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## Ozer: 43% increase in Bahraini tourists in 2017

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The number of Bahraini visitors to [Turkey](http://www.tcfnewswire.net/en/company/turkey-tourism) during 2017 was 59,400 with an increase of 43% compared to 41,500 in 2016, [Salih Ozer](http://www.tcfnewswire.net/en/company/turkey-tourism/executive-biographies/salih-ozier-attache-of-culture-and-information-turkey-to-the-uae), Attaché of Culture and Information, Turkey to Dubai, revealed. The number of Bahraini visitors in January and February 2018 reached 15,000 visitors, he cleared.

Turkey received more than 32 million tourists from all over the world during 2017, as the tourism revenues hit nearly \$26.3 billion with an increase of 18.9% compared to 2016 revenues, Ozer pointed out. Among which, there were 49,400 visitors from UAE with 29% increase compared to 38,500 visitors in 2016, while the number of Kuwaiti visitors reached 255,600 with an increase of 42% from nearly 180,000 in 2016, and the number of Qatari visitors surged by 49% reaching 48,700 visitors in 2017, he added.

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### About Turkish Cultural and Tourism Office:

The Turkish Cultural and Tourism Office in Dubai is the official representative of the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Culture and Tourism. One of the main aims of the Tourism Office is to bridge the gap between cultures and foster relationships with the travel industry by organising promotional activities throughout the GCC. The Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism participates in travel exhibitions and conferences to position the country as a leading tourist destination. With its breath-taking views, unique historical and archaeological sites, steadily improving hotel and touristic infrastructure and a tradition of hospitality and competitive prices, it's no wonder Turkey is among the most sought-after travel destinations in the world.

The primary functions of The Turkish Cultural and Tourism Office in Dubai are:

- Supervises all promotional activities relating to Turkey in the GCC
- Liaise with travel agencies
- Organises roadshows to further promote Turkey as a destination for leisure, shopping, health, sports and invest in the MICE (meetings, incentives, conference and exhibitions) Middle East market.

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