

Ankara, Izmir & Bodrum Turkey

June 2018: Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, modern Turkey's founder, declared Ankara the Capital in 1923. The city grew from a small rebel enclave to today's modern 5 million resident metropolis. Anıtkabir is Atatürk's Mausoleum and war museum. The Hacı Bayram Mosque (1427) and Ankara Castle (dating from around 622) are among the oldest buildings.

Once the ancient city of Smyrna, Izmir is Turkey's third largest city with almost half of its 4 million residents under 30 including thousands of university students. It sets on a large bay in the Aegean. Boats, trains, buses and horse carts make up the public transportation system. The Clock tower in Konak Square is the symbol of the city.

Further south on the Aegean coast is the resort city of Bodrum. With direct flights from the major cities of Europe and a busy port, thousands of sun seekers call this their summer holiday



Anıtkabir



Hacı Bayram Mosque Park



Ankara Castle



Izmir Clock Tower – Konak Square



Scoundrel Square



Izmir Center



Bodrum



Castle of St Peter



Bodrum Sunset