

# TURKEY



Turkey is unusual because it is partly in Europe and partly in Asia. Its capital city is Ankara, though its most famous city is Istanbul (not Constantinople). Turkey has the third largest population in Europe, with 82 million people. Most of Turkey has hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters. This climate makes it ideal for growing wheat, olives, tomatoes and grapes. Turkey has beaches on both the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, making it an ideal tourist destination. In ancient times, Turkey was part of many ancient civilisations, such as the Hittites and Persians, who traded (and sometimes battled) with the Romans and the Greeks.

