

12. TOUR OPERATOR VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

A citizen of a foreign country, who wishes to work as a tour operator in Türkiye, must enter Türkiye on a tour operator visa. You can apply for a tour operator visa at the nearest Turkish mission to your residence.

Application Method:

1. Assemble the required documents listed below.
2. Start an online application on www.visa.gov.tr and upload the documents when prompted.
3. Print out the application form. (*Requirement #2*)
4. After submitting the application successfully, schedule an appointment for the interview.

Applicants are required to bring hard copies of the documents on the day of the interview as well.

Required documents:

1. National passport or official travel document and copy of your passport
 - a) Six-month validity for your intended stay.
 - b) with a blank page to affix the visa.
2. The application form
3. One recent passport photo - size (2" x 2")
4. Membership certificate of TURSAB, tourism operation license and operating license of the company issued by the Chamber of Commerce.
5. Contract, indicating association between the company and the travel agency which operates in Türkiye (notarized translation accepted)
6. License of operation of the related company, certificate of authorized signature, certificate of signing authority
7. Certificate of tour operator
8. Most recent bank statement (min \$5000 balance)
9. Approved copy of the tour operator's license
10. Certificate of travel agency which indicates their A-Group status
11. Certificate of tour operator representative, indicating the applicant was trained in the field of tourism (Student ID of tour operator representative for ongoing education)
12. Original and the copy of your green card or your valid US visa. (*for NON-US applicants only*)
 - Valid I-20 or the letter from school is required for the student visa holders.
 - B1/B2 visa holders can only apply for at their country of residence.
13. Proof of travel health/accident insurance, valid through duration of stay, including:
 - a) minimum coverage of 30,000 Euros or equivalent USD
 - b) transfer of the patient to nearest healthcare facility or residency address after discharge and transfer of body in case of death,
14. Non-refundable visa fee
 - Visa fees can only be paid in cash or as money order payable to Turkish Consulate General in LA. Debit, credit and personal checks are not accepted.

Single/Multiple entry visa fee: please email the Consulate:
consulate.losangeles@mfa.gov.tr

Optional:

15. A pre-paid envelope (USPS mail carrier)

(Turkish Consulate General in LA is not responsible for any delivery issues)

Important notes:

- Your tour operator visa will have 90-day stay only. You must apply for a residence permit on <https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr> which will allow you to stay beyond that period.
- In individual cases, you may be required to provide additional documents.
- Please do not finalize your travel arrangements until you are notified about the outcome of your visa application.
- It is strongly advised for applicants to apply at least three months prior to their intended trip.

