

Transportation

Airports: Istanbul has two airports, the major Ataturk International Airport (IST) located on European side of the city, 23km (14 miles) west of the city center, reachable by metro; and Sabiha Gokcen Airport (SAW) on the east side of the city, the Asian side. Taxis and public transportation serve both airports, but private transportation may be the preferred way to go for some travelers.

Taxis: They are a lot of taxis in Istanbul. Turks use it a lot and you can catch one very easily. Taxis are yellow and you can see the word "Taksi" written on it, which means "taxi" in Turkish. Always use your hotel service to call a taxi. If you are somewhere in the city, go to a 5-star hotel and ask for a taxi; they will help you. Taxis in Turkey are much cheaper than in Europe, and it is a common way of transportation in Istanbul.

Bus: IETT city buses tend to be slow and crowded, especially during the morning and evening commuter rushes. Use the Istanbulkart transit pass for city buses. Aside from the IETT buses operated by the city municipality, you can find private buses owned and operated by private individuals and companies in accordance with city regulations. These buses run on some of the busier routes and charge the same fares as municipal buses, but may or may not allow you to pay your fare with the Istanbulkart transit pass.

Ferryboat: Ferryboats are most enjoyable way to travel between the continents in Istanbul.

Funicular: runs between Kabataş on the European shore of the Bosphorus, south of Dolmabahçe Palace and Taksim Square, the busy center of Beyoğlu.

Getting from the Airport to the Hilton Garden Inn Golden Horn Istanbul Hotel

Airport Shuttle: There are shuttle services from both airports to Taksim. The shuttle services belong to the municipality and are called HAVATAS (<http://havatas.com>). Departure times are approximately every 30 minutes. Taksim is the last stop and it is just 10 to 15 minutes by taxi to the hotel. This link to Google Maps shows the directions from the Havatas Taksim Station to the Hotel: <https://goo.gl/maps/XwHJS>
After arriving at Taksim, you may take a municipality bus with one of the following numbers: 54HS or 54HT or 36T. Step off the bus at Miniaturk Station.

One way cost of Havatas is 10.00TL per person, which is equal to \$4.00 / 3.50€. The taxi from Havatas' last stop to the hotel is between 15.00TL and 20.00TL, depending on traffic. Municipality bus ticket is 2.00TL with Istanbulkart.

Taxi: At the airport, you can find taxis at any time (24/7). From Ataturk Airport (IST) to Hilton Garden Inn Golden Horn Istanbul, you will pay around 60.00TL; about \$25.00 / 20.00€. From Sabiha Gokcen Airport (SAW) to Hilton Garden Inn Golden Horn Istanbul, the fare will cost around 100.00TL, equal to \$40.00 / 35.00€.

If you will take a taxi from the airport, it is best to show the following note to the driver:

**HILTON GARDEN INN GOLDEN HORN HOTEL
SUTLUCE, MINIATURK YANINDA, HALIÇ'TEKİ AKPARTI IL
MERKEZ BINAI ARKASI**

We have several Hilton Hotel in Istanbul, so make sure that the driver reads the note above carefully.

Private Transfer: Our travel agency can also provide a private airport transfer and the costs are as follows:

- Ataturk Airport (IST) to the hotel: 60.00€ one-way by standard sedan car fit for 2 people
- Ataturk Airport (IST) to the hotel: 70.00€ one-way by minibus for up to 8 people
- Sabiha Gokcek Airport (SAW) to the hotel: 100.00€ one-way by standard sedan car fit for 2 people
- Sabiha Gokcen Airport (SAW) to the hotel: 110.00€ one-way by minibus for up to 8 people

If you would like to have private transfer, please get in touch with Mr. Koray Ozkan at koray@delano.com.tr

Hilton Garden Inn Golden Horn Istanbul Hotel & Bilgi University Santralistanbul Campus

There will be shuttle buses running from the hotel to the conference venue. You can find the times in your conference program. The following Google Maps link shows the directions from the hotel to the conference venue: <https://goo.gl/maps/I089U>