

Tips for Hotel Options

Disclaimer: The organizers cannot vouch for any specific hotels. We are sharing these tips based on our own searches (informed by AI), and recommendations from locals about areas and options that might be appealing options for attendees.

There will be a shuttle bus to take us to campus, leaving from the Haciosman stop on the M2 metro. Here is a map of metro stops on that line.

<https://www.metro.istanbul/en/Hatlarimiz/HatDetay?hat=M2>

General recommendations: Considering traffic, staying on the European side of the city is a better idea. In addition to the suggestions below, there are likely several Airbnb or smaller guesthouses that could be options that are cheaper and closer to the main city.

For **convenience** to the campus and to access other parts of Istanbul via the metro, you may want to stay along this line.

The Levent or İTÜ–Ayazağa Metro areas appear to be convenient options. This is more of a business area, including a shopping mall at Levent. This area seemed a bit more affordable than others below. Hotel options include some international chains (Hilton Istanbul Maslak, Delta Hotels by Marriott Istanbul Levent) or local options (PL Managed by Dedeman), among others.

If you prioritize a **scenic location (e.g., along the water)** and **don't need to be on the metro**, perhaps taking a taxi to reach the shuttle bus to attend the conference, these options could appeal to you. **Tip on Commuting:** If you stay in Ortaköy or further south along the shore, coastal road traffic can be heavy during morning rush hours. To get to Koç University on time, take a short taxi up to the **M2 Metro (Levent or Gayrettepe station)** to bypass the traffic up to Haciosman.

The university has an arrangement with FUATPASA YALISI, a hotel along the Bosphorus that is somewhat unique & ornate (converted from a classic waterside mansion). They have ~22 rooms available. <https://ibe.sabeeapp.com/v3/p/Fuat-Pasa-Oteli?p=f064e6df1165ffb1&checkIn=2026-07-17&checkOut=2026-07-18&adults=1> ibe.sabeeapp.com] (for reservation in English) https://www.tripadvisor.com.tr/Hotel_Review-g293974-d315123-Reviews-Fuat_Pasa_Yalisi-Istanbul.html [tripadvisor.com.tr](https://www.tripadvisor.com.tr/)]

This is about a 20 minute taxi ride to the metro for the shuttle bus; approximately 450 liras (10 usd)

Other options along the **Bosphorus line** could include the MFB Tarabya Hotel (My Finest Bosphorus) or The Grand Tarabya. Another region is the **Central Bosphorus (Ortaköy & Beşiktaş)**, which are closer to the city center and old town. Gemini notes this area is known for vibrant nightlife, street food, iconic views under the Bosphorus Bridge, and easy ferry access. Options could include the Radisson Blu Bosphorus Hotel (Ortaköy) Crowne Plaza Istanbul - Ortaköy Bosphorus, The Stay Bosphorus.

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