

TRAVEL INFORMATION

How to get to the university (Besiktas district)?

Airplane

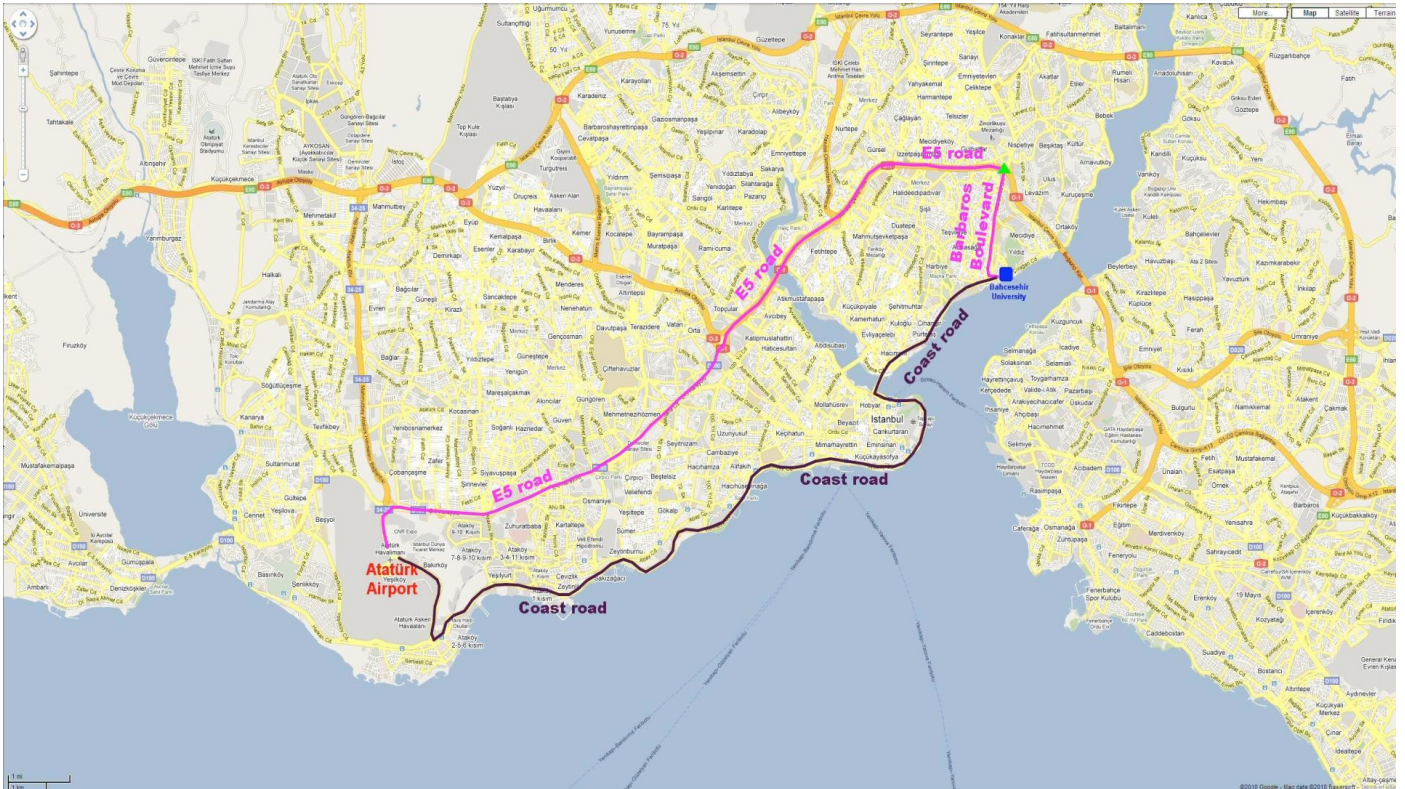
There are 2 international airports in Istanbul:

- 1) Istanbul Ataturk Airport
- 2) Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen Airport

How to get to the university (Besiktas district) from Istanbul Atatürk Airport?

Ataturk Airport is the biggest airport and it is also the closest airport to the university. Most of the international flights use the Ataturk Airport. Therefore we suggest visitors fly to the Ataturk Airport. For airport guide and information on shuttles and transportation, the following is the website of the Ataturk Airport:

<http://www.ataturkairport.com/eng/index.php>



TRANSPORTATION

Atatürk Airport is located in Yeşilköy, in the European side of Istanbul. Airport's distance is 28 km to downtown.

• BY TAXI:



From the Ataturk Airport to the venue, the taxi will cost approximately 65 TL and arrival time is about 40 minutes, depending on the traffic. The taxi should use either of the two following routes.

1) Follow the E5 freeway in direction to Asia. Take the last exit before the Bosphorus bridge to Besiktas. This exit connects to Barbaros Boulevard. Bahcesehir University is located at the end of the Barbaros Boulevard on the left.

2) Follow the coast road until Bahcesehir University.

Generally, taximeter opening price: 2.95 TL.



- ***BY SHUTTLE:**

From the Ataturk Airport there are shuttles every half hours (between 4:00 am and 1:00 am) to Taksim Square (down town). The cost of the shuttle is 10 TL and arrival time is about 40 minutes. Taksim Square is very close to the university. One can use public transportation or taxi to get to Metro.

Besiktas district where the venue is located. From Taksim Square to Besiktas district the public transportation costs about 2 TL and travel time is about 10 minutes. By taxi it will take approximately 5-7 minutes and the price will be approximately 15 TL.

The information on the shuttle from Ataturk Airport to Taksim Square and departure hours can be found in <http://www.havatas.net/en/>



- ***BY METRO:**

(We don't suggest you on the first day)

The completed lines allow you to travel easily and inexpensively between Atatürk Airport (<http://www.ataturkairport.com/eng/index.php>), the

Follow the signs to **Metro** or **Hafif metro/Light rail system**, go down the escalator (or elevator), through the sliding glass doors, turn right and follow the signs along the broad underground concourse to the **Havalimani** (Airport) station on the left at the end. This concourse beneath the **parking garage** connects the **Domestic** and **International** terminals.

Airport - Esenler Terminal

Week Days 06:00 - 00:15

Saturdays 06:10 - 00:15

Sundays 06:25 - 00:15

Get off the Metro at Aksaray the last station. Then get on the bus (28T). The last station is Besiktas.

<http://www.iETT.gov.tr/en>



Car Rental:

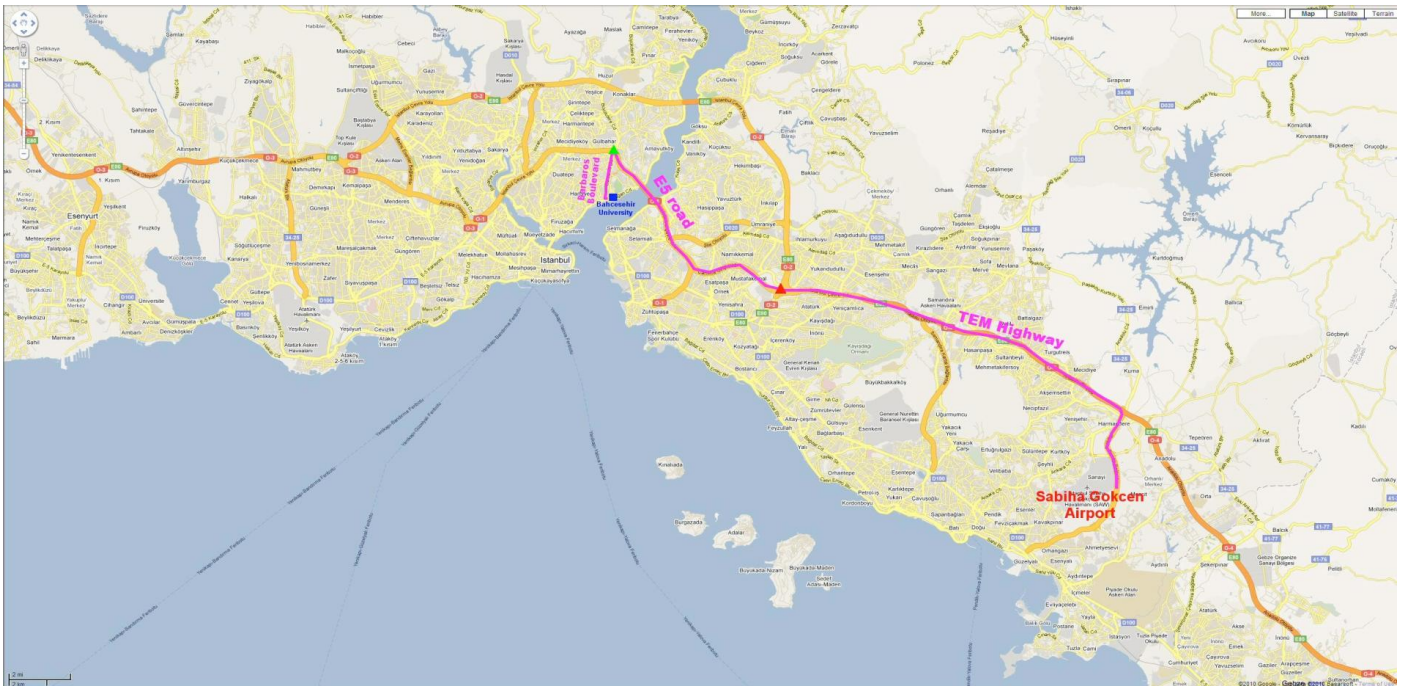
For those who would like to rent a car from the airport, the following is the list of the car rental companies at the airport.

Company TEL. (+ 90 212) Ext.

Airport VIP	4654550 -
Alamo-Esengül	4654610 2865
Avias	4654488-4654645 3459
Avis	4653455-4653456 3255
Budget	4655806-4655479 3459
Decar	4654555/4654523-24-25 -
EuroPark	4655354-4653839 1867
Europcar	4653696-4656284 2804-2825
Hertz	4655999 2944
Nationel-Alama	4653546-4653545 2946-2947
Sixt	4653645-4654422 -
Ülger	4653516-17-18 -
World	4655575-4655574 -

How to get to the university (Besiktas district) from Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen Airport?

The **Sabiha Gokcen Airport** is on the other side of the city with respect to the university. Some of the international flights use this airport. From the airport, transportation is available to the area of the university. The following is the web site of Sabiha Gokcen Airport:
<http://www.sgairport.com/havaalani/eng/start.asp>



• BY TAXI:



From Sabiha Gokcen Airport the taxi will cost approximately 85 TL since the airport is on the other side of the city with respect to the university. The taxi should take the TEM highway first. Then it should take the E5 freeway. After crossing the Bosphorus Bridge it should turn to Barbaros Boulevard.

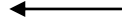
• BY SHUTTLE:



From the Sabiha Gökçen Airport there are shuttles every half hours (between 4:00 am and 1:00 am) to Taksim Square (down town). The cost of the shuttle is 10 TL and arrival time is about 40 minutes. Taksim Square is very close to the university. One can use public transportation or taxi to get to Metro Besiktas district where the venue is located. From Taksim Square to Besiktas district the public Transportation costs about 2 TL and travel time is about 10 minutes. By taxi it will take approximately 5-7 minutes and the price will be approximately 15 TL. The information on the shuttle from Ataturk Airport to Taksim Square and departure hours can be found in <http://www.havatas.com/en>

- ***BY BUS:**

After get off the plane, you can get on the Bostanci bus (E9). You can arrive at Kabatas by ferry. When your sailing finish, you will arrive Kabatas. You will be at school by walk after 5 min.



Car Rental:

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Company TEL. (+ 90 216) Ext.

Sabiha Gökçen Car Rental	5952600
WRC World	5880117
Decar	588 05 40
Avis	4653455-4653456 3255
Hertz	5880140 / 41 / 43

BANKING & CURRENCY

The currency of Turkey is the new Turkish Lira (TL) as of 1 January 2005. 1TL equals to 100 new Kurus (KR). Banknotes come in 1TL, 5TL, 10TL, 20TL, 50TL, 100 TL & '00TL and coins come in 5KR, 10KR, 25KR and 50KR and 1TL.

Currency exchange facilities are available in all banks, hotels and airports. 24 hour cash machines providing banking services by different banks are located at suitable points throughout the airport terminals, bus, train stations, malls, etc.

US dollars and Euro's are also widely accepted. Credit cards are accepted at most restaurants and shops, the most widely used being MasterCard & Visa. Please kindly note that AmericanExpress, Diners Club and JCB Cards are not commonly accepted.

BUSINESS HOURS

Banks are generally open from 09:30 – 16:00 hours Monday – Friday. General office hours are 09:00 – 17:00 Monday – Friday. Post offices operate within these hours, however stamps often available from hotels.

ELECTRICITY

Turkey operates on 220 volts, 50 Hz, with round-prong European-style plugs that fit into recessed wall sockets/points. Check your appliances before leaving home to see what you'll need to plug in when you travel in Turkey. Many appliances such as laptop computers and digital cameras with their own power adapters can be plugged into either 120-volt or 220-volt sockets/points and will adapt to the voltage automatically. But you will need a plug adaptor that can fit into the recessed wall socket/point. Read the technical stuff on your power adapter to see "INPUT: A.C. 100-240V". If it reads that way, it can operate on either 120 or 220 voltage. If it says something like "INPUT: 100-125V", then it can't run on Turkey 's 220 volts and you'll need to bring a voltage converter.

Usefull Web Sites:

- Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality <http://www.ibb.gov.tr/sites/ks/en-us/Pages/Home.aspx>
- Turkish Culture and Tourism Office <http://www.tourismturkey.org/>
(<http://www.tourismturkey.org/ShowCities.aspx?ImgSession=y&Citi=Istanbul>)
- Governorship of Istanbul <http://english.istanbul.gov.tr/>
- Things to do in Istanbul <http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g293974-Activities->
- Istanbul Photos <http://www.tripadvisor.com/LocationPhotos-g293974-w5-Istanbul.html>
- Istanbul in Wikipedia <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Istanbul>
- Istanbul in Wikitravel <http://wikitravel.org/en/Istanbul>
- Info on Istanbul <http://www.sgairport.com/havaalani/eng/seyahat/sehirB.asp>
- Info on Istanbul <http://www.istanbulextralarge.com/>
- Info on Istanbul <http://www.visiting-turkey.com/istanbul>
- Info on Istanbul <http://www.enjoyturkey.com/info/sights/istanbul.htm>

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