



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.



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THE CITY



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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.

DO & SEE



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Izmir's most iconic landmark, the Saat Kulesi was donated to the city by German Emperor Wilhelm II and it is an excellent example of Ottoman architecture. No visit would be complete without a photograph next to the majestic monument.

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Address: Konak Square, Izmir

Archaeology Museum

Situated in Konak, the bustling heart of the city, the museum houses magnificent exhibits dating back to the Greeks and the Romans' dominion. The extensive statutory includes impressive bronzes and marble statues; along with the ancient coins and glass collection it is certainly a major draw for tourists.

Address: Halit Rifat Pasa Caddesi 4. Konak, Izmir

Phone: +90 232 484 8324

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 peculiar traditions and customs of region, and more.

Address: Efnografya Muzesi, Izmir

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 8.30am - 5.30pm

Phone: +90 232 483 7254

More Info: Next to the Archaeology museum

Ephesus



An ancient Greek settlement, Ephesus is one of the best-preserved archaeological sites in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The splendor of the ruins reflect the marvelous long-gone era of the artistic Greek domination, transporting the astonished traveler back in time. A perfect day trip solution, Ephesus is located only an hour-ride away from Izmir.

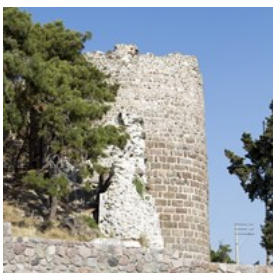
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Address: Ephesus ancient city, Selçuk, Turkey

Public Transport: From Basmane train station: train to Selçuk, the journey takes 1 hour and 10 minuts. Alternatively numerous agency organize day trips to Ephesus

Internet: www.ephesus.us

Kadifekale



Izmir's very own castle, founded under Alexander the Great's dominion and strategically located up Pagos Hill, affords great views over the city and

the bay. At sunset, the call to prayer echoes throughout the city, reverberating in a show of Izmir's soul. Linked to the center by a bus line, it

is also ideal for a suggestive hike.

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Address: Kadifekale, Konak, Izmir

Public Transport: Bus 30 from Konak.

DINING



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

Dogu Karadeniz Lokantasi is a traditional style restaurant serving grilled meats, variety of local mezes, occasionally served with an accompaniment of impromptu Turkish folk music.

Address: Yeyisel Cikmanzi 39E, Izmir

Altinkapi

Altinkapi is a 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: Alsancak Mh., Izmir
Phone: +90 232 422 2709
Internet: www.altinkapi.com

Deniz Restaurant

Deniz Restaurant is highly regarded by the locals for its range of fish dishes including its very own fish soup. It is no wonder that their motto is "The flavour from the sea". It is recommended that you book ahead.

Address: Kùltür Mh., Atatürk Cd 188, Izmir
Phone: +90 232 422 0601
Internet: www.denizrestaurant.com.tr
More Info: Izmir Palas Hotel

1888

1888 is a 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: Cumhuriyet Bulvarı No: 248, Izmir
Phone: +90 232 421 6690
Internet: www.1888.com.tr
More Info: Cumhuriyet Bulvarı

CAFES



Izmir has a great selection of cafes. Relax with a coffee, sweet or check you emails. Here is something for everyone.

Café Maya

Café Maya is a charming cafe in the district of Alsancak. They serve homemade noodles, all kinds of sandwiches, local pastries and desserts. After a visit at Café Maya you will have a lot of energy for shopping in the nearby boutiques.

Address: 1389 Sok 1C, Izmir
Phone: +90 232 464 6781
More Info: Music referenses are Blues, Jazz, New Age and Ethnic music.

Café Melanie

This buzzing cafe is one of the most renowned in Izmir. The café are full of both tourists and locals. A perfect place for a nibble and people watching. Some nights they have live music, please see the web page for information.

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

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, Izmir

Internet House

Internet House is the fastest Internet café in Izmir! They have a good selection of coffee, soft drinks and is a nice place to catch up on your emails.

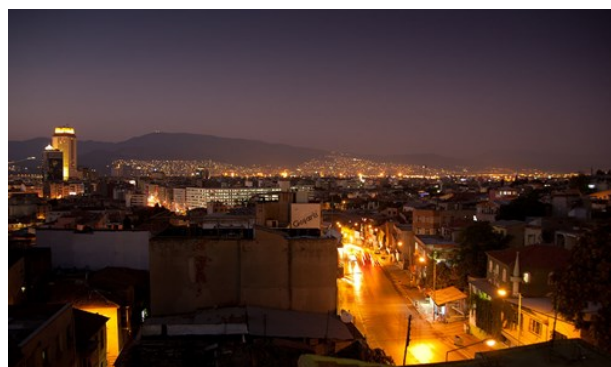
Address: 1378 Sok 26, Izmir
Phone: +90 232 464 1078

Café Browne

Café Browne is a very popular café that serves a selection of good food and drink. Seating is available outside in the warm sun.

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

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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 be 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: Kıbrıs Şehitleri Cad 107, Izmir
Phone: +90 232 422 0692

Nektar

Nektar is 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: Cumhuriyet Bulv. Kıbrıs Şehitleri Cad. 285, Izmir
Phone: +90 505 265 6262

Outside

Outside is 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: Āzehitler Cad. 131, Izmir
Phone: +90 232 421 5093

Club En Velo

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. It is open until 4 am.

Address: Sair Esre Bulvarı 92, Izmir
Phone: +90 232 463 2869

Mozart Eglence

Mozart Eglence is a Jazz nightclub that swings until the early hours. They have regular live performers.

Address: 1443 Sok 65, Izmir

SHOPPING



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.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



Adnan Menderes 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. The journey takes 30 mins.

You can take a taxi from Menderes airport to the city centre. Menderes airport – Alsancak train station, laves on the hour, but has rather unreliable service.

Address: Dokuz Eylül Mh

Phone: +90 232 274 2626

Internet: www.adnanmenderesairport.com

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. 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 (horsesdrawn

carriage), carriages congregate near the Pasaport pier. 20YTL

Taxi

All fares are metered.

An Taxi

+90 232 231 5394

Yeni Girne Taxi

+90 232 363 5474

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), Fevizipasa Bulvari, nr Basmane station (same hours).

Pharmacy

In Konak, Mersel Ecza Dep. There is an "on duty" pharmacy in every district during after-hours and on Sunday. Signs are placed in the pharmacy windows giving details.

Address: 848 Sok, Izmir

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm, closed on Sunday.

Phone: +90 232 483 1649

Electricity

220V AC

Telephone

Area code: 232 outside Turkey / inside Turkey

0232

Country code: +90

Population

2,85 million

Currency

Turkish Lira, TL1 = 100 kuruş

Opening hours

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

Emergency numbers

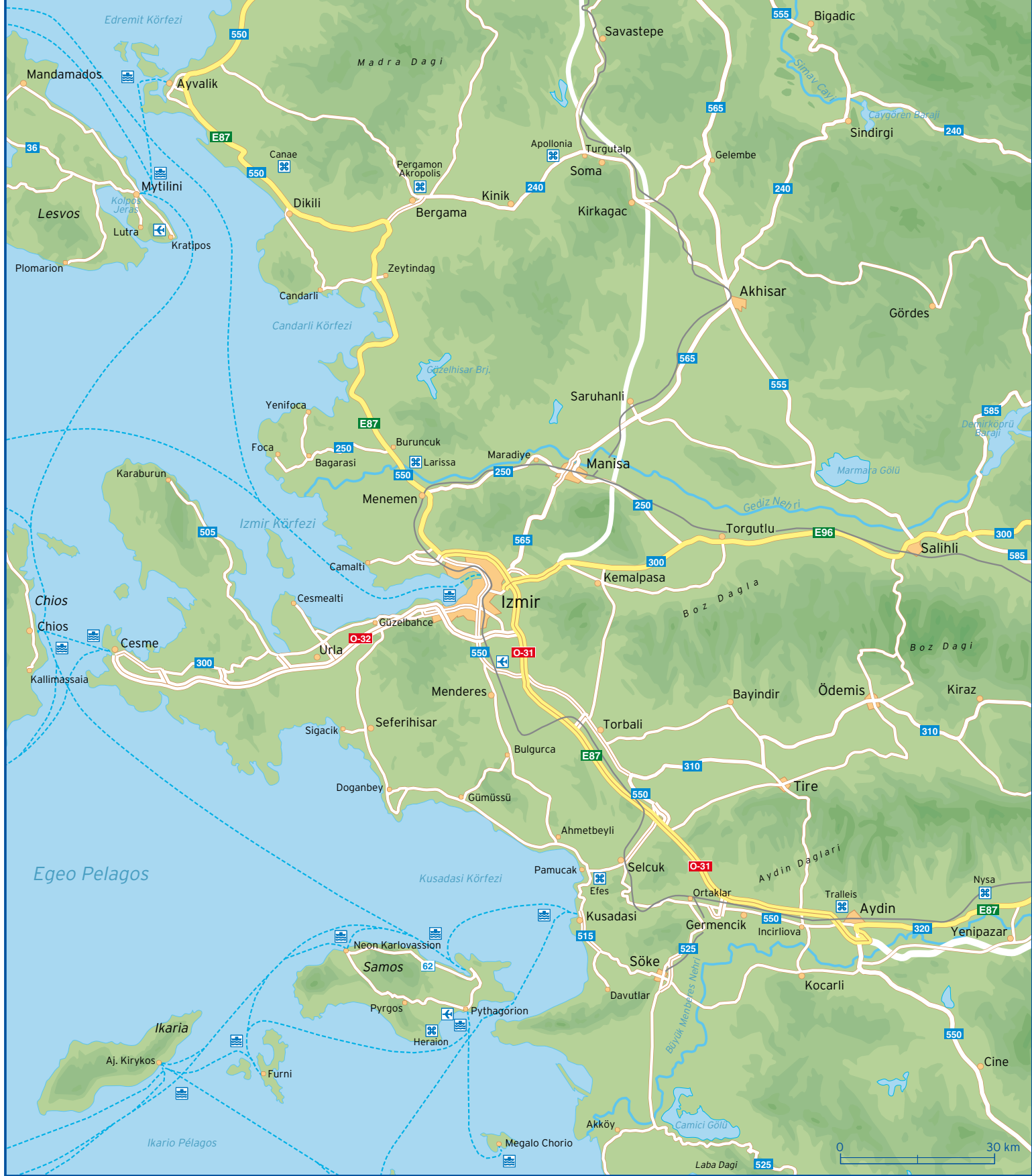
Police: 155

Emergency: 112

Tourist information

Mediterranean Mah. 1344 Sokak No: 2 Passport Host, Izmir

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