

# History

**The Republic of Turkey is a country located in Anatolia. Since Turkey is the bridge of East and West, Asian and European continents, it has incorporated various tribes, States, cultures and civilizations.**



**Kurtuluş Savaşı (literally, “Independence War”) was the war of a nation, not a political power but citizens, in search for freedom. Ottoman Empire then had got weaker and weaker, and it turned into a warzone when Greece, Armenia, France, United Kingdom and Italy (“the Allies”) decided to share its territory among themselves.**



**Mustafa Kemal is a well-known leader and actor in the Independence War. He soon became a new, and even a challenging political power against the Ottoman Empire. So for some time he both had to fight the enemy, and the Ottomans. However, Turkish people supported him, and they fought for their freedom. Kuvay-ı Milliye, also known as the “Turkish National Movement” became a half-civilian factor that changed the course of war. Despite all the disabilities and shortages, Turkish people sacrificed all they had, and they fought a long war.**

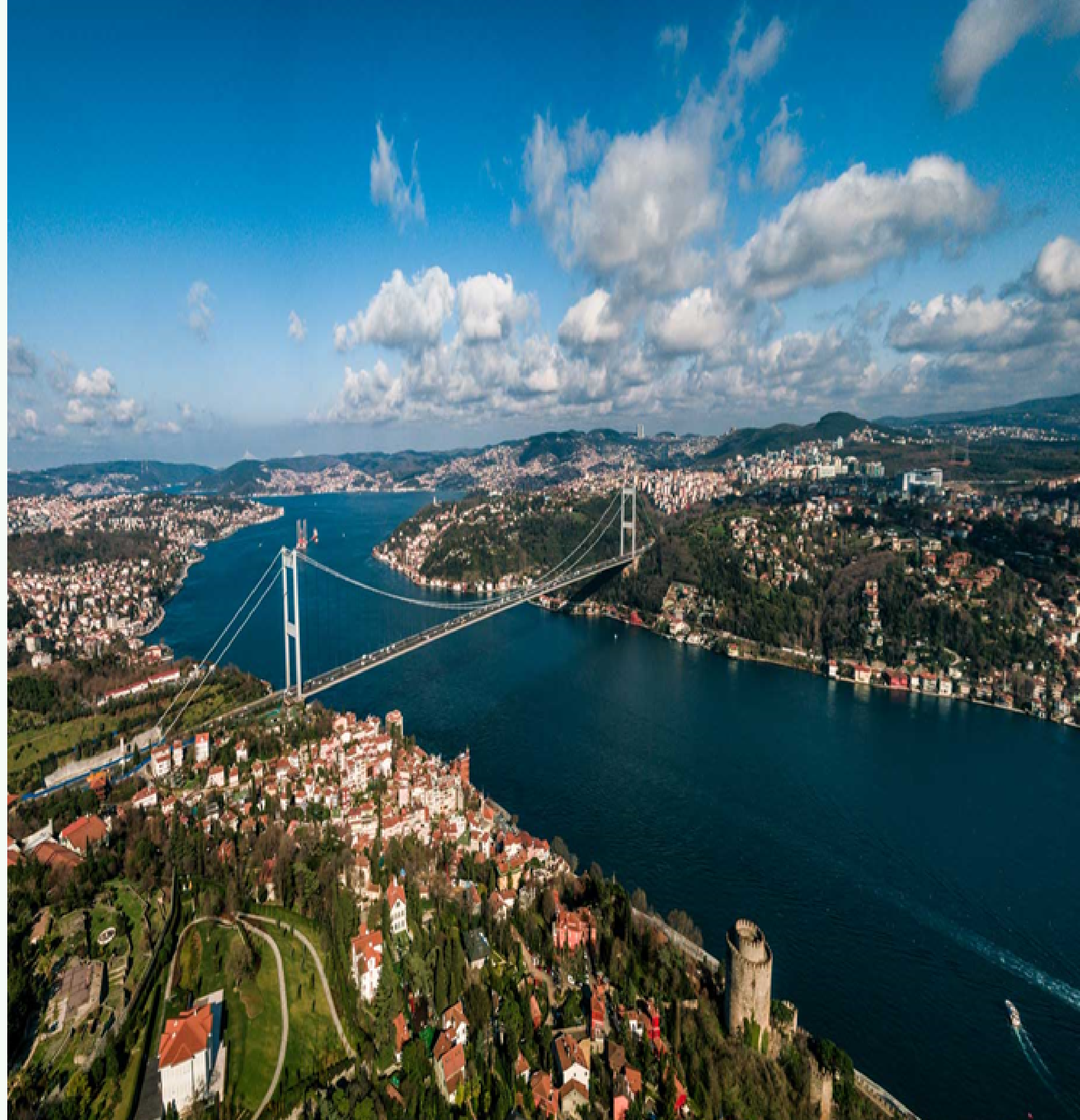
**On October 29, 1923 the Republic of Turkey was founded. Mustafa Kemal Atatürk kept leading the nation, and he brought upon us revolutionary changes. Turkey was also recognized as a new country by most, if not all, other political forces.**



# Famous Cities

# Istanbul

**Istanbul is the biggest city and cultural-economical centre of Turkey.**



# Ankara

**is the capital city of  
Turkey and in the  
Central Anatolia.**





# Izmir

**İzmir has got an important seaport. The ancient city of Ephesus is located here**



# Antalya

**Antalya is a touristic destination in South of Turkey every year. A lot of tourists come to Antalya for holiday**



# Bursa

**Is the ski center of  
Turkey.**

