With its sparkling sandy beaches and stunning mountain passes, Turkey is the home of adventures and activities for the curious traveler. Turkish has more than 110 million speakers worldwide.

Turkish is not just spoken in Turkey. Turks still live in Bulgaria, Greece and all over the world! Turkish migrants have created vibrant city districts in Germany. Berlin is the second largest Turkish populated city in the world. The Turks and their language originated in Central Asia. To this day, simple Turkish can be easily understood throughout Central Asia by Turks of Central Asia. Because they also speak various Turkic languages!

Turkish has run through many scripts. First was runiform script, Brahmi, Tibetan, Uighur, Cyrillic, Sogdian, then Perso-Arabic. Today, after the great reformer Atatürk’s changes, Turks use the Latin script. Turkish is an agglutinative language which has cases, but no pesky gender changes!

Turkey is an exciting mélange of cultures. It is the home of Saint Nicholas, Noah’s Ark, tulips, Turkish carpets, Turkish coffee, angora cats, Turkish delight, yogurt, marbleized paper, and many other splendors of civilization.

One of the few countries in the world where major religions have intermingled for centuries, the modern country of Turkey inherited the Ottoman Empire which controlled the most of the Middle East, North Africa, and Southeast Europe.

Turkish is one of the ten languages on the critical language list for the US State Department. Turkish is a major player in the technology field as well. Companies like Google, YouTube, MySpace, and major gaming companies all hire Turkish speakers.

With so few available learners compared to boring languages like French and Spanish, Turkish speakers are in high demand! Join them today!

Help is home to two institutions uniquely suited to assist in the learning of Turkic languages: the Turkish Flagship Program and the Center for Languages of the Central Asian Region (CeLCAR). They provide a wealth of extra information and help to interested students.

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