



# Izmir

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“The beautiful city,” as it is known in Turkey, Izmir welcomes the visitor with a demonstration of warmth and friendliness worthy of the renowned Turkish hospitality. A city of contrasts, Izmir offers the best of both modern and ancient worlds: steeped in history, while at the same time a cosmopolitan and vibrant city. With warm summers and mild winters, Izmir is a year-round destination.



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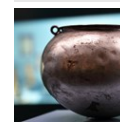
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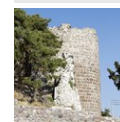
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## THE CITY



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Sitting proudly astride the stunning Gulf of Izmir, the city divides into distinct areas each with its own character and ambiance. The cultural and geographical heart of the city is the Konak district, an seafront area of contrast that captures the spirit of Izmir. Konak is all about modernist architecture and wide boulevards, a great place to let the hours pass while eating, drinking, walking, talking, shopping and watching.

Just behind the seafront is the bazaar, an atmospheric warren of narrow winding streets, where the sights and sounds of the traders transport you back to far distant times and undoubtedly impress any visitor to the city.

Yet there is still more on offer for the adventurous visitor. North of Konark is the Alsancak area. Alsancak has undergone a dramatic renaissance and has been transformed from the unwanted neighbour into an exciting and happening party district where you will find enough night time entertainment to satisfy the most hardened hedonist.

## DO & SEE



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### The Clock Tower - Saat Kulesi



Izmir's most iconic landmark, the Saat Kulesi was donated to the city by German Emperor Wilhelm II and it is an excellent example of Ottoman architecture. No visit would be complete without a photograph next to the majestic monument.

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Address: Konak Square, Izmir

### Archaeological Museum



Situated in Konak, the bustling heart of the city, the museum houses magnificent exhibits dating back to the Greeks and the Romans' dominion. The extensive statuary includes impressive bronzes and marble statues; along

with the ancient coins and glass collection it is certainly a major draw for tourists.

Photo: Openfinal/Shutterstock.com

Address: Halit Rifat Pasa Caddesi 4. Konak, Izmir

Opening hours: Every day 8.30am - 5.30pm

Phone: +90 232 483 72 54

### Ethnography Museum



Ever wonder about the story behind the Camel Wrestling Festivals? How a kilim (Turkish carpet) is made? Or what life was like under the reign of

the Ottomans? If so, this is the place for you.

Here you will find out about peculiar traditions and customs of region, and more.

Photo: livcool/Shutterstock.com

Address: Efnografya Muzesi, Izmir

Opening hours: Every day 8.30am - 5.30pm

Phone: +90 232 489 07 96

More Info: Next to the Archaeology museum

### Ephesus



An ancient Greek settlement, Ephesus is one of the best-preserved archaeological sites in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The splendor of the ruins reflect the marvelous long-gone era of the artistic Greek domination, transporting the astonished traveler back in time. A perfect day trip solution, Ephesus is located only an hour-ride away from Izmir.

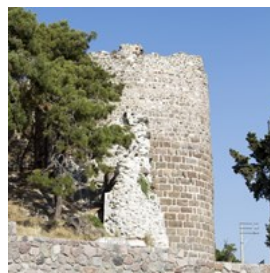
Photo: Ludmila Yilmaz/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ephesus Ancient City, Selçuk, Turkey

Public Transport: From Basmane train station: train to Selçuk, the journey takes 1 hour and 10 minuts. Alternatively numerous agency organize day trips to Ephesus

Internet: [www.ephesus.us](http://www.ephesus.us)

### Kadifekale



Izmir's very own castle, founded under Alexander the Great's dominion and strategically located up Pagos Hill, affords great views over the city and

the bay. At sunset, the call to prayer echoes throughout the city, reverberating in a show of Izmir's soul. Linked to the center by a bus line, it is also ideal for a suggestive hike.

Photo: alenvl/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kadifekale, Konak, Izmir

Public Transport: Bus 30 from Konak.

### DINING



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Izmir is awash with dining establishments, from the simple hole in the wall kebab shop to the refinery of the five-star restaurants. Most of the cheaper eats are located around the Bazaar and the Alsancak region, while along the Birinci Kordon waterfront you will find plenty of good restaurants serving up tranca and cipura, types of sea bream, which are the local specialty.

### Café Maya



Café Maya is a charming restaurant in the district of Alsancak. They serve homemade noodles, all kinds of sandwiches, local pastries and desserts.

After a visit at Café Maya you will certainly have enough energy to shop in the nearby boutiques.

Photo: Nadir Keklik/Shutterstock.com

Address: Alsancak Mahallesi, 1389 Sok 1C, Izmir

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10.30am - 9pm

Phone: +90 232 464 67 81

### Altin Kapi



Started in 1978 as a small meatball shop, Altin Kapi now is a well-established restaurant with alfresco dining. Enjoy a plate of İskender doner or grilled

meat dishes served with fresh salad or try their delicious Inegöl meatballs and freshly baked pide.

Photo: Cagla Acikgoz/Shutterstock.com

Address: Konak Mahallesi, Alsancak Mh., Izmir

Opening hours: Every day 11am - 12am

Phone: +90 232 422 2709

Internet: [www.altinkapi.com](http://www.altinkapi.com)

### Gozlemecim



As the name suggests, Gozlemecim offers delicious and freshly baked gozleme. Choose your favourite version of this crispy comfort food

from the extensive menu. The staff will happily recommend specialties if you are having difficulties choosing.

Photo: ustun1979/Shutterstock.com

Address: Konak Mahallesi, 897. Sk., Izmir

Opening hours: Every day 8am - 8pm

Phone: +90 232 445 27 48

### Yengec Restaurant



If you are looking for a place to enjoy fresh local seafood, this is where to book a table. Yengec serves a premium selection of fish and

seafood that you will be able to choose yourself from a buffet before you order your meal. Their meze are also delicious and will accompany your choice of seafood perfectly.

Photo: Dani Vincek/Shutterstock.com

Address: Alsancak Mahallesi, Atatürk Cd. 314/A, 35220 Izmir

Opening hours: Every day 7.30am - 2am

Phone: +90 232 464 57 57

Internet: [www.kordonyengec.com](http://www.kordonyengec.com)

### Topcu Restorant



Topcu specialises in kebab that is served with flatbread and cooked onions. It is the perfect place to try authentic Turkish dishes in a

traditional setting. You should come with an empty stomach since their portions are very generous and the food is delicious.

Photo: Ali Haydar/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kazim Dirik Cad. No: 3 / B Pasaport, Izmir

Opening hours: Open 24 hours

Phone: +90 232 484 62 61

Internet: [www.topcurestaurant.com](http://www.topcurestaurant.com)

## Yaşam



This cozy vegan restaurant and cafe lies right at the heart of Izmir's market area. Additionally to a large selection of vegan

desserts, cakes, teas and coffees, Yaşam also serves delicious lunch and dinner options. This is the perfect alternative to the mostly meat based dishes in traditional restaurants. Before you indulge in some sweet treats, try their Vegmacun or vegan Iskender - there is no reason to miss out on local specialities.

Photo: Esin Deniz/Shutterstock.com

Address: Alsancak Mahallesi, 1484. Sk. 9 A, Izmir

Opening hours: Every day 12pm - 10pm

Phone: +90 534 033 03 72

Email: kafeyasam@gmail.com

## CAFES



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Izmir has a great selection of cafes. Enjoy traditional Turkish coffee with a side of Turkish delight or indulge in some authentic sweet treats like Baklava or Tulumba.

## Reyhan Pastanesi



Reyhan Pastanesi has been serving quality sweet treats for well over 50 years. They are known for handmade chocolates, freshly baked pastries

and sweet & savory cookies. Combine your choice of pastry or cake with the special Reyhan tea or one of their unique coffees.

Photo: confectionery/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kültür Mh., Doktor Mustafa Enver Bey Caddesi No:24, Izmir

Opening hours: Every day 7am - 12am

Phone: +90 4447946

Internet: [www.reyhan.com.tr](http://www.reyhan.com.tr)

Email: [reyhan@reyhan.com.tr](mailto:reyhan@reyhan.com.tr)

## Sevinc Pastanesi



Sevinc Pastanesi is probably one of the oldest meeting places for the locals. Their traditional desserts - especially their famous Pavlova - attracts

older and younger generations alike. Enjoy some delicious treats in a cozy atmosphere. If the weather is nice you can also sit outside and watch the busy streets of Izmir.

Photo: Ekaterina Smirnova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Alsancak Mahallesi, Ali Çetinkaya Blv No: 27/C, Izmir

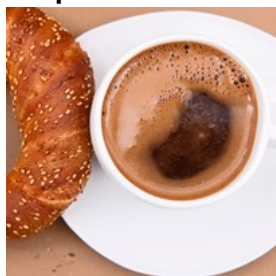
Opening hours: Every day 7am - 12am

Phone: +90 232 421 75 90

Internet: [www.sevincpastanesi.com.tr](http://www.sevincpastanesi.com.tr)

Email: [info@sevincpastanesi.com.tr](mailto:info@sevincpastanesi.com.tr)

### Chapter Coffee



This peaceful cafe serves high quality barista coffees, teas and pastries. Choose from a large selection of Arabica coffee from all around the

world. Chapter Coffee is run by young and dedicated staff that will do their best to accommodate your requests.

Photo: Talookkg/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kültür Mahallesi, Dr. Mustafa Enver Bey Cd. 32 A, Izmir

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 8.30am - 10.30pm, Fri & Sat 8am - 11pm, Sun 12pm - 7pm

Phone: +90 232 502 22 05

Internet: [www.chaptercafe.com](http://www.chaptercafe.com)

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Email: [kafeyasam@gmail.com](mailto:kafeyasam@gmail.com)

### Cafe Karga



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shisha flavours, and is the perfect night time hangout for you and your friends. Karga is also a favourite among local university students.

Photo: Ilkin Zeferli/Shutterstock.com

Address: Konak Mahallesi, 897. Sk. No:9, Izmir

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 9.30am - 12am, Sat 9.30am - 2am

Phone: +90 232 446 30 26

Email: [karga\\_cafe@hotmail.com](mailto:karga_cafe@hotmail.com)

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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As the sun goes down on another day, the city moves to a different beat as the city comes alive to the sounds of the taba. Most of the hot spots are to be found around the Alsancak and Konak areas. If you've still got the energy after a days shopping and a night spent wining and dining and you're looking for somewhere to get on down, then Izmir will not disappoint. Once again the Alsancak and Konak areas are the places to be seen.

### Nektar



Nektar is a popular entertainment venue offering live Turkish music, a place to let your hair down and a selection of delicious snacks. The atmosphere is lively and a unique & authentic experience is guaranteed.

Photo: YILMAZUSLU/Shutterstock.com

Address: Alsancak Mahallesi, Cumhuriyet Blv 285 A, Izmir

### Club En Velo



Club En Velo plays a mix of euro pop and cheesy pop anthems to a slightly older crowd who are out for a good time and don't take themselves too seriously.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Alsancak Mahallesi, Sair Esre Bulvari 92, Izmir

Opening hours: Wed, Fri & Sat 11pm - 4pm

Phone: +90 232 463 28 69

### OC Murphy's



OC Murphy's is the perfect place to enjoy cocktails with high quality ingredients. The bartenders will impress you with their knowledge of the extensive drinks list and their skillful preparation of the cocktails. Catch up with some friends in this cosy and sleek atmosphere.

Photo: Cristi Lucaci/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kültür Mahallesi, Talatpaşa Blv No:10, Izmir

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 5pm - 12.30am, Sat 5pm - 12am, Sun 12am - 12am

Phone: +90 232 463 99 14

Internet: [www.ocmurphys.com](http://www.ocmurphys.com)

### Bios Bar



Bios Bar is one of Izmir's favourites for excellent live music and refreshing drinks. Enjoy an evening out with friends at this popular entertainment venue while you listen to great artists. Check out their website for upcoming events and performances.

Photo: Melinda Nagy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gazi Kadınlar Sokagi No: 18, Izmir

Opening hours: Wed - Sat 4pm - 4am

Phone: +90 530 575 23 96

Internet: [www.biosbar.com](http://www.biosbar.com)

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## SHOPPING



Photo: Fedor Selivanov/Shutterstock.com

Izmir is a shopper's delight. Whether you're looking for an outfit to strut your stuff in the evening, or for those handcrafted gifts to take home for the family, you won't be disappointed.

### Bazaar



For a shopping experience with a difference, head for the labyrinth that is the bazaar. From Konak Square, head down

Anafartalar Caddesi - this is the main street where you'll find a host of traders selling the clothes, shoes and jewellery needed for that night on the town.

Photo: Ilona Ignatova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Anafartalar Caddesi, Izmir

### Fevzipasa Bulgari



The streets to the south of Anafartalar Caddesi, particularly Fevzipasa Bulgari, is a feast of leather goods, for which Izmir is famous. Pick up a

bag, a jacket or a belt, but be ready to barter.

Photo: Yavuz Sariyildiz/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fevzipasa Bulgari, Izmir

### Kizlaragasi Han



For antiques and traditional craftwork, head for the atmospheric Kizlaragasi Han. This covered market is a fine example of Ottoman

architecture where you will find artisans selling everything from copper kitchen utensils to kilims. If you're looking for a nargile (Turkish Water pipe) to take home, then Ilhan Etike has some of the finest.

Photo: eFesenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kizlaragasi Han, Izmir

### Kordon Promenade



If the bustle of the market isn't for you and you like your shopping experience a little more sedate, then head for the boutiques on the Kordon promenade in

Alsancak and on Cumhuriyet Avenue near to Passport Iskelesi.

Photo: frantic00/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kordon Promenade, Izmir



## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Adnan Menderes Airport



The airport is 18 km southwest of the city centre and can be reached by a number of methods. Buses leave from the THY stand at

Menderes airport and drop off at the THY terminal in the Buyek Efes hotel on Gaziosmanpasa Bulvari. Every 20 - 30 min. The journey takes 30 mins.

You can take a taxi from Menderes airport to the city centre. Menderes airport - Alsancak train station, laves on the hour, but has rather unreliable service.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Dokuz Eylül Mh

Phone: +90 232 274 2626

Internet: [www.adnanmenderesairport.com](http://www.adnanmenderesairport.com)

### Best Time To Visit



Since Izmir has mostly a Mediterranean climate with relatively low rainfall, a cool sea breeze during the nights and heat and dry summers, it is best to visit during the months of June to August. The weather will be the most pleasant then and you will have the opportunity to explore Izmir and its surroundings. If you are looking for a budget friendly summer holiday, summer room rates are at its lowest in June.

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### Passport/Visa



Visa-free entry for the purpose of tourism is granted to citizens of 78 countries, which includes nearly all of Europe and further countries around the world. Those who do require a visa can now take advantage of the online e-Visa application system, which is easy to use and allows applicants to obtain an electronic visa within a few minutes. Travellers' passports should generally be valid for 6 months following the end of the trip, but there are exceptions to the rule, and nationals of some countries may even enter the country with an ID card rather than passport.

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### Public Transport



Dolmus are minibuses that act as a collective, less expensive taxi service. Flag these down in the street. Minimal charge. Ferries shuttle

between Konak and Alsancak. The return crossing takes 1 hr 15 mins. The metro is probably the least effective way of getting around Izmir.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

### Taxi



All fares are metered. An  
Taxi +90 232 231 5394  
Yeni Girne Taxi +90 232  
363 5474

Photo: Taxi

### Post



Main office is at  
Cumhuriyet Meydani  
(open 24 hrs). Other  
branches include 858  
Sok, Kemeralti (Mon - Fri  
8.30am - 5.30pm, Sat

8.30am - noon), Fevizipasa Bulvari, nr Basmane  
station (same hours).

Photo: Andy Fuchs

### Pharmacy



In Konak, Mersel Ecza  
Dep. There is an "on duty"  
pharmacy in every  
district during after-hours  
and on Sunday. Signs are  
placed in the pharmacy

windows giving details.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 848 Sok, Izmir

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm,  
closed on Sunday.

Phone: +90 232 483 1649

### Electricity

220V AC



Photo: Stirling Tschan

### Telephone



Area code: 232 outside  
Turkey / inside Turkey  
0232 Country code: +90

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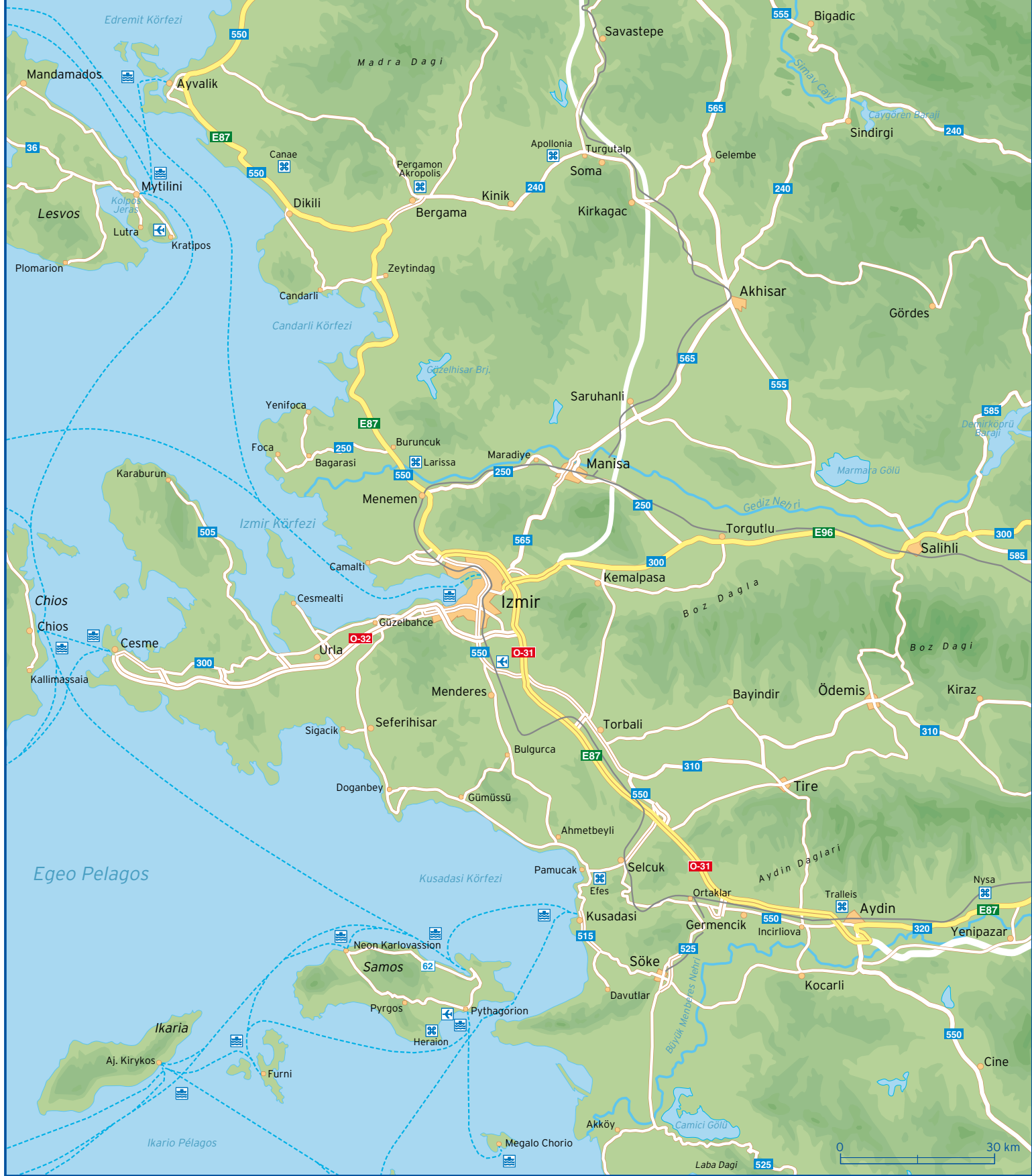
**Population**  
4.32 million

**Currency**  
Turkish Lira, TL1 = 100 kuruş

**Opening hours**  
8.30am - 5.30pm for most government/office based  
businesses. Shops from 9am - 8pm.

**Emergency numbers**  
Police: 155  
Emergency: 112

**Tourist information**  
İzmir Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism  
Akdeniz Mahallesi 1344 Sokak No:2 Pasaport  
+90 232 483 62 16





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