

CIMPA SUMMER SCHOOL AGAHF 2005

13-25 June 2005, Galatasaray University, Istanbul

CURRENCY

Warning: Exchange rates at the airport are usually bad, so do not change all your money at the airport. You can use the foreign currency dealers around the hotel.

The currency in Turkey is New Turkish Lira (YTL).

1 US \$ = 1.35 YTL 1 YTL = 0.75 US \$
1 EU = 1.8 YTL 1 YTL = 0.55 EU
100 Yen = 1.25 YTL 1 YTL = 80 Yen

In January 2005, six (6) zeros has been removed from the “old” Turkish Lira. Old banknotes are still valid and there are many of them in the market. So don't be surprised if somebody hands you 1.000.000 TL!! (which is just 1 YTL).

TO/FROM THE AIRPORT

SED HOTEL is 24 km away from Istanbul Ataturk Airport.

By Bus: Right in front of the exit door of the Ataturk International Airport, take the **HAVAS** bus to TAKSIM and get off at the last stop, TAKSIM SQUARE.

Departure times:

From the Airport: At 05:00 and 06:00a.m., and in every half-hour between 06:00a.m. - 23:00p.m. The last shuttle time is 23:00p.m.

From Taksim: At 05:00 and 06:00a.m., and in every half-hour between 06:00-23:00.

Arrival time: Approximately 40 minutes.

Ticket fee: 8,00 YTL

Note: Between 24.00 and 06.00 a.m., ticket fees are increased as 25 %.

By taxi: The airport taxi to the SED hotel costs approximately 25YTL (nightfare is 50 % more expensive)

Arrival time: Approximately 30 minutes.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Sed Hotel

Besaret Sk. No:14

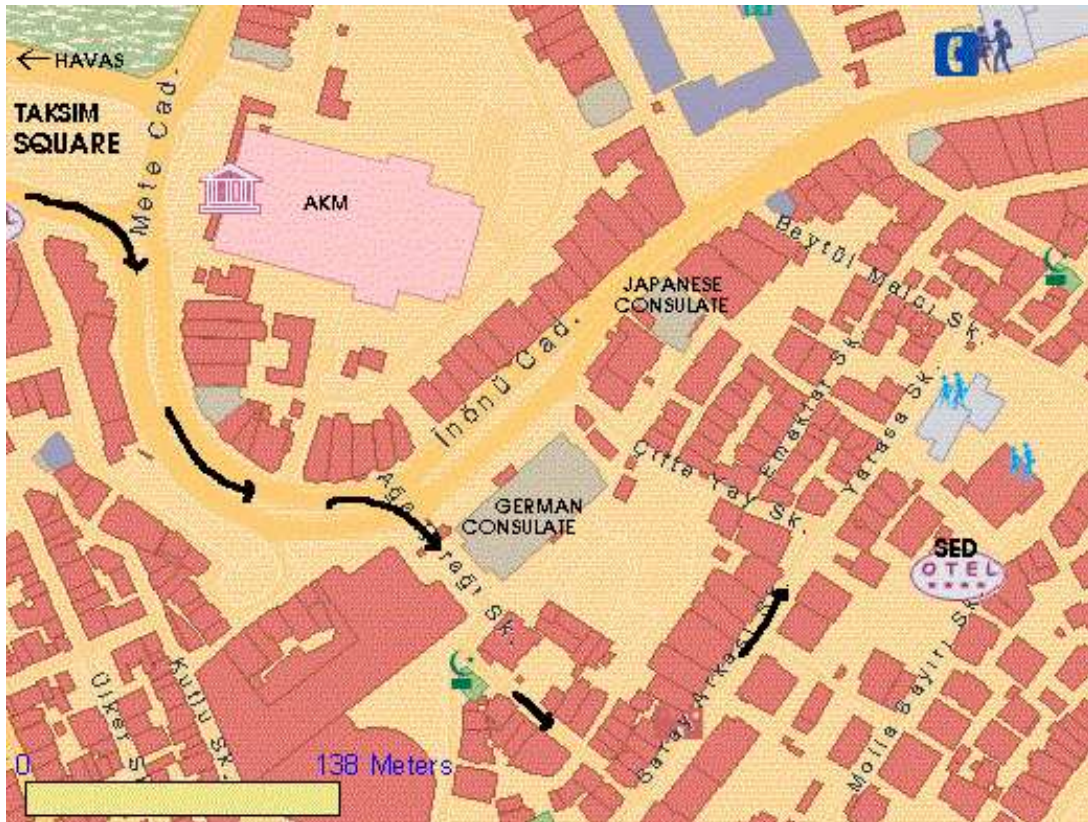
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<http://www.sedhotel.com>

Location. It is easy to locate SED Hotel. Suppose you are in TAKSIM, probably the most known square of whole Istanbul. Then find the AKM building and stay before it, the biggest building on the square. Next, you must walk down the hill, following "INONU STREET" and face the GERMAN CONSULATE. Turn right and walk downwards, and right and once left. That must directed you exactly to SARAY ARKASI str., mentioned on the map. (The HAVAS bus drops you on the TAKSIM SQUARE. From that point it takes 20 minutes by walk to reach the hotel, or 5 minutes and 3YTL by taxi)



GALATASARAY UNIVERSITY

Galatasaray University (GSU)

Ciragan Cad. No. 8
ORTAKOY/ISTANBUL

Hopefully the transport between the hotel and the university will be provided by GSU. The university is 15 by bus (1YTL) from the SED hotel. You can take the buses 340B, 40A, and 40T. There is a bus stop above the German embassy. To go to the GSU you must go downhill. By taxi it should take 10 minutes and cost about 6 YTL. (tell the driver that you want to go to the Galatasaray University on the ORTAKOY direction)

Since the entrance is on a narrow street, it is very easy to miss the Galatasaray University. To be sure, get off the bus right after the CIRAGAN PALACE hotel and walk a minute in the same direction, the entry is now on your right. Once inside the university just follow the AGAHF arrows to find us.

