



Institute of Theoretical and Applied Physics

Turunç - Marmaris - TURKEY

Information for ITAP Visitors

The research training programme(s) that you have been selected to participate in will be held on the campus of the [Institute of Theoretical and Applied Physics \(ITAP\)](#) in [Turunç](#), near the beach resort town of Marmaris in the Republic of [Turkey](#). This document is intended to make you feel at home at ITAP and in Turkey, so please read it in advance. It addresses the following issues:

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Please inform us of any suggested corrections to this document.

1 Pre-Departure Information

What to Bring?

Consider packing the following items:

- Each attendee is strongly encouraged to bring a laptop computer.
- If you need books, then bring your own, but there is a small library.
- If you need regular medication, then bring enough supplies or prescriptions.
- Summer clothes, beach wear, etc. A raincoat and a sweater may be useful, except in July and August.
- Check [voltage, frequency, and power plugs](#) to see if you need converters.

Visa

It is your responsibility to make sure you have any required visa (check the [country-specific visa requirements](#)) and travel documents to enter the Republic of Turkey. An invitation letter, which can help you through visa acquirement, will be sent to you on request; if you face further difficulties, do not hesitate to contact us.

Money

We recommend you carry enough cash with you. Even though credit cards are widely accepted, you will need some cash, especially for short transportation. The [Turkish currency](#) is the new Turkish lira, abbreviated TRY abroad and YTL in Turkey, one lira being currently about half a euro.

2 How to reach ITAP?

To Turkey

If possible, book a flight to the nearby [Dalaman Airport](#), if not to [Bodrum-Milas Airport](#) or [İzmir Adnan Menderes Airport](#). Otherwise, aim at [Ankara Esenboğa Airport](#), [İstanbul Atatürk Airport](#), or [İstanbul Sabiha Gökçen Airport](#).

Another option is to fly to the nearby Greek island of Rhodes, and take the daily morning ferry from there to Marmaris. We do not describe this option further here, until we learn details about it from somebody who has taken it, but it is almost certainly easy.

To Marmaris

From Ankara, Bodrum, İstanbul, or İzmir airports:

- Take a [Havaş](#) shuttle bus (up to 50 lira, depending on the distance) to the main coach terminal (*otogar* in Turkish), such as *AŞTİ* in Ankara, or *Esenler Otogar* and *Harem Otogar* in İstanbul. There are many coach companies servicing Marmaris (up to 60 lira, depending on the distance, comfort, and speed).
- You may also find some coach company offices at airports and get your ticket directly there. Most probably, they will provide airport-to-*otogar* transportation; otherwise, proceed to the *otogar* with the *Havaş* shuttle bus.
- There are a large number of coach companies with on-line reservations and ticket sales, namely [Ulusoy Turizm](#), [Varan Turizm](#) and [Metro Turizm](#). Some of their coaches have wireless internet.
- There are frequent domestic flights to Dalaman Airport.

From Dalaman Airport: Take a *Havaş* shuttle bus (about 25 lira) to Marmaris.

Beware: Since Marmaris is a renowned beach resort, coach/flight tickets from Ankara or İstanbul may be sold out in the summer, so you might have to wait for several hours before getting a seat.

Hint: Tell the bus/coach personnel that you want to get off at *Marmaris otogar*.

From Marmaris to Turunç and ITAP

From *Marmaris otogar*, there are several ways to proceed:

- Take a taxi (about 10 lira) or walk (about 10 minutes) to the *Tansaş* supermarket, in front of which a minibus (5 lira, to be paid when entering) to Turunç passes by every half an hour between 8.30 am and 10.30 pm. Look for a *Turunç* sign on the minibus and inform the driver that you go to ITAP. You will be dropped a bit before the entrance of Turunç, at the tall sign with Turkish flags of the *Loryma Hotel*. Walk the sign-posted road, past the *Loryma Hotel*, for about 500 meters until you reach ITAP at the end of the dirt-road.
- Take a taxi (about 50 lira) from *Marmaris otogar* directly to ITAP; if the driver does not know ITAP, tell him to drive through the *Loryma Hotel* compound until the dead end.
- Take a boat taxi (7.5 lira) from *Marmaris rihtim* (bay), to which you can walk (about 15 minutes) or go by taxi (about 10 lira). Everyone can show you where the boats are. They circulate 9.30 am to 7 pm. You will be dropped at Turunç bay, from where you can walk (about 20 minutes, but consider the heat) or take a taxi (about 10 lira) up the switchbacks on the steep hill (there are 200 vertical meters to be climbed) to ITAP. If you do not see any taxi, then enter any shop and ask for a *taksi* (taxi); people understand English and German, but may not be fluent themselves.

3 Accommodation and Food

ITAP consists of two adjoined buildings, one of which has accommodation for the participants, while the other one includes classrooms, a computer room, a library, several offices, and a dining hall. A large terrace, with a breathtaking view over the bay and partially shaded by olive trees, has seats and tables for outdoor gatherings.

Usually, two or three students share a bedroom, which has a fully equipped bathroom, housekeeping service, a telephone, wireless internet, and a safe; some bedrooms have a sea view balcony. A lecturer usually gets a double room for single occupancy. There is no air conditioner in the bedrooms, but fans are present. Sheets, a pillow, a light duvet, two towels, and soap are included. Laundry service requires a fee.

Three set meals of fine Turkish cuisine are included every day: breakfast at 8 am, lunch at 1 pm, and dinner at 7 pm. If you have any dietary restrictions, then please inform us well in advance.

Two tea/coffee breaks are enjoyed with fine Turkish cookies every day. Other refreshments and beverages are charged extra (to students) at appropriate prices, and the accumulated total must be paid in cash when checking out.

Code of Conduct

Quietness in the bedrooms and on the terrace is kindly requested, especially between 11 pm and 8 am. There is no curfew, but the building with classrooms is locked at midnight, and you can access your bedroom at any time.

Smoking is **not** allowed in any room, but you can smoke on the terrace and balconies. ITAP is located in an area that is very prone to forest fires: smokers *must* use ashtrays, and smoking on the terrace and balconies during windy/stormy days is *strictly forbidden*.

4 Infrastructure

Other facilities at ITAP are:

- A state-of-the-art computational infrastructure, with an eight-node parallel server operating under SUSE Linux, connected to 16 terminals (Pentium IV 3GHz), also operating under Linux (with Fortran77, Fortran90, LAPACK, 2D and 3D graphical tools, text editors, etc). The server is used solely for computational purposes. The ITAP domain is established between all lecture rooms and the computer room.
- Three air-conditioned classrooms (with a capacity of 30 to 70 seats each) are equipped with multimedia technology for lectures.
- A wireless network.
- A fully equipped 14-inch Meade telescope (model LX200GPS).
- An open-air amphitheater (with a capacity of 50 seats) next to the terrace.
- A small swimming pool and reclining chairs on the terrace.

5 Recreational Activities

There is no restriction on any extra-curricular activities, **but participation is required during all scheduled educational activities**. Here are a few suggested recreational activities:

- Astronomical observations can be made using our telescope.
- Turunç does not have a very big entertainment area and is much more easy-going than Marmaris, but there are several places to go out at night for a drink or a delicious dinner. This relaxed attitude also applies to Turunç shop owners when it comes to doing business.
- There are many boat trips available to various destinations and few things are more rewarding than sailing along the coastline through the crystal-clear turquoise-coloured waters. The *Turunç Cruise* goes around the bays near Turunç as well as the bays of İçmeler and Marmaris. The *Blue Cave Cruise* passes next to *Cleopatra's Cave* and *Yalancı Boğaz*, where an ancient ship yard is located; this cruise also stops along the way for you to enjoy the atmosphere or have a swim.
- 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 of your prior knowledge of scuba diving.

- It is possible to rent a (motor)bicycle or jet skis, take a banana ride, do parasailing or water skiing, or simply just lie at the warm sandy beach and enjoy the sea and sun.
- If the beauty of the nature tempts you to mountain biking or hiking, then we advise you to go in a group or with a guide who knows the area. **There is a high penalty if you are caught within a non-designated area**, due to the risk of forest fires.
- *Amos* is a nearby ancient site with remnants of a city that once was magnificent and controlled the gulf. You can go there by car or (motor)bike through the mountains: the route on its own holds some surprises due to the beauty of the nature. Another way to *Amos* is by boat.

Before any of these activities, please make sure that appropriate personal insurance is guaranteed by the person or company whose services you hire.

6 Useful Information and Telephone Numbers

Emergencies

The following phone numbers work 24/7:

- Ambulance: 112
- Gendarmerie in Marmaris: +90 252 476 79 79
- *Sağlık Ocağı* (= health-care centre) in Turunç: +90 252 476 70 16

Other Numbers

- Pharmacy in Turunç: +90 252 476 70 79, open 9 am to 6 pm
- Post-office (*PTT*) in Turunç: +90 252 476 72 05, open 9 am to 5 pm

Shopping

There are a few small supermarkets in Turunç, open from about 9 am to midnight. The *ŞOK* supermarket is the biggest, open 9 am to 10 pm.

A variety of shops sell clothes, beach wear, shoes, water sports equipment, traditional Turkish souvenirs, local handycraft, as well as a large range of spices, teas, and deserts.

Taxis

Taxis work 24/7, but there is a higher night tariff between midnight and 7 am:

- Turunç taxi: telephone +90 252 476 71 21
- Marmaris taxi: telephone +90 252 412 26 44

Banks and Exchange Offices

There are no bank offices in Turunç, but there are many in Marmaris, open 9 am to 5 pm.

You can withdraw money using automated teller machines in the airports, at the *Marmaris otogar*, in front of the *Tansaş* supermarket in Marmaris, and in Turunç. You can withdraw euros, US dollars, and Turkish liras, but you will need some Turkish currency.

There are currency exchange offices where you can exchange many foreign currencies with Turkish liras at displayed daily exchange rates. Jewellery stores also do currency exchange, but at slightly worse rates.

Car Rental

You can rent a car at offices of reputed international companies in every airport, as well as from local companies in Turunç and Marmaris, *but we do not recommend the latter*. **Careful: outside Turunç, and in other rural areas, many roads are not paved or not protected, therefore we advise you never to drive fast, since there may be dangerous curves along the way.**

Distances

The relative distances between the mentioned major points are:

- Ankara ↔ Marmaris: 850 km
- İstanbul ↔ Marmaris: 760 km
- İzmir ↔ Marmaris: 320 km
- Bodrum-Milas Airport ↔ Marmaris: 140 km
- Dalaman Airport ↔ Marmaris: 90 km
- Marmaris ↔ Turunç: 25 km

Weather

In the summer months, the average temperature of Turunç is about 30°C (86 degrees Fahrenheit), and rain is very rare: [five-day weather forecast](#).

7 Contact Person

For questions concerning accommodation, food, visa problems, and the school, contact:

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