

Dear Colleagues,

Below please find some practical information about how to get to Adana and to your hotel.

Arriving in Adana

When you have bought your tickets, you will have noticed that you have to change flights in İstanbul (either at Atatürk Airport or at Sabiha Gökçen Airport). In both cases, you have to go through passport control in İstanbul. Before you go through passport control, please check whether you have to have a visa to enter Turkey. Visas can be obtained at the border gate at stands next to passport control booths. Depending on your connection you may or may not have to pick up your luggage in İstanbul (Turkish airlines and Pegasus check in your luggage directly to Adana).

If you plan to arrive in Adana after 7:45 pm, you may need some Turkish liras. As you go from international section to the national section, we recommend you to change some money (at least 20 euros) at one of banks just opposite the exit door, because there are no exchange offices at Adana airport.

At Adana airport, as you get out of the plane, sometimes you just walk to the terminal or you may be taken to the terminal by bus depending on where the plane parks. Please make sure that you are taken to the international terminal, because your luggage is going to be taken there.

How to get to the hotel.

As you exit, during the day, before 7:45 pm, there is going to be a student with a “CLIOHWORLD” sign. She/he is going to give you a return ticket for city bus no: 135. The student can also take you to the bus-stop which is outside the main entrance of the airport. The bus runs every 25 minutes during the day starting from 6:05 am to 19:45 pm on weekdays. Over the weekend the bus runs every 35 minutes. **The bus stop where you should get off is marked on the map in the attachment.** It is near the Bosnali Hotel. As you get off, you will be able to see the **Hilton Hotel** across the river. You must go to the Hilton Hotel. Turn right and walk cross the **Stone bridge**. It is a short walking distance.

The address of the hotel is:

Adana HiltonSA

Sinanpaşa Mah. Hacı Sabancı Bul. No:1

01220 Adana / Türkiye

Tel: (90-322) 355 5000 Fax: (90-322) 355 5050

Your return: How to go back to the airport

Bus no. 135 stops in front of the hotel on the way to the airport.

The Meeting:

Friday 3, 2010

The meeting is going to be held on the campus of Çukurova University which is on the same side of the river but 6-7 kms from the hotel. The venue for the meeting is the first floor of Faculty of Business and Administrative Sciences, marked on the map of campus. You will be picked up by a bus from the hotel. The bus will be at the hotel at 8:45. Please be prompt.

If you miss the bus for any reason, please cross the river and take bus no: 135 or any other red bus with a sign “BALCALI” which is the district of university and get off at the bus stop in front of Faculty of Business and Administrative sciences.

We are going to have lunch at the staff cafeteria basement (also marked on campus map in the attachment).

In the evening a bus will take us to the place where we are going to have dinner (Park Zirve Restaurant)

Saturday 4, 2010-11-01

The meeting will again take place in the Faculty of Business and Administrative sciences, first floor, where we will be taken by buses.

Lunch will be served at Balcalı Cafeteria on campus. After afternoon session a bus will take us to Şato Restaurant for dinner.

Weather

The average temperature in Adana at the beginning of December is 16-20° C. Of course, it can get colder but “really cold” in Adana is slightly below 10° C.

Places to go in Adana

The old city center is across from the hotel and there are a few places worth visiting. As you cross the Stone Bridge (a 4th century Roman bridge) turn left and turn right on the first street (Kızılay caddesi). On your left, after 100 meters, you will find an old mosque, a medrese, and the cultural center of Çukurova University, originally a 500 year old mansion of Ramazanoğlu Family.

Shops are open every day until 7 pm in old section of the city and until 8-9 o'clock in new Adana, on the streets around the train station (Ziyapaşa, Atatürk, and Gazipaşa streets).

For the few of you who arrive before or stay some time after the meeting, visiting Tarsus would also be possible. There are local trains going to Mersin every 30-45 and they all stop in Tarsus. It takes 30-45 minutes depending on the train you catch. Some do not stop at small villages and take less time. The price for ticket is the same for all types of trains (3 Turkish liras = approx. 1.5 euros). A walking tour of Tarsus takes 2-3 hours. I can leave maps of Tarsus with important sights marked on at the reception of the hotel, so that you can get one as you check in.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send an e-mail to hasofu@cu.edu.tr or call. My mobile phone is 00-90-532-4867772.

Looking forward to seeing you in Adana

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