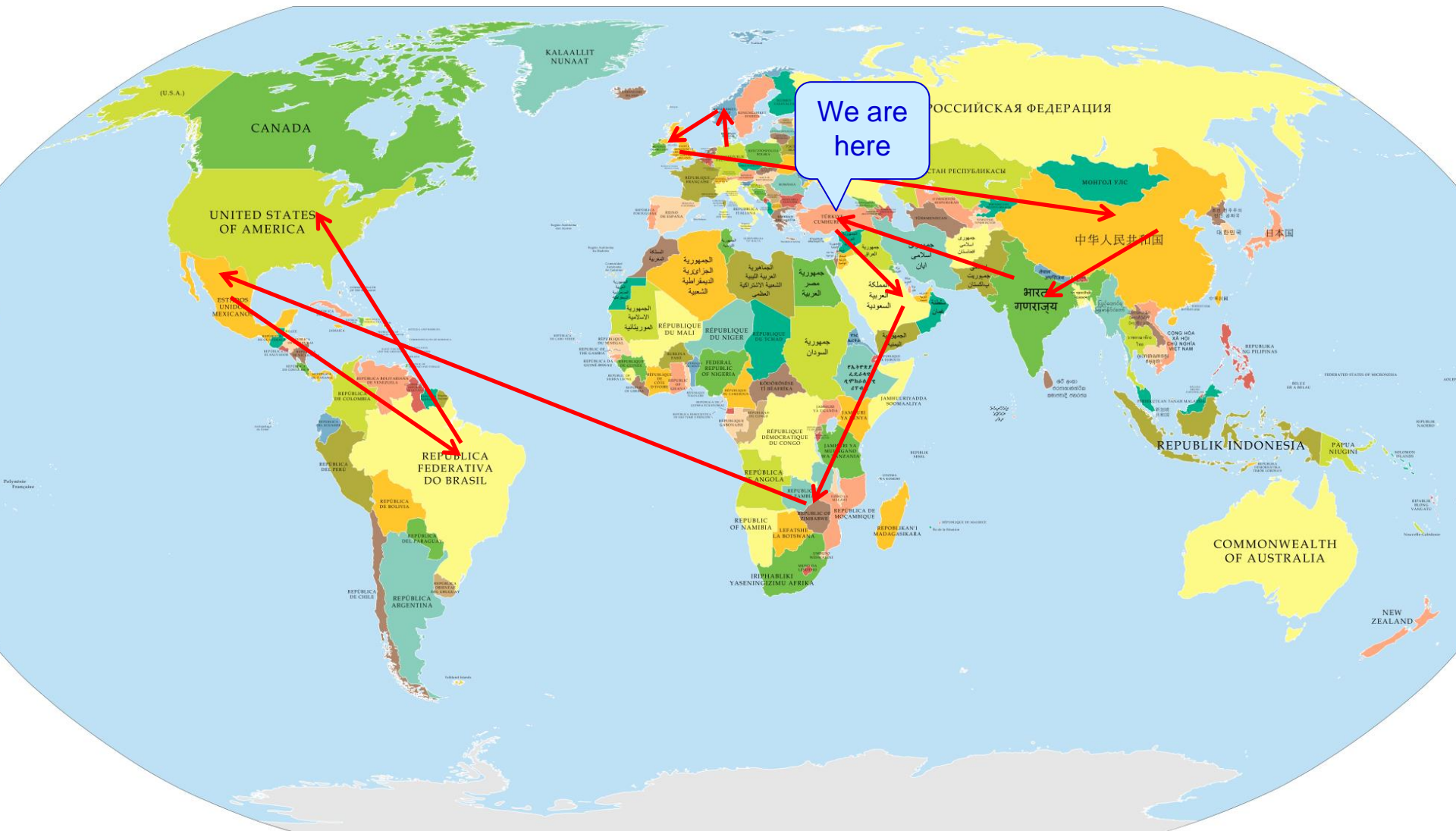


# Turkey

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# Travel Plan



# 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



# Ankara





# İzmir



Turquoise = color of waters off Turkish coast

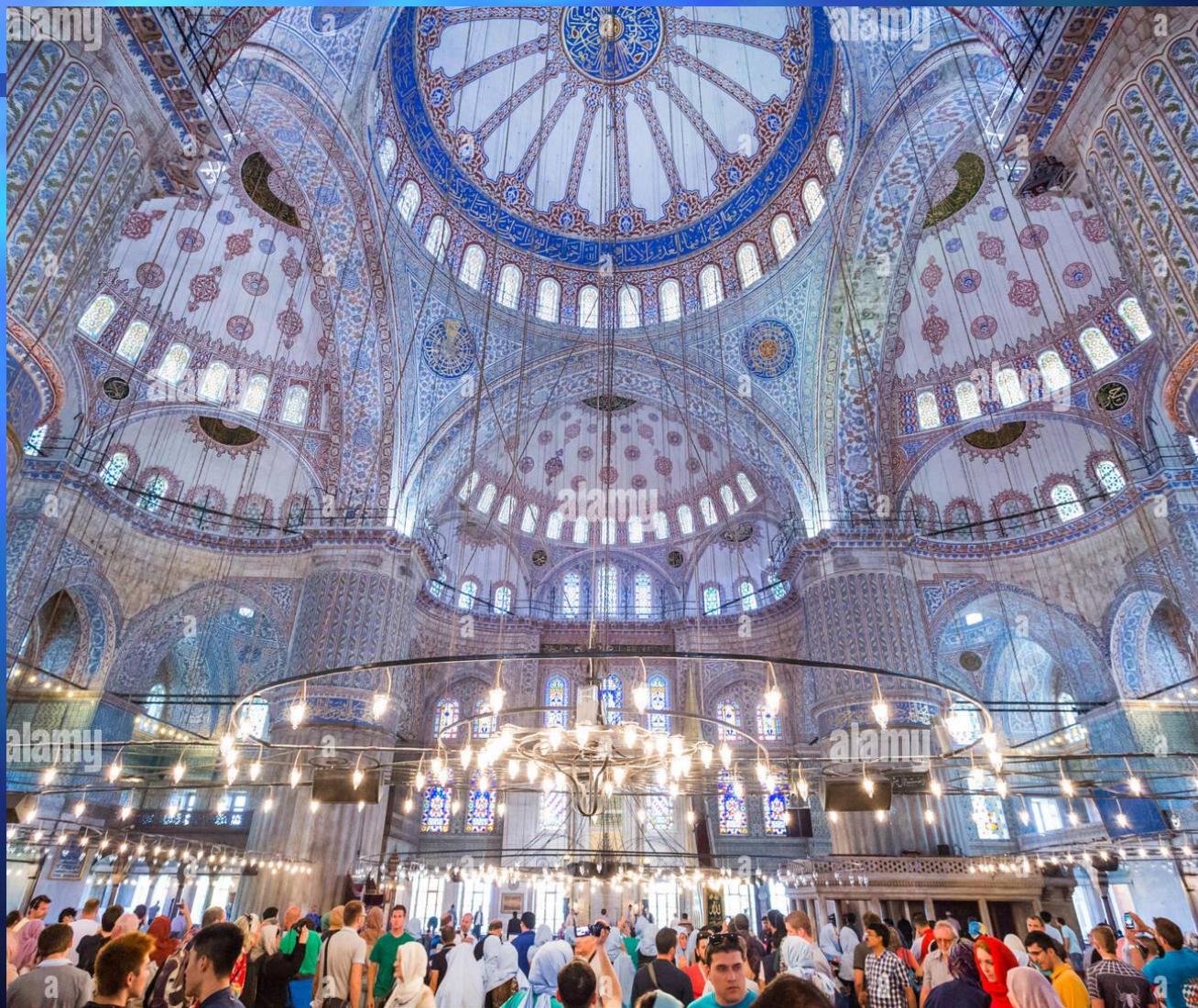


# Istanbul





# Blue Mosque interior





# Süleymaniye Camii





# Bosporus (Boğaziçi)





# Cappadocia





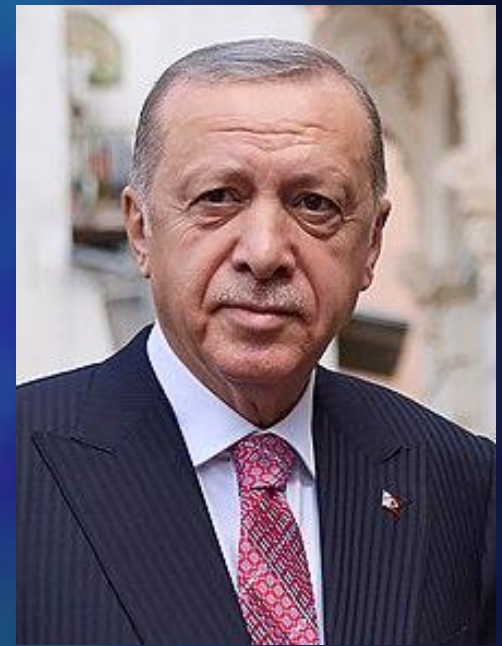
# Modern Turkish State

- 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.



# Modern Turkish State

- 2003: Recep Tayyip Erdoğan becomes prime minister.
  - ▣ Took credit for growing economy
  - ▣ Rode a wave of religious nationalism
  - ▣ 2014: elected **president**.
  - ▣ 2016: crackdown after attempted coup
  - ▣ Has solid conservative base





# Cultural Characteristics

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

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# 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.
  - Many 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)





# The Carpet Shop

□ A skit.



# The Carpet Shop

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*Swedish tourist walks into a carpet shop.*

*Salesman:* Buyurun, efendim. Oturun.

*Tourist remains standing.*

*Salesman (offering cigarette):* İiyor musunuz?

*Tourist:* Teşekkür ederim. Sigara kullanmıyorum.

*Salesman:* Çok iyi. Ben de bırakmak istiyorum.  
Çay?



# The Carpet Shop

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*Tourist:* Teşekkür ederim. Kilimlere bakmak istiyorum.

*Salesman:* Tabii efendim. Buyurun, oturun.

*Tourist remains standing.*

*Salesman:* Do you speak English?

*Tourist:* İngiliz değilim. İsveçliyim.

*Salesman:* Çok iyi Türkçe konuşuyorsunuz.

*Tourist:* Acelem var. İşime gidiyorum.

# The Carpet Shop

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*Salesman:* Tamam abi. Kilim mi, halı mı istiyorsunuz?

*Tourist:* Kilim.

*Salesman:* *(pulls out a rug)* Bu motif nasıl?

*Tourist:* Evet, çok güzel. Ne kadar?

*Salesman:* Bu kilim çok özel, kaliteli.

*Tourist:* Kaç para?

*Salesman:* Bin Türk lirası.



# The Carpet Shop

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*Tourist:* Allah allah. Őaka yapıyorsunuz.  
Dokuz yüz?

*Salesman:* Bin lira efendim. Pazarlık yapmıyoruz  
bu dükkada.