

Turkey

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Location of Turkey



Map of Turkey



Turkic Peoples



Azerbaijan
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Uzbekistan

Russia: Balkars,
Bashkirs, Chuvash,
Karachai, Crimean
Tatars, Tuvans

Moldova: Gagauz

China: Xinjiang Province

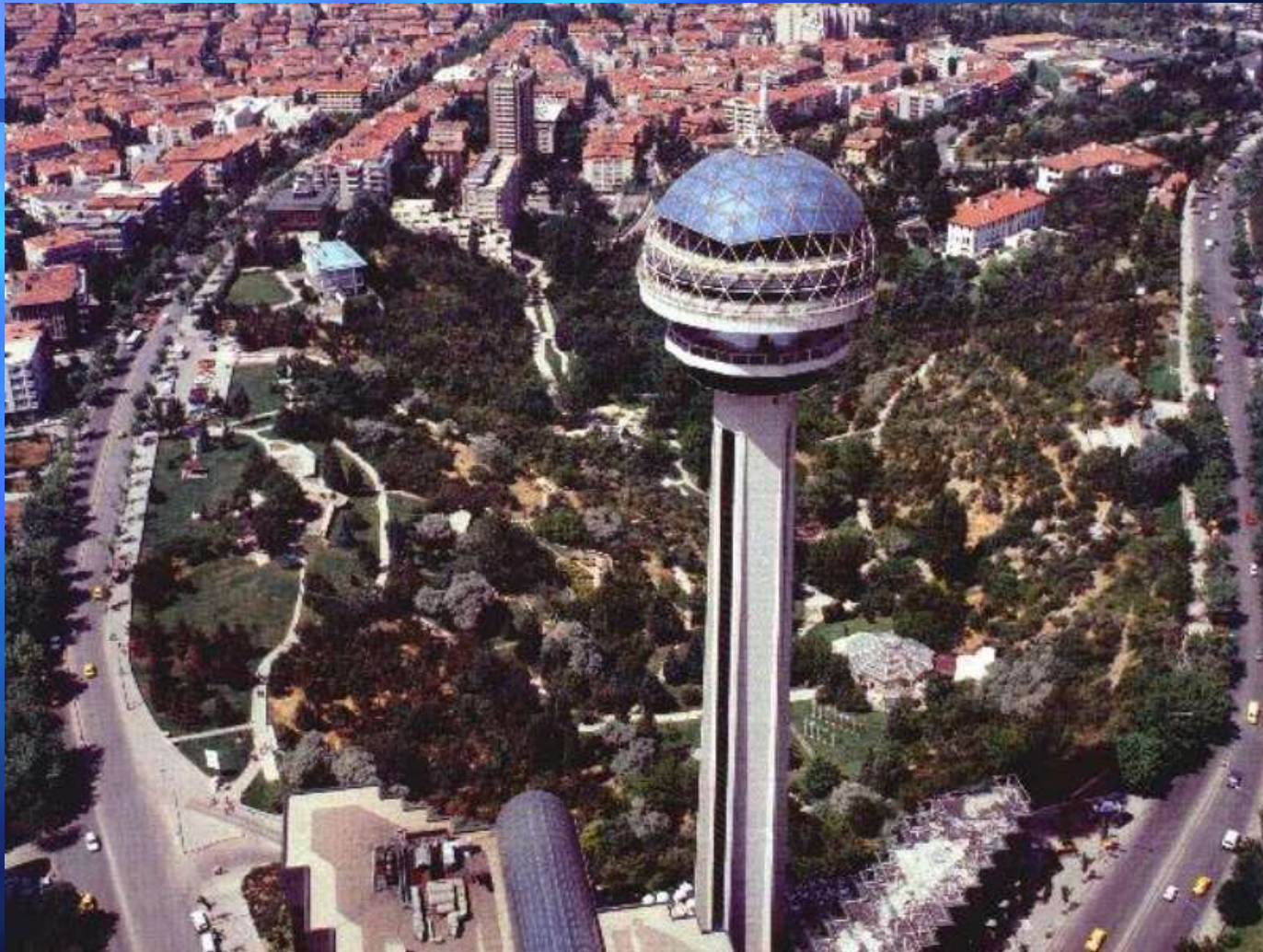
Cyprus: Turkish Cypriots

Modern Turkish State

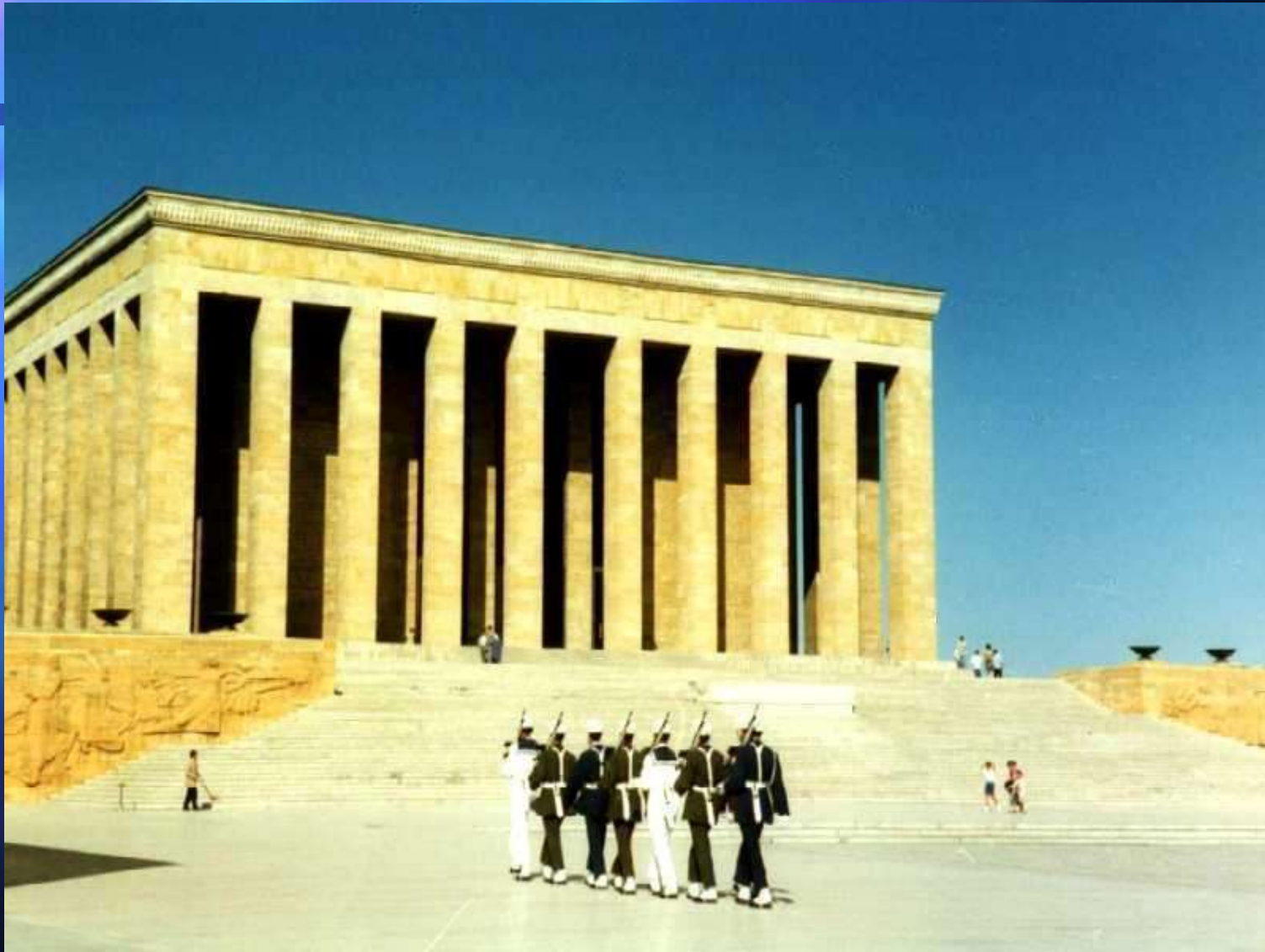
- 1923: Mustafa Kemal Atatürk establishes modern Turkish state.
 - Reforms Turkish language (switches from Arabic to Roman script).
 - Secularizes the state; bans the fez; discourages the veil.



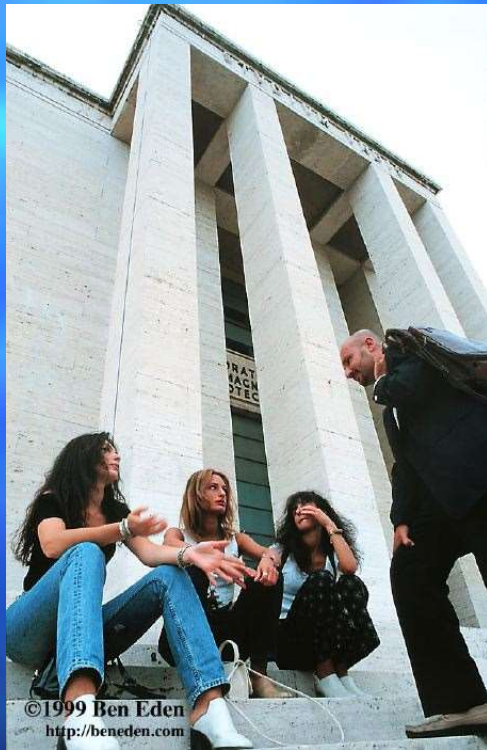
Ankara



Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's Mausoleum, Ankara



Legacy of Albert Speer, Hitler's architect...



La Sapienza, Rome



CMU Student Center, Pittsburgh

İzmir



İstanbul



Bosporus (Boğaziçi)



Süleymaniye Camii



Attempted Coup

- Erdogan's retaliation
 - Arrested 2800 soldiers and officers
 - Arrested 2745 judges (35% of judges)
 - Fired 36,000 teachers
 - Fired all university deans
 - Shut down 16 TV channels, 23 radio stations, 45 newspapers, 15 magazines, 29 publishers
 - Fired or arrested 135,000+ government employees

Attempted Coup

- Erdoğan blamed the coup on one-time ally Fetullah Gülen, demanded extradition from US



Turkish thought leader Fetullah Gülen (left) has worldwide following and lives in self-imposed exile in Pennsylvania

The Carpet Shop

- Bargaining is a national sport.
 - You will lose.



Cultural Characteristics

- Blend of individualism and collectivism.
 - Ambitious, superior in education.
 - Nationalism/patriotism is extremely strong.
 - There is loyalty to other Turks, anywhere, anytime.

Bilkent University, Ankara



Cultural Characteristics

- Masculine culture.
 - Military service is required of essentially every man.
 - Business is a man's world.
 - Men drive like teenagers.



Islam

- Turkey is more or less a secular state, but almost everyone is Muslim.
 - The practice of Islam is a more relaxed than in some countries.
 - Most people smoke and/or drink alcohol
 - *Rakı*, *Türk Tuborg* beer.



Islam

- *Ramadan* is not really observed in cities.
- Many travel and visit relatives at end of *Ramadan* (*Şeker Bayramı*).

Candy store stocked for
Şeker Bayramı





rakı



tea (çay)

