

PM call with Prime Minister Conte of Italy: 1 August 2019

The Prime Minister spoke to Prime Minister Conte of Italy.

The leaders committed to strengthening the partnership between the UK and Italy as we prepare to leave the EU, including our economic ties.

The Prime Minister reiterated that Brexit will happen on 31 October with or without a deal. He underlined his commitment to ensuring the rights of Italian nationals in the UK after Brexit.

They also discussed the UK's bid to host the COP26 Summit, in partnership with Italy, and agreed on the importance of working together to tackle climate change and protect the environment.

PM call with President Erdogan of Turkey: 31 July 2019

The Prime Minister spoke to President Erdogan of Turkey.

The leaders agreed to work together to build on the close relationship between our two countries. They discussed the importance of bilateral co-operation on counterterrorism and ways in which we might strengthen our bilateral trading ties.

The Prime Minister thanked President Erdogan for Turkey's role in providing a home to so many refugees who have fled the conflict in Syria.

The leaders ended by looking forward to seeing each other again at the earliest opportunity.

PM call with Prime Minister Löfven of Sweden: 26 July 2019

The Prime Minister received a call of congratulation from Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

The leaders agreed to work together to intensify our bilateral partnership in areas such as trade, security and defence, and on foreign policy. They discussed Iran's illegal seizure of the British-flagged, Swedish-owned Stena Impero in the Persian Gulf and said that the ship must be released.

On Brexit, the Prime Minister reiterated the message he delivered in the House of Commons: that the Withdrawal Agreement has been rejected three times by Parliament and will not pass in its current form so – if the EU wants a deal – it needs to change its stance. Any deal must involve the abolition of the anti-democratic backstop. The UK is making all necessary preparations to leave the EU on 31 October whatever the circumstances.

They agreed on the importance of ensuring the rights of Swedish citizens in Britain and British citizens in Sweden after Brexit.

PM call with Chancellor Angela Merkel: 26 July 2019

The Prime Minister received a call of congratulation from German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

They agreed to continue to strengthen our bilateral relationship, and to work together closely on foreign policy and security issues.

On Brexit, the Prime Minister said that he would be energetic in reaching out as much as possible to try to achieve a deal, but he reiterated the message he delivered in the House of Commons: Parliament has rejected the Withdrawal Agreement three times and so the UK must fully prepare for the alternative – which is to leave without a deal on October 31.

He said the only solution that would allow us to make progress on a deal is to abolish the backstop.

The PM and Chancellor agreed to stay in contact.

Travel advice for Liverpool & Chelsea fans travelling to Istanbul

Liverpool FC v Chelsea FC – 2019 UEFA Super Cup

Travel Advice

- Date: Wednesday 14 August 2019
- Venue: Beşiktaş Park, Istanbul, Turkey
- Kick off time: 10pm (local time)

As well as this advice, check out our [travel advice for Turkey](#)

UEFA also provides a [guide](#) to the host city of Istanbul including information on getting around the city.

Passports and visas

- British nationals need a visa to travel to Turkey. We recommend that you get an [e-Visa](#) online through the official Republic of Turkey E-Visa website. An e-visa costs \$20 (US) and you can pay by credit or debit card. You should apply for your e-visa at least 48 hours before travel.
- Turkish visit visas are valid for multiple stays up to a maximum of 90 days in a 180 day period.
- The Turkish government require that your passport should be valid for at least 6 months from the date you enter Turkey and that there is a full blank page for the entry and exit stamps.
- The Turkish authorities may stop members of the public to conduct ID checks. It's illegal not to carry some form of photographic ID in Turkey. You should carry your passport and a printed copy of your e-visa (if applicable) on you at all times.
- Your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is not valid in Turkey, so travel insurance is essential, even if you're only going for one night. It could save you a lot of money if you get into difficulties.
- If you lose your passport, you will need to get an [Emergency Travel Document](#) from the British Consulate General in Istanbul. You will need to supply your flight reservation and one photo. The fee is £100.

Getting from the airport

From Istanbul Airport

You can take a taxi into the city centre, which takes around 45 minutes depending on traffic and costs between 130 and 150 Turkish Lira (TL).

The [Havaist shuttle bus](#) is also available, which departs from the arrivals terminal every 15-30 minutes and takes around 60-80 minutes. It will cost around 18 TL.

Alternatively, you can take the public bus, which also departs from the arrivals terminal. The H2 line is the most popular option. It costs around 16 TL and takes around 70-110 minutes.

If you plan to use public transport during your stay, we recommend you buy an

[IstanbulKart](#) travel card. These are available from ticket kiosks for 6 TL and can be topped up and used for additional journeys on the city buses, metro, trams, ferry and funicular.

From Sabiha Gokcen Airport

You can take a taxi into the city centre, which will take between 45-120 minutes depending on traffic and costs approximately 180-200 TL.

Alternatively, you can take [Havabus](#), which departs from the arrivals terminal every 30 minutes and takes between 45-120 minutes. Tickets can be purchased on-board the bus and cost between 12-18 TL depending on your final destination.

If you plan to use public transport during your stay, we recommend you buy an [IstanbulKart](#) travel card. These are available from ticket kiosks for 6 TL and can be topped up and used for additional journeys on the city buses, metro, trams, ferry and funicular.

Getting to the stadium

- The closest tram station is Kabataş on tramline T1 and is a 10 minute walk from the venue.
- The closest metro station is Taksim on metro line M2 and is a 10-15 minute walk from the venue.

Useful links

Taxi scams

There have been reports of taxi drivers trying to overcharge passengers in Istanbul. To reduce the risk of this happening, only use licensed taxi companies and ask the driver to switch the meter on at the beginning of your journey.

Road closures

- Only accredited cars will have access to the zoned areas at the stadium.
- A number of roadblocks will be in place around the stadium which may cause delays if travelling by car. The following streets will be affected, so please plan your journey accordingly:

Bomonti Tunnel

Mete Str.

Kadrgalar Str.

Akaretler Junction

Findikli Junction

Gumussuyu Str.

Fan Meeting Points

Locations

- Fan meeting points are located in Taksim Square for Liverpool fans and Besiktas for Chelsea fans

At the match

Entry procedures

- Liverpool fans should enter the stadium from the North Entrance and Chelsea fans from the South Entrance
- Access to the stadium may be slow. There will be 3 perimeter checks which will include ticket checks and body searches. Get to the stadium early – doors will open at 7pm (local time)
- There is a strict No Bag Policy in place inside the stadium. Bag deposit stations are located en-route to the stadium and bag checks will be conducted
- Flags and banners without poles are allowed subject to size and must not contain political, racial, religious or offensive language
- Obey instructions from the stadium security to avoid being removed from the stadium and/or detained by the police

Disabled supporters

The stadium is currently not wheelchair accessible. You should contact your respective club for further information.

Alcohol and smoking

Alcohol and smoking are prohibited within the stadium.

After the match

You should aim to arrive at the airport well in advance of your flight's scheduled departure time, in case of possible delays reaching the airport.

Vodafone Stadium plan

Local information

Climate and time

August is the hottest month of the year in Istanbul. The average temperature high is around 28°C during the day, but can regularly rise above 30°C.

Istanbul is 2 hours ahead of the UK (GMT+3).

Crime

Generally crime levels are low, but street robbery and pickpocketing are common in the major tourist areas of Istanbul. Only carry what you need and leave spare cash and valuables in hotel safety deposits.

Local laws and customs

It is an offence to insult the Turkish nation or the national flag, or to deface or tear up currency. If you're convicted of any of these offences you could face a prison sentence of between 6 months and 3 years.

Smoking is prohibited on public transport and in other public areas. You can be fined if you are caught smoking in a designated smoke-free area.

Personal security

Demonstrations do occur in Istanbul, particularly in the area around Taksim Square. You should remain vigilant and avoid areas where demonstrations are taking place.

British Consulate General Istanbul

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For out-of-hours emergencies (e.g. one involving accident, injury or loss/theft of your passport), phone the number above and follow the instructions given.

Office hours: Monday – Friday 08:30 – 12:30, 13:30 – 16:45 except public holidays (14 August 2019 is a local public holiday)

[Contact Form](#)

You can also check our [Travel Advice for Turkey](#)

Emergency services numbers

Ambulance 112

Police 155

Fire 110

Further information

[Liverpool FC](#)

[Chelsea FC](#)

[Beşiktaş Park](#) (in Turkish)

We hope you enjoy the UEFA Super Cup and your visit to Istanbul