

## INEE Global Consultation 2009: Planning Your Trip

*Dear INEE Global Consultation Delegates,*

*We hope that the following information will assist you in making your travel plans for the upcoming INEE Global Consultation. The official dates for the consultation are 31 March to 2 April 2009, and selected delegates are expected to participate in the consultation in its entirety. Please note that there will be additional meetings and events taking place on 3 April 2009 that you are encouraged to attend (e.g. INEE Task Team business meetings and other side meetings that will be arranged by delegates during the consultation). More details about these opportunities will be announced when confirmed.*

*We strongly encourage you to apply for a travel visa as well as book airfare and hotel accommodations well in advance. Please contact Mary ([consultation@ineesite.org](mailto:consultation@ineesite.org)) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in Turkey!*

*Sincerely,*

*Allison Anderson, Director of INEE*

*Mary Mendenhall, Consultant for INEE Global Consultation*

### INEE Global Consultation Agenda: Schedule-at-a-Glance

31 March 2009	Opening Plenary and Concurrent Sessions (evening reception)	8:00 hrs – 18:30 hrs
1 April 2009	Plenary and Concurrent Sessions	9:00 – 18:30 hrs
2 April 2009	Concurrent Sessions and Closing Plenary	9:00 – 17:00 hrs
3 April 2009	Additional Side Meetings and Trainings (e.g. INEE Task Team Business Meetings)	9:00 – 17:00 hrs

## Travel Visas

Most nationals from other countries will need a tourist visa to enter Turkey. We strongly encourage you to secure your visa *at least* one month prior to your departure to Turkey for the consultation. Please check the country listings on the following Ministry of Foreign Affairs web page for visa requirements: <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>. If you need an official letter of invitation for the INEE Global Consultation, please contact Mary Mendenhall at [consultation@ineesite.org](mailto:consultation@ineesite.org).

## Yanki Travel Agency

The Yanki Travel Agency is providing in-country logistical support to the INEE Secretariat and the travel agents at Yanki Travel are available to assist delegates with their travel plans. Please feel free to contact them with questions about hotel accommodations, airline reservations and travel within Turkey.

Tel: +90 312 425 54 32 / 132

Fax: +90 312 417 68 93

Email: [gcm@yankitravel.com.tr](mailto:gcm@yankitravel.com.tr)

Website: <http://www.yankitravel.com.tr/odeme/the-inee-global-consultation-meeting>

## Places to Stay

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the hotels listed below until 1 February, 2009 (after this date room bookings are subject to availability). The rooms have been temporarily reserved for the following dates: 29 March – 4 April, 2009. Be sure to make reservations well in advance.

You may make reservations for hotel accommodations (and airport transfers) on the following website (provided by Yanki Travel Agency): <http://www.yankitravel.com.tr/odeme/the-inee-global-consultation-meeting>

You may pay for accommodations by credit card or wire transfer. Wire transfer details are enclosed in the accompanying hotel accommodation reservation form.

The INEE Global Consultation will take place in the Marmara Hotel (details below). The other hotels are in the nearby vicinity of the Marmara Hotel.

### **The Marmara Hotel\*\*\*\*\***

Tel: +90 212 251 46 96

Fax: +90 212 244 05 09

Website: <http://www.themarmarahotels.com/>

Single Room including Breakfast: 195 € per night

Double Room including Breakfast: 220 € per night

### **Nippon Hotel\*\*\*\*\***

Tel: +90 212 313 33 00

Fax: +90 212 313 33 33

Website: [www.nipponhotel.com.tr](http://www.nipponhotel.com.tr)

Single Room including Breakfast: 130 €

Double Room including Breakfast: 160 €

### **Green Park Hotel Taksim\*\*\*\*\***

Tel: +90 212 238 05 05

Fax: + 90 212 237 76 46

Website: <http://www.thegreenpark.com/tr/index.asp>

Single Room including Breakfast: 95 €

Double Room including Breakfast: 110 €

### **Savoy Hotel\*\*\*\*\***

Tel: +90 212 252 93 26

Fax: +90 212 243 20 10

Website: <http://www.savoy.com.tr/>

Single Room including Breakfast: 100 €

Double Room including Breakfast: 125 €

**Lares Park Hotel\*\*\*\***

Tel: +90 212 313 51 00

Fax: +90 212 313 51 51

Website: <http://www.laresparkhotel.com/>

Single Room including Breakfast: 100 €

Double Room including Breakfast: 110 €

**Taksim Square Hotel\*\*\*\***

Tel: +90 212 292 64 40

Fax: +90 212 292 64 49

Website:

<http://www.taksimsquarehotel.com.tr/turkish/>

Single Room including Breakfast: 95 €

Double Room including Breakfast: 110 €

**Madison Hotel**

Tel: +90 212 238 54 60

Fax: +90 212 238 51 51

<http://www.themadisonhotel.com.tr/>

Single Room including Breakfast: 85 €

Double Room including Breakfast: 95 €

**Budgetary Considerations**

Currency exchange rates have been listed below. For up-to-date rates, please check the following website: <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>.

- 1 Euro = 1.79 YTL (Turkish New Lira)
- 1 US Dollar = 1.30 YTL (Turkish New Lira)
- 1 United Kingdom Pound = 2.31 YTL (Turkish New Lira)

**Getting There - Sample Airfares to Istanbul, Turkey**

To assist with your planning, we have provided sample airfares from some of the major departure cities for consultation delegates.

<b>Departures from Europe</b>	
Amsterdam	\$246 Lufthansa; \$367 Lufthansa
Geneva	\$551 Swiss/Lufthansa; \$651 Austrian Airlines
London	\$378 Turkish Airlines; \$438 Lufthansa
Paris	\$ 487 Swiss/Lufthansa; \$514 Swiss
Rome	\$416 Swiss/Lufthansa; \$472 Swiss/Lufthansa
Oslo	\$498 Lufthansa; \$582 Lufthansa
<b>Departures from The Americas</b> <i>(Due to travel time and time change from this region a departure date of 29 March was used)</i>	
New York	\$1373 Turkish Airlines; \$1568 Swiss
Washington DC	\$1590 Multiple Airlines
Port-au-Prince	\$3306-3393 American
Bogota	\$2367 Iberia
<b>Departures from Middle East and South Asia</b>	
Amman	\$683-1017 Turkish Airlines
Kabul	\$3513 Pakistan International; \$3557 Indian

	Airlines
Islamabad	\$1589-1633 Emirates
Dakka	\$1308 Gulf Air; \$1567 Emirates
New Delhi	\$727 Gulf Air; \$748 Qatar Airways
<b>Departures from Africa (29 March departure date)</b>	
Nairobi	\$1017 Emirates; \$1511 Egypt air
Kampala	\$1561-1784 Kenya Airways
Khartoum	\$683.00
Juba	<i>Local arrangements would need to be made to get to Nairobi; see price above for Nairobi-Istanbul</i>
Monrovia	\$1879.90
Abidjan	\$3610.48 (cost is lower if there is a minimum of 7 days, \$1953.48)
Dar es Salaam	\$1845 Kenya Airways; \$1914 Air France
<b>Departures from East Asia &amp; the Pacific (29 March departure date)</b>	
Dili	\$6154-6222 Airnorth Regional
Bangkok	\$960 Turkish Airlines; \$1224 Qatar Airways
Colombo	\$1497-1529 Sri Lankan Air
Jakarta	\$1172 Qatar Airways; \$1408 KLM

**Note:** All fares were found on [www.kayak.com](http://www.kayak.com) and [www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com) on 30 September, 2008. Unless specified, travel dates were 30 March – 3 April, 2009. Cheaper airfares may be available with earlier arrivals and later departures.

### **Meals**

Please note that two coffee/tea breaks and lunch will be included each day of the global consultation (31 March – 3 April, 2009), including one evening reception. Breakfast is included at all of the hotels listed above. Delegates will be responsible for dinner each night as well as meals for any additional days they are in Turkey. Average cost of meals: \$10-\$20 US dollars.

### **Climate & Attire**

In spring (April-May) you may encounter rain, and the air may be cool or even chilly at night, but comfortable during the day; bring a warm jacket or a sweater.

Average Temperatures in March/April:	Lows/Highs:
	3/11 Celsius
	37/52 Fahrenheit

Turkish society is modern and predominantly secular. In Turkish cities—as in New York, Sydney or London—most of the local people will be more stylishly dressed. Many observant Turkish Muslim women (perhaps 30% of the female population) dress in *tesettür*, a headscarf and light cover-all topcoat, when going out in public. If you plan to visit any mosques during your trip, dress modestly as you would to visit a church (long trousers, skirt or dress; women should wear a headscarf). (Sources: <http://www.turkeytravelplanner.com/index.html>, <http://www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id=8544>)

## Getting Around

### *Buses*

City buses, which are green or red, and private buses, which are blue, run regular routes from such central areas as Taksim, Mecidiyeköy, Beşiktaş, Kadıköy and Bostancı to many different parts of the city. The price of a single ticket is 1,3 YTL

### *Taxi*

The fee for taxi rides is calculated with a taxi meter. The taxi meter begins at 1,73 YTL and increases by 1,25 YTL for each kilometer traveled. The standing-rate is after five minutes 20 YKr per minute. It is important to have change on you when you board a taxi, as drivers will often not have change for large bills. After midnight a fifty percent increase in the taxi rate comes into effect.

### *Private Car Service*

The travel agents at Yanki Travel can also assist with airport transfers and other in-country transportation needs. The transportation fee for a one way trip is €40 per standard car for 1-3 persons (<http://www.yankitravel.com.tr/index.php?yenidil=ing>).

The Marmara Hotel also offers a private car service. The fee for airport service is €90 + tax (€106 total) one way. Delegates will be picked up from the airport in a luxury car. An airport greeter will be waiting for you at the International arrival gate in Atatürk International Airport. The airport is approximately 25 km from the hotel and the journey takes approximately 30 minutes. Please allow at least 45 minutes for this journey during rush hour. To make a reservation, please contact the hotel directly at [mtfo@themarmarahotels.com](mailto:mtfo@themarmarahotels.com).

## Traveling in Turkey

For those delegates interested in exploring Turkey before or after the INEE Global Consultation, we have included a few resources for you here.

- **Yanki Travel Agency:** <http://www.yankitravel.com.tr/index.php?yenidil=ing>
  - **Email address:** [gcm@yankitravel.com.tr](mailto:gcm@yankitravel.com.tr)
- **Republic of Turkey: Ministry of Culture and Tourism:** <http://www.turizm.gov.tr/EN/>
- **Travel Turkey:** <http://www.travelturkey.com/>
- **World Travels:** <http://www.wordtravels.com/Travelguide/Countries/Turkey/Basics>

**Other Helpful Links**

- **Center for Disease Control and Prevention:**  
[wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinationTurkey.aspx#vaccines](http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinationTurkey.aspx#vaccines)