

COMPARISONS MADE —

# Turkey Can Be Hot Or Cold, Adem Says

(Editor's Note: Franklin High's exchange student tells more about his native land.)

By ADEM UNAL

In my last writing I promised to tell about Turkish people and their customs. But, I realized that most of people

here don't know about Turkey, anything. Where is it? How are the natural conditions? And how far is it from here? Now let me try to explain the answers of these questions. I think it will be good for you to understand the Turkish people and their customs.

Turkish territory covers 296,500 square miles and lies both in Europe and in Asia. There are the beautiful Bosphorus and Dardanelles between Asia and Europe and both these are a good waterway between Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea. Turkey is surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea, Aegean Sea, and the Black Sea. The Marmora Sea is inside of Turkish territory. On

the Bosphorus, there is Istanbul (2,500,000), which is known as magic city of eastern countries, so far.

Climate depends on which part of Turkey one happens to have in mind and in which season. Istanbul has much the same climate as New York, except that the summer heat is deliciously tempered by cool breezes from the Bosphorus by way of the Black Sea. Ankara, nearly in the center of Asia Minor and at an altitude of 3,000 feet, has a dry climate like Denver's, with cool nights all summer long. Southern Turkey has a climate comparable to Florida. The climate around Izmir and western Turkey generally is Mediterranean in character, sunny in winter, mild and breezy in summer. Light clothing is desirable in summer and warm clothes are recommended for winter. The best time to visit Turkey is between May and November. In a journey of perhaps 500 miles from Istanbul to Ankara and then to

Antalya, on the shore of Mediterranean Sea, you change clothes three times as you go from one climate to another.

Turkey is pretty far from here. It takes a day by plane. Of course, her customs are very strange for you. I'll try to tell about them, to be able to make them known, as well as I can. Hope you'll find them interesting. Just here, I want to say, if you visit Turkey you are able to see the minarets of mosques everywhere, which is the symbol of cities. Nearly 400 mosques are in Bursa, my city.

In my next writing, I will tell about the customs of Turkish people. I would like to compare them with yours. Thank you.

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