Turkey is the only country in the world that is on two continents. Turkey is on both Asia and Europe.

Bordering the Black Sea, between Bulgaria and Georgia, and bordering the Aegean Sea and the Mediterranean Sea, between Greece and Syria.
It is bordered by eight countries: Bulgaria to the northwest, Greece to the west, Georgia to the northeast, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Iran to the east, and Iraq and Syria to the southeast.
NATIONAL FLAG

- Red with a vertical white half moon and white five-pointed star centered just outside the half-moon opening.

- Seal of the President of Turkey. The 16 stars symbolize the 16 Turkish states in history.
In the language of flowers, tulips have their own meaning and symbolism. In general, the tulip flowers mean perfect love and a true.

And of course, tulip flowers are always associated with spring. Blooming in a multitude of colors, timeless symbol of spring.

The tulip flower is also unofficially the emblem of Holland and the national flower of Turkey.
**FACTS**

- **Date of Foundation:** October 29, 1923
- **Population:** 80 million
- **Administrative Type:** Democratic Republic
- **Official Language:** Turkish
- **Capital City:** Ankara
- **Largest Cities:** İstanbul, Ankara, İzmir, Adana, Antalya, Bursa
- **Currency:** Turkish Lira
FACTS

- **Time difference:** UTC+3. (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC during Standard Time)

- **Life expectancy:** 72

- **Mean Age:** 28.8 years

- **Religions:** Muslim 99% (mostly Sunni), other 1% (mostly Christians and Jews)

- **Urban population:** 70% of total population
PLACE of INTEREST
The Bosporus

- between Europe and Asia.
- The city have served to The Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman empires as capital city. Even Napoleon once said, “If the Earth were a single state, Istanbul would be its capital.”
Sultan Ahmet Square

- **Blue Mosque** is 400 years old historic mosque

- **Hagia Sophia** was once a Christian church but was transformed to a mosque in the year 1453, and now it serves as a museum.
Grand Bazaar

- one of the world’s oldest and biggest malls
- was established in 1455
- 61 streets lined by more than 3,000 shops
- 333,000 square feet
Blue Lagoon (Ölüdeniz)

- In the southwest of Turkey where the Aegean meets the Mediterranean.
- Turquoise color seawater.
- Has an official Blue Flag.
- Rated among the top 5 beaches in the world.
- Also famous for paragliding opportunities.
Cappadocia

- In central Turkey.
- Most famous for unique geological features.
- The large, cone-like formations were created over time by erosion of the relatively soft volcanic ash around them.
- Underground cities were used as hiding places by early Christians.
Pamukkale
• meaning "cotton castle" in Turkish.
• natural hot springs flowing down the slope of a small mountain have created a series of pools formed of pure white travertine.
• there are 17 hot water springs in which the temperature ranges from 95 °F to 212 °F.
Göbekli Tepe

- World’s oldest and biggest temple.
- 12000 years old.
- was discovered in southern Turkey,
- Building at Göbekli Tepe also predated the inventions of pottery, written language, and the wheel.
TURKISH FOODS
**Kebab**

- The cornerstone of modern Turkish cuisine
- Simply means "charcoal-grilled"
Pide “Turkish pizza”

- flatbread baked in a wood-fired oven.
- It comes with a variety of toppings:
  - Turkish sausage
  - Ground beef
  - Chopped lamb meat
  - Cheese and veggies
Baklava
Turkish Coffee

• Turkish Coffee, frequently serves at the end of a meal.

• First appearing in Istanbul in the 16th century, coffee has been part of the fabric of life here ever since.

• Also Turkish coffee generally serves with Turkish delight.
Turkish Tea (Çay)

- Each day begins with at least two tiny, tulip-shaped cups of Turkish tea.

- Large offices and factories employ a person to make and deliver tea, and workers get breaks specifically for drinking it.
Thank you