

Turkish Poker

2-6 players

52 cards

Difficulty: Medium

Duration: Medium

Make the best 5-card poker hand to win the pot.

SETUP

- All players ante.
- Deal 2 cards face down to each player.
- Prepare for multiple betting rounds.

SCORING

- Best poker hand wins the pot.
- Standard poker rankings apply.

Tip: Play tight with weak starting cards and aggressive when you catch strong cards early.

ON YOUR TURN

- Bet, call, raise, or fold after each deal.
- Receive one new card per round until you have 5.
- Showdown after the final betting round.

Turkish Poker (Turk Pokeri) is a vying card game popular in Turkey where players receive cards in stages, betting between each deal. It combines poker-style hand rankings with a unique multi-stage dealing structure.

Objective

Win chips or money by having the best poker hand at the showdown, or by bluffing opponents into folding before the final reveal.

Setup

1. **Players:** 2 to 6 players.
2. **Deck:** Standard 52-card deck.
3. **Deal:** Each player antes into the pot. The dealer gives each player 2 cards face down to start.

Gameplay

1. **Step 1:** Players look at their 2 initial cards. A round of betting occurs starting left of the dealer. Players may call, raise, or fold.
2. **Step 2:** The dealer gives each remaining player 1 additional card face down (3 total). Another betting round follows.
3. **Step 3:** The dealer gives each remaining player 1 more card (4 total), followed by another betting round.
4. **Step 4:** The dealer gives the final card (5 total). A final betting round occurs, then remaining players reveal their hands. The best 5-card poker hand wins the pot.

Scoring

- Standard poker hand rankings apply: Royal Flush, Straight Flush, Four of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, Three of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair, High Card.
- The winner takes the entire pot. If players tie, the pot is split evenly.

Variations

- **Open Turkish Poker:** The third and fourth cards dealt are face up, giving players partial information about opponents' hands.
- **Stripped Deck Turkish Poker:** Use a 32-card deck (7 and above) for more frequent strong hands.

Tips and Strategies

- Evaluate your starting 2 cards carefully before committing chips, as you will receive 3 more.
- Bluff selectively, especially when the betting pattern suggests opponents are weak.
- Pay attention to opponents' betting behavior after each new card to gauge their hand strength.

Tips & Strategy

Be selective with your starting hands and adjust your strategy as each new card is dealt. Use position and betting patterns to read opponents.

Position matters in Turkish Poker. Acting later in betting rounds gives you more information about opponents' confidence in their hands before you commit chips.