



**Ramazan** - a period of fasting from the Islamic calendar ends soon.

Ramazan is followed by a 3 day national holiday called **Ramazan Bayram** or **Şeker Bayram**, which this year is from

**Sunday 25th to Tuesday 27th June**

. You will normally see people starting to prepare for Şeker Bayram the day before - this year that's Saturday 24th June.

The first day of Şeker Bayram is known as **Eid al-Fitr**, (the breaking of the fast), when Muslims will gather to offer a prayer of thanks. You can also expect to see people celebrating at this time.

As "şeker" means "sugar", this particular holiday is marked by a feast of sweet things - it's especially nice for the children (and adults with a sweet tooth). If you go into the shops and supermarkets you will notice lots of extra sweets and chocolates.

The **banks will be closed** for Şeker Bayram as follows:

- **Friday 23rd June open as usual**
- **Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th June closed as usual**
- **Monday 26th June closed - public holiday**
- **Tuesday 27th June closed - public holiday**
- **Wednesday 28th June open as usual**

Please note that government offices (e.g. Belediye), the Post Office and Medical Centre will also be closed.

If you would like to read more about this national holiday, click on the following link: [KTLN guide to Şeker Bayram](#)

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