

Prepare for Your Keratoconus Treatment in Turkey



Documents and Visa Requirements

- Passport valid for at least 6 months beyond stay, with at least one blank page for stamping.
- Visa requirements vary by country; visit e-visa.gov.tr to check based on your nationality or consult with your local Turkish consulate.
- Medical reports, treatment history, and any relevant diagnostic imaging (e.g., corneal topography).
- Clinics in Turkey can provide additional diagnostics and tests if the patient's medical documents are insufficient.



Accommodation Options

Many clinics have partnerships with local hotels offering discounted rates, although the cost is typically not included in the treatment price. Patients can expect to pay, on average, \$50-\$100 per night for a hotel stay. Hospital stays may be included for certain procedures. Accommodations for accompanying persons are available, but conditions and costs vary. Patients and their companions should confirm arrangements prior to travel.



Transfer Services

- Some clinics offer free airport-hotel-clinic transfers, while others may charge a fee.
- Popular taxi services like BiTaksi and iTaksi are available in major cities, with prices starting around \$0.50 per km.



Interpreter Services

Interpreter services are often available through the clinics, sometimes free of charge or for a fee. It's advisable to arrange these services in advance to ensure effective communication with healthcare providers.



Payment Methods

- Acceptable payment methods include cash and credit card transactions.
- The Turkish Lira (TRY) is the local currency; having local cash can be convenient for small expenses.
- Many places also accept payments in US dollars or euros, but it's best to have some local currency for ease of transactions.



Before Your Keratoconus Treatment

- Consult with your local eye specialist to understand the specifics of your condition and potential outcomes.
- Ensure you have a complete list of your current medications and allergies to share with your Turkish medical team.
- Discuss with your insurer, if applicable, about coverage and reimbursement for overseas treatment.
- Avoid wearing contact lenses for the recommended period before your assessment and treatment.
- Establish a recovery plan and necessary support for when you return home.
- Bring sunglasses to protect your eyes post-treatment, as they may be sensitive to light.
- Prepare for a language barrier; download translation apps or consider hiring an interpreter.
- Check the latest travel advisories and health information for Turkey before departure.



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