How to get to … (first read this)

İstanbul is a very large city however it has an extensive public transportation network. The fare for transportation is low. Getting from one place to the other may take long. Do not get intimidated. Be patient. Depending on the route you choose, you will either take a metro, a Metrobüs, a bus, a Dolmuş, a HAVAŞ shuttle, a taxi or several of these. Here are some general tips:

Divide the price in liras by 2 to convert it to Euros and by 1,5 to convert to US Dollars.

You can pay the fare on a bus. It costs normally 1,50-1,70 Liras (0,75-0,85 Euros) unless otherwise stated below. You must buy a token for a metro and for a Metrobüs in advance which costs 1,50 Liras. You might by an electronic card/ticket ELBİL which consists of 5 tickets and costs 7,50 Liras. You cannot buy an ELBİL on a bus.

Although there is a transfer discount, that does not apply if you pay on the bus or if you use an ELBİL.

Cabs are usually trustworthy. Yet always make sure that the taxi driver turns the meter on.

The trip durations given below are on the average. There might be drastic traffic jams.

İstanbul Atatürk Airport (IST) and Boğaziçi University South Campus are on the European side of İstanbul.

IMBM, Kennedy Lodge and Guest House No: 5 are in the South Campus.

Sabiha Gökçen International Airport and Feza Gürsey Institute are on the Asian side of İstanbul.
How to get to IMBM

IMBM is situated in Boğaziçi University South Campus. Follow the red path in Map.1 below to reach the Center from the main entrance of the South Campus.

How to get to Kennedy Lodge and Guest House no:5

Both are in the South Campus. Kennedy Lodge is marked with the orange circle while Guest House no: 5 is marked with white circle in the Map.1 above. On the white path there are stairs. You may ask your way to the gate keepers of the Campus.
How to get to Dormitory no:3

This building is situated in the North campus. Once you reach the main gate of the South Campus, follow the orange route shown in the Map.2 below. You may ask your way to the gate keepers of the North Campus. Tell that you are going to Üçüncü Yurt (pronounce Ütchündjü Yurt, read all letters).
How to get to Boğaziçi University South Campus

FROM THE İSTANBUL ATATÜRK AIRPORT TO SOUTH CAMPUS (IST) -- This airport is on the European side as well as Boğaziçi University. There are various ways to get to the campus.

1) HAVAŞ + BUS (convenient): Go out of the arrival hall. In front of the building take the shuttle called HAVAŞ to Taksim. It costs 10 liras (5 Euros). It takes around 30-45 minutes to reach Taksim, which is the last stop. Where you get off is shown in the Map.3 below with a red circle. Go to the green circle. Take the bus 559C which goes to Rumelihisarıüstü. You can pay on the bus. A ticket costs 1.5 Liras. Tell the driver to drop you at the gate of the South Campus (say Ghi nei Kampüs). It takes around 30 minutes to get there. Get off and use the campus map above.
2) METRO + METROBÜS + BUS (fast, cheapest): Follow the METRO signs in the airport. This is the first stop of the metro. You must buy a token or an ELBİL of 5 tickets. Take the metro and get off at the third station, Ataköy-Şirinevler. This trip takes several minutes. Then change to Metrobüs. This is nothing but a bus on a dedicated track. Take number 34 going to Zincirlikuyu. You can pay on the bus. A ticket costs 1,5 Liras. Get off in Zincirlikuyu, the last stop. It takes around 40 minutes to get there. Follow the signs that reads Sarıyer. Up the stairs there are several bus stops. Take the bus 559C which goes to Rumelihisarüstü. Tell the driver to drop you at the gate of the South Campus (say Gümüş Kampus). It takes around 15 minutes to get there. Get off and use the Map.1 of the South Campus above.

3) TAXI (easy, cheap if you are several people): Go out of the arrival hall. In front of the building take one of the (yellow) cabs. Tell the driver that you want to go to “Boazitchi Üniversitesi Gümüş Kampus” (read all the letters). It takes around 45 minutes to get to the campus and costs 35-45 Liras (18-22 Euros).

FROM SABIHA GÖKÇEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO SOUTH CAMPUS(SAW) -- This airport is on the Asian side while the university is on the European side.

1) BUS + TAXI: Go out of the arrival hall. In front of the building take the bus number E3. It reads Sabiha Gökçen Havalimanı-4. Levent Metro. You can pay on the bus. A ticket costs 4,5 Liras. You will get off at the last stop. The trip takes more than an hour and even more depending on the traffic. On the way you will pass across Bosphorus. As soon as you get off from the bus, use the underground passage to get across the street. At the other side take a (yellow) cab. Tell the driver to take you to “Boazitchi Üniversitesi Gümüş Kampus” (read all the letters). It takes around 15 minutes to get to the campus and costs around 10 Liras (5 Euros).

2) HAVAŞ + TAXI: Go out of the arrival hall. In front of the building take the shuttle called HAVAŞ to Taksim. It costs 13 Liras (6,5 Euros). Get off at Kavacık. The trip takes nearly an hour and even more depending on the traffic. As soon as you get off, take a (yellow) cab which will go in the same direction as the shuttle and eventually pass across Bosphorus. Tell the driver to take you to “Boazitchi Üniversitesi Gümüş Kampus” (read all the letters). It takes around 15 minutes to get to the campus and costs around 15 Liras (7,5 Euros).
How to get to Feza Gürsey Institute

FROM THE ISTANBUL ATATÜRK AIRPORT TO FEZA GÜRSEY (IST) -- This airport is on the European side while the institute is on the Asian side. There are various ways to get to the institute. See http://www.gursey.gov.tr/visit.php?m=visit for alternative routes.

1) METRO + METROBÜS + TAXI (fastest): Follow the METRO signs in the airport. This is the first stop of the metro. You must buy a token (1.5 Liras) or an ELBİL. Take the metro and get off at the third station, Ataköy-Şirinevler. This trip takes several minutes. Then change to Metrobüs. This is nothing but a bus on a dedicated track. Take number 34 going to Zincirlikuyu. You can pay on the bus. A ticket costs 1.5 Liras. Get off in Edirnekapı or at some further stop. On the same platform take number 34A going in the same direction. You will not pay again. Get off at the stop Boğazköprüsü; this is the first stop on the Asian side after Bosphorus. The trip with the metrobüs takes around one hour. Leave the highway by taking the stairs to the lower road. Take a (yellow) cab. Tell the driver to take you to “Feza Gürse Enstitüsü” at “Kandilli Rasathanesi” (read all the letters). It takes around 15 minutes to get there. Normally the cab should follow the red route in the Map.4 and Map.5 below. It goes for a while along Bosphorus and then takes the road uphill just after Kuleli. The Map.5 shows the portion of the route from Kuleli to the Institute enlarged. The trip with the cab takes around 20 minutes and costs like 10 Liras (5 Euros).
2) METRO + METROBÜS + BUS or DOLMUŞ (fast, cheap): Follow the METRO signs in the airport. This is the first stop of the metro. You must buy a token (1,5 liras) or an ELBİL. Take the metro and get off at the third station, Ataköy-Şirinevler. This trip takes several minutes. Then change to Metrobüs. This is nothing but a bus on a dedicated track. Take number 34 going to Zincirlikuyu. You can pay on the bus. A ticket costs 1,5 Liras. Get off in Edirnekapi or at some further stop. On the same platform take number 34A going in the same direction. You will not pay again. Get off at the stop Boğazköprüsü; this is the first stop on the Asian side after Bosphorus. The trip with the metrobüs takes around one hour. Leave the highway by taking the stairs to the lower road. Follow the white path in the Map.6 below to get to the bus stop marked. At that stop take a bus or a dolmuş. The bus number is 15R and reads Üsküdar-Rasathanе. A ticket costs 1,5 Liras. Dolmuş is a small bus (one third of a bus) for 14 people seated. The fare is around 1,5 Liras. In both cases, tell the driver to drop you near “Feza Gürsey Enstitüsü” next to “Kandilli Rasathanesi” (read all the letters). It takes around 25 minutes to get there. Both the bus and the dolmuş follow the white route in the Map.4 and Map.5 above. The end of the white route is the bus stop. The Map.5 shows the last portion of the route enlarged. The driver can tell you which direction to go as soon as you get off. You have to get across the street and go downhill. Ask to local people where “Feza Gürsey” is or use the local map at http://www.gursey.gov.tr/visit.php?m=visit#institute.
3) **TAXI (expensive):** Go out of the arrival hall. In front of the building take one of the (yellow) cabs. Tell the driver that you want to go to the Asian side, to “Feza Ghürsei Enstitüsü” near “Kandilli Rasathanesi” (read all the letters). It takes more than an hour and costs more than 50 Liras (25 Euros). The cab is going to pass across the Bosphorus. Hence they may charge more than it has to be. Besides, the distance is a lot and they might take the liberty to make it longer by choosing this or that bridge. It might cost up to 70 Liras. A little bit chaotic.
FROM SABIHA GÖKÇEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO FEZA GÜRSEY (SAW) -- This airport is on the Asian side as well as the institute.

1) BUS + TAXI: Go out of the arrival hall. In front of the building take the bus number E3. It reads Sabiha Gökçen Havalimanı-4. Levent Metro. You can pay on the bus. A ticket costs 4,5 liras. Get off at Kavacık. The trip takes nearly an hour or even more depending on the traffic. As soon as you get off, take a (yellow) cab. Tell the driver to take you to “Feza Gürse Enstitüsü” near “Kandilli Rasathanesi” (read all the letters). The cab should turn immediately right and pass over and across the highway to the other side and go downhill, leaving the highway behind. It takes more or less 20 minutes to get to the institute and costs around 20 Liras (10 Euros). Normally the cab should follow either the red route or the white one in the Map.7 below. The red one is shorter.

2) HAVAŞ + TAXI: Go out of the arrival hall. In front of the building take the shuttle called HAVAŞ to Taksim. It costs 13 Liras (6,5 Euros). Get off at Kavacık. The trip takes nearly an hour or even more depending on the traffic. As soon as you get off, take a (yellow) cab. Tell the driver to take you to “Feza Gürse Enstitüsü” near “Kandilli Rasathanesi” (read all the letters). The cab should turn immediately right and pass over and across the highway to the other side and go downhill, leaving the highway behind. It takes more or less 20 minutes to get to the institute and costs around 20 Liras (10 Euros). Normally the cab should follow either the red route or the white one in the Map.7 below. The white one is shorter.