



Information for ITAP Participants

The research training programme(s) that you have been selected to participate will be held in the Institute of Theoretical and Applied Physics's campus in Turunç/Marmaris. This is a document prepared in order to make you feel home at ITAP and in Turkey, so please read it. This document contains information on:

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1 Pre-departure information

What to bring?

- Each attendee is strongly encouraged to bring his/her laptop.
- If you need books, you will have bring your own.
- If you have regular medications, you *should* bring enough supply.
- Clothing; summer-clothes, beach-wear etc. Also, a raincoat and a sweater may be needed.

Visa

You have to make sure that you have required visa/documents to enter Turkey. An *invitation letter*, that can help yo through visa acquirement, will be sent to you; but if you face further difficulties, do not hesitate to contact us.

Money

We recommend that you carry enough cash with you. Even though credit cards are widely used, you will need cash *especially* for transportation.

2 How to reach ITAP/Turunç?

Arrival in Turkey

Most probably; your plane will land on either *Esenboğa International Airport* in Ankara, or *Ataturk International Airport* or *Sabiha Gokçen International Airport* in Istanbul.

There are two nearby airports; *Dalaman International Airport* and *Bodrum Milas International Airport*. Even though most international flights arrive in Istanbul or Ankara, you can also find flights that land in Dalaman or Bodrum during summer months.

To Marmaris

Once you are at the airport; you have few choices to get to Marmaris from Ankara or Istanbul:

1. You can either take minibuses of *HAVAŞ* that shuttle throughout the city for a fee (~15-50 TL depending on the distance); they will take you to main bus terminals like *AŞTİ* in Ankara or to *Esenler Otogar* or to *Harem Otogar* in Istanbul. You can immediately see tens of bus firms that can carry you to Marmaris (~55-60 TL).
2. You may also find bus firms' small-airport-offices and get your ticket immediately (~35-65 TL) at the airports. Most probably, they will provide airport to bus transportation; unless so, you can go to Otogars by *HAVAŞ* likewise.
3. If you do not want to wander and wait; there are also two bus firms that you can order/buy your ticket online depending on your convenience: *Ulusoy Turizm* and *Varan Turizm*. The prices of tickets are ~55 TL from Ankara to Marmaris and ~65 TL from Istanbul to Marmaris.
4. There are also frequent domestic flights to Dalaman or Bodrum from Ankara and Istanbul; about which you can learn at the airports.

From the Dalaman International Airport; you can take minibuses of *HAVAŞ* to Marmaris (~25 TL from Dalaman).

From Bodrum Milas International Airport; once you take buses of *HAVAŞ* to take you to *Bodrum Otogar* (~20 TL), then you can find intercity buses to take you to Marmaris.

n.b.: Since Marmaris is a world-wide tourism center, Ankara/Istanbul-Marmaris bus tickets may be sold out in the summer, and there may be a chance that you would have to wait for a day.

n.b.: Do not forget to tell the host of the bus that you will get off at *Marmaris Otogar*.

From Marmaris to Turunç

Once you arrive in *Marmaris Otogar*; there are three alternate ways to reach *Turunç*:

1. Take a cab from *Marmaris Otogar* to go to *TANSAŞ* supermarket; where you can see minibuses to Turunç in front of it (~5 TL). Read "Turunç" sign on the cardboards on the minibus and tell driver to drop you off at *Loryma Hotel*. Walk through the pathway of 500 meters and you will see ITAP at the end of the dead end.
2. You can also take the cab from *Marmaris Otogar* to take you to ITAP directly; if the driver doesn't know ITAP, tell him to go through *Loryma Hotel* until the dead end (~45 TL).
3. The most enjoyable itinerary is to take a *taxi-boat/water-boat*. When you arrive in *Marmaris Otogar*, tell the taxi driver to take you to *Marmaris Rihtim(=Bay)* and that you want to take a taxi-boat to Turunç. Everyone can show you where they are (7.5TL). You will be dropped at Turunç Bay. There; cabs wait nearby for taxi boat passengers and you can use them to reach ITAP in 5 minutes (~10 TL). Unless you see a taxi, you can go into a shop and ask for one. (People can understand your English, but not in a fluent sense.) Once again; if the driver does not know ITAP tell him to drive through *Loryma Hotel*.

n.b.: *Loryma Hotel* is just before the entrance of Turunç; and you may see its tall signboard at the beginning of road junction to ITAP.

3 Accommodation

ITAP consists of two adjoint buildings; one of which is reserved for accommodation for the participants, and the other one includes a classrooms, a computer room, offices, and a dining hall. Usually; two or three students stay in the rooms with a fully equipped bathroom; there is also a sea-view balcony in most rooms; whereas, a housekeeping service, a telephone line, and a safe in every room is present in every room. There is no air-conditioner in the rooms but fans are present. In the rooms; clean sheets, pillows, light duvets and

a set of two towels will be provided to you. Laundry service can be used if needed, but requires a fee. Three daily-cooked meals from the Turkish cuisine will be served; breakfast at 8.00am, lunch at 1.00pm and dinner at 7.00pm. If you have any food allergies and/or sensitivities to a certain nutrients, please inform us beforehand. Furthermore, two coffee-breaks are enjoyed with fine pastries daily. Refreshments and beverages are accounted as extra in appropriate prices and should be paid before departure.

Residence Behavior

Quietness of rooms, halls and garden is kindly requested especially between 11.00pm and 8.00am. There is no curfew, but the building with classes is locked at midnight but you can access to your room at any time. Smoking is not allowed in the rooms but you can smoke in the balconies.

ITAP is built in a very dangerous area when it comes to forest fires: Smokers *should* pay attention to use ashtrays, and smoking in terraces and in balconies during windy/stormy days is *strictly forbidden*.

Weather

In the summer months, the average temperature of Marmaris is about 30 °C, and rains are very rare.

Electricity

The voltage is 220 so you may need to bring a converter.

4 Infrastructure

Other utilities that are present at ITAP are;

- A currently updated computational infrastructure with a eight node parallel server operating under SUSE and connected to 16 terminal PC's also operating under Linux. The server is used solely for computational purposes. (Sixteen PentiumIV 3GHz terminal PCs working under SUSE with fortran77, fortran90, LAPACK, 2D and 3D graphical tools, text editors etc.) The ITAP domain is recently established between all lecture rooms and the computer room.
- Three audio rooms (with a capacity of at least 30 each) are equipped with necessary multimedia technology classroom facilities for Summer/Winter Schools. There are also air-conditioners in the classrooms.
- There is also a wireless network established.
- A fully equipped 14-inch MEADE telescope (Model No: LX200GPS).
- An open-air amphitheater with a capacity of 50.
- A small swimming pool.

5 Social activities

There is no restriction of any social event, **but participation to classes is required during educational activities**. Here are a few suggested and renowned activities;

- Astronomical observation will be made using our telescope.
- Evolving into a tourist-site, Turunç, does not have a very big entertainment area and it is much more easy-going than Marmaris. This easy-going attitude also reflects to Turunç's shop owners when it comes doing business, but this does not mean that there aren't any places you could go out at night for a drink or to enjoy a lovely dinner.

- There are many different boat trips available to various destinations and there is nothing more rewarding than sailing along the coastline through the crystal clear turquoise colored waters. The *Turunç Cruise* goes around the bays around Turunç as well as the bays of İçmeler and Marmaris. Also known as the “*Blue Cave*”, the cruise will pass next to the “*Cleopatra’s Cave*” and the “*Yalanci Boğaz*” where one of the ship yards is located. This cruise also stops along the way for you to enjoy the atmosphere and have a short swim.
- Also, there are certified PADI guides at your service in Turunç for you to profit from the beautiful spots of the gulf of Turunç. The PADI guides will help you regardless your knowledge of scuba diving.
- It is possible to rent jet skis, to take a banana ride, to take a parasailing, do water ski or simply just lay on the warm sand and enjoy the sea and sun.
- Although natural beauties might tempt you to *mountain hike* in Turunç; we advise you to either hike together with a group or with a specialist who knows the area. *We must remind you that there is a high penalty if you hike within a non-designated area.*
- Near Turunç; there is *Amos*, an ancient site with remnants of a city that once was magnificent and that controlled the gulf. You could arrive to this spot by car through the mountains. The route on its own holds some surprises due to the natural delicacies. One other way you could go to Amos is by boat.
- **Before any of these activities; please make sure that appropriate personal insurance is guaranteed by the place/person/firm/office that you will have its services.**
- This old fisherman’s village has a small variety of shops that sell clothes, beach-wear, shoes, and water-sports equipments. You can also find mini-markets were you could find traditional Turkish souvenirs, local handcraft, as well as a large range of spices, teas and traditional deserts.

6 Useful information and telephones

Emergencies

You may call for an emergent ambulance by calling **112**.

You may reach *Marmaris Gendarmerie* by calling +90 252 476 79 79.

These two numbers will be answered 24/7.

Health-care

There is an equipped *Sağlık Ocağı* (=Health-care center) that is open 24/7 in Turunç.

T: +90 252 476 70 16.

Turunç Pharmacy; **T:** +90 252 476 70 79,
open between 9.00am-6.00pm.

Markets

There are a few small markets in Turunç, they are open from ~9.00am to midnight. **ŞOK** supermarket is the biggest of all; and is open between 9.00am-22.00pm. Also there are many shops that you can buy souvenirs.

Turunç post office

Turunç PTT is open between 9.00am-17.00pm.

T: +90 252 476 72 05.

HAVAŞ

You can reach its internet sites at <http://www.havas.com.tr/en/>. To find bus schedules to/from every airport; click Services → Shuttle Bus Services.

Buses from Ankara/Istanbul to Marmaris

Even though there are many other firms that can carry you to Marmaris with a cheaper fee; the following two firms are the only ones that you can buy your ticket online and that have a bilingual internet site.

- Ulusoy Turizm (<http://secure.ulusoy.com.tr/Default.aspx?Dil=en>)
- Varan Turizm (<http://www.varan.com.tr/english/default.asp>).

Local transportation

The minibuses between Marmaris-Turunç work between 8.30am and 10.30pm. They get off every half an hour. In the summer season; taxi-boats make regular trips at 9.30am and between 11.00am-7.00pm hourly. From Bodrum to Turunç; buses leave hourly between 8.30am-12.30pm and in every two hours between 2.30pm-8.30pm.

Taxis

Even though taxis work 24/7; there is a night tariff between midnight and 7.00am which tends to be more expensive than day tariff.

Turunç Taxi; **T**: +90 252 476 71 21.

Marmaris Taxi; **T**: +90 252 412 26 44.

Banks and exchange offices

There are no bank offices in Turunç but there are many in Marmaris that are open between 9.00am-5.00pm. You can withdraw money using ATMs in the airports; there is also an ATM in Marmaris Otogar, many of them in front of TANSAS and two of them are in Turunç. From the ATMs you can withdraw Dollars, Euros and Turkish Liras (TL); but let us remind you that you will need Turkish currency. There are *currency exchange offices* that you can exchange foreign currency to Turkish liras depending on a daily changing exchange rate. Also, jewelery stores do exchange but with a smaller rate; so it is best to try first the exchange offices.

Car rental

You can rent a car using car rental companies' kiosks that are present in every airport. Apart from that, you can also rent a car from unauthorized companies at Turunç and Marmaris, *although we do not recommend this action*. The relative distance between major points are;

Istanbul ↔ Marmaris: 758km,

Ankara ↔ Marmaris: 843km,

Dalaman International Airport ↔ Marmaris: 90km,

Bodrum Milas International Airport ↔ Marmaris: 140km,

Marmaris ↔ Turunç: 25km.

We must point out a very important thing at this point: **out of Turunç, and in the rural areas, many of the roads are either not paved or not fenced, therefore we advise you never to drive fast since there are many dangerous curves along the way.**

Visa

Since requirements of various countries are different, the following web site will most probably help you to figure out your country's;

<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/sub.en.mfa?cc4e437c-6769-4d79-9017-10b63c651224>.

Weather

You can check the 5-day weather forecast from <http://www.dmi.gov.tr/en-US/forecast-5days.aspx?g=1>.

7 Contact person

For questions concerning accommodation, visa problems and school please feel free to contact;

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