

SURVIVAL

6-14 September
Ankara 2026

GUIDE

**What's the Stitch?
Mission Possible:
Data Driven
Decision Making**

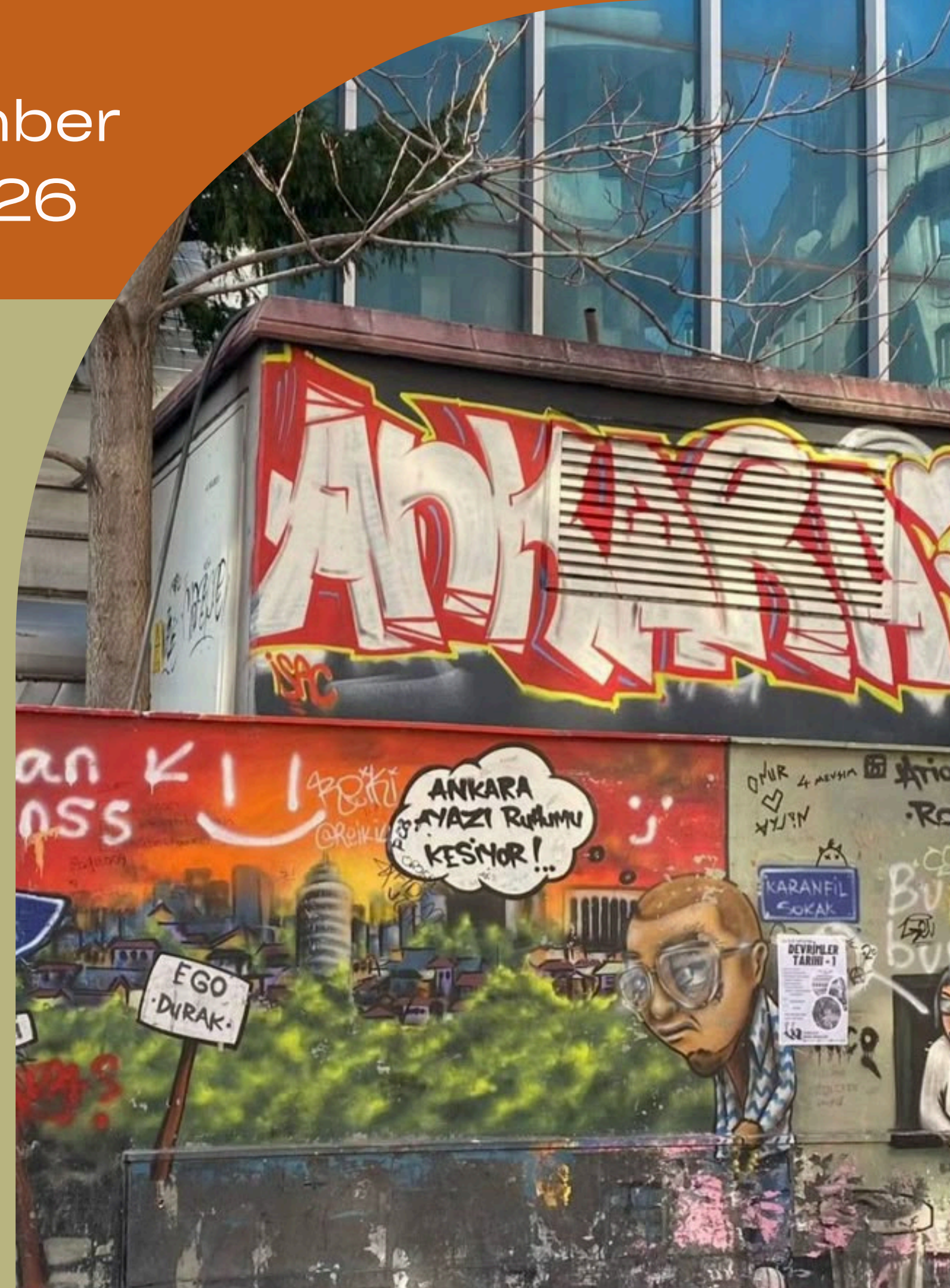


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This guide is designed to provide you with all the details you need to fully enjoy our event. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to reach out. Our contact information is available at the end of this guide :)

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REQUIRED INFORMATION

- A Your contact information
- Arrival and departure dates and times to/from Ankara
- Details about your eating habits
- Your allergies (if you have any)
- Your size of T-Shirt
- Your passport number (for invitation letters if you need)
- Your countries' traditional food and alcohol



BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL

- A VISA: You can find detailed information on the next pages.
- PASSPORT: Please be sure that your passport is still valid.
- Student ID
- Health & Travel Insurance



GENERAL INFORMATION

Accommodation: We are going to stay in the school dormitories of METU (Middle East Technical University)

Fee: We are going to collect the fees (as cash) here. The max fee is 80€. Your fee depends on your country category. You should pay your deposits to your LBGs before the confirmation deadline. Your fee covers your accommodation and 3 meals per day (at least one of them is hot meal) during the course.

Date: Our fun will begin on 06.09.2026 and finish on 14.09.2026.

Meals: 3 meals per day (at least one of them is hot meal)



THINGS TO BRING

- Your travelling tickets (plane, bus, train)
- Passport, VISA, Invitation letter
- Travel/health insurance
- Medicine (if you need any)
- Personal Hygiene Material
- Clean bedsheets and pillowcases (in case you don't feel comfortable sleeping on the ones in the dormitory),
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo etc. (none of these are provided by the dormitories so anything you might

need during your stay)

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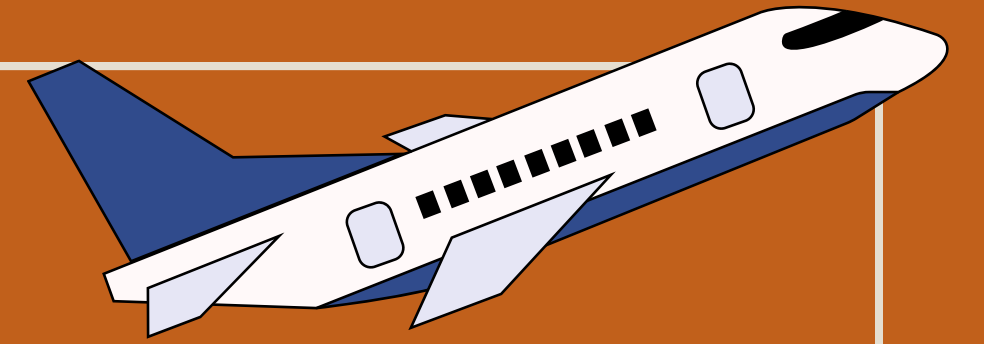
- Towels
- Swimsuit
- Sunglasses, Hat & Sunscreen (+30 recommended)
- Clothing ➤ The weather is unpredictable, so bring clothes suited for hot and rainy days.
- Your ID and Student ID (might be needed for getting into museums and historical places)
- International Evening Stuff ➤ Traditional dish, beverage, flag & traditional song.
- If you have an instrument and you don't mind bringing it, you are more than welcome to bring it and have fun

with other paxes :)

- Most importantly, bring yourself and be ready to have the fun of your life :D



HOW TO ARRIVE TO ANKARA



BY PLANE: HOW TO ARRIVE TO ANKARA

If you can find a direct flight, you need to come to ESENBOĞA AIRPORT. From Esenboğa airport, you have to get on a bus, either HAVAŞ, Ankara Air or EGO Bus

Indirect Flights: Probably the easiest way. Most of the European airlines flies to Esenboğa Airport via İstanbul. When you land, you can take “HAVAS/ ANKARA AIR/EGO AIRPORT SHUTTLES” . It costs 160 TL (3.70€) in HAVAŞ and ANKARA AIR, bus in EGO SHUTTLES (442) it costs 100 TL (2.50€). From those shuttles you need to get off in the AŞTİ, Söğütözü or Kızılay(City Center).

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FROM KIZILAY: From Kızılay, you have several options such as subway, buses, or dolmuş. From Subway, you need to get on to M2 line, or in other words Kızılay - Koru route. You need to get off at the ODTÜ Station. You will find yourself at the A1 gate. From Kızılay, you will find some bus options too, such as 411-7 and 482-7. In front of the bus, you need to see “ODTÜ” Those buses depart from the city center (Kızılay), the stop number where you will get on the bus is 11615. You need to get off the bus at 10767 in the name of “Ortadoğu Konutları”. You will find yourself at A4 gate.

FROM SÖĞÜTÖZÜ: You will find subway in Söğütözü in the name of “Söğütözü Station”. From there you need get in the M2 metro line in other word Kızılay-Koru route and you need to get off in “ODTÜ” Station. You will find yourself in the A1 gate.Or you can take EGO Buses such as 136 or 132. You need to get on the bus in bus stop 13080 “Söğütözü Metro İstasyonu” and you need to get off from the bus in the bus stop of 10767“Ortadoğu Konutları” . , You will find Yourself in the A4 gate.

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From AŞTİ(The main Bus Station) : From AŞTİ you will find EGO Bus (419) , from that bus you need to get off at Yüzüncü Yıl District. Your bus stop number will be 13145 in the name of “Ezgi Evleri” otherwise, you can go to Kızılay from AŞTİ using Ankaray.

If you take an indirect flight and arrive to İstanbul, İzmir or YHT Gar, you can take the bus and arrive at AŞTİ, or you can take another connecting flight and arrive at ESENBOĞA Airport.

NOTE: Above it is explained how to arrive to ODTÜ from both AŞTİ and Esenboğa Airport, so you can check that part out.



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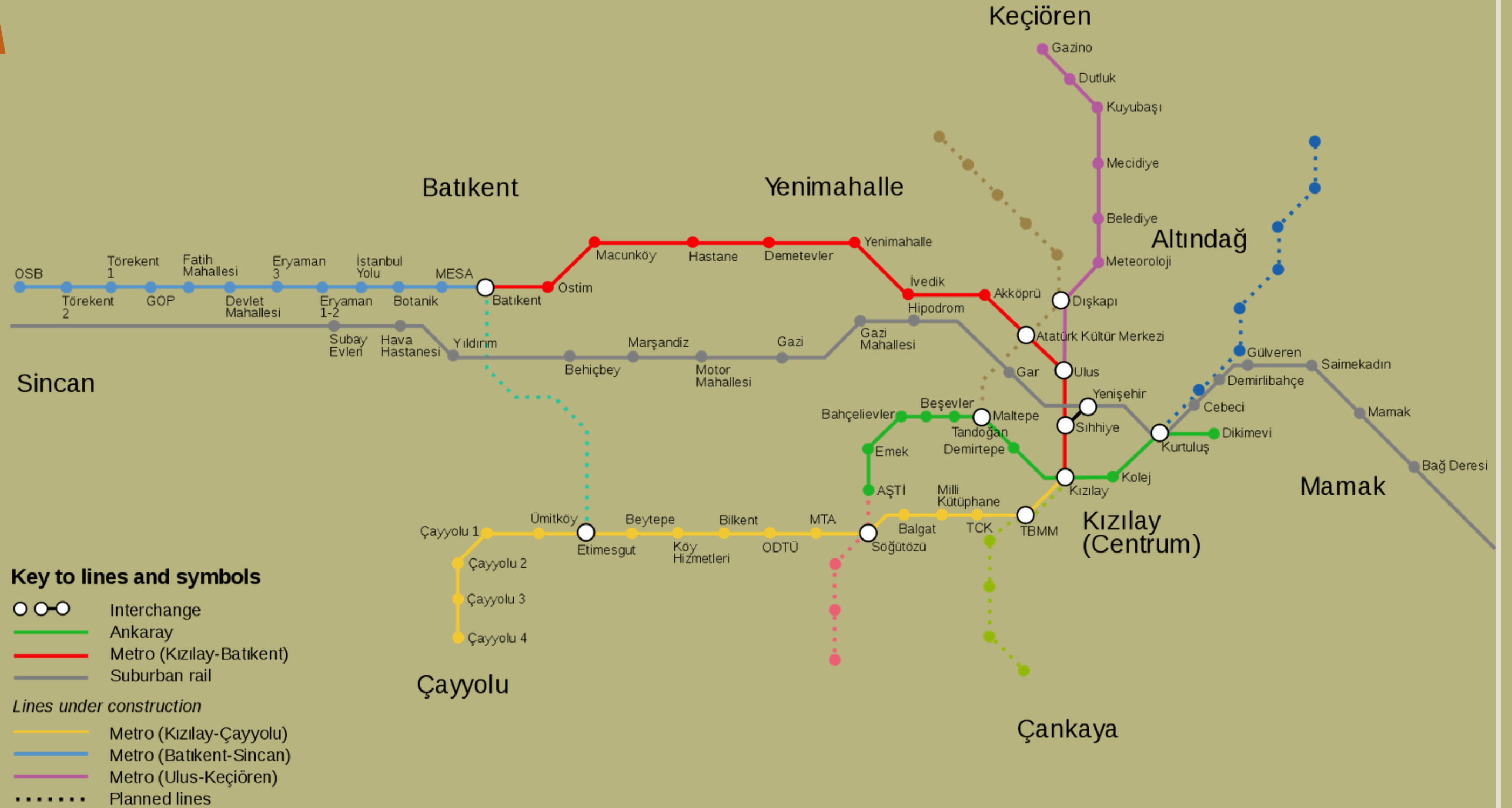
BY TRAIN: You can either take the fast trains or the traditional trains, both of these arrive at YHT Train Station. In front of YHT Gar, there is a subway station named “Gar” (you have to go down like five floors, so be patient and keep going down). The train line you have to get on is M4, the one that goes to Kızılay. Above, it is explained how to get from Kızılay to ODTÜ.

NOTE: Ankara can be a bit confusing, we know. So good luck :) In order to minimize any confusion, we have included the subway map. If you plan on taking the bus route, we highly encourage downloading the EGOCEPTE app, there you can see the bus routes and when the bus will arrive at your stop.

ANKARA

METRO

LINE



LIFE IN TÜRKİYE

Turkey was founded in 1923 from the remnants of the Ottoman Empire. 97% of the Turkey landings are on Asia and the rest of it on Europe. Anatolia has hosted tons of historical nations and events which means in every part of Turkey there are things worth to see. Turkey is surrounded by 4 different seas. The Black Sea is to north, The Mediterranean Sea to the South, and the Aegean Sea, Dardanelles to the West. The Bosphorus, the Sea of Marmara.

Turkey offers a wealth of destination varieties to travellers: From dome and minaret filled skyline of Istanbul to Roman ruins along the Western and Southern coasts, from heavily indented coastline against a mountainous backdrop of Lycia and wide and sunny beaches of Phamphy-Lia to cold and snowy mountains of the east, from crazy “Foam Parties” of Bodrum to Middle Eastern-Flavoured cities of Southeastern Anatolia, from Verdant misty mountains of eastern Black Sea to wide steppe landscapes of central Anatolia. There something for everyone’s taste whether. They be travelling on an extreme budget by hitchhiking or by a multi million yacht.



LIFE IN TÜRKİYE

Population: Turkey is one of the most cosmopolitan countries in Europe with 76 million people. The majority is Turkish people and significant ethnic groups are Armenians, Kurds, Greeks, Russians and Jews.

Religion: Turkey is a secular country which means Turkey doesn't have any official religion. Majority of the people believe in Islam, rest of the people are Christian, Atheist and Jewish.

Language: The official language of Turkey is "Turkish". Most of the people can talk in English, at least they can solve tourists' problem. Also, Ankara is a touristic town and the capital of Turkey, you will not have many difficulties. Of course in our BEST course and all activities are in English.

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Currency: The local currency in Turkey is “Turkish Lira(TL)”. Ve 1€ equals to about 51,25 TL. Change offices are usually open from 07.00 to 20.00. If you really don't need TL, we do not recommend you to change your money at airport.

Also, Due to inflation, what 1 Euro equals to will probably change, so we encourage you to look it up right before you come to Turkey, but don't worry, it will probably change in your favor.

Time Zone: Turkey is in GMT+2 and CET+1.

Electricty: In here we use 220V and 50Hz like almost all EU countries. Please check your own countries' properties and if they are different please bring your own adapters.

Internet: You will have access to the internet all over the campus. Moreover, nearly all places have wi-fi connection.



LIFE IN TÜRKİYE

Cuisine: Probably, Turkish cuisine is one of the most delicious cuisines in the world and always a pleasant surprise for the visitor. In addition to being the refined product of centuries of experience, Turkish cuisine has a very pure quality of the ingredients are guarantees of delicious meals. Most of you may be familiar with kebab. Moreover, we offer you unforgettable Turkish food, mezes, especially amazing desserts and our national drinks.

Important Numbers:

112: Emergency

155: Police

110: Fire

International Phone Code: +90



ANKARA

Ankara is the capital city of Turkey. Located in the central part of Anatolia, the city has a population of about 5.2 million in its urban center and about 5.8 million in Ankara Province. Ankara is Turkey's secondlargest city by population after Istanbul.

After Ankara became the capital of the newly founded Republic of Turkey, new development divided the city into an old section, called Ulus, and a new section, called Yenisehir. Ancient buildings reflecting Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman history and narrow winding streets mark the old section. The new section, now centered on Kızılay Square, has the trappings of a more modern city: wide streets, hotels, theaters, shopping malls, and high-rises. Government offices and foreign embassies are also located in the new section.



Some Prices

PRODUCT	PRICE
Water (500ml)	0,23 €
A cup of tea	0,68 €
Kebab (a plate)	8,76 €
Cigarette (a pack)	1,95 €
Chocolate (a bar)	0,90 €
Bus Ticket	0,50 €
McDonald's Menu	6,23 €
Hygienic Pads (a pack of 10)	4,50 €
Condoms (a pack of 10)	6,47 €
Beer	7,05 €
Wine (750ml bottle)	6,47 €

WEATHER

The weather in Ankara during September is typically perfect, with high temperatures and low rainfall. During the day, temperatures usually reach up to 27°C. At night, they tend to fall to approximately 12°C. Don't fall for the statistics and bring your coats too, Ankara can be quite unexpected sometimes!!!

OFFICAL TOPIC

What's the Stitch?

Misson Possible: Data Driven Decision Making



MINI VOCABULARY

(TR-EN)

Hello !	Merhaba !
Cheers !	Şerefe !
Good morning	Günaydın
Goodbye	Hoşçakal
How are you ?	Nasılsın ?
I am fine.	İyiyim.
My name is ...	Adım ...
Thank you !	Teşekkürler !
I do not speak Turkish.	Türkçe bilmiyorum.
Sorry !	Pardon !
What time is it ?	Saat kaç ?
Yes / No / Maybe	Evet / Hayır / Belki
Street / Avenue	Sokak / Cadde

Where is the toilet ?	Tuvalet nerede ?
Train / Bus / Car	Tren / Otobüs / Araba
Exchange Office	Döviz Bürosu
Water / Beer / Wine	Su / Bira / Şarap
Coffee / Milk / Tea	Kahve / Süt / Çay
I like you.	Senden hoşlandım.
Kiss me !	Öp beni !
Please	Lütfen
How much does it cost ?	Bu ne kadar ?
Your place or mine ?	Sana mı gidelim bana mı ?

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