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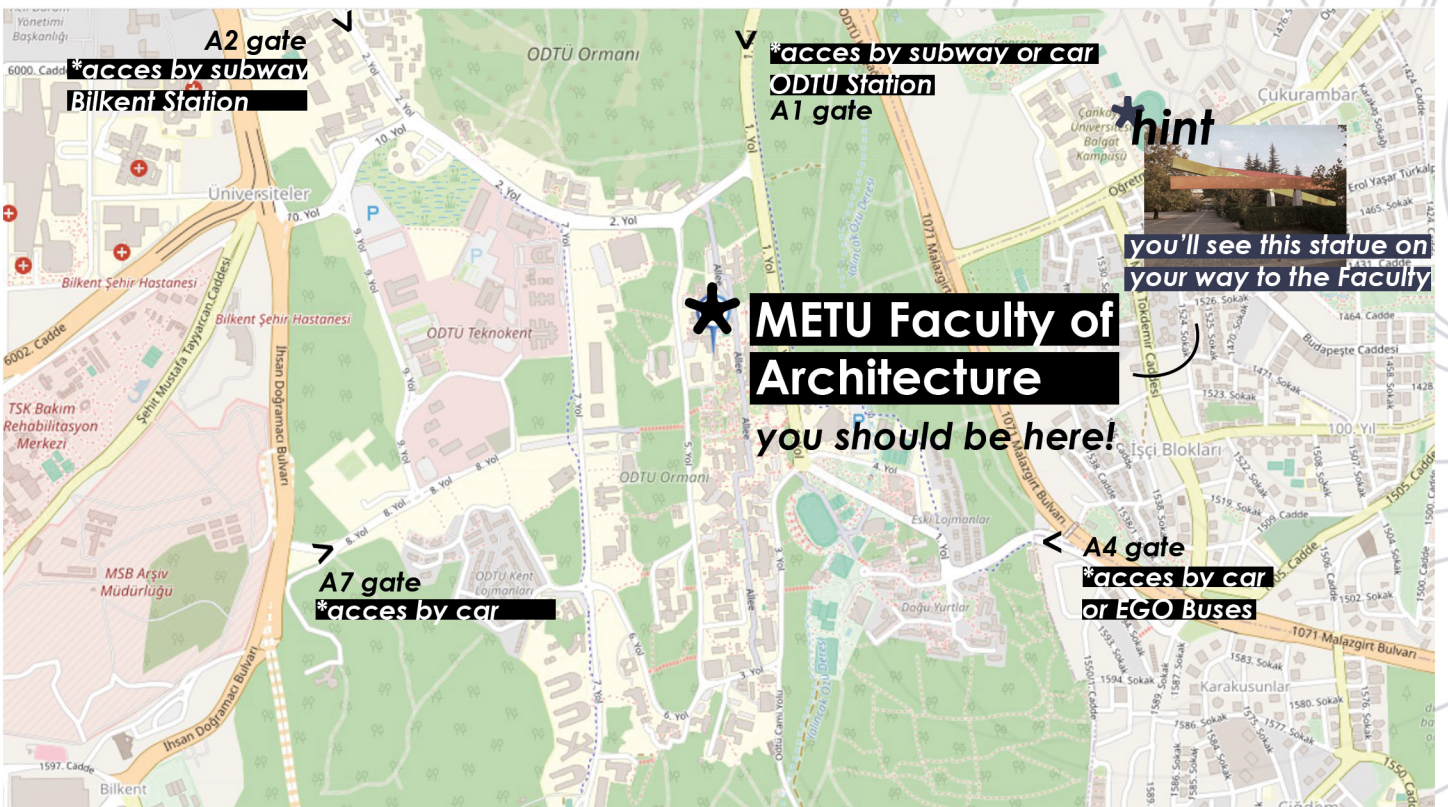
Welcome to **Ankara, Turkey** — and to **Middle East Technical University (METU/ODTÜ)**, host of the **eCAADe 2025 Conference!**

This booklet offers **practical information** and **local tips** to help you prepare your trip and make the most of your time in Türkiye. From **getting here to getting around**, from **where to stay** to **what to taste** — here's everything you need to know.

*Conference Venue

Middle East Technical University (METU / ODTÜ)

Department of Architecture, Üniversiteler Mahallesi, Dumlupınar Bulvarı No:1, 06800 Çankaya/Ankara, Turkey



Accommodation*

Below is a list of **recommended hotels** near METU (ODTÜ) for your stay during the conference. All prices are per night for single occupancy. You can reach these hotels easily from METU by taxi or metro. (prices can change according to availability, please check for the up-to-date prices)

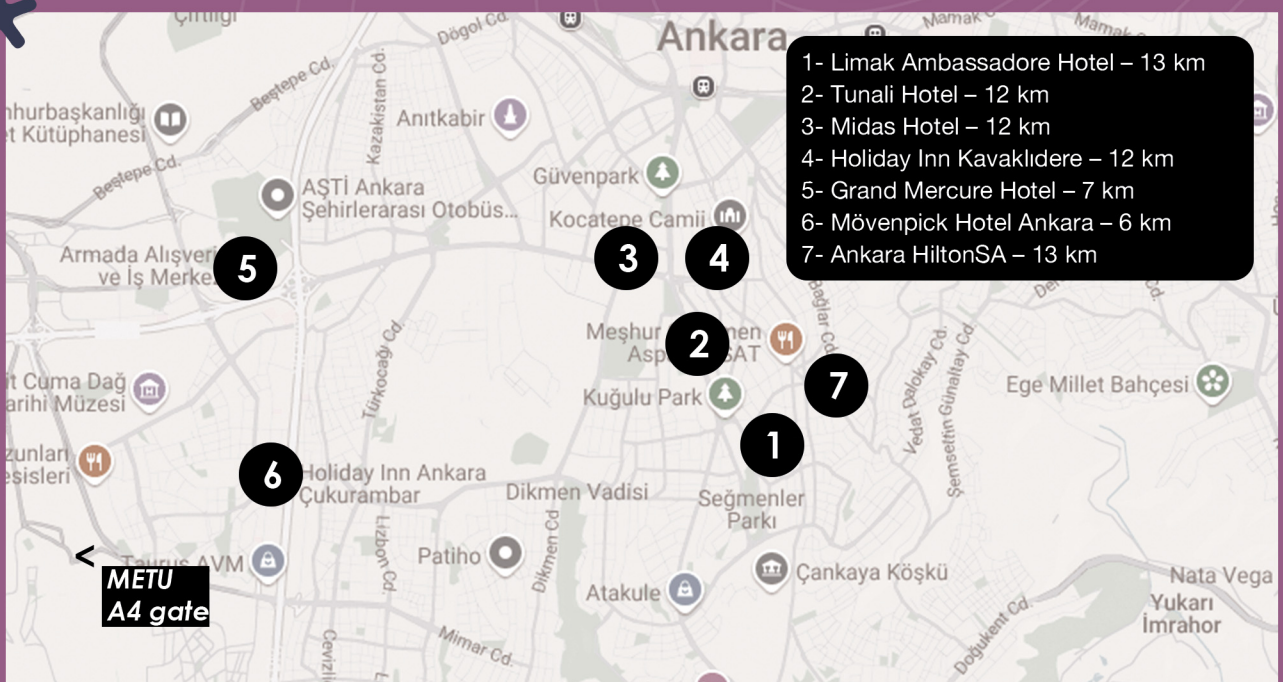
Hotel Name	Room Type	Price (per night)
Limak Ambassadeur Hotel	Single BB (Room + Breakfast)	≈€115-€135
	Single HB (Room + Breakfast + Dinner)	€165.00
Tunalı Hotel	Single BB (Room + Breakfast)	≈€66-€100
	Single HB (Room + Breakfast + Dinner)	€125.00
Midas Hotel	Single BB (Room + Breakfast)	≈€71-€80
Holiday Inn Kavaklıdere	Single BB (Room + Breakfast)	≈€85 – €121
	Single HB (Room + Breakfast + Dinner)	€138.00
Grand Mercure Hotel	Single BB (Room + Breakfast)	≈€85 – €121
	Single HB (Room + Breakfast + Dinner)	€134.40

Here are also some other hotel options within short travel distance to the campus:

Movenpick Hotel Ankara – A 4-star hotel located at Söğütözü.

Ankara HiltonSA – Central, comfortable, suitable for business travel.

City Hotels or Airbnb Options – Kızılay and Bahçelievler areas offer budget alternatives.



Before You Arrive*



Weather & What to Pack:

Early September in Ankara is mild, with **temperatures between 10°C and 30°C**.

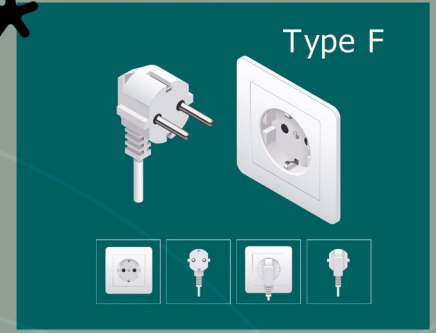
Pack:

A light jacket or coat

Comfortable walking shoes

Umbrella or raincoat

Travel adaptor (Turkey uses Type F plugs, 220V)*



***Tap water is not drinkable; use bottled water in Ankara. However, you can safely use the filtered water dispensers available in the Faculty.**



What to Eat in METU

We have a lot of food options in the campus if you are interested:

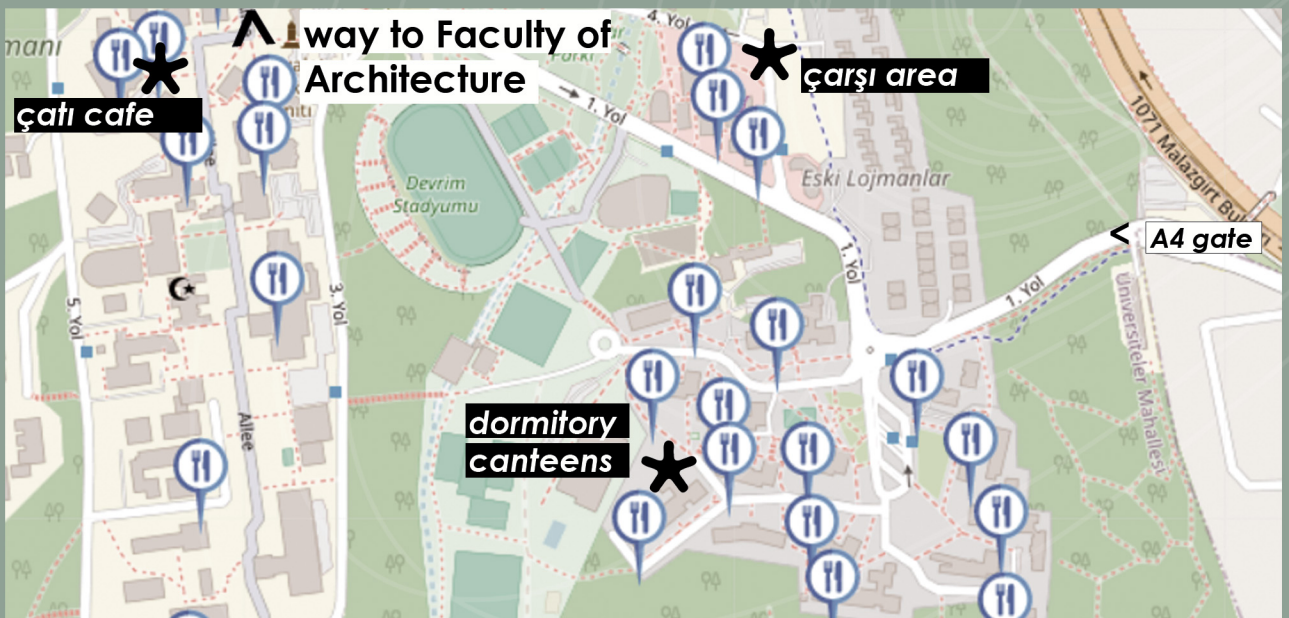
Çarşı – The campus mall has a lot of different options

Canteen – **Canteens** of every faculty have different options, including the Architecture Faculty

Central – Located in Teknokent area, it is the only restaurant that you can find alcohol as alcohol is prohibited in education zones in Türkiye.

Çatı Café: all-you-can-eat buffet with a variety of hot and cold dishes.

**you can reach the online map from (<https://map.metu.edu.tr/>) and you can filter services from the right side according to your needs.*



Notes

METU is Turkey's leading research university with a lush, forested campus and a strong academic heritage. The conference will be held at the Faculty of Architecture, located at the heart of campus.

Pro Tip: In Turkish, METU is called ODTÜ. You'll see this version on signs, maps, and public transportation.

- Traffic in Türkiye may be functioning more differently than what you are used to. You should pay attention to the following:
 - Being on a crosswalk does not mean that the drivers will acknowledge you and yield.
 - Traffic lights might not be 100% obeyed. That is why we recommend you check the street before crossing.
- Most people in Ankara speak at least basic English, especially around universities.
- Use “Hocam” to politely address anyone—it’s a unique METU tradition.
- Due to the banking laws in Türkiye, you may not be able to use your e-wallets such as Apple Pay, Google Wallet, or Paypal. However, the contactless cards you save on your phone should work fine over NFC.
- Don’t hesitate to ask the organizing team for local tips or help.



For more questions, visit our **Contact Page** or email us directly on **ecaade25@metu.edu.tr**.

We can't wait to welcome you in Ankara!

— eCAADe 2025 Organizing Committee

How to get to Ankara*

*By Air:

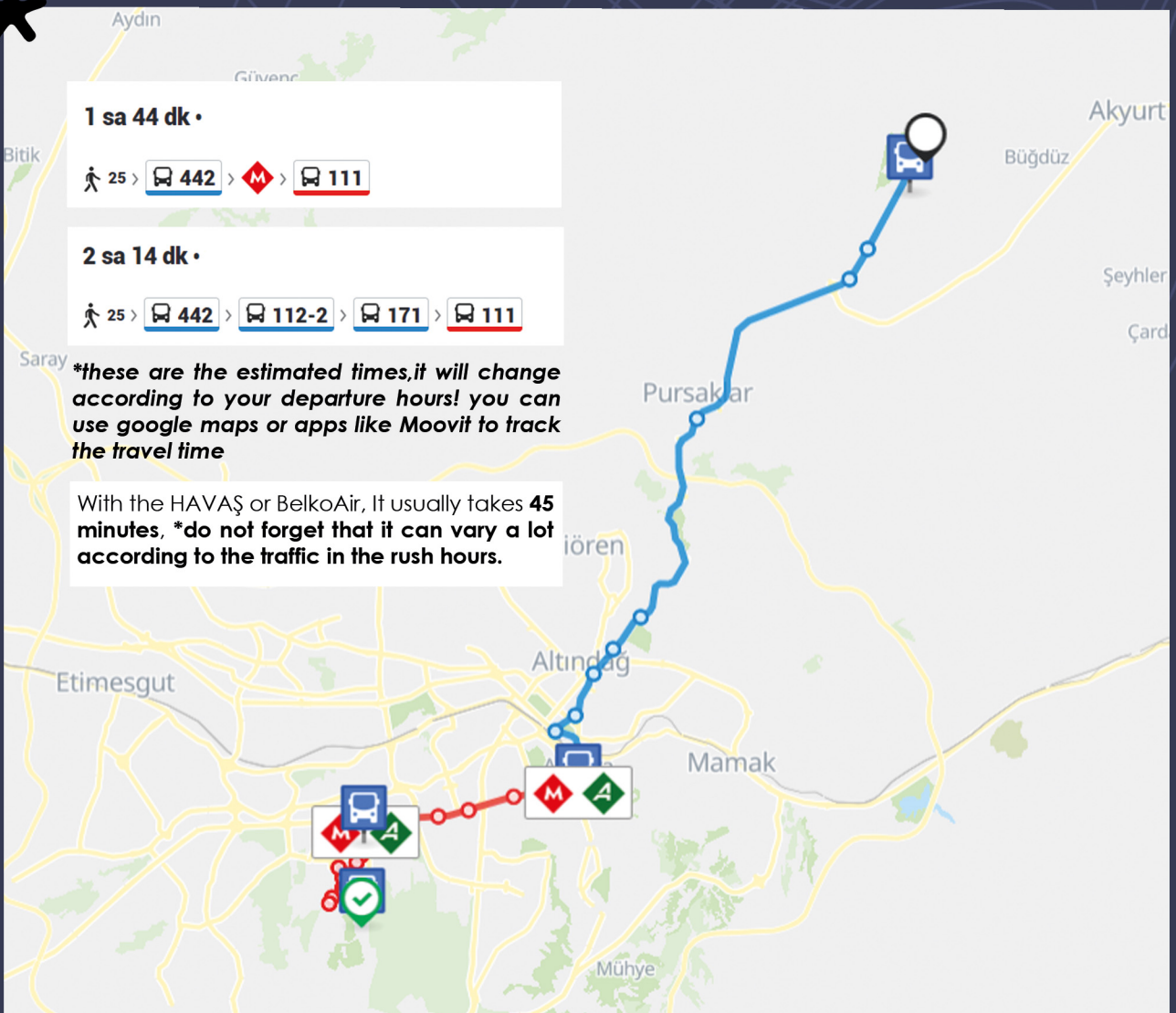
Fly into **Ankara Esenboğa Airport (ESB)**, which offers both international and domestic connections.

From the Airport to City Center / METU:

Airport Shuttle (HAVAŞ or BelkoAir): Buses run every 30 minutes to Kızılay and AŞTİ (intercity bus terminal). Havaş usually takes 45 mins. Don't forget to check their departure times, as they change daily.

Taxi: Takes 35–45 minutes. Most taxis accept credit cards.
Website: www.esenbogataksi.com

Private Transfer: Several apps or hotel-arranged services are available.



*Getting Around Ankara!

Metro: Take the Koru Metro Line. Nearest stops to METU: ODTÜ (for the A1 entrance) or Bilkent (for the A2 entrance) stations.

**The Koru Metro Line generally operates from 6:00 AM to midnight (00:00).*

Bus: EGO Buses to METU, Use Ankarakart for travel. You can use your credit cards but no cash accepted. You can reach METU or nearby metro stations with the following buses:

**Most EGO buses run from around 6:00 AM until 11:30 PM, but schedules may vary depending on the route. It's recommended to check specific routes for exact timings using the EGO app or website.*

From Sincan / Elvankent / Fatih: **511, 512, 521, 532**

From Etimesgut / Eryaman: **530, 541**

From City Center (Kızılay / Sıhhiye / Beytepe): **339-5, 602-6**

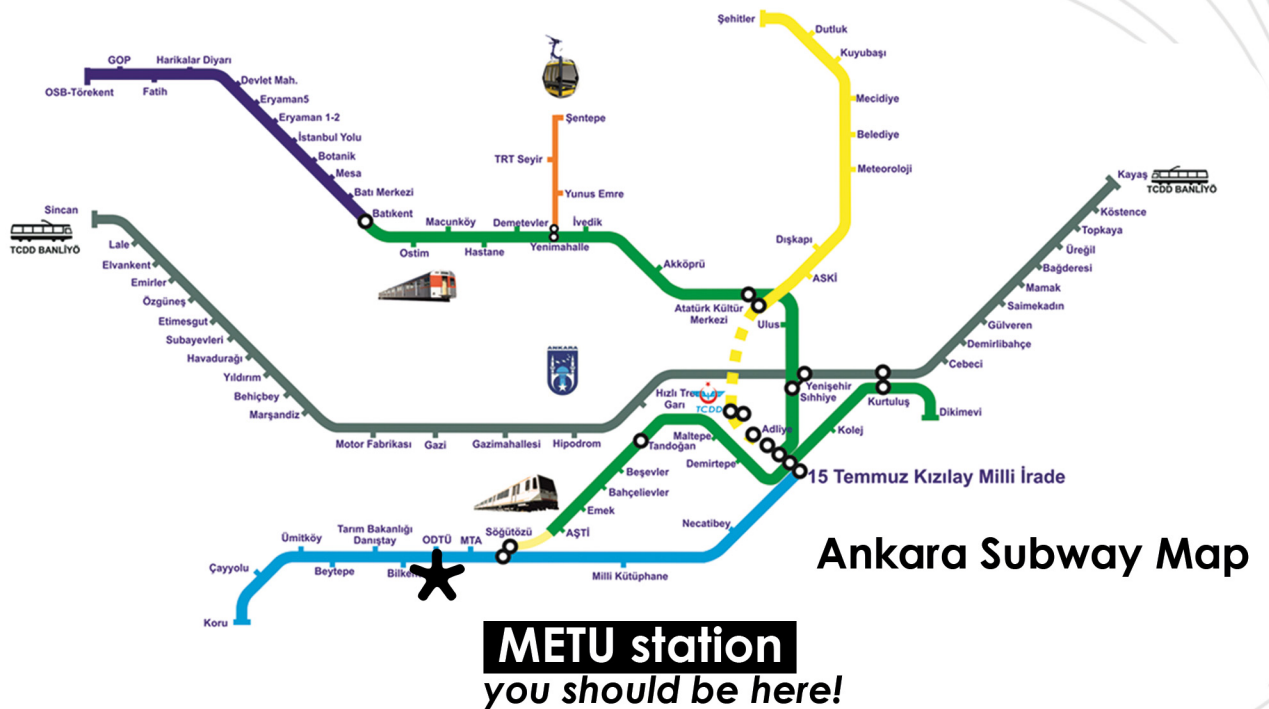
From Yenimahalle / AŞTİ area: **419-5**

Taxi & Uber: Uber is available, but a regular yellow cab will pick you up. Credit cards are usually accepted, but it would be best to ask before travel.

Dolmuş (Minibus): Local minivans—cash only and culturally unique!

Available only if you are coming from Ayrancı or Ulus district. From Ayrancı: On weekdays, the Ayrancı-ODTÜ minibus departs from the cafeteria stop until 18:00. After 18:00, it departs from the "Numaralı Yurtlar" (Numbered Dormitories) stop on campus.

Campus Rings (Shuttles): Free blue buses circulating on campus.

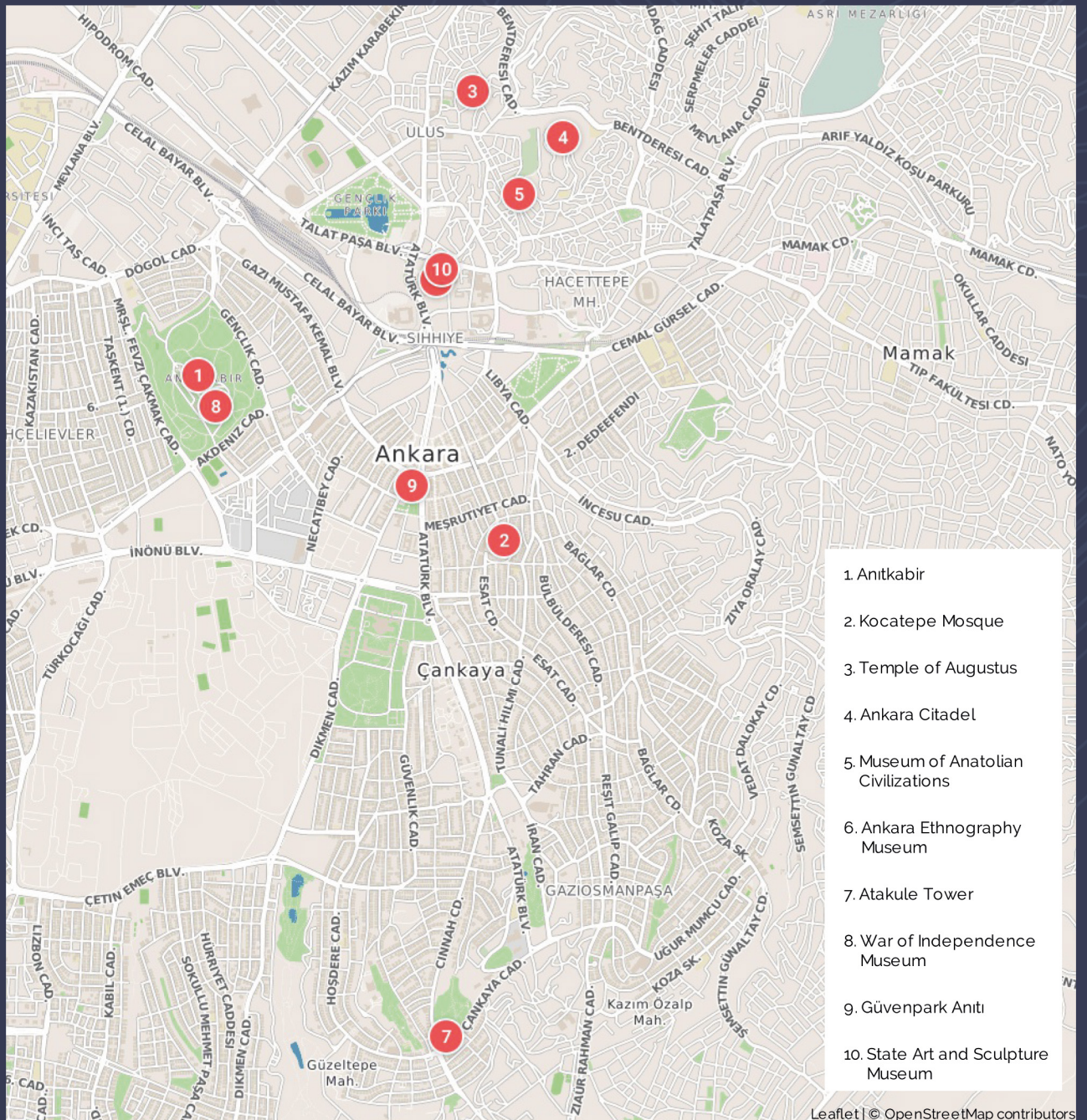


Must-see places*

Explore Ankara!

Must-see landmarks near METU:

- Anıtkabir – Mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk
- Museum of Anatolian Civilizations
- Ankara Castle and Citadel – With panoramic views
- Atakule – Iconic tower with a rotating restaurant
- Eymir Lake (inside METU campus) – Great for a walk or picnic



What To Taste & Bring Back*

What to Taste in Türkiye?

Be sure to try some of these Turkish classics during your visit:

Simit – Sesame-covered bread rings (perfect breakfast!)

Döner & Kebab – Iconic meat dishes served in wraps or plates

Lahmacun & Pide – Turkish-style pizzas

Çiğ Köfte – Spicy, vegetarian wraps

Rakı & Mezeler – Social drinks with small dishes



***döner & kebab**



***lahmacun**



***simit**



***çiğ köfte**

What to Bring Back?

Great souvenirs to remember your Ankara trip:

Nazar Boncuğu (Evil Eye) – Colorful amulet

Local Sweets – Turkish delight, baklava, pişmaniye

Turkish Coffee – For the authentic experience

Handmade Ceramics, Textiles or Spices



***turkish coffee**



***handmade ceramics**



***nazar boncugu**



***turkish delight**

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