



January Newsletter WSDC 2013

As we enter the last 5 days before the tournament we are very excited to welcome every one of you here in Antalya. As the preparations draw to an end there are few tips of what to expect from and bring to Antalya.

Weather in Antalya

The weather in Antalya is fairly warm for winter season but changes quite quickly. The averages for this time of the year are around 15 C° high and 6 C° low and there are quite often heavy rain showers.

Forecast for the first five days of the tournament:

Sun Jan 27 15° - 7° Partly Cloudy CHANCE OF RAIN: 10% WIND: NNW at 11 km/h

Mon Jan 28 15° - 8° Scattered Showers CHANCE OF RAIN: 30% WIND: NNW at 10 km/h

Tue Jan 29 16° - 7° Sunny CHANCE OF RAIN: 0% WIND: NW at 13 km/h

Wed Jan 30 14° - 7° Sunny CHANCE OF RAIN: 0% WIND: N at 18 km/h

Thu Jan 31 14° - 6° Mostly Sunny CHANCE OF RAIN: 20% WIND: N at 16 km/h

Packing

When packing for WSDC 2013 Turkey, make sure to pack your swimming apparel with you since the hotel has an indoor swimming pool, Turkish Bath and SPA available for all guests. As well as bringing your swimming apparel do not forget to bring a rain coat and/or umbrella since Antalya is quite rainy at this time of the year. The weather can and often does change quite quickly during the day from a sunny and warm 17 C° to a rainy 8 C°.

The Global Village

We would like to remind our participants that our Expo Night/Global Village Night is going to give every delegation a chance to present their authentic foods, beverages and cultures in one big event. Every delegation will be given a pavilion desk at the Global Village night to showcase their authentic products and customs. Please don't forget to bring your relevant items as well as clothes for this very exciting event.



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Customs and Tariffs:

Turkish customs and tariffs are not very different from the rest of the world. The customs officers can and often do make reasonable and small exceptions for travellers on different issues but are rather strict on tobacco and alcohol. Below are the general regulations for customs while travelling to Turkey:

Free import

- Tobacco products (for travellers aged 18 and over): 200 cigarettes and 5 cigarillos (not exceeding 3g each) and 10 cigars and 200 grams of tobacco (with 200 cigarette papers) or 200 grams chewing tobacco or 200 grams of water – pipe tobacco or 50 grams of snuff tobacco;
- Alcoholic beverages (for travellers aged 18 and over): 1 bottle of 1 litre or 2 bottles of 700 ml./750ml. of wine and/or spirits;
- 5 bottles of perfume (max. 120 ml. each);
- Gifts up to the value of EUR 300. (EUR 145. for those aged under 15);
- 1kg of coffee; 1kg of instant coffee; 500g of tea; 1kg of chocolate; 1kg food made of sugar;
- Medications for personal use.

Prohibited

- Firearms and military ammunitions
- Pharmaceuticals
- Drugs
- Meat and dairy products
- Radioactive substances

(taken from <http://turkey.visahq.com/customs/>)

The 25th Year Concept

We would like to commemorate the silver anniversary of the World Schools Debating Championships and we have a few events and surprises planned for this. We would like to ask at this point to the WSDC community to share pictures, memories and relevant media from older tournaments. These should be sent to the following address: hasan.ozgur@wsdcturkey.com