

FOR TURKISH CITIZENS IN ATHENS

From Athens to the Turkish Consulate General in Miami, 2026 Guide

There is no Turkish consulate in Georgia, and from Athens this is the longest trip in the series. The journey, the airport shuttle, civil registry errands, the apostille and military service.

SHORT ANSWER

There is no Turkish consulate in Georgia. Turkish citizens here 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 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **From Athens this is the longest consular journey in this series, and longer than from Atlanta:** about 677 road miles and roughly 12 hours 45 minutes each way, by our own computation. So it cannot be a day trip, and an overnight stay is unavoidable.

Contact details and appointments

DETAIL	INFORMATION
Address	80 SW 8th St, Suite 2700, Miami FL 33130 (building entrance at the corner of 1st Avenue and 9th Street)
Phone	+1 786 655 03 15
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	The mission's own contact page gives its district as Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Puerto Rico
How to book	Through konsolosluk.gov.tr or the Make Appointment menu on the consulate's own site. Each service needs its own appointment. Fees and required documents change from time to time, so check miami-cg.mfa.gov.tr before your appointment and do not buy a plane ticket until the appointment is confirmed

From Athens to Miami: the longest trip in the series

- **The numbers:** Athens to the Miami consulate is about **677 road miles** and roughly **12 hours 45 minutes** of driving each way. We computed that with open routing data; it is not an official figure and it excludes traffic and stops.
- **Longer than from Atlanta:** the same method gives about **661 miles and 12 hours** from downtown Atlanta, so Athens adds roughly **16 miles and 45 minutes** to a drive that is already very long.
- **It cannot be a day trip by road.** Nearly 13 hours each way against a consular counter that closes at **1 p.m.** means at least one overnight stay, realistically two.
- **The sensible plan:** fly from Hartsfield-Jackson, stay one night in Miami and book the appointment for a morning. But ask the first question first: can this be done by mail or online?
- **The real difference for an Athens reader is not the extra 16 miles,** it is the 79-mile run to the airport before any flight.

The airport run: about 79 miles

- **You cannot buy an airline ticket at the local airport.** Athens-Ben Epps Airport is run by the unified government (1010 Ben Epps Drive, Athens GA 30603, 706-613-3420), but it has **no scheduled passenger service**. Its own flights page names no airline and no destination and its last content update is dated 2022, so we name no airline. Your flight leaves from Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson.
- **By car:** about **79 miles** and an hour and three quarters without traffic (our own computation, not an official figure). Atlanta traffic pushes that up.
- **By shuttle:** Groome Transportation runs a shared van between Athens and ATL **24 hours a day, every day**, with departures roughly every hour including through the night. The earliest Athens departure is 1:45 a.m. and the latest 9:45 p.m. The ride takes **2 to 2.5 hours**, because the van collects at several Athens points and at one stop on the way.
- **Fares:** an adult fare starts at **\$55** with the online discount and at **\$65** otherwise; a child aged 3 to 7 starts at \$39, infants under 3 travel free and a pet is \$15. On top of that there is a **\$2 per-passenger fuel surcharge in force since May 5, 2026**. The operator says fares vary by date and time, so read the exact amount at booking. A reservation at least 24 hours ahead is recommended; the phone line is **(706) 612-1155**.
- **Pickup points:** 3190 Atlanta Highway Suite 20; the UGA Georgia Center, 1197 South Lumpkin Street; The Classic Center, 300 North Thomas Street; Hotel Indigo, 500 College Avenue; SpringHill Suites, 220 South Hull Street. The Groome office in Athens offers free parking by permit for up to 30 days, though places are not held on peak days.
- **The intercity coach does not serve the airport:** FlixBus runs four departures a day from the Athens Multimodal Center (775 East Broad Street) to downtown Atlanta in about 1 hour 25 minutes, but from there you transfer to MARTA's red or gold line to Airport station. With luggage that is a long plan.
- **At the airport:** ATL has a domestic terminal and an international terminal. Flights to Miami are domestic and leave from the domestic terminal, so there is no terminal transfer to worry about. If you are using the Groome van, confirm your drop-off and pickup point at booking.

Which matters actually require the journey?

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)	In person, 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, civil registry records	By mail through online.konsolosluk.gov.tr
A mobile consulate	Do not count on one: we found no announced mobile consular visit to Georgia, and we could not even confirm whether such visits come to the state

THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE MARRIAGE LICENSE AT THE COURTHOUSE

Most consular errands start with a Georgia document, and in Athens those documents sit in places that reverse the usual Georgia arrangement. In most Georgia counties the registrar of births is the probate court; **in Clarke County it is the health department** (in the health district's own words that is true only of Clarke, Morgan and Walton). So the **marriage license is at Probate Court** (325 East Washington Street, Suite 200, 706-613-3320, applications 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. only) and the **birth certificate at the Clarke County Health Department** (345 North Harris Street, 706-389-6871). And there is one more split: **amending a birth certificate is Probate Court's job, while issuing it is the health department's**. A reader coming from our Atlanta page can end up at the wrong window, so make sure you are at the right building before your Miami appointment.

Registering a child born in Athens with the Turkish civil registry

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ A certified copy of the birth certificate	Clarke County Health Department, Vital Records, 345 North Harris Street, Athens GA 30601, 706-389-6871 · \$25 per certificate, money order only by post, cash or card in person · photo ID is required for every request, but we could not read the list of acceptable IDs , so call and ask whether a Turkish passport is enough · the office closes for lunch 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday and closes early on Friday
☐ Going in person rather than ordering online	You can order through the state's ROVER system, but the health district prints its own warning: records ordered online are handled by the state office in Atlanta and posted directly to you, and cannot be collected at the local office . If you need it in time for a Miami appointment, go in person

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ Parents' identity documents	A Turkish ID card or passport
☐ The marriage certificate	If you have one. A copy from Probate Court is \$10 each, cash or check only
☐ The multiple citizenship form	Because the child is a U.S. citizen
☐ Ask for at least two certified copies	One stays with a U.S. passport application and one goes for the apostille. The hospital does not order the first copy for you, and it is not free

The apostille: not the Secretary of State, but the GSCCCA

In Georgia the **Secretary of State does not issue apostilles**; it only does Great Seal authentications for countries that are not party to the Hague Convention. The only authority is the **Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority (GSCCCA)**, and it has one office, in Atlanta: 1875 Century Blvd, Suite 100, Atlanta GA 30345, 404-327-6023, notary@gsccca.org, weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., no appointment, **\$3 per document**. In person it is usually done in under 20 minutes, but the drive from Athens is about **62 miles and 1 hour 20 minutes** (our own computation). **For a single document, mail usually beats the drive**: 1 to 2 business days after it arrives, with a self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed and the destination country stated. If you are going to Atlanta for something else, a USCIS appointment or the passport agency, add the apostille to that day; the office sits north-east of the city rather than toward the airport. Bring the certified original, since a photocopy will not do, and the GSCCCA prefers a copy issued after 2000 because the signature is then on file. Türkiye has been a party to the Hague Apostille Convention since 1985, so no further consular legalization is needed. Federal documents such as an FBI criminal record check go to the State Department's Authentications Office instead, and a document issued by another state cannot be apostilled in Georgia.

Military service and the time difference

- **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.**
- **The conditions:** a U.S. residence or work permit, at least 3 years (1,095 days) of work abroad excluding time in Türkiye, the dovizle.msb.gov.tr online training, and residence in the mission's district. Athens is in the Miami district. The application is in person and by appointment only.
- **Dual citizens:** those born in the U.S., or who came before turning 18 and became citizens, can defer until the end of age 35 once their U.S. citizenship is registered in Türkiye. For multiple citizens the work condition does not apply; three years abroad is enough.

- **Students:** deferment goes through an Education Attaché. In a university town this is the most common question: ask the consulate which one serves Athens, and renew the deferment document after you graduate.
- **Timing:** a trip from Athens means a flight, an overnight stay and the 79-mile airport run. Do not leave the appointment to the last week of the window, with the new year and the holidays in the way.
- **The time difference:** Türkiye stays on UTC+3 all year while Athens is on Eastern Time with daylight saving. The gap is **7 hours until November 1, 2026** and **8 hours from November 1, 2026 to March 14, 2027**. When the working day ends at 5 p.m. in Türkiye it is 10 a.m. in Athens in summer and 9 a.m. in winter, so use early mornings to reach an office there.
- **The Istanbul flight:** Turkish Airlines' own page says the Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) to Istanbul Airport (IST) flight is nonstop and averages 11 hours. With the airport run included, Athens to Istanbul is a full day door to door. Check current days and times on the airline's Atlanta page; U.S. reservations (800) 874-8875.

BEFORE YOU GO TO THE CONSULATE

- **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, another plane ticket and another night, and from Athens that difference is real money.
- **Not every errand needs the journey:** birth and marriage registration can be done in person or by mail, and Formula A, B and C extracts and civil registry records can be requested by mail through online.konsolosluk.gov.tr. A power of attorney, on the other hand, is issued only inside the consulate building.
- Services are in person in the morning only, with phone and mail services in the afternoon. The building entrance is at the corner of 1st Avenue and 9th Street, so leave time for security.
- The consulate may be closed on public holidays; check the current calendar before you book, and do not buy the ticket first.
- You can write to consulate.miami@mfa.gov.tr or call weekdays between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

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

The consulate handles matters relating to Türkiye. Your U.S. visa, green card or citizenship applications are 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 traveling to Türkiye with a green card application pending, check your advance parole position: leaving without it can be treated as abandoning the application, with some exceptions such as H-1B and L-1. For green card holders, long absences can also create problems in keeping the card. And if you are taken into custody, Georgia law frames the confinement as being in compliance with Article 36 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations: as a Turkish citizen you can ask that the consulate be notified.



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