

FOR TURKS IN ALPHARETTA

Turkish Consulate Services for Alpharetta: the Miami Consulate General, 2026 Guide

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SHORT ANSWER

There is no Turkish consulate in Georgia. Turkish citizens in the state are served by the Turkish Consulate General in Miami: 80 SW 8th St, Suite 2700, Miami FL 33130, +1 786 655 03 15. In-person applications are taken weekdays in the morning only, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The distance is the real problem: about 690 miles by road from Alpharetta, more than 12.5 hours of driving. That is why grouping everything that needs you in person into one appointment is much cheaper.

Contact and appointments

DETAIL	INFORMATION
Address	80 SW 8th St, Suite 2700, Miami FL 33130
Phone	+1 786 655 03 15 · fax: +1 786 310 75 84
After-hours emergency line	+1 305 646 82 08
Email	consulate.miami@mfa.gov.tr
In-person applications	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., by appointment
Phone and mail services	Weekdays 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Consular district	Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Puerto Rico

- 1 konsolosluk.gov.tr and the Make Appointment menu (the same menu on the consulate's own site works too)
- 2 Consular Operations for Turkish Citizens, then the Miami Consulate General
- 3 Pick the service. Fees and required documents change from time to time, so check the consulate's site (miami-cg.mfa.gov.tr) before your appointment.

What the trip from Alpharetta actually involves

- **By car this is never a day trip.** From the Alpharetta City Hall area to the consulate is about 690 miles and over 12.5 hours of pure driving. We calculated that distance and time ourselves from open routing data; it is not an official figure, and it leaves out breaks, meals and traffic. You need a night somewhere on the way out or the way back.
- **Flying is more reasonable.** Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) to Miami takes about two hours. We could not verify a single flight time or fare this round, because the airline pages are closed to automated reading, so we print no schedules and no prices here.
- **Book at the start of the window.** The counter closes to applicants at 1 p.m., and a 12:30 appointment leaves you no room.
- **Count the airport run.** ATL sits southwest of the city, down the busiest stretches of GA 400 and I-85, and at peak the drive comfortably passes an hour. The city's tourism page says 30 minutes to the airport, which assumes an empty road; for an international flight, two hours on the road is not excessive. Miami airport to the consulate is about 12 miles and 25 minutes.
- **Plan a hotel night from the start.** A same-day return is possible in theory but it is not sensible for a family with children. That assessment is ours, not a statement from the consulate.
- **Do not buy the plane ticket until the appointment is confirmed,** and check the consulate's holiday closures first.
- **Group everything that needs you in person into one appointment:** a passport, an ID card, a power of attorney and a military service matter on the same day. One missing document means a new appointment and another plane ticket.
- **Do not count on a mobile consulate.** We found no announced mobile consular visit to Atlanta or Georgia on the consulate's announcements page. Never make an urgent matter depend on one appearing.

Which service works which way

SERVICE	HOW
Passport	In person only, by appointment
Turkish ID card	In person, by appointment
Birth registration	In person or by mail
Marriage registration	In person or by mail
Military service (deferment, paid service, exemption)	By appointment
Citizenship, death, criminal record, service of process	By appointment
Power of attorney	At the consulate building only
Formula A, B and C extracts and civil registry records	Can be requested by mail through online.konsolosluk.gov.tr

Registering a child born in Alpharetta with the Turkish civil registry

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ A certified copy of the birth certificate	The good news is that you can get it inside the city. The Fulton County Board of Health's Health and Human Services North center (4700 North Point Parkway, Alpharetta GA 30022, (770) 520-7500) is listed as a walk-in vital records site on the department's own vital records page. The fee is \$25 including one certified copy, with \$5 for each extra copy, and American Express is not accepted. Two of the department's pages disagree on the hours for that counter, so call before you travel. Get the certificate in hand before you book the Miami appointment.
☐ The parents' identity documents	A Turkish ID card or passport
☐ Marriage certificate	If you have one
☐ Multiple citizenship form	Because the child is a U.S. citizen
☐ At least two certified copies	One stays with the U.S. passport application and one goes for the apostille. At \$5 an extra copy, getting a few usually makes sense.

The apostille does not come from the Secretary of State

In Georgia the **Secretary of State does not issue apostilles**; it only does Great Seal certification for countries that are not parties to the Hague Apostille Convention (404-656-2871). The only authority is the **Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority (GSCCCA)**, and its only office is in Atlanta: 1875 Century Blvd, Suite 100, Atlanta GA 30345, phone 404-327-6023, weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., no appointment, **\$3 per document**. The office is in the Century Center area beside the I-85 corridor, reached down GA 400 and around I-285, so you do not have to go downtown, and leaving around the middle of the day keeps you out of the worst traffic. Take the certified document with you, since a photocopy is not accepted; the GSCCCA recommends a copy issued since the year 2000, because the signature is on file. By mail, allow one to two business days after it arrives, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and name the destination country (notary@gsccca.org). Türkiye has been a party since 1985, so no further consular legalization is needed. Federal documents such as an FBI background check go to the U.S. State Department's Authentications Office instead, and out-of-state documents cannot be apostilled in Georgia.

ROUTE	TIME	FEE
In person (walk-in), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Usually under 20 minutes	\$3 per document
By mail	1 to 2 business days after it arrives	\$3 per document plus return postage

Military service

- **Registration (yoklama):** men born in 2007, and anyone without a deferment, must complete it by December 31, 2026, through the consulate or e-Devlet.
- **Paid military service (July to December 2026):** the foreign-currency equivalent of 472,653.60 TL, collected in U.S. dollars at the Turkish central bank rate on the day of payment; ask the consulate whether a transfer fee applies. The amount changes on January 1, 2027.
- **Conditions:** a U.S. residence or work permit, at least 3 years (1,095 days) of work abroad excluding time in Türkiye, the MSB online training at dovizle.msb.gov.tr and an in-person appointment in the consular district. Alpharetta is in the Miami district.
- **Dual citizens** born in the U.S., or who came before turning 18, can defer until the end of age 35 once their U.S. citizenship is registered in Türkiye. **F-1 students** defer through an Education Attaché; ask the consulate which one serves Alpharetta.
- **Timing:** because a flight and an appointment take time to arrange, do not leave this to the last week of December.

The time difference and the Istanbul flight

Türkiye stays on UTC+3 all year, while Alpharetta is on Eastern Time with daylight saving. So Türkiye is 7 hours ahead until November 1, 2026, and 8 hours ahead from then to March 14, 2027. At 9 a.m. in Alpharetta it is 4 p.m. in Istanbul in summer and 5 p.m. in winter, and when offices close at 5 p.m. in Türkiye it is 10 a.m. in Alpharetta in summer and 9 a.m. in winter. Turkish Airlines flies nonstop between Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) and Istanbul Airport (IST), averaging about 11 hours; we could not find the weekly frequency on an official page, so check current days and times on the airline's Atlanta page (U.S. reservations (800) 874-8875). ATL has two terminals: the MARTA train reaches the Domestic Terminal, so getting to the International Terminal needs the free shuttle or the Plane Train inside security. A flight to Miami is domestic, so you avoid the terminal change.

BEFORE YOU GO TO THE CONSULATE

- Service is in person in the morning only and by phone and mail in the afternoon. Leave early for the security check.
- The consulate can be closed on public holidays; check the current holiday calendar before you book.
- Not everything needs the trip: birth and marriage registrations can be done in person or by mail, and Formula A, B and C extracts and civil registry records can be requested through online.konsolosluk.gov.tr.
- A power of attorney is issued only inside the consulate building, so if you need one for a sale, an inheritance or a case in Türkiye, put it on the same day as your passport appointment.

DO NOT CONFUSE THIS WITH YOUR U.S. IMMIGRATION MATTERS

The consulate handles business relating to Türkiye. Your U.S. visa, green card or citizenship applications are matters for USCIS and the U.S. State Department. If you have naturalized, remember to register your U.S. citizenship with the Turkish civil registry through Miami; for dual citizens that step also comes before a military service deferment. Before you travel to Türkiye with a green card application pending, check your advance parole position. For Turkish documents used in USCIS filings, what is usually required is not an apostille but a full English translation with the translator's certificate of competence.



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