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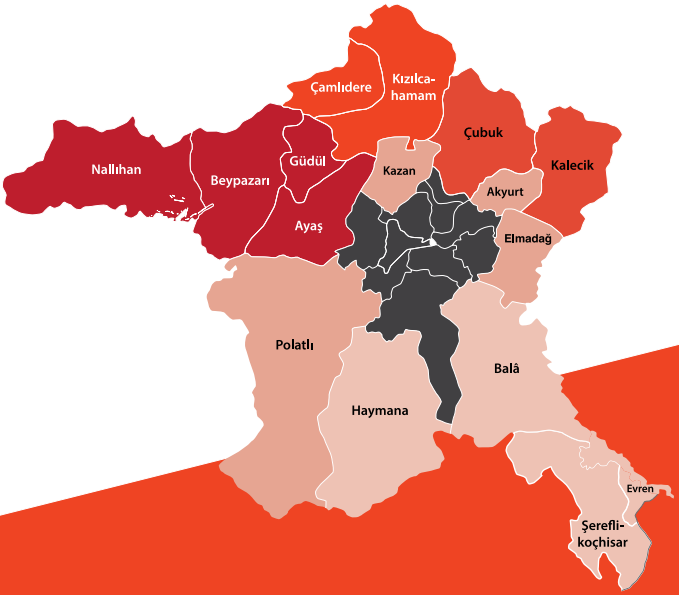
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ANKARA

- 5,445 million population
- 45% of population is under 30
- 2nd largest GDP producer of Turkey
- Turkey's most liveable city
- Cost of living below the EU average
- 21 higher education units with top notch engineering and medical schools
- Approximately 300.000 university students
- 29 Research and Development Centers
- 8 Technoparks
- 12 Industrial Organized Zones



THE HEART OF ANATOLIA

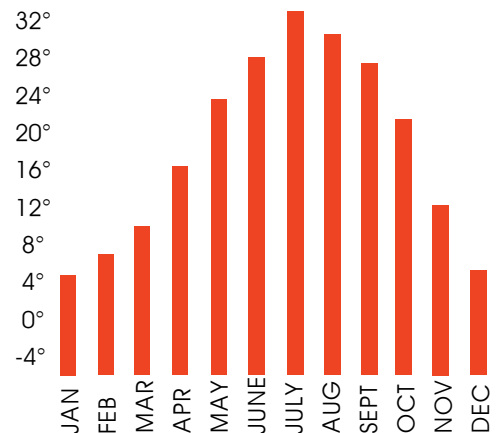
Ankara is the capital city of Turkey located at the heart of the country. The city is surrounded by tributaries of Kızılırmak and Sakarya rivers and stretches in the middle of the Anatolian plateau. It is the second largest city in the country with its 25 districts, surface area of 26.897 km² and population of 5.445 million.

Ankara is not only the administrative center of Turkey, it is the heart of policymaking, education, health, trade and technology. It is also home to many foreign embassies, international institutions and companies.

WEATHER IN ANKARA

Ankara has a continental climate. Cold and snowy winters are followed by hot and dry summers. Daytime temperatures in August occasionally hit 40°C. Nightly temperatures in the summer months can be as cool as 13°C. 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.

HISTORICAL WEATHER





TRANSPORTATION IN ANKARA

You can arrive to Ankara Esenboğa Airport by international or domestic flights. Airport shuttle buses can be taken from the airport to reach at multiple locations including Kızılay, Ulus and AŞTİ (the intercity bus station). The shuttles cost approximately 10 TL. Ankara Train Station is located within walking distance to Tandoğan and Ulus metro stations. You can use buses, minibuses (dolmuş) and metro to get around the city. The metro system of Ankara is a convenient and fast way to travel and Kızılay is the main switching point between the lines. Please see below for Ankara Metro Network Map which provides a full view of the subway network.



ANKARA METRO (SUBWAY) NETWORK





EXPLORE ANKARA

The capital of Turkey, Ankara, is gaining popularity as a tourist destination combining its rich and diverse history with modernization and development. It offers a unique opportunity to experience its well-preserved culture and architectures with its ruins of Hittite, Frig, Lydia, Persian, Hellen, Roman, Byzantine and Seljuk Empires, a large concentration of museums and a lively arts and culture scene. Its vibrant street life, traditional foods offered in stylish restaurants, parks and open spaces providing various recreational experiences give more reasons to explore Ankara.

HISTORIC LANDMARKS AND ATTRACTIONS

EUROPEAN 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, its authentic streets, cultural and artistic events all year around, hand-made products exhibited at the street corners, sounds of music, the street of Art, open-air movie theatre, shopping stores promising novelties for all tastes and budgets are among the sightseeing spots of Hamamönü.



HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ULUS

With its rich historical background, Ulus is one of the oldest inhabited areas in Ankara which is also home to the Roman Baths, Julianus Column and Augustus Temple. 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.



ANITKABİR THE ATATÜRK MAUSOLEUM



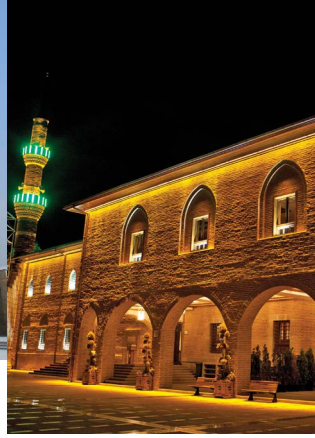
The Mausoleum, where is the final resting place of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of Turkish Republic, represents the respect of Turkish people to their savior. Located on Rasattepe, Anitkabir reflects the grandiosity of modern architecture. Both the Atatürk Museum and Independence War Museum give visitors the chance to witness how a nation was born.

ANKARA CITADEL

Ankara Citadel (called Ankara Kalesi), originally built as a garrison, has hosted several civilizations throughout the history. It is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Ankara as it is home to various museums including Anatolian Civilizations Museum, old Ankara houses, mosques and other historical sights. It is also possible to taste local delicacies and buy traditional Turkish handcrafts in the citadel as most of the old Ankara houses located in the inner castle walls have been converted to restaurants and gift stores.



HACI BAYRAM VELİ MOSQUE



Hacı Bayram-ı Veli or Haji Bayram Wali (1352–1430) was a Turkish religious scholar, poet, a Sufi, and the founder of the Bayrami Sufi order. Haji Bayram was born in a small village in Ankara Province, and became a scholar of Islam. His life changed after he received instruction in Tasawwuf. He built a Dervish lodge on the site in Ankara where his tomb and mosque stand today. The order grew popular with his successful teaching.

KOCATEPE MOSQUE

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 minarets.



CER MODERN

Intending to be a societal education project, Cer Modern aims to provide an inclusive experience of art and with the continuous production of projects; it became a center for culture and education. Ankara's CerModern sits in a space that used to house train maintenance sheds and ateliers in the 1920s. After the successful renovation of the structure by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, it provides an example of contemporary museum architecture. Cer Modern contributes with an important layer to the identity of Ankara. It will be a showcase to the capital and introduce artworks of several disciplines to its visitors.

TRADITIONAL ANKARA HOUSES

Traditional Ankara houses in Kaleiçi (Inner Castle) Neighborhood were planned in 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 the characteristic of old Ankara houses. In the making of wooden ceilings, geometrical decorations were impressively used.



ATAKULE TOWER

Located in the center of the city, Atakule is one of the most important landmarks of Ankara. On the top of the tower there is an observation terrace where you can find a picturesque panorama of the whole city. Tower hosts a shopping mall at the very beneath which is under renovation now.



KOREAN MEMORIAL



Korean Memorial was built in 1973 in the memory of the Turkish soldiers who passed away in Korean War during 1950-53. The monument is recognized as a modern architecture example in Ankara and renovated in 2010.

MUSEUMS

THE ANATOLIAN CIVILIZATIONS MUSEUM



Rare artefacts and artworks, remains of old age 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 enables its visitors to take a trip through time. Visitors can see the samples since neolithic age to Anatolian Civilizations B.C 1200 including Hittite, Frig, Urartu and Lydia Empires.

It's worthy to visit ACM to see the 3000 year old writing table of King Midas, known with his ears of donkey, which is founded in his tumulus, the letter written by Egyptian Queen to Hittite King in 1235 B.C, the first map of the world, the drawing of Mountain Hasan and the world's oldest mirror made of Obsidian or Dragonglass, found on 6000 B.C.

MUSEUM OF THE REPUBLIC 2. PARLIAMENT HOUSE

II. Parliament House is the building where the activities of the Parliament had been carried out between 1924-1960 years. The museum is located in Ulus neighborhood which is in Altındağ district of Ankara.



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. Çengelhan Rahmi M. Koç Museum is the first and only industrial museum in Ankara. Like its namesake, it is dedicated to the history of Transport, Industry and Communications with additional material on Ankara.



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, Ulucanlar has witnessed all military coups and several executions for 81 years.

During their visits all visitors can see the wards, isolation rooms, dungeons, photos, letters and other personal belongings of the former wellknown political prisoners from different ideologies. Visiting Ulucanlar Prison Museum gives visitors the chance to make a sentimental journey to the past.

INDEPENDENCE WAR MUSEUM 1. TURKISH GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING



The building functioned as the I. Turkish Grand National Assembly between 23 April 1920 and 15 October 1924. It was opened to public as the Turkish Grand National Assembly Museum in 23 April 1961. The two-storey building is in Turkish architectural style and its most prominent characteristic is the use of Ankara stone (andesite) in its masonry walls. In the museum, important photographs, oil paintings, documents, memorials and various items are displayed from the Turkish War of Independence.

ALTINKÖY OPEN AIR MUSEUM

The rural life of 100 years ago has been brought to the inhabitants and visitor of Ankara through the Altinköy Open Air Museum Project. It has a number of small museums and exhibits showing different aspects of the old village life such as toy museum, wildlife introduction museum, weaving workshop and laundry place.



ANKARA PAINTING AND SCULPTURE MUSEUM

The State Art and Sculpture Museum is a museum dedicated to fine arts and sculpture in Ankara. Exhibitions of painting, sculpture, ceramic, printing arts and photography that are programmed to take place in Turkey within the framework of international cultural agreements are exhibited in three galleries reserved for periodical exhibitions; thus, the art works of foreign countries are made known to the Turkish public.

ETHNOGRAPHY MUSEUM



The Ethnography Museum of Ankara is a museum of ethnography dedicated to the cultures of Turkish civilizations. The Museum is located in front of the bronze statue of Atatürk on the horse made by an Italian sculptor Pietro Canonica in 1927. In Ethnographic Museum of Anatolia, Turkish-Islamic period works are exhibited.

The museum temporarily hosted the sarcophagus of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk from November 21, 1938 until November 10, 1953, during the period of the construction of Anıtkabir, his final resting place.

THE ERIMTAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ARTS MUSEUM



The Erimtan Archaeology and Arts Museum houses a diverse collection of artifacts unearthed in Anatolia, and it is also a cultural center of arts. The museum stands near the entrance to the historic Ankara Castle, and it is housed in a newly renovated building. The visiting halls of the museum narrate in a relatively more contemporary environment stories behind each ancient object that pull the visitors into another time. The multi-purpose exhibition hall offers space for temporary exhibitions and scientific, cultural and artistic activities and musical concerts. The museum provides education programs for all ages, but especially for children.

GÖKYAY CHESS MUSEUM



Gökyay Chess Museum is housed in an old Ankara house in Altındağ. 664 chess sets from Akın Gökyay's collection are exhibited under 4 main themes in 1008 square meter area in the museum. The chess collection of Akın Gökyay, which he started to collect in 1975 and reached to 412 pieces, is the first and the only chess collection made its way to Guinness Records Book as of 2012. The chess sets obtained from 110 countries from Madagascar to Chili and from France to Mexico present historical events and cultural features specific to every geography.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

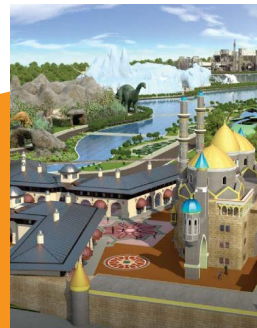
SEYMENLER PARK

It is one of the most important open spaces in Ankara where you can have a good taste of nature in the core of the city. There is as well a small amphitheater in the park to host small concerts. It is quite a lively place especially in the summer evenings where most of the people gather to chill.



ANKA PARK

Anka Park is getting ready to welcome its guests with 217 pieces of toys and 14 roller coasters. The most realistic dinosaur models and Universal Studio Cinema Systems will be serving to visitors to maximize the fun. Besides that the most important symbol of Ankara, the Zoo of Atatürk Forest Farm will take place in Anka Park. Animals from all continents will be available to visit.



GENÇLİK PARK

Surrounded by Ulus Square, historic center of the city, Opera House, Central Train Station and 19 Mayıs Stadium, Gençlik Parkı is one of the most central attraction points in the city. It was opened on the 19th of May 1943 at the hearth of the city. It was renovated in the 2000s and still hosts an amusement park, an open air theatre and a cultural and convention center in it.



MOGAN LAKE

Mogan Lake offers a unique scene with its natural beauty to its visitors who want to spend time in nature. Mogan Park located next to the coast of Mogan Lake provides opportunities for outdoor recreation with its restaurants, cafes, areas for camping, picnic and sports activities with a bird observation house.



OUT OF CITY EXPERIENCE

NALLIHAN

ÇAMLIDERE



Only 108 km away from the city centre, Çamlidere is located in the northwest of Ankara. As a small and peaceful district, it hosts a number of architectural heritage sites from Seljuk period. Attractive woodland with lakes, meadows, a deer park, a scout camp and many other places for camping, walking and picnics and most notably fossil forest area are only a few of the many beauties that you can find in Çamlidere.

AYAŞ

Ayaş is about half an hour drive away from the city center of Ankara. The small and historical district is the first stop in Ankara İstanbul part of the famous trade route Silk Road. Besides witnessing the traditional houses and streets as well as tasting organic food grown in the district, Ayaş provides the visitors many options of thermal facilities. Ayaş and the districts following it, Beypazarı and Nallıhan, constitute a worth to travel route on the path of historical Silk Road.



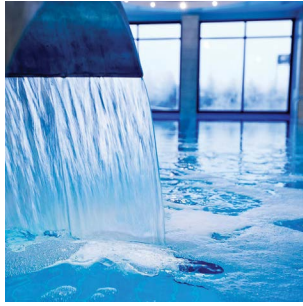
ÇUBUK



40 km in the north of the Turkey, Çubuk offers beautiful places of recreation and natural spots. Ruined castle at Aktepe and the Carved Rock (Oyulu Kaya) grave in the village of Karadana are the most important examples of ancient remnants in Çubuk. The district is also the most famous for its local pickles and cherry.

HAYMANA

Only 73 km in the south of Ankara, you will find the world's most important thermal springs which have been used since the ancient times. Thanks to its natural assets Haymana is one of the most important health and therapy centre of the city.



NALLIHAN

Named after a caravanserai in the famous trade route Silk Road, Nallihan is a district with many important values and beauties. Besides its well-preserved city-centre, ruins of Juliapolis ancient city, Sanyar Lake, Bird's paradise and geological sites are notable places of visit in the district. With the help of civil society organizations, Nallihan is best known for its efforts on sustainable rural tourism. Nallihan is the last stop of the worth-to-travel route on the path of historical Silk Road in Ankara, after the preceding districts Beypazarı and Ayaş.



BEYPAZARI

Beypazarı is a trademark in cultural and historical tourism with a reputation crossing the borders of Turkey. Vibrant streets and historical buildings, traditional bazaars, museums demonstrating the customs in the region and accommodation in boutique hotels converted from local houses are among the pillars of Beypazarı's reputation. The district also hosts the spring of famous and delicious Beypazarı natural mineral water. Beypazarı is 100 kilometers away from Ankara city center and is located between Ayaş and Nallihan.



POLATLI



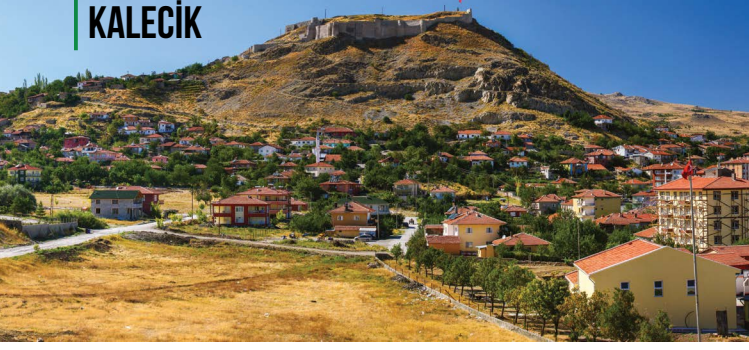
Within 45 minutes of reach from Ankara centre, Polatlı is best known for the remaining of the city known as Gordion which was the largest Phrygian city in the world. The city was ruled by the Hittites, Phrygian's, Persian's, Roman's, Byzantine's and finally Ottomans. The must see in Polatlı is the museum and the Tumulus of King Midas, famous for his gold touch and donkey ears. Besides, Battle of Sakarya, a critical breakthrough for the Turkish War of Independence, was fought here on the plains of Polatlı. There are two memorial burial grounds and Mehmetçik monument for the martyrs of the war open for visit.

KIZILCAHAMAM



Kızılcahamam is a northern district of Ankara, an hour away from the city center. Famous for its thermal waters and suites, Kızılcahamam is an excellent place to experience thermal tourism both in traditional Turkish baths and in state of the art hotels. The district is located in the middle of forests and mountains so that it has a clean and refreshing air. It is an ideal place to spend a few calm and peaceful nights right next to Ankara. The Soğuksu National Park is in Kızılcahamam. The park is a good located place for nature walks, trekking and mountaineering. Facilities include a hotel, an administrative building, guest-house, cafe, spring water production area, buffet, museum and openair theatre. It is also possible to stay in tents, caravans or bungalows.

KALECİK

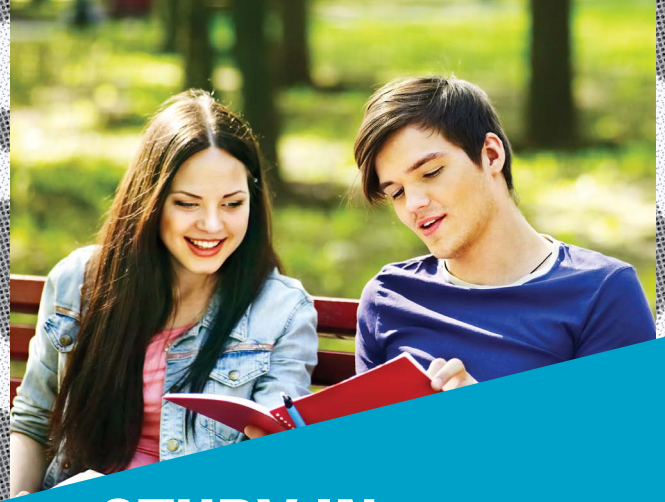


It is a small and peaceful district of Ankara whose history dates back to Hittites. Kalecik was a thriving town of the Ottoman era which was one of the stops of famous travellers. The examples of ancient Roman ruins and Ottoman architecture are most important attractions that you can find in there. And also Kalecik is famous for its local grape called Kalecik Karası.

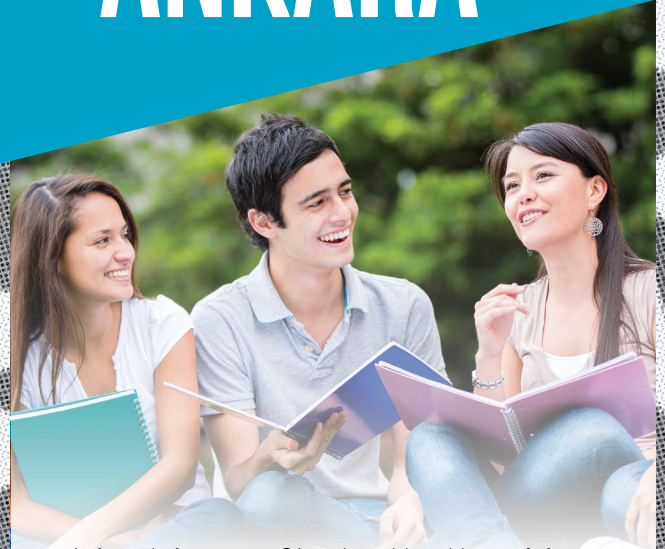
ŞEREFLİKOÇHISAR



It is one of the furthest districts of the Ankara which is absolutely worth a visit for breath-taking experience of the Salt Lake. Lake occupying a huge area in the central plateau of Turkey is under the protection of special environmental laws and attracts thousands of tourists. District is a must visit attraction in the outskirts of the city.



STUDY IN 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. Ankara is amongst the cheapest of European capitals for a student budget.

ANKARA UNIVERSITY



As the oldest university of the Turkish Republic, the history and mission of Ankara University has greatly coincided with that of the young state founded by Atatürk. Especially Faculty of Political Sciences and Faculty of Law are known as one of the most prestigious and preferred departments among students due to their high quality education. The Number of Students: 64.548

GAZİ UNIVERSITY



Gazi University is a public university established in 1926 by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk as Gazi Teacher Training Institute. Gazi University comprises 21 faculties, 4 schools, 11 vocational schools of higher education, 48 research centers and 7 graduate institutes. It offers degrees in a variety of subjects including medicine, management and law besides its high quality education in engineering and education fields. The Number of Students: 79733

HACETTEPE UNIVERSITY



The foundation stone of Hacettepe University was laid in 1957 with the Child Health Institute and Hospital, which began its training, education and research activities and public services in 1958. 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. Over 150 different undergraduate degree programs are offered and there are also over 200 different degree programs for postgraduate studies. The Number of Students: 50825

IHSAN DOĞRAMACI BILKENT UNIVERSITY



The name of "Bilkent" shows the founder's aim, İhsan Doğramacı, since it is an acronym of "bilim kenti" which means "city of science and knowledge" in Turkish. "Bilkent" is the foremost private university of the region, which is famous for superb facilities, high quality education in engineering and law faculties and holding the biggest library of Ankara. Bilkent University is first AACSB accredited business school in the country. The Number of Students: 12570

MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (METU)



Middle East Technical University was founded in 1956 to contribute to the development of Turkey and Middle East countries and especially to train people so as to create a skilled workforce in the fields of natural and social sciences. Middle East Technical University's presence brought about new methods and introduced innovations to Turkish higher education system manifesting METU as a pioneer of modern education nationwide. Owing to the quality academic education that emphasizes merit and excellence in scientific, cultural and intellectual studies, there are 106 graduate and 67 doctorate programs available. Contribution of METU to Ankara's nature with a reforestation project of Kemal Kurdaş became one of the biggest forests in city center, Eymir Lake and Recreation Site. The Number of Students: 28779

YILDIRIM BEYAZIT UNIVERSITY



Yıldırım Beyazıt University was established with the purpose of training well equipped individuals to contribute to science and technology with research activities answering the needs of our age under the light of scientific data. It is the 5th public university in Ankara with 7 faculties, 1 vocational school of higher education, 4 graduate schools and 1 conservatory. Number of Students: 14011

OTHER UNIVERSITIES IN ANKARA



Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University, Ankara Medipol University, Ankara University of Music and Fine Arts, Ankara University of Social Sciences, ANKA University of Technology, Atılım University, Başkent University, Çankaya University, Lokman Hekim University, OSTİM Technical University, TED University, TOBB University of Economics and Technology, University of Turkish Aeronautical Association, Ufuk University and Yüksek İhtisas University are the other universities located in Ankara.

STAY IN ANKARA



GRAND ANKARA HOTEL

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Kavaklıdere / ANKARA
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DİVAN 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



ANKARA ALTINEL HOTEL

Address: Gazi Mustafa Kemal
Bulvarı No: 149/2
Tandoğan / ANKARA
Tel: +90 312 230 50 64-65



BİLKENT HOTEL

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Bulvarı No:6 06800
Bilkent / ANKARA
Tel: +90 312 266 46 86



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: +90 312 258 00 00



IBIS ANKARA AIRPORT

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



MEYRA PALACE

Address: Muhsin Yazıcıoğlu Cad.
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Tel: +90 312 266 2500



ANKARA HILTON

Address: Tahran Cad. No: 12
Kavaklıdere / ANKARA
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JW MARRIOTT HOTEL ANKARA

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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



SWISSÖTEL ANKARA

Address: Yıldızevler Mah.
Jose Marti Cad. No: 2
Çankaya / ANKARA
Tel: +90 312 409 30 00



CROWNE PLAZA ANKARA

Address: Gazi Mahallesi
Mevlana Bulvarı No: 2/F
06330 Yenimahalle / ANKARA
Tel: +90 312 303 00 00



ESENBOĞA AIRPORT HOTEL

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Yolu Üzeri 16 Km Sarayköy
Keçiören/ ANKARA
Tel: + (90) 312 399 47 00



ANADOLU HOTELS ESENBOĞA TERMAL

Address: Esenboğa Havaalanı
Yolu 27. Km. Akyurt / ANKARA
Tel: +90 312 841 64 64



LATANYA HOTEL

Address: Kavaklıdere,
Büklüm Sokak No:1
Çankaya/ ANKARA 06660
Tel: +90 312 416 88 00



KIZILCAHAMAM ÇAM HOTEL

Address: Kızılcahamam
Soğuk Su Milli Parkı
İçi Kızılcahamam / ANKARA
Tel: +90 312 810 81 00



POINT HOTEL

Address: 100. Yıl Mahallesi
1427. Cadde No: 11 Balgat-
100.Yıl/ ANKARA
Tel: +90 312 203 99 99



SHOP IN ANKARA

Ankara offers its visitors plenty of options when it comes to shopping. Aside from a multitude of local delicacies to take home, it is possible to buy products that are uniquely local from a wide range of places from shopping malls and brand stores to the crafts and antique shops.

LOCAL CRAFTS AND SOUVENIRS



Traditional shopping streets and areas located around Ankara Citadel and Ulus are among the best places to buy local products and traditional handicrafts. The shops in there sell all kinds of souvenirs including traditional Turkish copper goods, glass objects, antiques, textiles, carpets and handmade jewelry. The municipalities of Ankara also offer unique souvenirs such as the needle lace accessories produced in Nallıhan. Also, Beypazarı is famous for its telkari jewellery made of silver wires welded together.

LOCAL DELICACIES



The most popular delicacies of Ankara cuisine are Ankara Simit, döner and Çubuk Pickles. Simit, commonly referred to as the "Turkish Bagel" is the most common street food in Ankara. Ankara simit is smaller and crispier compared to the simits you can find in other parts of Turkey. Geographical indication-protected pickles of Çubuk owes its popularity to the international festival organized every year in Çubuk especially for Çubuk Pickles. Another geographical indication-protected delicacy is Beypazarı Kuruşu, which is a dry buttery biscuit. The cuisine of Ankara offers various delicious dishes worth trying such as Beypazarı güveci (stew), sarma, baklava made from 80 layers of paper-thin, hand-rolled "yufka", hoşmerim dessert, carrot lokum (Turkish delight) and many more.

SHOPPING MALLS 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

Armada is an internationally awarded niche shopping mall. It can be reached via metro line Kızılay-Koru. Address : Eskişehir Yolu No:6



PANORA

Panora involves top-line brands and serves the affluent neighborhood in the south of the city by combining shopping and entertainment with 2 giant aquariums. Address: Turan Güneş Bulvarı, Oran



ANTARES

Antares offers a wide range of shopping, dining and entertainment options to the residential area in the north. Address: Halil Sezai Erkut Cad,Ayvalı, Etlük



CEPA - KENTPARK

Cepa and Kentpark are adjacent shopping malls which are the favorite of the local youngsters due to their close location to the university district. They can be accessed by public transport from Kızılay. Address: Eskişehir Yolu 7th km



KIZILAY AVM

Kızılay AVM, is located at the very center of city, the Kızılay Square which is one of the most important junction points of Ankara. It is mostly used as a take away spot. Address: Güvenpark İçi Yolu No:2, Kızılay



ANKAMALL

Ankamall is one of the biggest malls in Turkey and hosts over 320 different brands. It is very close to Akköprü metro station. Address: Gazi Mahallesi, Mevlana Blv. No:2 Yenimahalle/Ankara



FORUM ANKARA OUTLET

Forum Ankara Outlet offers plenty of discounts and opportunities during the entire year although it is located far from the city center. Address: Yozgat Bulv. No:99, Keçiören



NATA VEGA

Nata Vega is inspired by the adventurous spirit and hosts 24 aquariums with 12.000 sea creatures. It is worth seeing with its entertainment options after shopping. Address: Doğukent Bulvarı Mamak



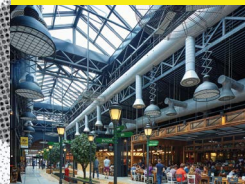
ANATOLIUM

Anatolium is the shopping valley of Ankara with easy circulation areas. You will enjoy that shopping experience. Address: AkşamsettinMahallesi 2308 Sokak No:1/13 Mamak



NEXT LEVEL

Next Level hosts many of the international prestigious brands besides yerine as well as luxury working spaces. Address: Kızılırmak Mah., Eskişehir Yolu No:3



BILKENT STATION

Bilkent Station which is located in Bilkent Center serves as a meeting point with cafes, restaurants and entertainment facilities. It offers quality service, an enjoyable shopping experience and convenient transportation. Address: Bilkent Center Administration Office 06533 Ankara



GORDION

Gordion serves the districts in the western part of the city. It hosts many brands and has a pleasant food court. Address: Eskişehir Yolu 16th km, Çayyolu



TAURUS

Taurus is located in Çankaya district and hosts 148 stores. Address: Konya Yolu, Mevlana Bulvarı No: 190/B 06520 Çankaya/Ankara



TEPE PRIME AVENUE SHOPPING MALL

Tepe Prime Avenue aims to contribute to the social life of Ankara and to bring a new meeting point to the city. The shopping mall where you can find Turkey's favorite cafes, restaurants and entertainment facilities has a unique architecture with its open air concept. Address: Mustafa Kemal Mah. Dumlupınar Bulvarı No: 266 Çankaya



PODIUM

Podium Shopping Center became its region's (Yenimahalle district) life center with the total of 61.500 m² leasable area and a hotel which has 4 stars with the capacity of 190 rooms. Address: M.Akif Ersoy Mah. Bağdat Cad. No:60/B Yenimahalle /ANKARA



365 AVM

365 AVM is a small and beautiful shopping area. It was opened in 2008 with its slogan "Special Mall for Pleasure." Address: Birlik Mah. 428.Cad. No:41 Çankaya/ANKARA



METROMALL

The mall is very easy to access with its close location to public transportation. The mall provides the customers with both indoor and outdoor shopping experience with its retractable roof. It is the biggest among the malls with a retractable roof in Turkey. Address:Tunahan Mahallesi, Dumlupınar 30 Ağustos Cd. No:2, 06824 Etimesgut/Ankara.

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 has numerous cafés, restaurants and clubs to hang out with friends. Gaziosmanpaşa is one of the liveliest districts in Ankara. Its close position to many of the embassies and international organizations makes the district a vibrant and 24 hour living place. Many of the premium restaurants and clubs are located in there.



TUNALI HİLMİ AND BESTEKAR STREETS

Tunalı Hilmi and Bestekar Streets are the main attraction points of the young population of Ankara. Most of the university students and youngsters choose the area to enjoy a wide variety of food and shopping options.



7th STREET IN BAHÇELİEVLER

7th Street in Bahçelievler is another attraction point with full of shops, restaurants and cafes. It is one of Ankara's most popular districts with its everlasting energy. You can find many pastry shops, restaurants and fast-food shops to grab something to eat or drink while you enjoy your shopping.



PARK STREET

Park Street is one of the city's most vibrant attraction points. Although it is located in the western edge of the city it draws people from all over by offering plenty of cafes and restaurants to enjoy.

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