



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY - MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

DIRECTIVE ABOUT THE PROCEDURES AND PRINCIPLES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR ADMISSIONS TO MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

Scope

Article 1- This directive contains the procedures and principles of visiting museums and archaeological sites affiliated with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, and the regulations regarding means dedicated to facilitate museum and archeological site visits.

Ticket Prices

Article 2- Prices of museum and archaeological site admission tickets are shown in the attached list.

<http://dosim.kulturturizm.gov.tr/EN/Genel/BelgeGoster.aspx?17A16AE30572D313AAF6AA849816B2EF49E55A0CB7978C2C>

Rights to Free Admission

Article 3- The following persons presenting their identity cards shall be admitted to museums and archaeological sites free of charge.

- 3.1- Teenagers and children who are citizens of the Republic of Turkey and who are 18 years old or younger, and teachers accompanying student groups of this age group,
- 3.2- Citizens of the Republic of Turkey 65 years old or older,
- 3.3- Veterans, and spouses and children of martyrs and veterans,
- 3.4- Disabled persons who are citizens of the Republic of Turkey, together with one attendant,
- 3.5- Soldiers and non-commissioned officers,
- 3.6- Holders of ICOM, ICOMOS and UNESCO cards,
- 3.7- Holders of national and foreign press cards,
- 3.8- Owners or managing directors of Travel Agencies,
- 3.9- Professional tourist guides who have a cockade provided by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism,
- 3.10- Personnel and pensioners of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and their accompanied first-degree relatives,
- 3.11- Foreign children aged 0-12 years old,

3.12- Student groups affiliated with the Comenius School Partnerships and Erasmus Student Exchange Programme, parts of the Lifelong Learning Programme, (During visits of these student groups to museums and archaeological sites affiliated with our Ministry, they shall be admitted free of charge, provided that their counterparties in our country present their contracts.)

3.13- The following persons in the Province and District where a museum or an archaeological site is located;

3.13.1- Judges and Prosecutors,

3.13.2- Civilian Administrators,

3.13.3- Mayors of Metropolitan Cities, Cities, Towns and Urban Zones

and up to 30 persons accompanied by them.

Article 4- Free visits of the following groups shall be realized with certificates of permission obtained from the Central Directorate of the Revolving Fund Enterprise.

4.1- Official delegations headed by deputy ministers, ministers and higher-ranking officials hosted by the Public Institutions and Organizations using their own budgets, and the functionaries accompanying these delegations and delegations carrying out preliminary security inspections,

4.2- Guests and delegations hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, General Directorate of Promotion, and by the Offices of Culture and Promotion Counselors and Attachés, and their attendants, excluding hosting activities carried out to support international congress organizations and hosting activities limited to city tour and/or transfer supports,

4.3- Media groups hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, General Directorate of Promotion, and by the Offices of Culture and Promotion Counselors and Attachés, and their attendants,

4.4- Foreign tour operators and foreign information groups declared by the Association of Turkish Travel Agencies,

4.5- Attendants of events held in museums and archaeological sites to contribute to the promotion of museums and archaeological sites by the Office of the Governor, Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism and/or Directorate of Museum to which the concerning museum and archaeological site is affiliated with,

Article 5- Admissions at events held through assignments within the scope of the Directive for Temporary Use of the Museums and Archaeological Sites shall be regulated as follows.

5.1- With regard to admission fees to be collected at events held through assignments within the scope of the “Directive for Temporary Use of Museums and Archaeological Sites” subject



to payment, the provisions of the “Directive about the Procedures and Principles to be followed for Admissions to Museums and Archaeological Sites” are to be implemented.

5.2- If the museums and archaeological sites are assigned within the scope of the Directive for Temporary Use for free, the relevant Decision of the Executive Board of the Revolving Fund Enterprise shall include a provision on whether admission fees are to be collected from participants or not.

Article 6- The free admissions of the following persons and groups to the museums and archaeological sites in which they carry out works shall occur via certificates of permission to be obtained from the relevant authorities.

6.1- Teams conducting scientific research studies about the cultural and natural assets housed in the museums and archaeological sites, (The lists of names of people involved in the studies shall have been approved by the relevant Directorate of Museum and presented to the box office)

6.2- Teams conducting excavations and surface surveys at museums and archaeological sites, (The lists of names of people involved in the activities shall have been approved by the relevant Directorate of Museum and presented to the box office)

6.3- Persons and teams to be allowed to shoot free of charge, for producing non-commercial promotional and educational videos, films and photographs at museums and archaeological sites, (The permission letter for shooting free of charge received from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism / Relevant Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism shall be presented to the box office)

Article 7- The rights of persons and groups covered in the Article 3, paragraphs 3.1, 3.11 and 3.12 of this directive to free admission are not applicable to visits to the sections of the museums and archaeological sites that are subject to extra fees, namely the Harem Section in the Topkapı Palace Museum, the Slope Houses in the Ephesus Archaeological Site, the Glass Wreck Hall and the Carian Princess Hall in the Bodrum Museum of Underwater Archaeology, and the Dark Church in the Göreme Archaeological Site.

Museum Card

Article 8- Principles for purchase and use of the Museum Card

8.1- The Museum Card is valid at all museums and archaeological sites associated with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, excluding the sections of the museums and archaeological sites that are subject to extra fees, namely the Harem Section in the Topkapı Palace Museum, the Slope Houses in the Ephesus Archaeological Site, the Glass Wreck Hall and the Carian Princess Hall in the Bodrum Museum of Underwater Archaeology, and the Dark Church in the Göreme Archaeological Site, for a period of one year, and can only be used by the citizens of the Republic of Turkey.

8.2- Museum Cards can be issued for foreign students enrolled in associate degree, bachelor’s degree and master’s degree programs of higher education institutions in our country and



students who are enrolled in universities in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus affiliated with the Council of Higher Education (Turkey) and who are citizens of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, provided that they present university identification cards.

8.3- Museum Cards can be issued for diplomatic personnel serving in the foreign diplomatic missions and representative offices in Turkey and for their first-degree relatives by the Box Offices Monitoring Center in Ankara.

Museum Card Prices

Article 9- The price of the Museum Card is TL20. A 50% discount is applicable to this price for teachers who hold identification cards issued by the Ministry of National Education and for students older than 18 years of age. Citizens of the Republic of Turkey who are covered in the Article 3 (except paragraph 3.13) of this directive may purchase Museum Cards for TL5. Bulk purchases may be subject to discounts. The quantity of Museum Card purchases to be subject to discount, and the rates of discount shall be determined by a Decision of the Executive Board of the Revolving Fund Enterprise.

Principles to be followed during Museum and Archaeological Site Visits

Article 10- Tickets used for admission to museums and archaeological sites shall be preserved during the visit and shown during inspections.

Article 11- With regard to free admissions, visitors covered by the Article 3 of this directive shall present their identity cards, and the visitors covered by the Article 4 of this directive shall present their certificates of permission to visit free of charge.

Article 12- The personnel of the museums and archaeological sites may ask holders of Museum Card to present an identity card, when they find it necessary. Museum Cards used by persons other than their owners shall be seized. No new Museum Card shall be issued for the card owner and for the person using the card.

Article 13- Regarding group visits, institutions organizing these visits shall inform the Directorates of Museums in advance. Student groups shall conduct their visits in accordance with the appointments they shall get from the Directorates of Museums.

Article 14- Topkapı Palace Museum, Galata Mevlevi Lodge Museum, İstanbul Museum of the History of Science and Technology in Islam, and Yıldız Palace Museum and their affiliated units are closed to visitors on Tuesdays;

Hisarlar (Castles) Museum and its affiliated units, Chora Museum affiliated with the İstanbul Hagia Sophia (Ayasofya) Museum, and Fethiye Museum are closed to visitors on Wednesdays.

Other museums are closed to visitors on Mondays.



Article 15- Upon the approval of the relevant Directorate of Museum, museums and archaeological sites may be opened to visitors on days they are closed and out of office hours, by charging double fare, if the visitor groups consist of at least 50 people. Persons who accompany the group and have the right to visit free of charge shall not be included in the calculation. In cases of group visits, if the number of visitors reaches or exceeds 300, visitors shall be charged a single ticket price.

Article 16- Museums and archaeological sites are closed on the first days of religious holidays until 13:00.

Article 17- Matters not covered in this directive and exceptional practices related to matters covered here are subject to the Decisions of the Executive Board of the Revolving Fund Enterprise.

Annex: Admission Fees