

YOUR PERSONAL TRAVEL GUIDE

TO

GREECE

THE GREEK ISLES

ITALY

EGYPT

TURKEY

CYPRUS

ISRAEL

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GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

Dear Traveler,

On behalf of Tournalite International and your travel agent who have coordinated your travel arrangements, I would like to welcome you to the “Sunny Splendor Tours” of Greece, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Italy and Turkey.

The information contained herein, has been assembled to help you get the most of your Tournalite holiday, providing the basics which every traveler should know before you leave and while on tour.

Each country section begins with general background information such as the country’s character, size, airport information, and other basic data. There are “useful hints”, banks, tipping, electricity, etc. We have also included the latest available data on what to do and see, popular sights, shopping, entertainment, drinking tips, food, and so on.

We have made every effort to make this guide as accurate as possible, but changes occur constantly and although this booklet is up-dated frequently, perfection is impossible.

For further information, contact your travel agent before you leave or while abroad, contact our offices or representatives.

Rest assured that both Tournalite here and overseas will do all possible to make your trip a happy and rewarding experience.

Nicholas M. Athans
Chairman & Founder

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Whether you are a seasoned traveler, or going to Europe or the Middle East for the first time, you will find the following travel tips helpful in planning your trip.

PASSPORTS

You will need a valid passport to travel to Greece, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Italy or Turkey. Additionally, a visa is required for travel to Egypt and Turkey.

A U.S. passport is issued to anyone 18 years or older and is valid for 10 years. To obtain a passport, you need to file with your nearest passport bureau quite in advance of your trip. A birth certificate, an expired passport or citizenship papers are required. Your travel agent can advise you of current changes in visa requirements.

While traveling, be sure to keep your passport readily accessible. Never pack it in a suitcase or leave it in your hotel room.

If your passport is lost or stolen, report it immediately to the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate, and to the local police. Make a photocopy and keep it separate from your passport.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Carefully examine all tickets, vouchers, itineraries, and other pertinent materials provided to you by your travel agent. Be sure your name appears correctly on the documents and familiarize yourself with your airline, cruise company and ground accommodations. Please make certain your Tourlite baggage tags are attached to your luggage and that they are visible for easy identification.

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

The climate in the countries you are visiting varies depending on the time of the year. Generally, during the Spring and Summer months the climate is mild/ warm, and dry with very little rain during the Fall months. Each country section contains a climate summary so that you can pack accordingly. Our best advice, travel light. For current conditions visit www.weather.com.

MEDICAL ADVICE

Most of the countries in Southeast Europe and the Middle East do not require immunization. Check with the Embassies or Consulates.

TRAVELING MONEY

Exchange rates for foreign currencies can change daily. Your local bank can tell you current exchange rates, and

TRAVEL TIPS

how frequently they fluctuate. Keep a separate list of travelers check numbers and credit card numbers. Try to use all local money before leaving that country.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Rooms will be assigned by hotel personnel. Tourlite has no control over room assignments. The hotel will honor all pre-registered requests, whenever possible.

INSURANCE

We urge you to be adequately insured with trip cancellation, accident, baggage and personal effects insurance.

HOSPITALITY DESK OR SERVICES

This is a very important service provided to you by Tourlite and its representatives. Hospitality services are provided by experienced guides who will explain details of your itinerary, advise you of the times various functions are performed; guide you and inform you of local customs, places to see and visit, and offer you optional tours or excursions to enhance your visit.

U.S. CUSTOMS

It is suggested that you register with the customs office expensive items, such as furs, jewelry and cameras before leaving the U.S.A. Each member of the family may bring into the United States \$400 worth of purchases.

QUICK TIPS

- Include your name and address inside your suitcase and travel bag.
- A pocket calculator can be helpful in converting foreign currency to U.S. Dollars.
- Buy sufficient film for your camera before you leave home. Film is generally more expensive overseas.
- Telephone calls from overseas are best made using your credit card, from the local post office or telegraph office. Calls from hotels are very expensive unless you can access your U.S. telephone company.
- Keep sales receipts for your purchases in one handy location for custom inspection.
- Airport Check-In: For overseas flights it is required to check in three hours prior to flight time.

GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

Against a historical background, thousands of years old, Greece lives on between legend and reality. This is precisely what it offers the modern visitor.

The warmth of its traditional hospitality begins with a spontaneous welcome and never ends.

Surrounded by the most beautiful of the Mediterranean's waters, Greece is an enchanting maritime park strewn with hundreds of beautiful islands, thousands of bays and golden stretches of sand. Greece is truly a tourist's delight.

COUNTRY BRIEFING

SIZE: About 50,960 Square Miles

POPULATION: about 10,000,000

CAPITAL: Athens

CAPITAL POPULATION: about 4,000,000

GOVERNMENT: Parliamentary Democracy

LANGUAGE: Greek is the official language, but English, French and German are spoken.

RELIGION: Predominantly Greek Orthodox. Roman Catholic and other major religions are freely practiced.

CURRENCY: Euro. Please check with your local bank for currency information and rates.

CLIMATE: Mild Winters, and warm Summers, ample sunshine estimated to be 3,000 hours per year

ATHENS

TEMP(°F)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AV HIGH	56	57	60	66	75	83	83	88	82	73	66	59
AV LOW	44	45	47	53	60	68	73	72	67	59	53	48

AIRPORT INFORMATION

The new Athens International Airport in Spata opened in 2001. It is located 33km (apprx. 40 minutes) southeast of Athens and is easily accessible via the Attiki Odos. All International and Greek Domestic flights to/from Athens operate from this airport. Public transport to Athens and the port of Piraeus is provided by express airport bus connections on a 24 h basis, ensuring efficient transport for air travelers and facilitating linkage to key tourist attractions.

USEFUL INFORMATION INFORMATION

BANKS: Open Monday thru Thursday 08:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Some banks are open later mainly for currency exchanges.

MAIL: Letters can be mailed at Post Offices or hotels.

TELEPHONE: Local calls can be made from anywhere (hotel, restaurants or kiosks). Overseas calls should be made from the central telephone co. O.T.E. Highly recommended is the use of long distance U.S. carrier credit cards.

CREDIT CARDS: Major credit cards are accepted by most hotels, restaurants and shops. However, some shops will offer better prices when paying cash. Travelers checks are acceptable throughout.

TIPPING: There is a service charge at restaurants but 10-15% tip is customary. It is not necessary to tip taxi drivers but some seem to expect it. Tipping on cruise ships is required.

ELECTRICITY: Standard household electricity is 220 volts 50 cycles AC. But 110/60 is available at most hotels.

HEALTH: Excellent Hospitals and Clinics. Most doctors speak English. Medicine and medications are relatively inexpensive. Drinking water is safe, but bottled mineral water is widely used.

TRANSPORTATION: Athens has a good, inexpensive public transport system. Buses are cheap but usually crowded and operate 24 hours a day. A subway system links Athens with Piraeus and the suburbs. Taxis are inexpensive. Don't be alarmed if the driver stops to pick-up additional passengers, it's legal. Domestic air transportation by Olympic Airways is available to most major cities and islands. Ferry boats operate from Piraeus to the islands and some ferry lines provide deluxe ships and accommodations. Additionally, the nearby islands are served by hydrofoils.

FOOD & RESTAURANTS IN ATHENS

GREEK CUISINE: Listed are some of the popular Greek dishes.

SOUVLAKI: Kebabs of meat grilled on skewer

DOLMADES: Cabbage or vine leaves stuffed with minced meat and rice.

MOUSSAKA: Excellent dish of minced meat and egg-plant

KEFTEDES: Meatballs

STIFADO: A stew made of veal, beef or hare with olive oil, wine and onions.

GREEK LIQUORS & WINES

BRANDY: Metaxa - Cambas - Botrys

RETSINA: National Wine of Greece (RESINATED)

OUZO: An aperitif you must try (licorice taste)

WINES: A wide selection of fine wines are produced locally Ask your waiter for recommendations.

GREEK COFFEE: It is served in various strengths

SKETO: Without sugar

METRIO: With a moderate amount of sugar

GLYKO: Sweet

SOME GOOD RESTAURANTS IN ATHENS

DAPHNE'S RESTAURANT: Plaka - 4, Lyssicratus Street

DIOGENIS RESTAURANT: Plaka - 3, Selei Street / Lyssicratus Square

HERMION TAVERN: Plaka - 15, Pandrossou Street

SCHOLARCHION TAVERN: Plaka - 14 Triponton Street

KALLIMARMARON RESTAURANT: Pangrati - 13, Eforionos Street & Eratosthenous Street

DIMOKRITOS TAVERNA: Kolonaki - 23 Dimokritou Street

LITHOS TAVERN: Psyri - 17, Esopou Street & Taki Street

PAI KEROS TAVERN: Psyri - 16, Taki Street

SCHOLARCHION TAVERN: Plaka - 14 Triponton Street

PLACES OF WORSHIP IN ATHENS

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH: 3 Aristotelous Street

ST. DENIS CATHOLIC CHURCH: Panepistimou - Omirou

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH: 66 Sina Street

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH:

18 Keranikou St.

SYNAGOGUE: 6 Milidoni Street

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH: Aristotelous 30

SHOPPING

Greece is indeed a shoppers' paradise with thousands of tourist shops featuring local handicrafts, leather, furs and fine jewelry. Bargains galore at the flea market.

GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

ENTERTAINMENT

Athens is one of the liveliest cities in Europe with an abundance of ultramodern discotheques, supper clubs and tavernas, many featuring the Greek "Bouzouki."

THEATRE: The ancient theatre of Atticus on the Acropolis has a schedule of plays during the summer months.

CONCERTS: Are now performed at the ultramodern Center of the Performing Arts.

WHAT TO SEE IN GREECE

Please refer to your individual itinerary for details describing sightseeing.

CYPRUS

An island-nation located in the Northeastern part of the Mediterranean, Cyprus is Europe's third largest island. The island's cultural heritage reaches back to the 7th millennium B.C. Legend has it that Aphrodite, the Goddess of love and beauty was born here, having emerged from the sea near the town of Paphos.

The lifestyle on the island is easy going, the sun shines most of the time and golden beaches are never far away. Cypriots remain amongst the friendliest, most hospitable and relaxed of all Europeans.

COUNTRY BRIEFING

SIZE: 3,572 Square Miles

POPULATION: About 725,000

CAPITAL: Nicosia

GOVERNMENT: An independent sovereign Republic with a presidential system of government.

LANGUAGES: Greek is the main language, English is widely spoken. French and German are also spoken.

RELIGION: Predominantly Greek Orthodox. Roman Catholic and other major religions are freely practiced.

CURRENCY: The currency of the Republic is the Cyprus pound-C£ - which is divided into 100 cents. Notes and coins currently in circulation are as follows:

Bank Notes: C£ 20, C£ 10, C£ 5, C£ 1.

Coins: 1 cent, 2 cents, 5 cents, 10 cents, 20 cents, 50 cents.

BANKING: Banking hours for the public generally are Monday-Friday, 8:15 am to 12:30 pm.

ELECTRICITY: The electricity supply in Cyprus is 240 volts AC 50 Hz.

CLIMATE: Cyprus enjoys an intense Mediterranean climate with long, dry summers from Mid-May to Mid-October and with mild winters from December to February, which are separated by short autumn and spring seasons. Summer is a season of high temperatures with cloudless skies, but the sea breeze creates a pleasant atmosphere in the coastal areas. The island of Cyprus enjoys almost constant sunshine throughout the year.

CYPRUS

TEMP(°F)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AV HIGH	58	59	66	74	83	91	97	97	91	81	72	62
AV LOW	42	42	44	50	60	65	69	69	65	58	51	45

EGYPT

Ever since Herodotus, the ancient Greek historian and traveler, first described Egypt as “the Gift of Nile”, she has been capturing the imagination of all who visit her.

The awe-inspiring monuments left by the Pharaohs, Greeks and Romans, attract thousands of visitors every year. But the temples, tombs, pyramids, monasteries and mosques are just part of the country’s fascination. Egypt is at the cultural crossroads of East and West, ancient and modern.

COUNTRY BRIEFING

SIZE: 386,000 Square Miles

POPULATION: About 60,000,000

CAPITAL: Cairo

CAPITAL POPULATION: 14,000,000

CLIMATE: Winter and Fall are ideal seasons to visit Egypt, when mild weather prevails, averaging 7 hours of sunshine a day. Evenings are cool.

CAIRO

TEMP(°F)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AV HIGH	66	69	75	83	90	95	96	95	89	85	78	69
AV LOW	45	47	51	56	62	68	71	71	68	63	57	49

LUXOR

TEMP(°F)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AV HIGH	74	79	86	95	103	106	107	106	103	98	87	78
AV LOW	42	44	50	59	69	70	72	73	71	65	54	45

GOVERNMENT: Republic Democracy

LANGUAGE: The official language is Arabic. However, most Egyptians understand and speak English and to a lesser extent, French.

RELIGION: Approximately 85 percent of Egyptians are Sunni Moslems, and the rest, about 6 million, are Christian Orthodox who belong to the Coptic Church. Other religions include Shiite Moslems, Roman Catholics, Protestants and Jews.

CURRENCY: The basic unit of currency is the Egyptian pound (LE, Livre Egyptienne). The pound is divided in 100 piastres (PT). Bank notes 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100. Silver coins 1, 5, 10 piastres. Check with your local bank for the current rate of exchange.

USEFUL INFORMATION

ENTRY PROCEDURES—

VISA AND EXTENSIONS: Visitors to Egypt are required to hold valid passports and an entry visa obtained from Egyptian Consulates. Visas are valid for 6 months. Ask your travel consultant or the Consulate for details.

BANKS: Egyptian banks are open every day, except Friday, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Sundays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

ELECTRICITY: 220 volts AC, 50 cycles current. Wall plugs are the round, two prong European type. Adapter plugs for American appliances should be used.

HEALTH Precautions: Some tourists may experience stomach upsets after a few days in Egypt. This is due to a different climate and waters. It is recommended that tourists eat at hotels or restaurants, food should be cooked, fruits and vegetables peeled and water bottled. Doctors in most major hospitals speak English.

TRANSPORTATION: Metered taxis are the quickest form of transportation.

TIPPING: It varies but as a common rule; at restaurants 15 percent; in taxis small change of 25 piastres is adequate unless you are carrying heavy luggage, tip 100 piastres.

FOOD AND RESTAURANTS IN CAIRO

A variety of Egyptian cooking, basically influenced by Turkish, Persian and European cuisines is found in many of the city's restaurants.

Fish is abundant and available caught in the Mediterranean and Red Sea.

Some Egyptian specialties include eggplant, cheese-filled pastries, meat finger patties, sesame tahina paste and stuffed grape leaves. Fava beans are favorite vegetables. Taamiyya is a popular dish. Ful, a dish of fava beans.

Egypt produces its own wines from the area of Alexandria. Egyptian coffee (Ahwa Turki) is quite strong and served in small cups.

There is an abundance of traditional Egyptian restaurants in Cairo as well as restaurants specializing in continental cuisine.

ENTERTAINMENT

NIGHT CLUBS: The best are found in all major hotels, presenting first-class oriental dances. Most, also feature foreign entertainers. During the Summer many move outdoors to gardens or poolside.

DISCOTHEQUES: are found in the large hotels.

GAMBLING: Three of the largest hotels in Cairo, the Nile Hilton, Cairo Sheraton and Marriott have casinos.

SHOPPING: Favorite buys are gold Cartouches (insignia bearing a Pharaoh's name in hieroglyphics). Gold is sold by weight. Jewelry and precious stones are inexpensive. The Khan El Khalili Bazaar is the place to shop. Other items to buy are: brass and copper plates and lamps, leather goods are plentiful, glass jars, vases and tapestries are world famous.

WHAT TO SEE IN CAIRO AND THE UPPER NILE

The Egyptian Museum contains the world's richest collection of Pharaonic antiquities. In Cairo, the ever mysterious Sphynx, the Giza Pyramids, the Khan El Khalili Bazaar, the Citadel and the mosques in the Upper Nile. In Luxor, the temples of Karnak and Luxor and the Valley of the Kings and Queens.

In Aswan, the Aswan Dam, the ancient granite quarries, the Obelisque of Queen Hatsheput and Aga Khan's marble mausoleum.

Please refer to your individual itinerary for details of your visit.

ISRAEL

A country on the Eastern shore of the Mediterranean favored with Euro-chic brilliance, wonderful beaches, diverse landscapes, friendly people and an overabundance of history and culture.

Jerusalem, 3,000 year old capital of Israel, is the site of sacred shrines and the center of great religious faiths.

Come enjoy the biblical and historic riches, a yearround mild climate and the shores of four seas – the Mediterranean, Galilee, Red and Dead Seas.

COUNTRY BRIEFING

SIZE: 10,840 Square Miles

POPULATION: About 5,000,000

CAPITAL: Jerusalem

CAPITAL POPULATION: 400,000

CLIMATE: Israel enjoys long warm Summer days, (April - October) and generally mild Winters (November - March).

JERUSALEM

TEMP(°F)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AV HIGH	53	58	61	69	67	81	84	86	82	78	67	56
AV LOW	43	44	46	53	60	63	66	66	65	60	54	46

TEL AVIV

TEMP(°F)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AV HIGH	65	66	69	72	77	83	86	86	89	83	76	66
AV LOW	49	48	51	54	63	67	70	72	69	59	54	47

GOVERNMENT: Parliamentary Democracy. A 120-member legislature, the Knesset, is elected according to a proportional representation system. The government is administered by the Cabinet, headed by the prime minister for a 5-year term.

LANGUAGE: Hebrew, the revitalized language of the Bible is the official language along with Arabic, English and to some extent, French, German, Yiddish and Russian.

RELIGION: The majority of Israelis practice the Jewish religion "The Old Testament" but a great number of Moslems practice the Islamic religion and certainly Christians of all denominations have a strong presence.

AIRPORT INFORMATION: Ben-Gurion International Airport serves the country with 24 International Airlines linking Israel with the rest of the world. The Airport is approximately 20 minutes from Tel Aviv and 40 minutes from Jerusalem.

USEFUL INFORMATION

BANKS: Most open 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Sundays through Thursdays. Bank branches in major hotels usually offer government banking hours.

MAIL/TELECOMMUNICATIONS: International postal, telephone and telegraph conform with International Postal Union tariffs. All central post offices offer general delivery service overseas. Express mail service (EMS) to most countries is available. For overseas telephone calls it is recommended that a telephone credit card be used.

ELECTRICITY: 220 volts AC 50 Hertz. Most Israeli sockets are of the three-pronged variety. Smaller appliances (electric shavers, traveling irons, etc.) may require adapters.

HEALTH: Medical assistance of high professional standards is obtainable at all times. Most doctors speak English. Dial 101 for emergency or first aid.

TIPPING: A 10% tip is usually recommended at restaurants. For hotel bell boys, depending on the amount of luggage, one dollar per piece is advisable.

TRANSPORTATION: United Tours operates shuttle bus (No. 222) between Ben-Gurion Airports and Tel Aviv. Neshar Taxi operates a shared taxi service between Jerusalem and Ben-Gurion Airport. Regular taxi service to virtually anywhere in Israel is available at government regulated fares.

FOOD AND RESTAURANTS

Israel's many fine restaurants, snack bars and fast food establishments offer a great variety of exotic and familiar dishes including traditional Middle Eastern delights, continental creations and the ever present hot-dogs, hamburgers and pizza.

Hotels and restaurants cater to visitors with special dietary restrictions. According to Jewish ritual law, certain foods such as pork and shellfish, are prohibited and meat and dairy products cannot be served at the same meal, this is "Kosher".

DRINKING TIPS

Tap water in Israel is perfectly safe but bottled water is available. Israel produces quality grapes and has developed an excellent choice of wines.

ENTERTAINMENT

Tel Aviv is a round-the-clock city with many night clubs and discotheques.

CONCERTS: The renowned Israel Philharmonic Orchestra performs under the baton of distinguished conductors.

THEATRE: The Habimah and Camer Theatres of Tel Aviv, the Haifa Municipal Theatre and other companies perform throughout the country.

SHOPPING

Several hundred shops throughout the country have been recommended by the Ministry of Tourism and such establishments display a "recommended" emblem. Israel is a shoppers' paradise for jewelry, diamonds, oriental carpets, printing, antiques, handmade items, carvings, mother-of-pearl, leather and hand-blown glass.

SHOPPING HOURS ARE: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm but some stores close for a mid-day break between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

WHAT TO SEE IN ISRAEL

A WEALTH OF RELIGIOUS SITES: Christian, Jewish and Islamic religions had their origins here.

HISTORICAL SITES: Ancient civilizations flourished in the Middle East and well preserved monuments attest to their greatness.

MODERN TOURIST SITES: Israel has developed modern resort areas with excellent facilities throughout the country. Please consult your individual itinerary for specific details.

CURRENCY

The Sheqel (IS) also (NIS). Each Sheqel is divided in 100 Agorot. Bank notes circulate in 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200. Sheqalim and coins in denominations of 5 Sheqalim 1, 10 and 50 Agorot.

ITALY

Located in Mediterranean Europe, Italy borders France in the West, Switzerland and Austria in the North and Slovenia in the East. The peninsula is bordered by the Ionian and Sicilian Seas to the South and the Adriatic in the East. Italy is a land of history, culture, romance and art. Florence is the cradle of the Renaissance, of Da Vinci and Michelangelo. Venice is the city of romantic canals, of St. Mark's Square and the tragic Bridge of Sighs. Milan is a cultural center, home of La Scala and the Duomo; and Rome, imperial city of the Caesars, the Colosseum and the Roman Forum, site of the Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel and so much more.

COUNTRY BRIEFING

SIZE: 116,300 Square Miles

POPULATION: 56,780,000

CAPITAL: Rome (Population 2,775,000)

OTHER IMPORTANT CITIES: Milan, Naples, Turin, Palermo, Genoa, Bologna, Florence, Bari, Catania, Venice, Verona, Taranto, Messina, Trieste, Padua, Cagliari, Brescia.

GOVERNMENT: Italy is a constitutional parliamentary republic headed by a president who, as head of state, serves a 7-year term.

LANGUAGE: Italian is the principal language but German, French and Slovene are spoken as well in some regions.

RELIGION: Primarily Roman Catholic.

USEFUL INFORMATION

CURRENCY: Euro.

BANKING: Banks are open from 8:00/8:30 am - 1:30 pm and 2:30/3:00 - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

ELECTRICITY: The electrical current in Italy is AC and the cycle is 50. Voltage may vary, but in most of the cities and towns it is either 125 or 220.

TIME ZONE: Italy is six hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time. Daylight savings time in Italy is in effect usually from the end of March to the end of September.

TIPPING: Hotels – A service charge of 15% to 18% is added to hotel bills. When all-inclusive prices are quoted the service charge is already included. It is customary to leave an additional tip even when service charge is included. Restaurants – A service charge of approximately 15% is added to all restaurant bills. It is customary to leave a tip for good service. Taxis – 10%.

THE BEST TIME TO TRAVEL TO ITALY: The presence of the Mediterranean with its warm waters and the Alps which form a barrier against cold Northern winds, help soften the climate making a trip to Italy pleasant any time of the year.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Emergency services 113; the Carabinieri 112; Fire Brigade 115.

ROME

TEMP(°F)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AV HIGH	55	56	59	64	71	78	83	83	78	71	63	57
AV LOW	38	39	42	46	53	60	64	65	60	53	46	41

MILAN

TEMP(°F)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AV HIGH	43	47	55	62	70	77	83	81	75	64	52	44
AV LOW	24	27	32	39	48	54	59	58	52	43	33	25

TURKEY

Turkey is a large country occupying the Western part of Asia and a small segment of Southeastern Europe.

As a new growing destination, Turkey is the perfect, exotic adventure favored with an abundance of natural and physical sites, and historic treasures from twelve successive civilizations.

East meets West, with Istanbul straddling Europe and Asia, providing the visitor a glimpse of harmonious cultures.

COUNTRY BRIEFING

SIZE: 301,000 Square Miles

POPULATION: 57,000,000

CAPITAL: Ankara

CAPITAL POPULATION: About 3,500,000

SECOND LARGEST CITY: Istanbul with about 7,500,000

CLIMATE: From April to October most parts of the country enjoy a mild climate, an ideal period to visit this country.

GOVERNMENT: Republic

LANGUAGE: The Turkish language is related to the Finnohungarian languages. Turkish is written with Roman characters.

RELIGION: 99% of the population is Moslem but freedom of religion is practiced in Turkey.

CURRENCY: The Turkish Lira (TL). Coins of 50, 100, 500, 1,000 and 2,500 lira pieces. Bank notes 1,000, 5,000, 10,000, 50,000 and 100,000 lira. Check your local bank for current rates.

USEFUL INFORMATION

BANKS: Open Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

SHOPS: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm and 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm (closed Sunday).

COVERED BAZAAR: In Istanbul 8:00 am - 7:00 pm (Closed Sunday).

OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS:

January 1 - New Year's Day

April 23 - National Independence and Children's Day

May 19 - Ataturk Commemoration,

Youth and Sports Day August 30 - Victory Day

October 9 - Republic Day

HEALTH: English speaking doctors and dentists can be found in Turkey's major hospitals and clinics.

ELECTRICITY: 220 volts 50 Cycles AC

TIPPING: Is expected

SHOPPING

Shopping is one of the greatest pleasures of a trip to Turkey. Great bargains in leather goods, carpets, handicrafts, copper and bronze wares, silver, ceramics, embroidery and fine jewelry.

TURKISH BATHS

Due to the emphasis placed on cleanliness by Turkish society, there have been bath houses since medieval times. There are separate baths for men and women.

FOOD

Turkish cuisine is famous throughout the world. Fresh ingredients bring out unique flavors in a combination of delightful dishes of fish, meat and poultry. The range is enormous, from a variety of soups to an astonishing variety of "meze" (Hors d'Oeuvre) and entrees that would delight the most demanding connoisseur.

TURKISH COFFEE HOUSES

Even the smallest village has its coffee house or "KAHVE" where men can socialize and play the national game of backgammon (Tavla).

ENTERTAINMENT

Night Clubs with colorful night shows, discotheques, state opera, ballet and the state symphony orchestra are part of night life in abundance.

WHAT TO SEE IN TURKEY

Istanbul city sightseeing includes the Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque, the famous St. Sophia, Topkapi Palace, the Underground Cistern, the Suleymaniye Mosque and the old Covered Bazaar. A cruise of the Bosphorus is recommended. Other impressive areas of interest are: Ephessus in Kusadasi, Pergamum near Izmir, Cappadocia, Perge, Aspendos and Antalya.

ISTANBUL

TEMP(°F)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AV HIGH	47	48	52	62	70	79	82	82	77	67	59	52
AV LOW	37	37	39	46	53	61	65	65	59	53	47	41

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Our Offices and Hotels

ATHENS (30-210)	Telephone No.	Fax No.
Tourlite Hellas	324-5926/27	322-6380
Athens Plaza Hotel	335-2400	323-5856
Divani Caravel Hotel	720-7000	723-6683
Divani Palace Hotel	928-0100	921-4993
Grande Bretagne Hotel	333-0000	322-8034
King George II Hotel	322-2210	325-0504
Athens Hilton Hotel	728-1000	728-1111
Marriott Hotel	930-0000	935-8603
Athena Grand Hotel	325-0900	325-0920
Park Hotel	883-2711-19	823-8420
Stanley Hotel	524-1611	524-4611
Titania Hotel	332-6200	330-0700

SHIPS

Please see your cruise ticket and documents for contact information.

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