

# Travel Advisory Turkey



Level

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Exercise increased caution

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Exercise increased caution when traveling to Turkey due to terrorism and arbitrary detentions. Some areas have increased risk. Read the entire Travel Advisory.

## Do Not Travel To:

- Sirnak province, Hakkari province, and any area within six miles (10 kilometers) of the Syrian border due to terrorism.

**Country Summary:** Terrorist groups continue plotting possible attacks in Turkey. Terrorists may attack with little or no warning, targeting tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, local government facilities, hotels, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, parks, major sporting and cultural events, educational institutions, airports, and other public areas.

Security forces have detained tens of thousands of individuals, including U.S. citizens, for alleged affiliations with terrorist organizations based on scant or secret evidence and grounds that appear to be politically motivated. U.S. citizens have also been subject to travel bans that prevent them from departing Turkey. Participation in demonstrations not explicitly approved by the Government of Turkey, as well as criticism of the government (including on social media), can result in arrest.

Read the [country information page](#) for additional information on travel to Turkey.

If you decide to travel to Turkey:

- Stay alert in locations frequented by tourists.
- Avoid demonstrations and crowds.
- Stay at hotels with identifiable security measures.
- Monitor local media and be prepared to adjust your plans quickly.
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive travel alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Review the [Country Security Report](#) for Turkey.
- Visit the CDC page for the latest [Travel Health Information](#) related to your travel.

- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler's Checklist](#).

**Sirnak Province, Hakkari Province, and Any Area within six miles (ten kilometers) of the Syrian Border – Level 4: Do Not Travel**

Do not travel to Sirnak province, Hakkari province, or any area within six miles (10 kilometers) of the Turkey/Syria border due to the continued threat of attacks by terrorist groups, armed conflict, and civil unrest. Terrorist attacks, including suicide bombings, ambushes, car bomb detonations, and improvised explosive devices, as well as shootings, and illegal roadblocks leading to violence have occurred in these areas. U.S. government employees are subject to travel restrictions in the entire provinces of Sirnak and Hakkari, and any areas within 10 km of the Syrian border.

Visit our website for [Travel to High-Risk Areas](#).