

Türkiye, Where Three Continents Meet







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SEED CONCRESSO ARBINA-TURKTVE / 13 DECEMBER

APSA



The Asia and Pacific Seed Association (APSA) was established in 1994, through the cooperation of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and DANIDA, with the aim of promoting quality seed production and marketing in the Asia and Pacific Region.

Today, APSA is the largest regional seed association in the world.

APSA strives to help its members to produce, develop, research and market quality seeds within the region and globally.

APSA represent the largest network of companies, associations and government bodies relating to seeds in the Asia Pacific region and operate as a platform for sharing ideas and knowledge for the growth and development of the seed industry in the region.

APSA organizes a congress in a different country each year under the name of the Asian Seed Congress.

The four-day congresses attract an average of 1,000-1,200 participants and provide a good communication environment for industry stakeholders from all over the world.

The congress includes opening and closing ceremonies, scientific sessions and discussions on technical and current issues, the APSA General Assembly, booth facilities, B2B tables, and various social activities.



1 – 5 December 2026 Antalya, TÜRKİYE Granada Luxury Belek Hotel















The congress will be held at Granada Luxury Belek hotel in a large-capacity in Antalya, with modern and spacious meeting centers, with the comfort of an all-inclusive system that includes unlimited food, drinks and most activities free of charge throughoutthe day.





















Antalya

HOSTS





The Turkish Seed Union (TÜRKTOB), together with 7 sub-unions concerning seeds, seedlings, young plant, ornamental plants, seed growing, seed distribution and plant breeding, were founded in 2008.

The Executive Committee of the Union has seven members being one from each sub-union. The total number of members is around 86.000.

The Turkish Seed Union is a professional umbrella organization with a legal personality and the status of a public body that has been established by sub-unions in an attempt to encourage cooperation and solidarity among sub-unions and those involved in the sector.

The vision of TÜRKTOB is "A Sustainable and Internationally Competitive Seed Sector that Prioritizes Food Reliability".







TÜRKTED TÜRKİYE TOHUMCULUK ENDÜSTRİSİ DERNEĞİ TÜRKİSH SEED INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

TÜRKTED was established in 1985. The membership is voluntary. The members are specialised in different product groups such as field crops, industrial crops, forage crops, vegetables, grasses and ornamentals etc. The members are active in various stages of variety registration, seed certification, processing, trading etc.

The members, include private seed companies, most of which are international and joint seed companies, invested in the Seed Sector in Türkiye.

TÜRKTED's aim is to increase the total seed production and trade in Türkiye.

TÜRKTED's mission is to strenghten Turkish Seed Industry in order to become a regional leader; developing R&D, varieties and seed technologies, capable of competing with other countries and to represent Turkish Seed Sector in International organisations.

TÜRKTED's vision is to establish a Seed Industry, integrated with the world Seed Industry on the basis of food security and sustainable agriculture both in Türkiye and in the World.

HOSTS

TÜRKTED is a non-governmental and a non-profit organization with an aim of improving and strengthening Turkish Seed Industry.





PARTNERS

REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY



THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM, ANTALYA PROVINCIAL DIRECTORATE OF CULTURE AND TOURISM



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ANTALYA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY





SEED SECTOR IN TÜRKİYE

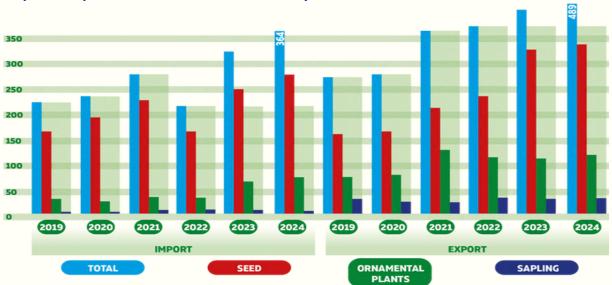


The foreign trade of the Turkish seed sector.

Table 1
Total Import and Export Value from 2019 to 2024 (milyon USD)

37	SEED						SAPLING						ORNAMENTAL PLANTS						TOTAL					
YEARS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
EXPORT	155	162	214	232	327	338	38	32	30	35	32	33	80	83	130	119	113	118	273	277	374	386	472	489
IMPORT	177	199	227	169	250	288	2	3	6	7	8	6	43	40	50	47	63	70	222	242	282	223	321	364
VOLUME	332	361	441	401	577	626	40	35	36	42	40	39	123	123	180	166	176	188	495	520	657	609	793	853
BALANCE	22	-37	-13	63	77	50	36	29	24	28	24	27	37	43	81	72	50	48	96	35	92	163	151	125
(%)	88	81	94	137	131	117	2.111	1.000	517	500	400	550	187	207	263	255	179	169	123	114	133	173	147	134

Figure 1 Import-Export Values of Seed Sector by Years (million USD)

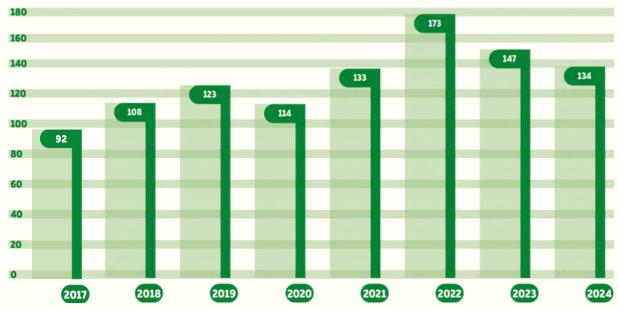


SEED SECTOR IN TÜRKİYE









The foreign trade volume was 853 million dollars in 2024.

The balance between imports and exports rapidly started to develop in favor of exports and the export-import ratio was 108% in 2018 while this ratio is 147% in 2023.



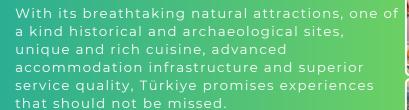


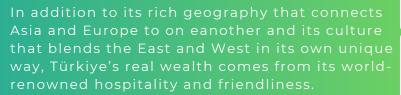


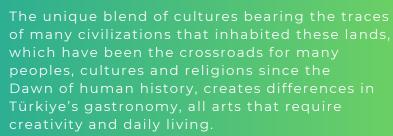












Thanks to its geography with diverse climates, Türkiye goes through all four seasons at once on the same day.



























Signature Experiences in Türkiye

When asked which continent Türkiye is on, İstanbul residents proudly answer,
"Both!" The Bosphorus divides the city into European and Asian sides.
The Lycian Way connects nature and history enthusiasts with 535 km of ancient
heritage and landscapes. Boasting the second longest coastline in Europe, Türkiye
boasts an increasing number of Blue Flag beaches with its 8,333 km coastline.
Surrounded by the sea on three sides, Türkiye also stands out with its gulet cruises,
ideal for summer holidays. Designed for leisure and luxury, these boats offer
unforgettable experiences on the Turkish Riviera.





























Signature Experiences in Türkiye

Türkiye's culinary culture has been shaped by Anatolia's multilayered history and the spread of different civilizations. The rich diversity of ingredients, the use of spices and regional differences are the most prominent characteristics. The rich use of meat, vegetables and legumes creates dishes that are both nutritious and healthy. Sharing tables and a culture of togetherness make Turkish cuisine not just a meal, but a way of life.

With its rich historical heritage, Türkiye is like a treasure trove, carrying the legacy of civilizations with works ranging from mosques and caravanserais to palaces and bridges. Türkiye, ruled by its historical structures and cultural riches, offers both a visual feast and a profound journey.

Türkiye is a cradle of civilization where East and West meet, where mythology, history and culture intertwine. This heritage offers people a journey that transcends time and civilizations. In these lands, where art, nature and history merge, a bridge is built between the traces of the past and the cultural life of today.





Signature Experiences in Türkiye

Türkiye, with its world-renowned restaurants and year-round festivals, is a unique hub for culture, art and gastronomy.

Festivals ranging from jazz and opera to film and gastronomy offer visitors unforgettable experiences throughout Türkiye throughout the year.



According to UN data, Türkiye is the world's fourth most visited destination and a leading hub for MICE tourism. With its modern convention centers, extensive hotel capacity, natural beauty and rich culture, it stands out as an ideal destination for international meetings, congresses and events.

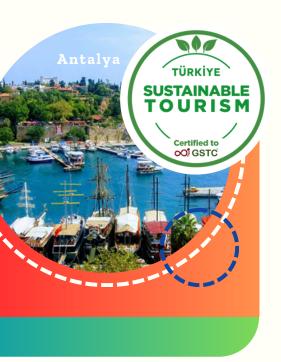














GREEN & SUSTAINABLE TÜRKİYE

TÜRKİYE – SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Türkiye is a leading destination for hosting green and sustainable meetings. With its green meeting" projects, eco-friendly hotels and convention centers, it holds a strong position in event tourism. With 551 Blue Flag beaches, over 250 sustainability-certified facilities, 21 UNESCO World Heritage sites and 30 UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage assets, Türkiye combines cultural richness with environmental awareness. Furthermore, the National Sustainable Tourism Program, launched with the GSTC, has made the country a global pioneer in sustainable tourism. Türkiye has become a pioneer of green meetings and sustainable tourism worldwide by contributing to the goals of the Paris Agreement through the National Sustainable **Tourism Program implemented in cooperation** with GSTC.























HOST CITY ANTALYA







The Shining Star of the Mediterranean: Antalya

Surrounded by the Taurus Mountains, Antalya, the Mediterranean's popular coastal city, is one of the world's tourism capitals. With over 300 five-star hotels, a 600,000 bed capacity, and a robust congress infrastructure, it's a unique destination for business and leisure travelers.

Antalya isn't just about sun and sea; it's also a cultural hub with over 400 ancient cities, UNESCO heritage sites, magnificent theaters and unique museums. Ancient cities like Patara, Aspendos, and Perge; the Karain and Dim caves; waterfalls and canyons attract nature and history enthusiasts.

The city boasts a rich cultural and artistic calendar throughout the year, from concerts and exhibitions to international festivals and gastronomic events. The Antalya Culture Route Festival, the final stop of Türkiye's most comprehensive cultural movement, adds a vibrant touch to the region.

Shopping and nightlife also add to the city's dynamic atmosphere. Authentic handicrafts await in the narrow streets of Kaleici and entertainment that lasts until dawn in the coastal resorts. Offering sea, nature, history, culture, gastronomy and entertainment all in one place, Antalya deserves to be one of the most visited cities in the world.

































Antalya: The Meeting Point of History, Culture and Nature

Located in the city center, Kaleiçi is the heart of Antalya with its boutique hotels, museums, cafes and city walls dating back to different eras.

The region also stands out with its world-famous ancient cities. Aspendos is home to the best-preserved Roman theater in the entire Mediterranean world; Termessos, with its unique location on mountain peaks, tells the story of resistance, Perge impresses with its stadium, theater, agoras and mosaics, Phaselis and Olympos invite you to a historical journey with their harbor cities and ancient streets. Patara is unique as both an important city of the Lycian civilization and a nesting site for the Caretta Caretta turtles. The Antalya Museum in the city center is among Europe's award-winning museums, showcasing the region's rich archaeological heritage. In addition, Antalya gains extra cultural value as the hometown of Saint Nicholas (Santa Claus).



MUST-SEE SIGHTS HOST CITY ANTALYA



Antalya is famous not only for its history but also for its beaches. Patara, Kaputaş, Adrasan, Çıralı, Konyaaltı, Lara, İncekum and Cleopatra beaches offer countless options for holidaymakers with turquoise seas and golden sands.

By bringing together ancient cities, museums, cultural heritage and natural beauty,
Antalya is one of the world's most attractive destinations.

Köprüçay in Köprülü Canyon is one of Türkiye's most popular rafting centers.

An unforgettable adventure awaits you with professional companies.

Belek is one of Europe's favorite golf destinations with Mediterranean-view courses, well-maintained fairways and a favorable year-round climate.

Along the 1,000 km coastline of the Turkish Riviera, surrounded by mountains, cycling enthusiasts can discover routes of varying difficulty, breathtaking landscapes and ancient cities.

The Lycian Way, stretching 500 km, along with the Saint Paul Trail and the Pisidia Heritage Trail are world-renowned trekking routes. These trails are ideal for discovering both nature and history.

Projects carried out along the Lycian Way have supported women in villages to produce handicrafts and local delicacies, setting an example of sustainable tourism.





























GREEN & SUSTAINABLE ANTALYA



Antalya: The Capital of Sustainable Tourism and Agriculture

Antalya, one of the world's leading tourism centers, is a pioneer in sustainability, becoming Türkiye's first metropolitan city to prepare a sustainable energy action plan in 2013. With its sunny climate, the city offers year-round cycling, as well as national parks, protected areas and rich biodiversity. Antalya is Türkiye's showcase of endemic plants, with projects that protect unique species and link nature to cultural heritage. It is also an important stop on bird migration routes, hosting 334 species. In agriculture, Antalya produces 23% of Türkiye's oranges, with the Finike Orange registered as a Geographical Indication. Its cuisine features 13 geographically indicated products, including Antalya Style Piyaz and local specialties.







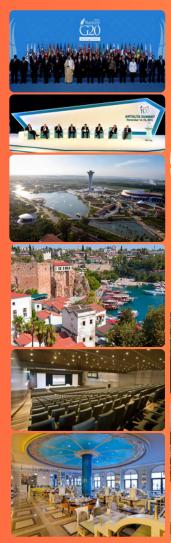
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Combining tourism, agriculture, nature and gastronomy, Antalya strengthens its vision as a sustainable destination attractive in every season.

Antalya, Türkiye's fifth-largest city, welcomes over 14 million international visitors each year and is not only a top tourism hub but also a leading destination for congresses and meetings. With more than 300 five-star hotels, 175,000 seat meeting capacity and modern facilities, the city hosts major international events.

With a strong track record including the G20 Summit, Expo 2016, and the ICCA Congress, Antalya stands out as an ideal destination for meeting planners, offering experienced staff, state-of-theart infrastructure and a wide range of hotel options to suit every budget.





CULTURAL TOURS



Antalya is surrounded by sandy beaches, soaring mountains, and picturesque waterfalls, and these tours will take you to some of the most scenic spots.













ACCOMPANYING PERSON TOUR

Take the cable car up to Tünek Tepe for breathtaking coastal views and explore the Taurus Mountains on an off-road jeep safari. Full-day tours include the thermal springs of Pamukkale and the ancient city of Hierapolis, the Church of St. Nicholas in Demre, the ruins of Myra and the sunken city of Kekova with plenty of swimming and snorkeling stops. In Kaleiçi, discover Hadrian's Gate, the Clock Tower, Yivli Minaret and the old harbor and admire artifacts from the Roman, Byzantine and Lycian civilizations at the Antalya Archaeological Museum.









TRAVEL TO ANTALYA



Türkiye is one of Europe's leading countries in aviation with international air transport growing by 14% over the last decade.

Antalya Airport, serving around 36 million passengers annually, is Türkiye's third-largest airport and second in passenger traffic after Istanbul.

Located 10 km from the city center, the airport offers domestic and international flights with connections to over 50 countries. Turkish Airlines, Pegasus and other carriers provide frequent services, especially via Istanbul and other major cities. The airport's capacity will be expanded to 80 million passengers by the end of 2025, with traffic expected to reach 42 million in 2026. During the congress, VIP services will be available, and airport billboards will be used for event announcements.

The official carrier, Turkish Airlines, will offer up to 15% discounts on international flights.

Number of Passengers travelling at Airports in Türkiye (Except for Transit Passengers) The figurs below represent the number of passengers using the first 5 airports.

CITY	AIRPORT
İstanbul	İstanbul
İstanbul	Sabiha Gökçen
Antalya	Antalya
Ankara	Esenboğa
İzmir	Adnan Menderes



VISA REQUIREMENTS



Passport & Visa

Türkiye offers many facilities concerning its visa policy. Visas can be obtained from Turkish Embassies abroad or at the airport. As the rules may often change, it's wise to check regularly http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa to receive updated information.

Diplomatic passport holders are exempt from visa for their travels to Türkiye for up to 90 days. Ordinary, Special and Service passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Türkiye.

It might be possible to get a single-entry e-Visa valid for one month via www.evisa.gov.tr or a sticker visa – easily applied at the visa processing centers or foreign missions. One can acquire the visa with a limited number of documents.

Group Visas

The visa process for guests of MICE and destination weddings can be co-handled with the organizer. The requirement of many personal documents is waived in such a case.





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