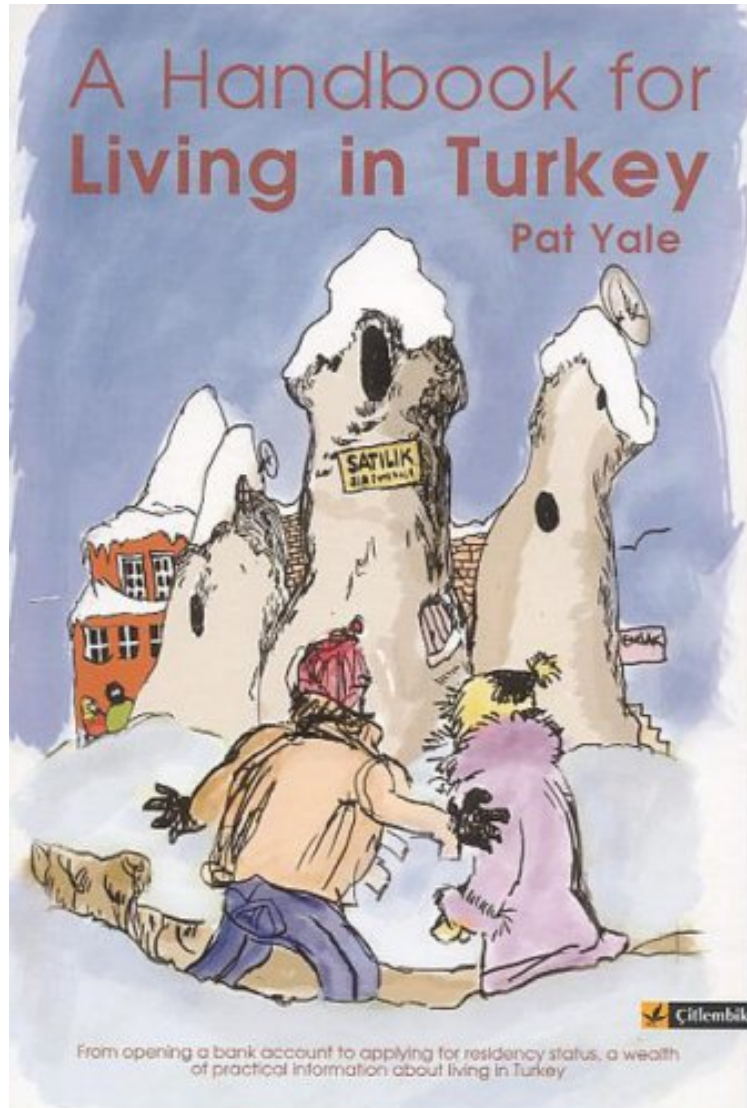


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Pat Yale : A Handbook for Living in Turkey before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Handbook for Living in Turkey:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Helpful, but terribly outdated By D. D. LeDu My wife and I have traveled extensively in Turkey, traveling light and visiting places well off the tourist track. We love Turkey, and plan to retire there soon. I purchased this book to acquire specific knowledge for our planning. As the author points out in her introduction, Turkey has undergone vast changes. A consequence is that the book (published in 2006 with information from 2005) is sadly out of date for my purposes. I greatly wish that an updated version were available. For

example, the author goes into detail about "island hopping" -- the process of leaving the country every three months only to return on a new tourist visa. The law has changed, preventing this and requiring a conventional visa. I understand this is not strictly enforced so far, but it would be a mistake, I believe, to make a long-term commitment based "island hopping". We intend to get a five year visa. She also talks of car buying, based on the old law that exempted foreigners from taxes. Regrettably, this is no longer the case. The appendix includes a vast amount of information, such as phone numbers and addresses for various agencies and services. These, I suspect, are also out-of-date. Having said this, the book is still valuable, since it gives a taste of accomplishing things in Turkey. A person who is unfamiliar with Turkey, or who has only visited as a tourist staying in tourist enclaves, will find this enlightening. Personally, I learned quite a bit from it and do not regret my purchase. "Living in Turkey" (having been written by a western woman living in Turkey) places strong emphasis on some parts of life that may not be relevant to all readers -- although still interesting. For example, there is extensive information on marrying in Turkey, particularly about western women marrying Turkish men. Or about raising children. It also seems to be directed towards those who will live in western enclaves (such as Fethiye), or how to live as a westerner. Our experience (admittedly limited to a series of two month visits) has convinced us to avoid the areas over-saturated with westerners. This is a matter of taste; I suppose the author is correct to assume that most who move to Turkey do it because it is less expensive to live there -- not necessarily to mix with the indigenes. Overall, I recommend this book because of its understanding of Turkish living and the "Turkish way" -- I have found none better for this purpose -- but not for specific details. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Very informative book on Turkey. By rrihsy I highly recommend this book. It is always difficult doing business in strange countries and purchasing property must rank as one of the most difficult and demanding transactions to undertake. It is also necessary to get it right the first time as it can be very expensive to rectify a mistake. This book is ideal as a primer on purchasing property in Turkey. It explains the whole process in great detail and includes a lot of other interesting information - such as the different regions and cities, getting around the country, finding a reputable agent and lawyer as well as dealing with food and customs. It is more than a list of facts and details and is a surprisingly good read as a memoir... Really this book is ideal for travelers generally as well as being essential for prospective property owners in Turkey. 7 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Right On the Mark. By Cheryl Weaver I was quite pleased with the information that was in Pat Yale's book. I moved to Turkey in 1990 and it would have been very helpful to have had it at that time. She covers all the bases. I highly recommend it to anyone considering living in Turkey. She had a very gentle way of stating the difficulties that lie in getting things done in Turkey that are very different from what we experience here in the US. I recommend it for those who know people living in Turkey. It will give you a very good picture of life there.

A Handbook for Living in Turkey unravels the mysteries of being a foreign resident in a country whose language and culture can seem strange or confusing. From choosing where to live to navigating the Turkish education system, this book examines every aspect of daily life in Turkey and offers practical ideas for making it easier. Chapters contain helpful word lists and the appendices are a wealth of addresses and contact details.

How does one really get to know a place and its people? Live there, work there and restore an old house! The good, bad, surprising and delightful all come to the surface as keen-eyed ex-Lonely Planet guidebook author Pat Yale so fluently explains them in A Handbook for Living in Turkey, a must-read for anyone dreaming of living or buying property in Turkey. Far more than just an entertaining personal account, Ms. Yale draws on the experience of expat residents throughout Turkey to explain the pleasures, practicalities and pitfalls for non-Turks. This is the owner's manual for your new life in Turkey. (Tom Brosnahan, author of Turkey: Bright Sun, Strong Tea; turkeytravelplanner.com.) Everything you need to know to live successfully in Turkey but didn't ask because you didn't know who to ask. Pat Yale has comprehensively and excellently come to your rescue. Fantastic. (Barbara Nadel, author of Belshazzar's Daughter and other crime books) About the Author London-born Pat Yale studied history at Cambridge, then worked in the travel industry before switching to writing about it. Since 1990 she has penned many newspaper and magazine articles about Turkey and co-authored many editions of Lonely Planet Turkey. Author resides in Cappadocia, Turkey.