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# NEWCOMER INFORMATION

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

DSN: **112 or 911**  
 From Turkish Cell: **0-322-316-0112**  
 From U.S. Cell: **+90-322-316-0112**



## INCIRLIK AIR BASE

[www.incirlik.af.mil/Newcomers](http://www.incirlik.af.mil/Newcomers)

At Incirlik AB, your unit's Commander's Support Staff (CSS) must sign you up for the Newcomer's Briefing with the Military & Family Readiness Center (M&FRC), located in Bldg. 833. The M&FRC can advise on items required for the briefing, including travel documents and receipts. During the Newcomer's Briefing, you will in-process with Finance and TRICARE Overseas and get familiarized with base agencies. Bring several copies of your orders as they will be needed to process your paperwork. The briefing will end with personnel getting equipped with gear. The bus will then drop off service members at their current accommodations (Hodja Inn, housing or dorms).

Fire Safety and Extinguisher Hands-On Training needs to be done within 30 days of arrival per Incirlik AB Instruction 32-2001. The training is located at Bldg. 373, every Thursday at 9 a.m. For more information and to sign up, call 676-3021.

## CIVILIAN DOD EMPLOYEES

Civilian employees and visitors must check e-visa requirements at [evisa.gov.tr/en](http://evisa.gov.tr/en). After 90 days, civilian DoD employees must apply for residency in Türkiye for the duration of their contract. The process can be done at Pass and ID in Bldg. 833.

## COMMAND SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Command Sponsorship Program (CSP) is now available at Incirlik for personnel interested in serving a two-year assignment with dependents at least 18 years of age or older.

## INCIRLIK NEWCOMER VIDEOS



## IZMIR, 425TH AIR BASE SQUADRON

[www.incirlik.af.mil/Units/425th-Air-Base-Squadron](http://www.incirlik.af.mil/Units/425th-Air-Base-Squadron)

Newcomers to Izmir must report to the CSS within one duty day of arrival. A mandatory Newcomer's Orientation is held on the first Wednesday of each month.

## ANKARA, 717TH AIR BASE SQUADRON

[www.incirlik.af.mil/Units/717th-Air-Base-Squadron](http://www.incirlik.af.mil/Units/717th-Air-Base-Squadron)

## 717TH, ANKARA, WELCOME PACKET



## TURKEY ASSIGNMENT INCENTIVE PAY (TAIP)

The Turkey Assignment Incentive Pay (TAIP) program looks to bolster continuity and experience at the 39th Air Base Wing (ABW) within an unaccompanied tour by offering incentive pay to military members who agree to serve on station for a total of 24 months. As of Dec. 29, 2022, TAIP has increased to \$1,000 per month.

Members are eligible to enroll in the program prior to arrival, or within the first 60 days of arrival (if not already enrolled) and begin receipt of pay effective on the date of enrollment or date arrived on station, whichever is later. Currently assigned members interested in the program may contact their unit CSS or the MPF for additional information on enrollment.

Note that those utilizing the Command Sponsorship Program (CSP) are not eligible for TAIP. ■

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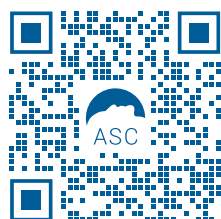
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# SERVICES IN TÜRKİYE



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## BANKING

### DEBIT & CREDIT CARDS

- Put a travel advisory on your cards, so your transactions are not automatically declined. Your bank can also explain their fraud prevention procedures, such as mobile app notifications.
- It's always best to carry Turkish lira and U.S. dollars when off installation. Some places take cards off base, but not always.
- There is often fluctuation with the exchange rate with several lira to the dollar, so be aware of the difference in the currency's worth.

### ATMS

- To save on ATM fees, bring a checkbook to withdraw money at the CPTS cash cage (first floor) in Bldg. 833 at Incirlik.
- ATMs dispense Turkish lira, U.S. dollars or euro, but can occasionally run out of cash or malfunction, so having a checkbook is advised to withdraw cash.

#### Incirlik ATM Locations:

- Commissary parking lot
- Club Complex building
- Near the Turkish Pass and Registration parking lot
- Hodja Inn parking lot

## LEGAL OFFICE

The Legal Office assists command, staff agencies and service members on a variety of legal matters.

#### ► Incirlik Legal Office

DSN: 676-6800 | Location: Bldg. 833

Email: [39abw.ja@us.af.mil](mailto:39abw.ja@us.af.mil)

Web: [incirlik.af.mil/Units/39th-Air-Base-Wing-Legal-Office](http://incirlik.af.mil/Units/39th-Air-Base-Wing-Legal-Office)

- Notaries for powers of attorney.
- Wills and medical directives (by appointment). To fill out initial paperwork, visit [aflegalassistance.law.af.mil](http://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil).
- Civil matters such as encounters with off-base law enforcement.
- Extensions on expired U.S. driver's licenses.
- Visit the Legal Office web page on [incirlik.af.mil](http://incirlik.af.mil) to view a list of Turkish Laws that affect personnel located in-country.



## CELL PHONES

Research your options for cell phone service before leaving your prior station. Some cell phone plan providers require you to set up overseas compatible plans before leaving the U.S. Getting service for your cell phone is vital and allows you to stay connected. The pre-paid option and use of Wi-Fi, which is accessible at most public locations on base, is the preferred method of staying connected. If you want to avoid roaming charges, be sure to switch your phone to airplane mode.

### BASEFIX IN THE EXCHANGE MOBILE CENTER

BaseFIX can assist with internet connection to the local Turk Telekom lines in both dorms and housing. They are in the BX next to the electronics and typically have a turnaround between 24 hours to a week for service activation, depending on the demand. You can re-load minutes and pay bills at the counter, or you can take advantage of online bill pay with a credit card.

You can set up pre-paid phone plans with TurkCell, purchase pay-as-you-go hot spots and sign up for internet packages at various speeds.

Non-Turkish citizens are limited with the length of cell phone contracts, so please refer to BaseFIX representatives for details on the documents needed in your case.

All services through BaseFIX or TurkCell require NATO orders to setup.

### GOOGLE VOICE

Google Voice will allow you to port your U.S. number for free so you can keep it. You can then use a local SIM card to have a local number and U.S. number simultaneously (with a dual-SIM phone). Google Voice allows free calls to the U.S. using Wi-Fi. If you don't want to be limited to Wi-Fi and haven't gotten a local SIM yet, Google Fi is a paid phone plan that uses T-Mobile's cell towers. Starting either of these processes is much easier while still in the U.S.

### APPS TO COMMUNICATE INTERNATIONALLY FOR FREE

- Facebook Messenger
- WhatsApp
- FaceTime
- Signal ■

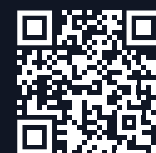


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# TRANSPORTATION AT INCIRLIK



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Getting Around at Incirlik: Scooters, motorbikes, bicycles, e-bikes and cargo bikes are common methods of transportation on base.

- Shipment of one Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) is authorized for persons O-1, E-7, GS-5, and above, regardless of tour length. Additionally, all personnel serving tour lengths of 24 months or longer are authorized shipment of one POV.
- If renting a car, it must be registered with the base.
- It is also highly encouraged for members to ship or purchase a bicycle for personal transportation purposes.

## LICENSE & REGISTRATION

Only a valid stateside driver's license is needed to drive a vehicle or motorcycle. No other local or international licenses are required to drive on base. If your license expires while in Türkiye, go to the Legal Office to file for an extension. Call the Passport and ID Office ahead of time to ensure you bring all the necessary documents. It is recommended to have car insurance that covers rentals overseas before you drive a rented vehicle.

## MOTORCYCLES, SCOOTERS AND E-BIKES

Motorbikes, e-bikes and bicycles can be purchased new or used at the Auto Hobby Shop in Bldg. 1060 (DSN 676-6655), from vendors next to the BX or on a Facebook group called Incirlik Scooter Mart 2.0. Check in with the Safety Office or your command's motorcycle safety representative after arrival to attend a class on motorbike safety. A helmet and closed-toed shoes are required.

## FUELING YOUR TRANSPORTATION

There is a shoppette with a two-pump gas station, open Monday–Friday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m.–1 p.m. Some dorms offer parking areas for electric scooters with charging capabilities. ■



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# HOUSING AT INCIRLIK



## INCIRLIK ON-BASE HOUSING

All personnel live on base. Accommodations on base are based on availability, rank, career field and TAIP incentives. Base houses contain basic furnishings that cannot be thrown away or sold. All furniture supplied will need to be marked with a barcode and stay in the house at move out.

### ► Incirlik Housing Management Office

Bldg. 833 | DSN: 676-6232

[Incirlikuh.managers@us.af.mil](mailto:Incirlikuh.managers@us.af.mil)

## LODGING UPON ARRIVAL

- Dorms may be ready for move-in upon arrival for service members E-1 to E-4. Please keep in mind that some items, such as linens, are not always provided.
- The Hodja Inn is ready to serve when members step off the plane and while waiting for availability on a house or a dorm.

It is highly recommended to obtain renter's insurance whether living in the dorms or homes on base to cover potential damages or loss to personal property.

## HOUSING NEIGHBORHOODS

There are four housing neighborhoods.

- Phantom Housing: 3–4 bedrooms, E-5 (with roommate) or 2 bedrooms for E-6 (single)
- Herky Studio Apartments: E-6 (single)
- Falcon Housing: Civilians, E-7 to E-9 (single)
- Eagle Housing: 4 bedrooms, O-1 to O-3 (with roommate), O-4 to O-6, or personnel on a 24-month accompanied tour via the Command Sponsorship Program.

If you have a line number for staff sergeant (E-5) and sew-on with at least four months left at Incirlik, you can request housing, which would include a roommate. If you have a line number for technical sergeant (E-6) and have at least six months left at Incirlik, you can request single-occupancy housing in Phantom or Herky studio apartments

as available. If you have a line number for master sergeant (E-7), you can request to move into single-occupancy Phantom Housing if you have at least six months left at Incirlik. Company grade officers live in Eagle Housing with a roommate. For those who will promote to field grade, a request can be made to move into single-occupancy housing if they have at least six months left at Incirlik.

## PETS

All personnel are allowed to have one 25-gallon aquarium, for fish only.

Two pets (dogs or cats) are permitted for personnel living in single-occupancy housing, and for dual military members stationed together at Incirlik. 39 CES Housing Management must be notified of the quantity and type (dog and/or cat) before the pets arrive; email [39ces.cechh@us.af.mil](mailto:39ces.cechh@us.af.mil). Pets must also be registered with the Incirlik Veterinary Treatment Center (VTF), Bldg. 912, within 10 days of arrival.

## DORMS

### ► Incirlik Dorm Management Office

DSN: 676-3080

As part of the Newcomer's Briefing, the Dorm Manager will assist you in filling out paperwork and getting familiarized with your new home. Dorm residents will be assigned a room immediately upon arrival. Dorms consist of basic and bare furnishings. Dorms vary in floor plan and can include a shared kitchen or bathroom, with laundry rooms on each floor or a single laundry room on the first floor.

- Airman utilizing TAIP can move into Bldg. 960.
- Grills are available outside the dorms.
- Electric scooter charging stations are available.
- Be sure to secure your property as you are liable for loss or theft.
- If you lose access to your room, message the ADLs on WhatsApp at +90 (549) 821-4136.



## TELEVISION SERVICE

### AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK (AFN)

AFN Provides programming from current networks and prime channels. Download the AFN Now mobile app from Android and Apple App Stores or install the Smart TV application on your Amazon Fire TV Stick, Apple TV, Android TV or Roku.

- [afn-now.myafn.mil](http://afn-now.myafn.mil)

### OTHER STREAMING SERVICES

Streaming services like Amazon Prime, Netflix and Hulu are available in Türkiye. Show variety and availability may be limited due to geographical location, so a virtual private network (VPN) service, such as ExpressVPN or Google One VPN, is recommended to access U.S. programming.

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS

### ► Traffic Management Office (TMO)

Bldg. 833 | Room 155 | DSN: 314-676-6030

Comm: +90 322-316-6030

[39LRS.personal.property@us.af.mil](mailto:39LRS.personal.property@us.af.mil)

Once you have your orders, email [39LRS.personal.property@us.af.mil](mailto:39LRS.personal.property@us.af.mil) for a personal property worksheet. Fill it out and email it back to them. The Traffic Management Office (TMO) will assist you with passenger travel and delivery of your household goods (HHG). During the Newcomer's Briefing, you will sign a Power of Attorney for your goods with the Legal office, who will notarize it. This is for Turkish Customs, so they can clear your goods once it arrives.

### HHG DELIVERY

Once your HHGs arrive, a Beyanname (declaration) will be created by the Customs Liaison Office, which includes high-value items that you have brought with you. Any item on this list you must keep for the duration of your time in Türkiye, even if it is damaged. Contact the Legal Office if you wish to sell an item on your Beyanname or if the item was stolen. If you do not have the listed items when you out-process, you will need to pay a fine of up to five times the value of the item due to Turkish black-market laws.

- Secure a delivery date for your HHGs and remember that dates book fast during the peak summer PCS season.
- Since there is no temporary furniture program, consult with the TMO to figure out temporary options.
- Once your HHGs are delivered, make sure every box that was shipped is accounted for.
- Mark each item off your inventory list as everything is being unloaded.

### INSPECT YOUR HOME

To avoid being held liable for damages done to your home and property that the movers may have caused, it's best to note any damages on your household goods paperwork. Note everything that isn't right such as missing boxes or damaged goods. Be sure to make copies of all the paperwork and take pictures of any damages.

### FILING A CLAIM

You have 75 days to submit a notice of loss or damage report in the Defense Personal Property System from the scheduled delivery date. From then, you will have nine months to submit your claim in order to be eligible for a full replacement value.

- Be sure to have photos and receipts for purchases of your damaged goods.
- Keep any paperwork until all claims are processed.

### 220 VOLT POWER

You may need power converters and transformers to use your U.S. electronics in your home. Electronics that are dual voltage will label their voltage range like this: 100–240V. If the range includes 220 volts, you only need a plug converter. Other items that are labeled 120V will require a transformer, which is a small plug-in box that converts the voltage to safely use your single-voltage equipment.

Some items, like hair clippers and electronics with certain motors, may be damaged or unusable even when using a transformer. This is due to the difference in electrical frequency, measured in hertz (50 Hz in Türkiye as opposed to 60 Hz in the U.S.), so it is sometimes best to buy a 220V replacement for the duration of your time in the country. ■





# HEALTHCARE

## AT INCIRLIK

### EMERGENCY CARE IN ADANA

#### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

DSN: **112 or 911**  
 From Turkish Cell: **0-322-316-0112**  
 From U.S. Cell: **+90-322-316-0112**

#### There is no emergency room at Incirlik AB.

The closest medical facilities with an emergency room are the Acibadem Adana Hospital and Medline Adana Hospital, each about 24–30 minutes away.

Emergency services from Incirlik AB can transport or transfer individuals to off-base care 24/7.

#### ► Ambulance Services

DSN: 676-6554

#### ► Military Crisis Hotline

800-273-8255, Option 1

#### ► Military Health System Nurse Advice Line

1-800-TRICARE (874-2273)

#### ► SOS International

1-877-678-1207 or 00-44-20-8762-8133



### 39TH MEDICAL GROUP, INCIRLIK

The 39th Medical Group (MDG) serves patients at Incirlik AB with routine medical and dental needs.

**Note:** Pregnant service members at Incirlik AB must PCS to a new location by 24 weeks for care. Overseas follow-on assignments may be canceled.

#### ► 39th Medical Group (MDG)

Bldg. 865 (Between D and E Streets)  
[incirlik.tricare.mil](mailto:incirlik.tricare.mil)

DSN: 676-6666 | Comm: 0322-316-6666  
 Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Closed holidays, down days and wing training days.  
 Sick call: 7:45 to 8 a.m., Monday–Friday.

#### ► Patient Advocate

DSN: 676-3989  
 Email: [usaf.incirlik.39-mdg.mbx.patient-adv@mail.mil](mailto:usaf.incirlik.39-mdg.mbx.patient-adv@mail.mil)

#### ► Pharmacy

Bldg. 865 (Right of the main entrance)  
 DSN: 676-6581 | Comm: 011-90-322-316-6581  
 Prescription Refills Phone: 676-1242

To renew an expired medication prescription, contact your primary care manager (PCM) and request a prescription renewal.

### OFF-BASE MEDICAL CARE

While there may be some cultural and treatment differences in Türkiye, rest assured that the medical standard of care you receive is the highest quality. Although there are a few differences in medical practices, the 39 MDG staff collaborate with the host nation medical partners, ensuring a positive outcome and experience for all patients. Local hospitals do accept TRICARE.

### DENTAL CARE

The Dental Clinic on base provides comprehensive acute dental care for active-duty members. Government employees may receive care on a space-available basis.

### HEALTH PROMOTION

Health Promotion provides support regarding the four pillars of wellness, and covers nutrition, fitness, sleep, chrono-nutrition, and tobacco prevention and cessation. InBody, which is a body composition analysis, is available as a walk-in service. Health Promotion also hosts cooking classes once a month at the Chapel, plus offers commissary tours and unit briefs for training days.

Health Promotion can be reached at 676-8256 or stop in at the 39 MDG on the first floor between the Mental Health and Dental clinics. You can stay updated by following their Facebook page, where they post their events and wellness tips at [facebook.com/incirlikhp](https://facebook.com/incirlikhp).

### MEDICAL CARE FOR CIVILIANS

Preferred Network Facilities for Civilians are not supported. Adana hospitals do not accept civilian insurance. Some insurance providers will reimburse individuals for out-of-pocket costs, but this should be discussed with the insurance provider before seeking care.

- For services provided by Acibadem Adana Hospital, visit [acibadem.com.tr/en/services](https://acibadem.com.tr/en/services).
- For services provided by Medline Adana Hospital, visit [medlineadanahospital.com](https://medlineadanahospital.com).

U.S. state laws for insurance and liability do not support care for individuals assigned to Türkiye. As such, there is currently no mental health care available in the local community for civilians.

- **Mental Health Resource:** 24/7/365 Employee Assistance Program. Call 1-866-580-9046 and identify the Defense Logistics Agency as their servicing agency.

## MENTAL HEALTH

Provided through TRICARE, specialty behavioral health care providing a full range of psychological evaluations, psychiatry services and psychotherapy for individuals and groups. Visits are documented in military health records. Confidential with special exceptions. Make an appointment with the 39 MDG at DSN 676-6452.

### ADAPT PROGRAM

The ADAPT team counsels and treats members with an identifiable struggle with alcohol consumption. The legal drinking age in Türkiye is 18. Approximately 90 percent of members who enter the ADAPT program self-refer. Call 676-6452 for more information.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA)

AA meets on Saturdays at the Chapel in Bldg. 945, Incirlik.

### CHAPLAIN

Confidential, undocumented non-medical counseling and spiritual and pastoral counseling is available. This is an excellent option if you are unsure where to start, have significant concerns about the impact to your career, are experiencing legal issues or general relational, emotional or spiritual struggles. Contact the Chapel (Bldg. 945, Incirlik) by calling 676-6441.

### FIRST SERGEANTS

Reach out to your first sergeant for professional, personal and referral support. First sergeants are mandatory reporters for sexual assault.

### MILITARY & FAMILY READINESS CENTER (M&FRC)

The M&FRC will be one of the first organizations you will become familiar with during in-processing, but they are also there to support service members throughout their time in Türkiye. Some of the services provided are:

- Counseling (personal, marital and financial)
- Relocation Assistance
- Personal and Family Life Education
- Voting Assistance
- Survivor Benefit Program
- Referral Assistance
- Transition Assistance Program: Begin the process 18–24 months before separation or retirement.
- Personal Finance Counselors & M&FRC both provide financial counseling services to equip individuals with knowledge and tools about budgeting, saving, retirement planning, investing and more.

#### ► Incirlik PFC (A Registered Accredited Financial Counselor)

DSN: 676-6256

Location: Bldg. 833, 2nd Floor

Email: [pfc.incirlik@magellanfederal.com](mailto:pfc.incirlik@magellanfederal.com)

#### ► Incirlik M&FRC

DSN: 676-6755

Location: Bldg. 833, 2nd Floor

Website: [39fss.com/mfrc](http://39fss.com/mfrc)

### MILITARY AND FAMILY LIFE COUNSELORS (MFLC)

In-person, confidential, short-term non-medical counseling is provided by an MFLC assigned to the installation, with counselors on a three-month rotation.

#### ► Incirlik MFLC

DSN: 676-3926

Location: M&FRC, Bldg. 833, 2nd Floor

WhatsApp: +1-254-266-5861

#### ► Izmir MFLC

0 (538) 035-5864

Website: [incirlik.af.mil/Units/425th-Air-Base-Squadron](http://incirlik.af.mil/Units/425th-Air-Base-Squadron)

### MILITARY ONESOURCE

Free, confidential, short term non-medical counseling is available over the phone where you can chat for issues concerning marital conflict, stress management, coping with loss or deployments. You will be referred to specialty behavioral health care if you have a pre-established diagnosable condition. Call 800-342-9647 or 703-253-7599 when OCONUS.

**Note:** Non-medical counselors can be trusted to keep your information private. However, they are required to report situations where you could be a danger to yourself or to others, situations that involve domestic violence or violence against another person, child abuse or neglect and any illegal activity.

### VETERANS CRISIS LINE (VCL) AND MILITARY CRISIS LINE (MCL)

Available 24/7 for free confidential mental health support.

- Call: 844-702-5495
- DSN: 988
- Text: 838255
- Online chat: [www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net)





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# KEY FACILITIES AT INCIRLIK

As a newcomer, it is helpful to get familiar with the resources available to you at Incirlik Air Base. These agencies are ready to assist.

## AFN INCIRLIK

Tune in to 1590 AM on your radio or listen using the mobile app AFN Go.

Base access programming: Channel 12  
Facebook: [AFN Incirlik](#)

## AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY

AFAS provides emergency assistance to Air Force and Space Force families when unexpected financial emergencies arise with no-interest loans and grants. These financial assistance programs help meet immediate financial emergency needs. Visit [afas.org](#) for more information.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross facilitates grants for emergency assistance from military aid societies and assists with emergency notifications to or from a deployed service member. Emergency notifications using the Hero Care Network are used for situations like an illness or death of an immediate family member or the birth of a child. For more information or to download the Hero Care app, visit [redcross.org/get-help/military-families/emergency-communication](#).

## AREA DEFENSE COUNSEL

The ADC consists of an attorney and a paralegal to advise and advocate for individual Airmen through military justice and administrative processes. The staff works with 100 percent attorney-client confidentiality, which also does not fall under the local chain of command.

They will assist with response and representation on corrective and disciplinary actions such as an Article 15, LOC, LOR, LOA, discharges, rights advisement, administrative demotions, referral EPRs/OPRs and more, from help with re-buttals to representation during court martials.

### The ADC's General Advice

- Don't commit crimes and be appropriate on social media, Teams or WhatsApp chats.
- Use the base shuttle or a taxi instead of a scooter if you have been drinking so everyone gets home safe.
- Alcohol-related incidents can affect your security clearance.

### ► Incirlik ADC

DSN: 676-6908  
Location: Bldg. 948  
Email: [39ABW.ADC.Incirlik@us.af.mil](mailto:39ABW.ADC.Incirlik@us.af.mil)

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICE

The EO Office serves active-duty military members, DoD civilians, former employees, applicants for employment, NAF employees, family members and retirees. The office may file informal or formal complaints.

Military members have no timeline for informal complaints, and 60 days for formal complaints. Civilian complaints must be filed within 45 days.

For DoD civilians, unlawful discrimination is prohibited based on race, color, religion, sex (pregnancy or gender identity), sexual orientation, sexual harassment, harassment (bullying or hazing), national origin, age (40 and older), disability, GINA and reprisal.

### ► Incirlik EO Office

DSN: 676-6210 or 676-6970  
EO Hotline: 1-888-231-4058  
Email: [39abw.eo@us.af.mil](mailto:39abw.eo@us.af.mil)

## INSPECTOR GENERAL

The IG independently assesses and reports on the overall readiness, efficiency and discipline of units through specified inquiries, investigations and inspections. IG is located in Bldg. 833. Call 676-8878 or you can also call the IG Hotline at 1-800-424-9098.

**Note:** If you have a concern and are unsure if you should file a complaint, contact your IG office for guidance. Any Air Force military or civilian member may file an IG complaint.

However, Air Force civilian complaints (e.g., discrimination, sexual harassment and conditions of employment) may be referred to other agencies.

### ► Incirlik Inspector General

DSN: 676-8448 or 676-8878  
IG Hotline: 1-800-424-9098  
Location: Bldg. 833



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## SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

To file a restricted or unrestricted report, or to seek assistance and resources, call 676-7272 or stop in their office located by Titan's Refuge.

### ► Incirlik SAPR Office

DSN: 676-7272

24/7 Crisis Line: 1-520-940-8059

DoD Safe Helpline: 1-877-995-5247

Website: [safehelpline.org](https://safehelpline.org)

### Restricted Reporting:

- Contact the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) or Victim Advocate (VA) or Healthcare Provider
- Command is NOT notified
- SARC and VA can provide care for survivor and supportive services
- Can receive medical care
- Can receive counselling
- Can receive legal counselling from Special Victim Counsel (SVC)
- Can be changed to an unrestricted report at anytime

**Note:** A chaplain can provide confidentiality and counseling and will not take a report or notify command.

### Unrestricted Reporting:

- Contact the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) or Victim Advocate (VA) or Healthcare Provider
- Command is notified
- SARC and VA can provide care for survivor and supportive services
- Can receive medical care
- Can receive counseling
- Can receive legal counseling from Special Victim Counsel (SVC)
- Can receive a Military Protective Order (MPO)

## TURKISH LANGUAGE

Although the basics are great, nothing beats hearing the language spoken well. Make the most of your tour in Türkiye by trying to learn the language.

### ► Incirlik Library

Bldg. 1001 | 676-6759

DoD MWR Libraries offers Mango, an interactive program with more than 70 languages to learn. A quick verification of your eligibility at [dodmwrlibraries.org](https://dodmwrlibraries.org) and you can access 10 chapters of Turkish for free.

### Conversational Turkish Language & Culture Course

Thursdays from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., the library provides a weekly culture and language class to get you comfortable being off the installation and having a basic conversation with the locals.

### ► Education Center

Need an elective for your Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) associate degree or otherwise? Check the course schedules to take Turkish as a foreign language course.

### ► Web Browser Translation

Desktop and mobile web browsers can be enabled to translate webpages in whole or in part. You may have to enable plug-ins, but apps like Google Chrome and Safari's TranslateMe provide this convenience when Turkish websites do not have language options.

### ► Duolingo

For language learning (both free and paid options).

### ► Google Translate App

This app allows you to translate typed and spoken language, plus the Google Lens features allows you to translate Turkish from images via your camera. Keep in mind that there are informal and formal phrases in the Turkish language, so there will be times when Google Translate does not distinguish between the two. In formal situations, it is a good idea to cross-reference word choice with another credible source. ■





# PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

Service members can find many opportunities to gain new perspectives, leadership skills and mentorship inside of and beyond their units.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### CAREER ASSISTANCE ADVISOR

The Career Assistance Advisor can offer guidance toward your career goals.

- Career Development: Enhancement seminars, First-Term Enlisted Course (FTEC), PACE Education, Informed Decision seminars
- Guidance: Retraining, cross-training, separations, Developmental Special Duties (DSDs), unique assignments, re-enlistments, career progression, leadership workshops, assignment management, education, commissioning

Call 676-3211 or stop by the Education and Training Center on the second floor of the Community Center (Bldg. 271) for more information.

### Professional Organizations

Look out for opportunities to get involved with professional organizations such as the Company Grade Officers Council (CGOC), First Four, 5/6 or Top 3. They are a great starting point to join mentorship programs, workshops and more to expand your skillsets.

## EDUCATION

Taking the time to advance your education can help you excel in the future. Educational opportunities on the installation include a variety of university programs.

### INCIRLIK AB EDUCATION OFFICE

The Education Center provides these services:

- Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) counseling.
- Assistance with school and degree searches.
- Updates Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC) education records.
- Issues Military Tuition Assistance (TA).

- The National Test Center: offers College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and Defense Subject Standardized Test (DSST) college credit exams and Pearson Vue Certification exams.

The Education Office can also provide information on these programs:

- Air Force Credentialing Opportunities Online (AF COOL)
- Air University Associate to Baccalaureate Cooperative (AU ABC)
- General Education Mobile (GEM)
- DOD SkillBridge
- Commissioning
- VA Education Benefits

The Education Center administers the following military exams:

- Weighted Airmen Promotion Test (WAPS)
- Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT)
- Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)
- Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB)
- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)
- Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT)
- Air Force Reading Abilities Test (AFRAT)
- Electronic Data Processing Test (EDPT)

### AVAILABLE SCHOOLS

- **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**  
800-359-3728 | [worldwide.erau.edu/administration/military-veterans/Europe](http://worldwide.erau.edu/administration/military-veterans/Europe)

Offers certifications, undergraduate and graduate degrees. Face-to-face, online, blended learning and unit courses.

- **University of Maryland Global Campus**  
+49 631-56000-90000 | [europe.umgc.edu](http://europe.umgc.edu)

Undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs. Offers face-to-face and online courses.

- **Other schools with online coursework:**  
[www.military.com/education](http://www.military.com/education) or  
[www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil)

Many U.S.-based colleges and universities offer online courses and discounts for military-affiliated students.

*Courses and institutions subject to change. Please refer to Education and Training staff for the most updated information.*

### ► 425th Air Base Squadron Education and Testing Center, Izmir, Çiğli AB

Website: [www.incirlik.af.mil/Units/425th-Air-Base-Squadron](http://www.incirlik.af.mil/Units/425th-Air-Base-Squadron)

The UMGC-operated National Test Center offers CLEP, DSST college credit exams and Pearson Vue Certification exams.

In addition to supporting 425 ABS personnel, the Education Center also supports Izmir's Army NATO Soldiers' voluntary education needs plus other GSUs' Airmen, Soldiers and DoD Civilians assigned to the 717 ABS in Ankara and ODC and Det-4 USAFE Air Postal in Istanbul.

## VOLUNTEERING

There is so much to take away and learn as a volunteer. It is a great way to connect with your new home and create a community that makes your time here memorable and fun. Volunteering can help you gain experience and a network in the military world, but also your host nation.

- Visit the installation's M&FRC, FSS, American Red Cross and the United Service Organizations (USO).
- Reach out to various offices across the installation that align with the career field you're interested in. You never know if they need volunteers or are willing to let people shadow them.
- Do you enjoy writing? Volunteer to write travel or lifestyle stories for publication on the [StripesEurope.com](http://StripesEurope.com) website. Send an email to [contentteam@stripes.com](mailto:contentteam@stripes.com) for details. ■

# RECREATION AT INCIRLIK

There is always something to do for fun around Incirlik, whether with the 39 FSS programs, the USO or events at Titan's Refuge. The hours of operation are longer to accommodate the variety of schedules that personnel have. Everyone needs time to kick back and socialize, grab some good food, connect with their community, or start a new hobby or wellness habit.

## 39TH FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

### CLUB COMPLEX

Weekly recurring events at the Club will ensure



you'll be able to catch an energetic Bingo, Trivia or Moola Night with a friend. If you're not shy on the mic or the dance floor, Karaoke and DJ Nights are also a fun time.

### Club Member Benefits

FSS provides extra incentives for Incirlik personnel who sign up to become a Club Member. Free dinners at weekly Moola Night, other free and discounted meals and events, plus five to 10 percent off food and services at other FSS facilities will more than pay for the rank-based monthly dues. Please visit their website at [39fss.com/club](https://39fss.com/club), call 676-6101 or visit the Club Complex in Bldg. 878 for more information.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTER

Trips to fascinating locations around Türkiye are made easy with the help of the ODR staff. All you have to bring is yourself and a sense of adventure. Stay tuned to weekly emails for the monthly trip schedule or stop in at Bldg. 3975 to sign up.

ODR also provides archery classes on Fridays and Saturdays and scuba classes at the pool on Wednesdays. The staff is well-versed in supporting group functions with equipment and supplies as well, so don't hesitate to reach out. Call 676-6044 for more information.

## FITNESS CENTERS AND SPORTS

There are two fitness centers on Incirlik: the Titan Fitness Center and the Larger Than Life Fitness Center. Both gyms focus on providing quality fitness classes, fun events, equipment and sports programs. The Titan Fitness Center also offers massage services. Visit [39fss.com/fitness-center](https://39fss.com/fitness-center) to see their current Classes, Fitness Events and Sports Calendars.

### ▶ Titan Fitness Center

Bldg. 971 | 676-6086  
Hours: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Mon. to Fri.  
24/7 card access Sat. to Sun. (Stop in to register)

### ▶ Larger Than Life Fitness Center

Bldg. 2712 | 676-6086  
Hours: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Mon. to Fri.  
Closed Sat., Sun. and holidays

**A full array of sports programs and groups are available.**

### Typical Intramural Sports Schedule

- Basketball: January – March
- Soccer: June – August
- Volleyball: July – September
- Softball: August – October
- Flag Football: October – December

### Sports Organizations

- Bowling: Year-round
- Rugby Football Club: Year-round. Join the Incirlik Rugby group on Facebook for more information.
- Tennis: Year-round
- Running Improvement Program: Year-round

## CAMPUS DINING

FSS implemented USAFE's first Campus Dining Program at Incirlik. This allows Airmen who live in the Dorms and receive Essential Station Messing (ESM), also known as a meal card, to not only eat at the two Dining Facilities (DFAC), but at other eateries on base, adding more choice in individual food offerings on base. This also means that Basic Allowance of Subsistence (BAS) recipients can pay for DFAC meals using touchless pay and credit/debit cards.

## TITAN'S REFUGE

Titan's Refuge is USAFE's largest ministry center, hosted by the Chapel and located in Bldg. 970. This is an enjoyable environment with Airman-led happenings based on interests. Events like tabletop gaming, video game competitions, drawing and craft workshops, escape rooms, trivia nights, watching movies or hanging out in the game room aim to bring everyone together. Follow Titan's Refuge on Facebook at [facebook.com/TitansRefugeMinistryCenter](https://facebook.com/TitansRefugeMinistryCenter).

## USO INCIRLIK

A cozy, welcoming place is the Incirlik USO, where everyone is welcome to gather around homemade food, movie nights, gaming competitions, open mic nights or just lounge in a comfortable and fun environment with a full snack bar, Wi-Fi, computers, TVs with gaming consoles, a pool table and air conditioning. It is a much-needed taste of home. Stop by Patriot Village in Bldg. 7320 and follow them on Facebook at [facebook.com/USOIncirlik](https://facebook.com/USOIncirlik), their website at [incirlik.uso.org](https://incirlik.uso.org), or call 676-2829. ■



# GUIDANCE & SAFETY TIPS



## FERAL ANIMAL PRECAUTIONS

There are many critters on the installation, including feral dogs and cats. Per the 39 ABW commander, feeding, fostering and/or adopting of stray animals on the installation is strictly prohibited and punishable under the UCMJ for active duty and civilians alike.

It is essential that you do not interact with these animals because Türkiye is a high-risk area for rabies, which is fatal if left untreated. Transmission can come from dogs, cats, bats, raccoons, skunks and foxes. They shed the virus for three to seven days prior to showing any symptoms. Even if an animal appears healthy, it may not be the case and is never worth the risk. There is NO guarantee that rabies treatment will be available at the Military Treatment Facility (MTF) or hospitals off base.

### **Steps to take if you are bitten, scratched or make contact with the animal's saliva on open skin:**

- Immediately wash the wound or contaminated area thoroughly with soap and water.
- Immediately seek medical care at the Clinic. Call 676-6666.
- Call the Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) at 676-7008 to report the stray animal that bit you.
- Call the Veterinary Clinic at 676-3119 for animal welfare concerns or if the animal that bit you is still present in the immediate area.

## OPERATIONAL SECURITY (OPSEC)

- Be familiar with your Critical Information List in your unit.
- No outside photography around the base.
- Report suspicious activity to BDOC at 676-3200 or OSI at 676-6488.
- This is not a U.S. installation, so access controls are different. Secure your belongings in your home, vehicle and workplace. If you hire a housekeeper or have guests in your residence, this is especially important to keep in mind.
- Call the OPSEC Office for questions at 676-6693.

## ANTI-TERRORISM

- Be vigilant for suspicious activity, such as small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS). Note a description and behavior of the sUAS and photograph it if it is possible without approaching it. If it crashes, alert bystanders to stay away and call the Base Defense Operations Center (BDOC) at 676-3200. Call Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection for questions at 676-6657 or 676-1661.
- Sign up for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at [step.state.gov/step](https://step.state.gov/step) to get travel advisory notifications.
- In the event of civil unrest, stay tuned to advisories in order to ensure personnel safety.

## ATTIRE

If you are off the installation, you will see some of the host-nation population dressing according to local customs.

### APPROVED ATTIRE

- Ball caps, beanies and visors
- Collared, casual or dress shirts that cover shoulders and midriff
- Sleeves that cover at least three inches from shoulder seam
- Skirts, dresses or shorts worn at or below the knee
- Jeans, slacks and capri pants (must not be frayed or torn)
- Running shoes, sneakers and dress shoes
- Flip-flops with leather or cloth straps, or wooden sole

### **Always Remember:**

- Uniforms are not to be worn off installation.
- Some may find it offensive for service members to wear traditional host-nation attire.
- Clothing should be appropriate, neat, and conservative and without political or religious imagery or offensive logos or slogans. Know what you are wearing and what it translates to or represents before wearing it off base.
- Personnel should always carry their ID card, but never display it in plain sight. ■



# LOCAL CULTURE

Eat meals on the economy, attend local festivals and learn about Turkish traditions. Address the differences between life in Türkiye versus back home and gain an appreciation for diversity while exploring.

**For more information check out the Air Force Culture Guide app on the Google Play Store and Apple App store.**

## HOLIDAYS

### January 1

New Year's Day

### February 17–March 19, 2026

Ramadan

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar. During this month, among other observations of their faith, some Muslims fast, which means they do not eat, drink or smoke from dawn until sunset. U.S. personnel are not obligated to fast. It is important to be aware and respectful of this observance, especially if you are off base. Please note that some restaurants, parks, stores and services may have different hours and may seat you away from a wide public view to eat.

### March 20–22, 2026

Eid al-Fitr / Ramazon Bayrami

### April 23

National Sovereignty & Children's Day

### May 1

Labour and Solidarity Day

### May 19

Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day

### May 27–30, 2026

Eid al-Adha / Kurban Bayrami

### July 15

Democracy and National Unity Day

### August 30

Victory Day

### October 29

Republic Day

## DINING

- Some restaurants may not serve alcohol and pork due to Muslim religious practices.
- Tipping is generally around 10–15 percent of the bill, and if especially good service is received, 20 percent is appreciated. Leaving it on the table or adding it to the bill is fine.
- Complimentary tea or small pastries are sometimes served after a meal.
- Open containers of alcohol are prohibited on streets and sidewalks. Please keep open containers within businesses and residences.

## SHOPPING

- When you enter a store, you may be pressured to buy something. A good rule of thumb is to not enter unless you are prepared to purchase an item.
- Upon entering and being greeted by the shop owner, you may be offered Turkish tea as a sign of hospitality and friendship. There may also be instances where you will be offered a small gift or food as their guest. It is suggested that you take the offer and thank them.
- It is typical to politely haggle for certain items, depending on the situation. For example, if the item does not have a price tag, or you know the price of comparable items, you may be able to lower the price. If you agree to the price, it is considered binding.
- Do not give away or sell items purchased from AAFES to non-DOD ID holders.

## DRIVING

- Follow traffic laws and regulations as you would anywhere else in the world.
- In cities, expect aggressive driving.
- Horn usage is common in Türkiye and may be used to indicate that someone is turning, entering a blind corner or just to let you know the light turned green.

## WHEN OUT AND ABOUT

- Give seats on crowded transportation to elders or others in need of a seat.
- Watch out for scams in urban areas, and always practice situational awareness.
- Elicitation is common, including sextortion through online dating applications or flirting in-person. Always be cognizant of strangers' potential motivations.
- Religious professing is frowned upon culturally.
- The Turkish Penal Code makes it illegal to insult the President of Türkiye and you can be arrested by local police as a result. Additionally, you will see great respect given to historical figures such as Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the first president of Türkiye from 1923 to 1938. A good rule of thumb is to avoid controversial or political conversations or statements.
- If you are detained for any reason, present your "I am an American" card, then contact your chain of command and the Legal Office at 676-6800 (for Incirlik personnel). ■



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# TOP 10 PLACES TO GO *in Türkiye*

By Kat Nickola

*Whether you are passionate about history, inspired by the outdoors or excited by urban life, these top 10 places to visit in Türkiye will make it a memorable assignment.*

THE TURQUOISE COASTLINE OF ANTALYA



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## 1| Istanbul

Yes, it was Constantinople, and before that it was Byzantium. Founded in the seventh century by Greek colonists, this eclectic city straddles the Bosphorus Strait and has been a cultural meeting point for centuries. Highlights include the Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque and the Blue Mosque across scenic Sultanahmet Square. Don't miss the Grand Bazaar whose maze of vendors easily occupies an entire shopping day. Then there is Topkapi Palace, this expansive Ottoman sultan's residence takes time to explore. Istanbul offers many more sites but leave yourself time to enjoy some meze (small plate appetizers), try a borek (sweet and savory pastries) and sip some strong Turkish coffee.

## 2| Cappadocia

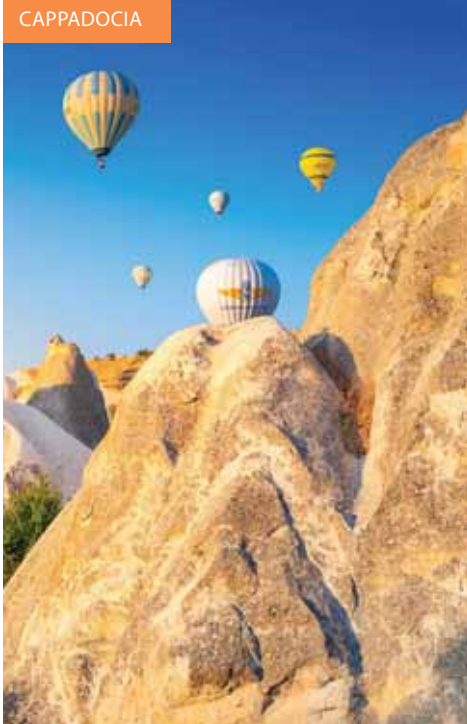
Experience this land of unique geology by staying in a Göreme cave hotel and enjoying the town's exotic nightlife. Tour decorated cave churches at the Göreme Open Air Museum or on a hike in Soğanlı Valley. Get a little lost among rock formations down Devrent and Love Valleys and explore the underground city tunnels in Derinkuyu or Kaymakli. Take a classic morning hot air balloon ride, then spend an afternoon tasting the local clay pot kebab and touring a vineyard before marveling at sunset over Rose Valley. In winter, try skiing on a stratovolcano at the Erciyes ski resort.

## 3| Ephesus

The UNESCO Heritage Site of Ephesus was built by ancient Greek colonists and later flourished as a Roman port city. Today, it is preserved as a massive open-air archaeological park where visitors can wander inside a neighborhood of terraced homes, see the famous two-story façade of the Celsus Library and visit the Temple of Artemis, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. There are intricate details like mosaic floors and grand structures like the amphitheater. For more archaeological sites, check out the Greek city of Pergamon, the Hittite capital of Hattusa or neolithic Çatalhöyük.

## 4| Turquoise Coast

Often called the Turkish Riviera, the coastline of Antalya and Mugla provinces boasts 1,000km of cliffs, harbor towns, ancient sites and diverse beaches. It can be hard to choose where to go. Alanya is great for shopping, features a lively downtown, big sandy beaches and plenty of water sports. For something eco-focused, stay in Dalyan with its Greek ruins, hot springs and access to the wild beach and sea turtle conservation area. Need more nightlife? Marmaris is known for its clubs, scenic harbor and boat trips to remote coves, while Kaş offers live music, cob-



blestone streets and proximity to the 18km long Patara beach. Can't choose? Try a multi-day Blue Cruise from Fethiye in a traditional gulet sailboat to see it all.

## 5| Bursa

If there is one Turkish city that has something for everyone, it's Bursa. The central bazaar was an essential silk road waymark and is still a shopping paradise. Non-shoppers will enjoy exploring the historical hans, or Silk Road inns and trading centers, that have been around for 700 years. Bursa was the first Ottoman capital. Unique architecture from the Seljuk Empire is on display at the Grand Mosque, built in 1399, and at the impressive sultan tombs. Nearby, wander around the cobbled alleys and original wood-beamed Ottoman homes in the quaint village of Cumalıkızık. Take the Bursa Teleferik, one of the longest cable cars in the world, higher into the Uludağ Mountains for summer hikes and winter skiing.

## 6| Bodrum Peninsula

The Bodrum Peninsula is a haven of small upscale waterfront towns, local markets and leisurely boat trips. Going to Bodrum is about finding the perfect beach town to match your vibe. Looking for epic dining, hopping nightlife, history and plenty of excursions? Try Bodrum City, known as Halicarnassus in ancient times, this city has it all. Looking for nature and a relaxing beach for swimming? Stay in one of the numerous cove resorts near Torba; or, try windsurfing in Gumbet. For high-end stays, see if you can keep up with the yacht crowd in Yalikavak.

## 7| Izmir

Historically known as Smyrna, Izmir is an active port city. Known for its shopping superiority, the Kemeralti Market has been around for 500 years. Its combination of open-air stalls and small shops make this massive bazaar district a maze of commerce. Visit the Agora Open Air Museum to wander the ruins of the original fourth-century marketplace. Later, enjoy fresh air and sunset views along Izmir's seafront promenade. For the best views in town, ride up the Asansör, a free elevator built in 1907 to allow easy transport between markets at sea level and neighborhoods high on the hillside.

## 8| Olympos

Nestled within the Olympos Beydaglari National Park, the canyons around the ancient town of Olympos are an outdoor enthusiast's dream. Camp, stay in a treehouse or rent a cabin. Go rock climbing, SCUBA diving or paragliding. Hike to the eternal flames of Chimaera where burning underground gases escape through rock fissures. Explore the ruins of Olympos and its famous Temple of Hephaestus, god of forges. Or just swim and relax at the natural pebbly beach. Take adventuring a step further and hike part of the Lycian way, a 509km long-distance trail that runs from Fethiye to Antalya. The wildest section of the trail runs through Olympos.

## 9| Pamukkale

The hot springs at Pamukkale deposit calcium bicarbonate from the surrounding limestone to form uniquely bright white terraces of travertine pools full of pale blue water. In antiquity, the Greek city of Hierapolis was built on part of the formation and is now an archaeological park. Today, the area is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the water is diverted into cleverly mimicked swimming pools to control human impact on the natural terraces. A marked boardwalk trail allows viewing of the original travertine. Nearby are the less-touristed Karahayit Red Mud Springs where hot water bubbles up and deposits iron-rich minerals.

## 10| Black Sea

The northern Black Sea coast of Türkiye is unique with its forests, misty mountains, lofty villages and Byzantine sites. Find a chalet in the Uzungöl valley with its alpine hikes and beautiful mountain lake town. Take a day trip to the Sumela monastery, precariously carved into a cliff. Visit Zilkale Castle and you'll think you landed in the alps. If you'd rather be wandering cobblestone streets, eating seafood and relaxing at the beach, stay in a small town like Amasra with its castle walls, quaint market and scenic waterfront ideal for slow travel. ■



# VENTURING BEYOND TÜRKİYE

Keep your original, stamped NATO orders secure. You need these each time you exit and enter Türkiye and other countries if on orders. If you misplace your NATO orders, call the MPF at 676-6771 or 0-322-316-6771 and they can assist with a replacement.



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# IZMIR & ANKARA

## DIRECTORY



### IZMIR DIRECTORY

ORGANIZATION	DSN
425 ABS Command Section	675-6694
CSS	675-6704
BDOC	675-6771
Chaplain	675-6809
Housing Office	675-6756/6757
Library	675-6814
Medical Aid Station	675-6792
Military & Family Readiness Center	675-6638
Email: 425ABS.AFRC.1@us.af.mil	
Military & Family Life Counselor	0(538)035-5864
Postal Services	675-6831
Security Forces/Anti-Terrorism	675-6771
Traffic Mgt. Office/Household Goods	675-6729

### ANKARA DIRECTORY

ORGANIZATION	DSN
717 ABS Command Section	672-7170
Chaplain	672-7168
Library	672-7162
Medical Information	672-7165
Postal Services	672-7171
Security Forces/Anti-Terrorism	672-7179
Traffic Mgt. Office/Household Goods	672-6926

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## DIRECTORY

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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DSN 112 or 911

FROM TURKISH CELL ..... 0-322-316-0112

FROM U.S. CELL ..... +90-322-316-0112

#### TURKISH TRAFFIC POLICE

DSN 155

#### BASE DEFENSE OPERATIONS CENTER (BDOC)

DSN 676-3200

FROM U.S. CELL ..... +90-322-316-3200

#### MENTAL HEALTH

DSN 676-6452

After Hours ..... 676-6666

#### COMMAND POST

DSN 676-9920

From U.S. Cell ..... +90-322-316-9920

### U.S. EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES IN TÜRKİYE

**U.S. Consulate - Adana** ..... +90-322-455-4100

**U.S. Embassy - Ankara** ..... +90-312-455-5555

**U.S. Consulate - Istanbul** ..... +90-212-335-9000

### PHONE NUMBER CONVERSION

On Base (Commercial):	316 + FOUR DIGIT
Local Area:	99 + SEVEN DIGIT
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Long Distance Elsewhere:	99 + 00 + COUNTRY + AREA CODE + SEVEN DIGIT
Long Distance to the U.S.:	99 + 001 + AREA CODE + SEVEN DIGIT
Long Distance from the U.S.:	011 + 90 + 322 + 316 + FOUR DIGIT
Europe DSN:	94 + SEVEN DIGIT
United States DSN:	94 + 312 + SEVEN DIGIT
DSN Outside Europe:	314 + 676 + FOUR DIGIT
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ORGANIZATION	DSN	BLDG. #
728th Air Mobility Squadron	676-6001	
Airman Leadership School	676-1017	2715
Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection	676-6657/1661	
Area Defense Counsel	676-6908	948
Auto Hobby Shop	676-6655	878
Base Exchange	676-6937	3595
Big City Bowl and Diner	676-6789	951
Career Assistance Advisor	676-1019	271
Chaplain	676-6441	971
After Hours (Command Post)	676-9920	
Civilian Personnel		833
Local National	676-6578	
NAF HRO U.S. Civilian	676-5129	
U.S. Civilian (GS)	676-6416	
Club Complex	676-6101	878
Command Post	676-9920	
Community Center	676-6966	1001
Commissary	676-3214	
Dining Facilities		
Sultan's Inn	676-6016/3253	965
Patriot Village Café	676-3054	
Dorm Management	676-3080	
Education and Training	676-3211	1001
Emergency Management	676-8282	
Equal Opportunity	676-6210	
(indent this one)EO Hotline:	1-888-231-4058	
Fabric Care Facility	676-8161	883
Finance (CPTS)	676-8114	833
Fire Prevention Office	676-3021	
FSS Command Section	676-3108	912
FSS Marketing	676-8411/8412	912
FSS Manpower and Organization	676-3848	912
Fitness Centers		
Larger Than Life	676-6086	2712
Titan	676-6086	971
Fitness Assessment Cell	676-3343	2712
First Term Airman Center	676-1019	2715
Health Promotion	676-8256	
Hodja Lakes Golf Course	676-8995	8
Lakeside Café	676-6249	8



ORGANIZATION	DSN	BLDG. #
Inspector General	676-8448	833
Housing Management	676-6232	833
Legal Office/Judge Advocate	676-6800	833
Library	676-6759	1001
Lodging — Hodja Inn	676-9357	1081
Logistics Readiness Squadron		
IPE	676-1234	282
Gas Mask Fit/Bio Environmental	676-6305	
LRS Drivers (Official Travel)	676-6756	
Military & Family Readiness Center	676-6755	833
Military and Family Life Counselor	676-3926	833
Military Personnel Flight	676-3428	833
Movie Theater	676-6986	1001
NAF Accounting Office	676-8488	912
Official Document Center (ODC)		
ODC Customer Service	676-6301	977
ODC Parcel Pickup	676-6301	977
ODC Outbound Mail	676-7480	975
Office of Special Investigations (OSI)	676-6488	326
Operations Security (OPSEC)	676-6693	
Outdoor Recreation	676-6044	3975
Pass and ID (TURAF)	676-2511	2730
Pest Management	676-6460	
Postal Office (Outbound Mail)	676-7480	975
Postal Office (Parcel Pick Up)	676-6301	977
Police/BDOC	676-3200	
Professional Development Center	676-1019	2715
Public Affairs	676-6060	
Roadhouse Grill World Cuisine	676-8606	878
Shuttle Bus	676-6756	
Starbucks Coffee	0850-969-7826	878
Swimming Pool	676-3442	
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	676-7272	
Traffic Mgt. Office/Household Goods	676-6030	833
Veterinarian	676-3119	
Violence Prevention Officer	676-0179	
USO Incirlik	676-2829	7320
Wing Safety	676-7233	

## 39TH MEDICAL GROUP

ORGANIZATION	DSN
Main Line	676-6666
ADAPT	676-6452
Benefits Advisor	676-6628
Dental	676-6104
Family Advocacy Program	676-6452
Flight Medicine	676-6768
Health Promotion	676-8256
Immunizations	676-8254
Laboratory	676-6950
Mental Health	676-6452
Optometry	676-6159
Patient Advocate	676-3989
Pharmacy Main Line	676-6581
Pharmacy Refill Line	676-1242
Physical Therapy	676-6700
PRP Office	676-8254
Public Health	676-6123
Representative	676-8763
Radiology	676-6168
TRICARE Office	676-8763/3373
WIC Office	676-1237

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