

Istanbul Travel Guide

Event venue: Club Sporium — Bostancı, Asian side of Istanbul
Bostancı, Tünel Girişi Sk. No:10, 34744 Kadıköy/İstanbul

MONEY & EXCHANGE RATES

Turkish Lira (TL) exchange rates, September 2026:

- 1 USD = 48.42 TL
- 1 EUR = 56.27 TL

COST OF LIVING

Item	Price (TL)
Water (0.5 L)	10–30
Beer (0.5 L)	100–300
Turkish coffee	50–150
Latte	150–300
Soft drink	50–100
One meal (budget restaurant)	200–400
Meal for two (mid-range restaurant)	2000–2500
McDonald's Big Mac Menu	500
Taxi (shortest trip)	230
Taxi (airport to city center)	1800–2400
Istanbulkart (public transport card)	165
Bus/Metro — one pass with Istanbulkart	46.20–68.59
Bus/Metro — one pass with credit card	69.40–103.20

GETTING AROUND

Istanbulkart is the public transportation card. It can be acquired from the yellow kiosks at most metro stations. It works like a debit card: top it up at the same machine, tap it on the turnstile, and walk through.

You can also use an NFC-enabled credit card at the turnstiles, but it is roughly 50% more expensive than Istanbulkart.

TOURISTIC AREAS

Sultanahmet (old city center): The center is closed to traffic — your cab will drop you off at the nearest point, or use public transportation.

Taksim (new city center): The center and İstiklal street are closed to traffic — your cab will drop you off at the nearest point, or use public transportation.

To the old city

T1 Tram line (dark blue)

- **Kabataş** — Dolmabahçe Palace
- **Eminönü** — Spice Market
- **Sultanahmet** — Hagia Sophia, Topkapı Palace, Blue Mosque, Basilica (underground) Cistern
- **Çemberlitaş / Beyazıt** — Grand Bazaar

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- **Sirkeci** — between the Spice Market, Grand Bazaar and Hagia Sophia, each 15–20 min walking distance from one another

To the new city

M2 Underground metro (green)

- **Şişhane** — Galata Tower
- **Taksim** — new city center

GETTING TO THE VENUE (CLUB SPORIUM, BOSTANCI)

Address: Bostancı, Tünel Girişi Sk. No:10, 34744 Kadıköy/İstanbul

Important: There is another Clubsporium in Beşiktaş — that is NOT the event venue. Our venue is the **Bostancı** location on the Asian side (Kadıköy). Double-check the address before getting into a taxi.

M4 Underground metro (pink)

- **Bostancı** — 5 min walking distance from the venue. If you are staying on the European side, take a ferry to Kadıköy from Eminönü, Karaköy, Kabataş or Beşiktaş, then connect to M4.

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- **Bostancı** — 30 min walking distance from the venue

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