



## **CHAPITRE INTERNATIONAL**

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**ISTANBUL**





**BAILLIAGE NATIONAL DE TURQUIE**

Dear Friends,  
Dear Consœurs and Confrères

It is with great pleasure that I would like to invite you to the 28<sup>th</sup> Chapitre and induction ceremony of the National Bailliage de Turquie which will take place on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in Istanbul.



This will be our first dining event since February 2020.

Istanbul is the largest city in Turkey, both in physical size as well as in population, and the only city in the world which geographical location is on 2 continents, Asia and Europe, divided by the Bosphorus strait. It is the home of 17 million people and offers a great cultural variety.

Istanbul is a wonderful city to spend a few days visiting the many cultural sites which are conveniently located in a relatively small area, and to enjoy the fantastic diverse cuisine varying from international haute cuisine to local dishes and kebabs.

In the following pages you will find our Chapitre's program and reservation form. For the convenience of our international guests, we have also included some practical tips.

Information regarding the hotel accommodation is all included in the PDF attachment.

Please note that all reservations for the events and hotel accommodations must be completed as soon as possible, but not later than 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Acceptance of participants will be on a "first in-first served" basis.

In case you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to welcome you to our Chapitre.

Vive La Chaîne,

Yves Léon  
Bailli Délégué de Turquie



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Dear Friends,  
Chères Consœurs et Chers Confrères,

It is with great pleasure to personally extend to you a very warm welcome to the 2021 Chapitre of "The Bailliage National de Turquie", to take place on Saturday & Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in Istanbul. A huge metropole, and one of the most sophisticated and vibrant cities of the world, with its unique geographical position connecting two continents where east meets west, and one of the greatest historical, cultural and business centers of the region that have a lot to offer, besides being one of the best cities for entertainment, shopping, and dining.



Therefore, I am confident that both local and the international participants of this Chapitre will have a unique opportunity to enjoy the spectacular sceneries and many touristic attractions, coupled with the warm hospitality and the varied exotic cuisine that Istanbul has to offer. On the other hand, our friends at the National Bailliage de Turquie have organized an eventful Chapitre to ensure that all participants shall have their best experience.

Both my wife and I are personally thrilled and honored to be back to Turkey, and particularly to Istanbul after having lived here for more than 31 years and are delighted to meet our old-time friends whom we have missed very much. I am also grateful to my successor, best friend, and colleague, the Bailli Délégué de Turquie, Yves Léon and his National Board for giving me the opportunity to officiate this unique first post COVID-19 physical Chapitre.

I wish you all a very successful Chapitre, and a pleasant stay in Istanbul for those who are joining from other countries or cities and am looking forward to being part of this major event.

**Vive la Chaîne et Vive l'Ordre Mondial!**

**Mohamed Hammam**  
Commandeur  
Membre des Conseils d'Administration et Magistral, Paris  
Grand Echanson International  
Bailli Délégué Honoraire de Turquie



## **Chapitre International** **September 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

***IMPORTANT: DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021***

### **Program**

#### **Individual arrivals**

##### **Saturday – September 25<sup>h</sup>, 2021**

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| <b>16:30 – 19:00</b> | <b>Induction of promoted and new Chaîne and Ordre Mondial members at the Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus</b><br><b>All inductees must be in the Induction Room at <u>16.00 hrs sharp</u> for rehearsal.</b><br><b>Dress Code: Black tie/Tuxedo for gentlemen, evening dress for ladies with Chaîne Ribbon</b> |
| <b>19:00 – 20:00</b> | <b>Cocktail reception at the Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus</b>  |
| <b>20:00 – 24:00</b> | <b>Gala Dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus</b>   |
| <b>24:00</b>         | <b>End of Gala Dinner</b>  |

##### **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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| <b>12:00</b> | <b>Farewell Brunch at the Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus</b><br><b>Dress Code: Smart Casual with Chaîne Ribbon</b> |
| <b>15:00</b> | <b>End of International Chapitre</b>   |



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## Registration Form

Name/Surname: _____
Name/Surname of Partner: _____ Chaîne member (Yes/No)
Member of Bailliage: _____
Rank in the Chaîne: _____
Partner rank in the Chaîne: _____
Address: _____
e-mail: _____
Tel.: _____ Mobile: _____

Events List				
Date	Event	Cost per person €	Number of participants	Total €
Saturday 25 Sep21 16:30 – 24:00	Induction Ceremony and Gala Dinner	100		
Sunday 26 Sep21 12:00	Farewell Brunch	50		
Registration fee per person		25		
GRAND TOTAL				



**Registration and method of payment**

**Payment must be made in advance by bank transfer to the following bank account number:**

**ROTISÖRLER ZİNCİRİ 1248-1950 DERNEĞİ**  
**T. İş Bankası (064) Nişantaşı Şubesi (1040)**  
**Account No. 1040-3421382 (Euro account)**  
**IBAN: TR47 0006 4000 0021 0403 4213 82**  
**Swift Code : ISBKTRIS**

**The completed Reservation Form should be sent, together with a copy of the bank transfer to the following e-mail address:**

**[rotisorler@chaine-turkey.org](mailto:rotisorler@chaine-turkey.org)**

**Reservation Forms without the payment will not be taken into consideration.**

**Please do not forget your Chaîne Ribbons!**





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**TRAVEL BRIEFING TO ISTANBUL, TURKEY**

**For all participants in the International Chapitre of the Bailliage de Turquie in Istanbul taking place on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

We ask you kindly to read each and every chapter of this briefing and consider carefully which points apply to you. Please, take the necessary action as suggested, or alternatively take a note of the suggestion, recommendation or advice. We also recommend that you would print these pages.

**TRAVELLING TO ISTANBUL, TURKEY**

**Which Nationalities Can Now Travel to Turkey Visa-Free?**

The holders of the passports from the following countries do not need an entry visa to Turkey:

Argentina	France	Norway
Austria	Germany	Poland
Belgium	Greece	Portugal
Bulgaria	Iran	Singapore
Croatia	Ireland	Spain
Denmark	Israel	Sweden
Ecuador	Japan	Switzerland
El Salvador	Malta	The Netherlands
Finland	Monaco	United Kingdom

Visitors from eligible visa-free countries will be able to enter Turkey with only their passport. However, they will still need to ensure that their document meets national requirements for tourists.

Before arriving in Turkey, visitors from visa-free nations should ensure their passport conforms to the following standards:

- It has over 6 months of validity remaining
- It has at least 1 blank passport page for an entry and exit stamp

Thus, citizens of 83 countries will be able to visit Turkey visa-free. However, for travellers from all other nations, a visa is still a necessity.

Citizens of 40 eligible countries, can enter Turkey quickly and easily with an e-Visa. This type of travel permit is obtainable online for travellers meeting the government's requirements. Please see <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>

Tourists only need to apply for the online visa as little as 24 hours before traveling to Turkey for permission to enter the country. The visa will be sent directly to the applicant via email once approved. Alternatively, citizens of eligible countries can queue for a Visa on Arrival.

**HOWEVER, IT IS ADVISABLE THAT YOU CHECK WITH THE TURKISH MISSIONS IN YOUR COUNTRIES BEFORE YOU TRAVEL TO TURKEY AND MAKE SURE THAT THE REGULATIONS HAVE NOT CHANGED SO FAR.**

**Health Advice for Travelers to Turkey**



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To be granted entry to the country, visitors from overseas are required to comply with the following special coronavirus rules.

- Complete a “Traveller Entry Form” before arrival
- All incoming passengers over the age of 6 must complete a “Traveller Entry Form” at least four days before their arrival in Turkey. Children under 6 are exempt.
- The purpose of the form is to contact individuals who have been in contact with someone who later tested positive for COVID-19.
- Visitors should provide contact information and the accommodation address in Turkey.
- The “Form for Entry to Turkey” must be completed online and takes a few minutes. All passengers need to present it before boarding a flight to Turkey and again on arrival.

Further to this, all visitors to Turkey are recommended to practice behaviour that will prevent the spread of coronavirus. To do this, the World Health Organization, WHO, currently recommends that individuals:

- Frequently sanitize their hands with soap and water or alcohol-based gel
- Avoid close contact with infected persons
- Cough or sneeze into the crook of their elbow
- Not visit crowded public events
- Wear a face mask

### **ARRIVAL AT THE NEW ISTANBUL AIRPORT**

#### **Before your arrival:**

Before telling you about the different means of transportation to make go from the new airport in Istanbul to your accommodation here are some tips to prepare your arrival in Istanbul:

In Turkey, the currency is the Turkish Lira. We do not recommend buying this at your local bank since you can find many ATMs in the airport to pay for your first expenses (taxis do not accept credit card). This will give you a much better exchange rate. The banking system is very well developed in Turkey, you will find ATMs absolutely everywhere. We do not advise you to change a lot of money at the airport, the rates there are generally less advantageous than those you can find in the city. We suggest you ask your bank before you leave to see with which banks they may have agreements in order for you to withdraw money without extra fees.

#### **The new airport:**

The new Istanbul airport, designed to be one of the biggest in the world opened on April 6, 2019.

It is simply called Istanbul Airport whose code is “ISL”. It is located at the edge of the Black Sea and it is quite far from the city centre (about 50 km). It will serve 90 million passengers a year in its first phase.

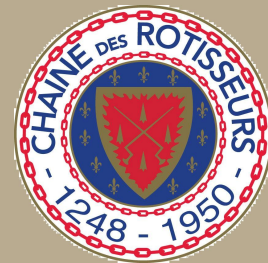
### **HOW TO GET TO THE CITY:**

#### **Yellow and light blue cabs**

Due to the distance to the city centre a taxi ride to Taksim or Sultanahmet may cost around 190 TL..

To find a taxi, get out of the airport and pick one that is in the line. Taxis in Istanbul are yellow or light blue, do not ride in other unregistered cars. Light blue taxis are considered more luxurious and will charge you 15% more than





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yellow taxis. This is already calculated in the price on the taximeter. Please note that the maximum number of passengers in an Istanbul taxi is 4.

Be careful, not all Istanbul taxis are honest, especially in tourist areas, sometimes they see tourists as a way to make some extra money, so always use the taximeter and don't try to negotiate!

### **The Havaist shuttles**

They are the shuttles belonging to the municipality of Istanbul. You will find them at the exit of the airport. The shuttles operate almost 24/7. The ticket for Taksim costs 18 TL, that you can pay only by "Istanbul Kart" or bank/credit card, and the ride takes about 1h30. You will find the machines just in front of the shuttle stop from which you can buy or reload this public transport card which you can then use for all public transport in town. The shuttle makes several stops on the way, (4.Levent Metro – Zincirlikuyu Metrobus – Beşiktaş – Taksim), most people stop in Taksim.

Once in Taksim Square, you can take a taxi or public transport to get to your hotel.

### **CUSTOMS REGULATIONS**

#### **On arrival**

- Valuable items and all items with a value of over \$ 15,000 must be registered in the owner's passport upon entering Turkey, for control upon exit.
- Antiques brought into the country must be registered in the owner's passport to avoid difficulties on exit.

#### **On departure**

- Gifts and souvenirs: for a new carpet, a proof of purchase; for old items, a certificate from a directorate of a museum is necessary.
- Valuable personal items above \$ 15,000 can only be taken out of the country providing they have been registered in the owner's passport upon entry or providing they can show they have been purchased with legally exchanged currency.
- Please note that it is strictly forbidden to export antiques from Turkey.
- There is no limit to the amount of foreign and Turkish currency to be brought into Turkey. Up to US\$5000 worth of Turkish or foreign currency can be taken out of the country, providing that it can be shown that the currency has been obtained from authorised banks. Larger amount of foreign or Turkish currency must be transferred abroad through banks. Cash brought into the country to be exchanged for export out of Turkey must be declared on entry.

### **CLIMATE**

In September, the weather is still hot and fine, skies are clear, and temperatures are moderate. You may encounter rain, and the air may be cool or even chilly at night, but comfortable during the day.

### **WHAT TO WEAR**

In September cool cotton clothing is advisable but you may need a light sweater. It is also advisable to have warmer clothing for outdoor evening activities when it can be cooler.

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

**The conditions required for public transport in 2021:**



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From now on, all passengers aged 6 and over traveling to Turkey will have to complete a new online form. The form must be filled in within the last 72 hours before travel.

According to the notice published by the Turkish Ministry of Health (the source of this new measure), by filling in the form, "a HES code is automatically generated"; thus "Turkish authorities will be able to contact travellers who come into contact with a person positive for COVID-19 directly during their flight or during their trip to the country".

### **THE HES CODE**

The HES code is a personal code, implemented by the Turkish Ministry of Health, required for each individual that lives or visits Turkey as a tourist. The HES code is required to enter shopping malls, government buildings, or when they take any public transportation, local and inter-city.

Link for the online form: <https://register.health.gov.tr/>

Thus, if you want to take public transport (bus, metro, ferry, tram, etc.) during your stay in Turkey, you will need a transport ticket (Istanbul Kart for the city of Istanbul, strictly individual) and a HES code.

### **SIGHT SEEING**

With its long history at the centre of empires, Istanbul offers a wealth of historic and religious places to take in. The bulk of these are located in Sultanahmet-Old City, including the Hagia Sophia, Topkapı Palace and the Sultanahmet Mosque (Blue Mosque). While the Bosphorus has a number of waterside palaces which are all on the "must-see" list of Istanbul.

### **VISITING A MOSQUE**

Five times a day, the "muezzin" calls the Muslims to prayer in the mosque. Before entering a mosque, Muslims wash themselves and remove their shoes. Foreign visitors should also remove their shoes and show the respect they would at any other house of worship and avoid visiting the mosque during prayer time. Women should cover their heads and arms, and not wear miniskirts. Men should not wear shorts. (In certain famous mosques, overalls are provided for those not suitably dressed).

### **HAMAMS (TURKISH BATH)**

A visit to a hamam is an essential part of any trip to Istanbul. Take care in selecting a hamam as they can vary greatly in cleanliness.

### **ELECTRICITY**

Electricity in Turkey is 220-volt, 50-60 cycle. If you intend to bring any electrical equipment, an adapter that converts electricity from 220V to 110V is suggested. Plug: European round/ 2-prong plug.

### **STAY HEALTHY**

Similar to many European countries tap water is mostly drinkable, but not advisable. Although the tap water itself is clean, many local water tanks are not maintained properly, and one should try to avoid tap water at all times. Locals widely prefer bottled water and the same applies for the restaurants.



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Food and drinks are mostly of international standards. Some Turkish foods are known to use a variety of spices which may affect international tourists who may not be accustomed to such ingredients.

Use common sense when buying certain foods, particularly from street vendors unless it is guided by an authorized person.

### **MONEY EXCHANGE**

Money exchange is very easily done at all banks and private exchange centers. Daily newspaper publishes the daily exchange rate. US dollars and Euros are accepted at some stores.

### **SHOPPING**

Shops in Istanbul are officially open Monday to Saturday, 9:30am to 7pm. However, shopping malls are open seven days a week from 10.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs.

**Grand Bazaar** (Kapalı Carsi) Istanbul's grand old bazaar with an estimated 4400 shops lined along covered walkways. It is said to be the world's oldest shopping mall. The shops are organized around their wares, e.g. the silver jewellers are clustered together, the carpet shops are clustered elsewhere and the shoe shops are bunched together somewhere else. Parts of it now are rather touristy and you're likely to pay a little more for your purchase than elsewhere but with the vast selection you'll find what you're looking for and it's one of Istanbul's character pieces. However, you may bargain to get the lowest possible price.

**Egyptian Bazaar** (Mısır Çarşısı, also known as Spice Bazaar) in Eminönü district is also a covered bazaar, which is a lot smaller than Grand Bazaar, and as its name implies, houses herbalist and spice shops.

### **Shopping Malls**

Istanbul has become a shopping mall paradise during the recent years. Here below you will find a list of the most popular and modern shopping malls:

- Akmerkez , Etiler
- Capacity Alışveriş Merkezi, Bakırköy
- Carousel Alışveriş ve Yaşam Merkezi, Bakırköy
- Aqua Florya
- Cevahir Alışveriş ve Eğlence Merkezi, Şişli
- City's Nişantaşı, Nişantaşı, Şişli
- Galleria Alışveriş Merkezi, Ataköy
- G-Mall Kültür Sanat ve Alışveriş Merkezi, Dolmabahçe
- İstinye Park
- Kanyon Alışveriş Merkezi, Levent
- Mayadrom Uptown, Etiler
- Metrocity, Levent
- Profilo, Mecidiyekoy
- Sapphire, 4. Levent (next to Mövenpick Hotel)

All kind of stores are located inside the malls. So you can find shoe shops, night dresses, electronics and many varieties of clothes including all famous brands. All Malls in Istanbul are open 7 days a week from 10.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs. Please bear in mind that you need a HES code to enter the shopping malls. See the section above called "The HES Code".



### SOME TURKISH PHRASES

#### English

Thank you  
Please  
Goodmorning  
Goodevening  
Yes  
No  
Bon Appetit  
How are you?  
Welcome  
Money  
How much is this?  
It is expensive  
Pharmacy  
Where is it?  
Is it far?

#### French

Merci  
S'il vous plait  
Bonjour  
Bonsoir  
Oui  
Non  
Bon Appetit  
Comment sa va?  
Bienvenue  
Argent  
Ça fait combien?  
C'est cher  
Pharmacie  
Ou c'est?  
C'est loin?

#### Turkish

Teşekkür ederim  
Lütfen  
Günaydın  
İyi akşamlar  
Evet  
Hayır  
Afiyet Olsun  
Nasılsın?  
Hoş geldin  
Para  
Bu ne kadar?  
Bu pahalı  
Eczane  
Nerede?  
Uzak mı?

#### Numbers

0 sıfır	1 bir	2 iki	3 üç	4 dört	5 beş	6 altı
7 yedi	8 sekiz	9 dokuz	10 on	20 yirmi	30 otuz	40 kırk
50 elli	60 altmış	70 yetmiş	80 seksen	90 doksan	100 yüz	

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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