



SVENSKA FORSKNINGSPENNINGSTUTET I ISTANBUL  
SWEDISH RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN ISTANBUL

## Arriving in Istanbul and going to the Swedish Research Institute

Istanbul airport is a modern airport and you will easily find your way. In the arrival hall, after customs, there are exchange offices and cash machines on both sides of the exit.

Do not change to Turkish lira in your home country since you will get a better rate in Istanbul (1 Turkish lira = approx. 4 SEK).

### Taxi

Outside the arrival hall there are yellow taxis. There is also a supervisor of the taxis who can help you if necessary. The taxi drivers normally do not speak English but understand a little. Ask the taxi driver to go to Tünel in Beyoğlu district. He will then drop you at the end of Istiklal Caddesi, the long street which stretches between Tünel and Taksim Square. Cars are allowed in this street only between 06.00-10.00 so most probably you will have to walk the 50 meters to the Swedish Consulate General in Istiklal Caddesi no. 247, situated to the right when you come from Tünel direction. Do not accept to go to Taksim (which taxi drivers often propose) at the other end of Istiklal Caddesi, since you will then have to walk from there more than one kilometer. The Swedish Research Institute is located inside the consulate garden and there is a guard at the entrance.

No is yok. Yes is evet. OK is tamam.

Taxis are equipped with taximeters and the fare from the airport to Tünel is approx. 50 TL. Drivers normally do not expect a tip but you should ask for a receipt, 'fiche', which they are obliged to give. They always appreciate an extra lira or two.

### Airport Shuttle Bus

Outside the arrival hall at the airport there is a bus stop for the Airport Shuttle HAVATAS. Price of the ticket is 10 TL. This will take you to Taksim Square, which is located at the other end of Istiklal Caddesi. From here you can either walk (quite far) or take the nostalgic tram "tramvay" to Tünel. The last stop of the tram is just outside the Swedish Consulate General. The tram is small and very crowded and you may have to wait at least 20 minutes for it.

### Metro

There is a metro station in the airport and connection to Sishane-Tünel exists, but you have to change train several times, the trip takes a long time and could be difficult for a newcomer, especially if you carry luggage.

WELCOME TO ISTANBUL!