



Turkey Now

The earthquakes that hit southeastern Turkey on February 6 have left the nation desperate and devastated. Tens of thousands have lost their lives, with many more injured. All of us at European Initiative believe there is an urgency to share the gospel with the Turkish people. As there is a flood of practical needs following the destruction, there is also a flood of spiritual need following the overwhelming loss of life. EI's goal is to give the Turkish people a foundation of hope that can only be realized by faith in Jesus. That is why our response to this catastrophe is to ask you to come as a volunteer for a short-term mission trip to Istanbul.

Ministry

Currently, only trained search and rescue personnel are allowed in the earthquake affected areas. EI ministry will be primarily in Istanbul. If opportunities arise to travel to the affected cities, we will provide more information.

If you come, prepare to serve with EI staff and local believers to meet with the Turkish people, offering prayer, comfort, and the power of the gospel. Upon your arrival in Istanbul, you will be trained how to share the gospel with Muslims. We plan to have translators to assist with conversations.

Dates

There are two opportunities for you to partner with EI in Turkey:

- Leave the USA on March 8, 2023 (arrival March 9)
 - Deadline for application - March 1, 5pm CST
- Leave the USA on April 19, 2023 (arrival April 20)
 - Deadline for application – March 7, 5pm CST

The length of the trips are 7-10 days.

Costs and Info

- Volunteers will be responsible to purchase their own airline tickets.
- Land costs: estimated \$75 per day, total cost depending on your length of stay. EI staff will reserve housing and local transportation, and will ask you to send that amount of funds directly to EI, ahead of departure.
- You will be responsible to pay for your own meals – American credit cards are mostly accepted.
- Americans will need to purchase a 90-day visa when arriving at the airport in Turkey. The cost is approx. \$35.
- No Covid vaccinations are needed to enter Turkey.
- Additional travel costs are possible if we travel to the earthquake affected areas.



Contact and Questions

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Once you decide to come to Turkey, Jessica will send you an EI short-term trip application, and a waiver form that must be signed. Both forms must be returned and approved by Jessica *before purchasing airline tickets*.