell soft drinks and freshly squeezed juices.

Address: Birinci Kordon 128

Internet House

The fastest Internet café in Izmir! Good selection of coffee, and soft drinks.

Address: 1378 Sok 26, Alsancak
Opening hours: Open 7 days a week from 9 am – midnight.
Phone: +90 232 464 1078
Internet: www.egebil.com.tr

Café Browne

A very popular café that serves a selection of good food and drink. Seating is available outside.

Address: 1379 Sok
More Info: Near to the American cultural Centre

Café Maya

I de välmående kvarteren av Alsancak ligger detta charmiga café i bric a brac stil. Krögare är två damer med lång erfarenhet i branschen. De har servering både inomhus och ute i vinterträdgården. Hemmagjorda nudlar, alla sorters smörgåsar och lokala bakverk och desserter kommer få dig att orka med shoppingen i de närliggande boutiqueerna.

Address: 1389 Sok 1C, Alsancak
Opening hours: weekdays 09:00 - 21:30
weekends 09:00 - 23:00
Phone: +90 232 464 6781 , +90 232 464 6791
More Info: Music referenses are Blues, Jazz, New Age and Ethnic music.

Café Melanie

Detta sorlande café är ett av de bäst renommerade i Izmir. Serveringarna är fulla av såväl turister som lokala fikasugna. Ett perfekt ställe för en bit mat och spaning på folk. Livemusik vissa kvällar, se web sida för information.

Address: 1 Kordon Atatürk Cad 206A, Alsancak, Konak, İzmir
Phone: +90 232 422 4158
Internet: www.melaniecafe.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



© Marcel Oosterwijk

As the sun goes down on another day, the city moves to a different beat as the city comes alive to the sounds of the taba. Most of the hot spots are to found around the Alsancak and Konak areas. If you've still got the energy after a days shopping and a night spent wining and dining and you're looking for somewhere to get on down, then Izmir will not disappoint. Once again the Alsancak and Konak areas are the places to be seen.

Punta Bar

Located in an old Merchants house, this live music venue is one of the cities premier bars. Dress to impress to avoid disappointment. Open Wed – Sat.

Address: 1469 Sok 26, Alsancak

Nektar

A popular venue offering live Turkish music, a place to let your hair down and groove to some classic ballads. A great atmosphere is assured.

Address: İkinci Kordon

Kalyon Bar

If you prefer your beer in a litre glass, then head down to Izmir's very own quintessential English Bar. Very popular, especially at weekends.

Address: Cumhuriyet Bulvari

Outside

The best club in Izmir. DJs play a mix of techno/house

with some Turkish popular music. An enthusiastic crowd keep the dance floor moving until the early hours. Open until 4 a.m.

Address: Sehitler Caddesi

Subway: Halkapina

Club En Velo

Plays a mix of euro pop and cheesy pop anthems to a slightly older crowd who are out for a good time and don't take themselves too seriously. Open until 4 a.m.

Address: Sair Esre Bulvari 92, Alsancak

Sherriff

A dark and atmospheric club that plays a good selection of rock and blues. Open until 3 a.m.

Address: 1453 Sok 18, Alsancak

Mortzart Eglence

A Jazz nightclub that swings until the early hours. Regular live performers.

Address: 1443 Sok 65, Alsancak

Charlies Cocktails

Trendy bar serving nice drinks to a hip and swinging crowd. DJ plays the latest in contemporary house.

Address: 1386 Sok 8B, Alsancak

SHOPPING



© Jorge Andrade

Izmir is a shopper's delight. Whether you're looking for an outfit to strut your stuff in the evening, or for those handcrafted gifts to take home for the family, you won't be disappointed. For a shopping experience with a difference, head for the labyrinth that is the bazaar. From Konak Square, head down Anafartalar Caddesi – this is the main street where you'll find a host of traders selling the clothes, shoes and jewellery needed for that night on the town. The streets to the south of Anafartalar Caddesi, particularly Fevzipasa Bulgari, is a feast of leather goods, for which Izmir is famous. Pick up a bag, a jacket or a belt, but be ready to barter. For antiques and traditional craftwork, head for the atmospheric Kizlaragasi Han. This covered market is a fine example of Ottoman architecture where you will find artisans selling everything from copper kitchen utensils to kilims. If you're looking for a nargile (Turkish Water pipe) to take home, then Ilhan Etike has some of the finest. If the bustle of the market isn't for you and you like your shopping experience a little more sedate, then head for the boutiques on the Kordon promenade in Alsancak and on Cumhuriyet Avenue near to Passport Iskelesi.

SLEEPING



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Hilton Izmir

Traditional Aegean hospitality, elegant five-star service and an unbeatable view of Izmir Bay.

Address: Gazi Osmanpasa Bulvari 7, Izmir
Phone: +90 232 497 6060
Internet: www.hilton.co.uk/izmir

Ege Palas

This beautiful hotel is situated in the middle of the lively Alsancak area. The rooms are furnished to a high standard with en-suite facilities and the hotel also has its own restaurant and conference facilities.

Address: Cumhuriyet Bulvari 210, Alsancak, Izmir
Phone: +90 232 463 9090
Internet: www.egepalas.com.tr

Otel Kaya

Recently renovated, this hotel is situated right next to Konak Square the heart of Izmir.

Address: Gaziosmanpasa Bulvari 45, Çankaya, Izmir
Phone: +90 232 483 9771
Internet: www.otelkaya.com

Hotel Ismira

Nice clean hotel and the staff provide great hospitality. The rooms are fully equipped with A/C, satellite TV and there is also a bar and restaurant.

Address: Gaziosmanpasa Bulvari 28, Çankaya, Izmir

Phone: +90 232 445 6060
Internet: www.hotelismira.com

Hotel Yaman

The staff provides great hospitality and the location means that you are right in the heart of one of the most fashionable areas of Izmir. All rooms have A/C, en-suite facilities and satellite TV.

Address: 1440 Sok 19, Alsancak, Izmir
Phone: +90 232 421 1287
Internet: www.hotelyaman.com

Kabacam Hotel

Within walking distance of either Konak or Alsancak. The rooms are spacious, with en suite facilities and there is a 24-hour room service available.

Address: 1364 Str. 2/1, Basmane, Izmir
Phone: +90 232 441 7428
Internet: www.otelkabacam.com

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<http://www.forex.se/sv/Om-FOREX/Bankbutiker/>

Airport

The airport is 18 km southwest of the city centre and can be reached by a number of methods.

Buses leave from the THY stand at Menderes airport and drop off at the THY terminal in the Buyek Efes hotel on Gaziosmanpasa Bulvari. Every 20 – 30 min (4:45 am – 8:30 / 9:30 pm when the last THY flight is leaving). The journey takes 30 mins and costs 4 YTL. A taxi from Menderes airport and the city centre should cost no more than 40 YTL. Menderes airport – Alsancak train station. Leaves on the hour and costs 1 YTL, but has rather unreliable service.

Phone: +90 232 274 2424, +90 232 274 2800, +90 232 274 2200

Public Transport

Dolmus are minibuses that act as a collective, less expensive taxi service. Flag these down in the street. Minimal charge.

Ferries shuttle between Konak and Alsancak. A return ticket across the bay to Karsiyaka will cost 3YTL. The return crossing takes 1 hr 15 mins.

The metro is probably the least effective way of getting around Izmir 1YTL.

Promenade along Izmir's waterfront boulevard, the Birinci Kordon in a calèche (horsedrawn carriage), carriages congregate near the Pasaport pier. 20YTL

Taxi

All fares are metered.

Phone: +90 232 441 6666

Post

Main office is at Cumhuriyet Meydani (open 24 hrs). Other branches include 858 Sok, Kemeralti (Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, Sat 8:30 am – noon), Fevzipasa Bulvari, nr Basmane station (same hours).

Pharmacy

In Konak, Mersel Ecza Dep, 848 Sok 2/24. Monday to Saturday 8:30 am – 8:00 pm, closed on Sunday. There is an “on duty” pharmacy in every district during after-hours and on Sunday. Signs are placed in the pharmacy windows giving details.

Phone: +90 232 483 1649

Dentist

Alsancak State Hospital, Alsancak – 24 hr Accident and Emergency

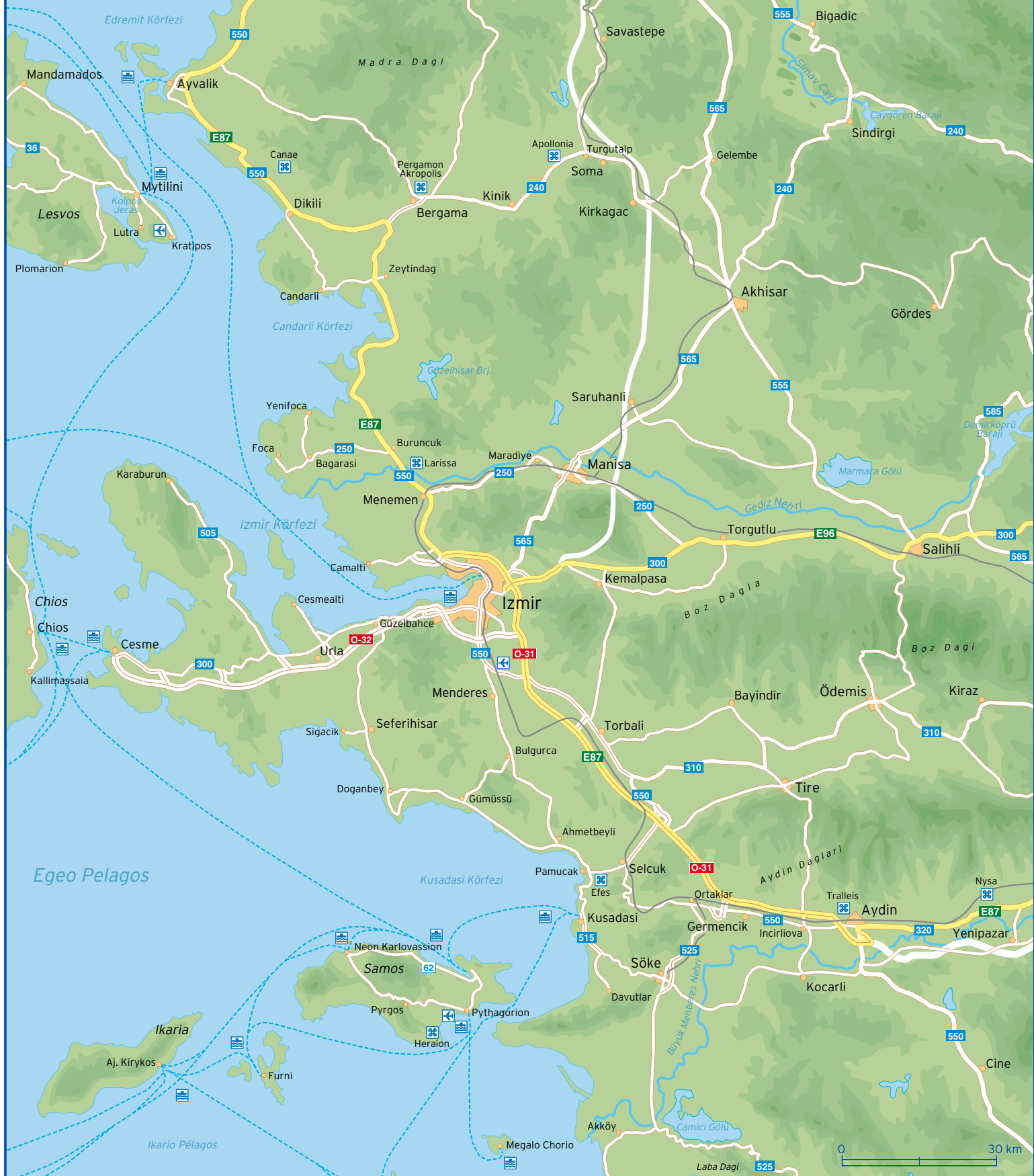
Phone: +90 232 463 2121, +90 232 463 3465

Telephone

Country code: +90, Area code: 232 outside Turkey / inside Turkey 0232

Electricity

220V AC



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Konak Saatkulesi

Etnografya Müzesi

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