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Tourism has become the most important industry in the world. The climate is now very important for tourism. Tourism is responsive to climate and climate change. The tourism sector is very important for Turkey’s economy. The goal of this study is to examine the relationship between climate and tourism and the impact of climate on tourism. For this purpose, tourism-climate index (TCI) which was widely used and developed by Mieczkowski (1985) has been calculated for the Aegean and the Mediterranean regions in Turkey. Data used in this study are daily maximum and minimum temperatures (°C), daily mean relative humidity (%), rainfall (mm), sunshine duration (hour), and wind speed (m/s). TCI values are calculated for 44 stations with a record length ranging from 32 to 42 years, during the period 1965-2006. Finally, relationships between tourism and climate are obtained for the study regions. This study will contribute to the tourism sector in connection with the climate and to increasing the number of tourism awareness in Turkey.