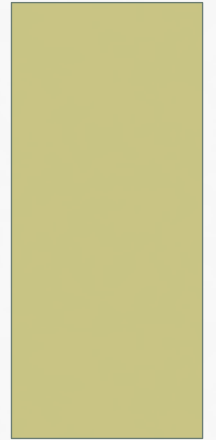


INTRODUCING ANKARA



ANKARA

- **Ankara** is the capital city of Turkey. Located in the central part of Anatolia, the city has a population of 5.1 million in its urban center and 5.8 million in Ankara Province.^{[5][4]} Ankara is Turkey's second-largest city after Istanbul by population, first by urban area (4,130 km²), and third metro area (25,632 km²).



Anıtkabir



Söğütözü central business district

GEOGRAPHY OF ANKARA

- Geographically, Ankara is located in the middle of the [Kızılırmak](#) and [Sakarya](#) rivers, and the [Sakarya River](#) forms its border with [Eskişehir](#) in the west. Ankara shares its borders with [Bolu](#) and [Çankırı](#) in the north; [Konya](#) in the south and [Kırıkkale](#) in the east.^[42]
- Ankara and [its province](#) are located in the [Central Anatolia Region](#) of Turkey. The Çubuk Brook flows through the city center of Ankara. It is connected in the western suburbs of the city to the [Ankara River](#), which is a [tributary](#) of the [Sakarya River](#).

CLIMATE

- Ankara has a cold semi-arid climate under the Köppen climate classification , while under the Trewartha climate classification, the city is classified as humid continental . Due to its elevation and inland location, Ankara has cold and snowy winters, and hot and dry summers. Rainfall occurs mostly during the spring and autumn. The city lies in USDA Hardiness zone 7b, and its annual average precipitation is fairly low at 414 millimeters (16 in), nevertheless precipitation can be observed throughout the year. Monthly mean temperatures range from 0.9 °C (33.6 °F) in January to 24.3 °C (75.7 °F) in July, with an annual mean of 12.6 °C (54.7 °F). Ankara's overall temperature regime is very similar to New York City.

MAIN SIGHTS OF ANKARA

- **Ankara Citadel**

- The foundations of the [Ankara castle and citadel](#) were laid by the Galatians on a prominent [lava](#) outcrop ([39.941°N 32.864°E](#)), and the rest was completed by the Romans. The Byzantines and Seljuks further made restorations and additions. The area around and inside the citadel, being the oldest part of Ankara, contains many fine examples of traditional architecture. There are also recreational areas to relax. Many restored traditional Turkish houses inside the citadel area have found new life as restaurants, serving local cuisine.
- The citadel was depicted in various Turkish banknotes during 1927–1952 and 1983–1989



[Ankara castle and citadel](#)

- **Roman Theater**

- The remains, the stage, and the backstage of the Roman theater can be seen outside [the castle](#). Roman statues that were found here are exhibited in the [Museum of Anatolian Civilizations](#). The seating area is still under excavation.



At the [Monumentum Ancyranum](#) (Temple of Augustus and Rome) in Uluca, the primary intact copy of [Res Gestae](#) written by the first Roman emperor [Augustus](#) survives.

A VIDEO ABOUT ANKARA

