



★ *Destination* GUIDE ★

Bodrum to Antalya

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The lacy shoreline of the southern Turkish coast conceals many surprises; from coves of solitude and incomparable beauty to beaches said to rival St. Tropez. A landscape of ruins in marble and stone animate an ancient world; Homer, Cleopatra, and Alexander were enchanted by this coastline. The region is colored by contrasts; oceanfront resorts styled after Ottoman palaces with manicured gardens down the road from mud-brick houses, fragranced by honeysuckle and bedecked with napping cats on every sculpted ledge. Spend your days yachting past historic ruins and forest-clad mountains, diving wrecks and reefs, exploring seaside villages of eternal charm, and basking in the Aegean sun.

THE SOUTHERN TURKISH RIVIERA



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④ LORYMA PENINSULA

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⑨ ANTALYA



Bodrum

Bodrum is a gracious balance of antiquity, tradition and extravagance. There are historic sites above and below the water line, posh superyacht marinas, dazzling shopping and an infamously decadent nightclub scene. The Mausoleum of Halicarnassus was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. St. Peter's imposing Castle dominates the view from anywhere ashore. At the bazaar, glasses of hot, sugared tea magically appear when haggling for a carpet of silk thread. A bath at a traditional Turkish hamam is likely not what you expect. Just offshore, among the reefs and rocks and around the homes of eels and octopi, silenced ancient mariners, their cargos and their ships, speak volumes to scuba divers.

Palmarina & Billionaire Club — www.palmarina.com.tr

Kempinski Hotel & Spa, Bodrum — www.kempinski.com/en/bodrum/hotel-barbaros-bay/luxury-spa

The Bodrum Museum of Underwater Archeology — www.bodrum-museum.com

“Bodrum parties all night long, and there's a wide range of places to paint the town red. The Billionaire Club inside the Palmarina is a celebrity beach club scene by day and a happening dance club by night. At the Newold Club in the town center, lounge music starts early, at 9:00pm, where most places don't get going until midnight.”

— Captain Duncan Stephenson

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Datça Peninsula

Relax on the sundeck for the extraordinary, 20 nautical mile passage from Bodrum to Knidos, brushing close to the Greek island of Kos and the soaring mountains of the narrow Datça Peninsula. Springtime hills are a masterstroke of poppies, daisies, and wildflowers, and local cuisine is infused with thyme, rosemary, and herbs of the wild. On the western shore lies the evocative site of Knidos. Wander around this vast ancient city, pausing to cool down with a swim, just as the ancients would have done. In quaint Old Datça, honey-colored, limestone houses draped in bougainvillea are being elegantly renovated. Walk to this little hamlet for the ambiance, local almonds, olive oil, dried herbs and honey.

Elaki Restaurant, Datça — www.kocaev.com/elaki-restaurant.php

Yakamengen Kafe Restoran, Datça — www.yakamengen.com

Mavi Beyaz Resort, Palamutbuku Bay — www.otelmavibeyaz.com/en

“Just three nautical miles from Datça is Gebekum, where a five mile long stretch of beach has long sandbanks that make wading across the sea to a tiny neighboring islet a lot of fun, especially for kids. Swimming off the beach and snorkeling around the islet is awesome.”

— Captain Kevin Baran



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Bozburun Peninsula

Bozburun Peninsula will stun yachtsmen who think paradise can only be found in the south of France, Italy or Greece. Envision thick pine fjords, empty beaches and bays, untended ruins and open-air taverns with welcoming locals and Efes brew on tap. Parallel the coast, anchoring now and then to tender in and investigate the ruins or hike a forest path. Explore serene islands and islets by kayak. Dock in Bozburun, an exceptional village where the pace is slow and people still earn a living beekeeping, sponge diving and fishing. Stroll the harbor shops and relax at a waterfront café. Sip a frappé and watch the ship builders assemble the skeletons of embryonic boats in the cool shadows of towering cliffs.

Luna Bel Restaurant, Bozburun — www.kariabel.com/tr-TR/luna-bel-restaurant/48.aspx

Gordon Restaurant, Bozburun — www.gordonrestaurant.com

“Generations of wooden boat builders handcraft the motor sailing gulets you see at every port with a rounded aft, one, two or three masts, and low profile. Historians believe that Odysseus sailed a traditional gullet and legend says that keeping close to the spectacular coastline led to his happy heart.”

— Captain Rifat Hasim



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Loryma Peninsula

“A rough path leads to the castle that is worth hiking in the early morning or late afternoon, if just for the spectacular view. From the castle you are positioned almost directly opposite the ancient Greek city of Rhodes. It is thought that an ancient shipyard existed here. Rhodian craftsmen built the castle to protect the harbor from attack by enemy fleets.”

— Captain Kevin Baran

The Loryma Peninsula is a scenic region of rugged peaks, deep gorges, quiet villages and unspoiled beaches. Drop anchor at Bozukkale, surrounded by the fortress walls of ancient Loryma. Launch all the yacht toys in this well-protected bay. At the end of the tender dock you will find Ali Baba's tavern and a rocky footpath that meanders up to the panoramic ruins. Serçe Limani is a tranquil escape, without roads or electricity, for swimming, snorkeling, kayaking and nature. Here the famous Byzantine “Glass Wreck” rests about 100 feet beneath your hull. Hike the ruins of Atmos. On your return stop for canapés and conversation at the Kumlubükü Yacht Club. The beachfront restaurant and bar, surrounded by carefully-tended gardens, attracts an international yachting crowd.

Kumlubükü Yacht Club — www.kumlubukuyachtclub.com

Serçe Limanı Wreck — http://nauticalarch.org/ina_quarterly/tamu_press/serce_liman

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Marmaris

Viewing your approach from the sundeck, Marmaris, Turkey's yachting capital, is a vast bay nestled beneath fragrant, pine-forested mountains. The seafront promenade stretches seven miles from Netsal Marina on the northeastern tip, past the old fortress, along the palm-shaded main boulevard, between the beach and the hotels to the resort enclave of İçmeler to the southwest. Dedicate a half day to a yachting expedition around the turquoise coves, mountainous shoreline and ruins of ancient cities. In Marmaris, saunter along the waterfront shops or get temporarily lost in the alleyways of the colorful bazaar. The town center is lined with bistros, bars and atmospheric restaurants. Popular night spots include Santana Bar and Jimmy's Martinis.

Netsel Marina, Marmaris — www.netselmarina.com/en

Yat Marina Marmaris — www.yachtmarin.com

“Wreck Rock is my favorite dive site, and littered with amphorae. This small island, off Marmaris, barely breaches the surface and has caused many shipwrecks in the past. In addition to wrecks and amphorae, there is a great deal of stunning underwater topography to enjoy. Caves, tunnels, and walls along this rough-hewn coastline make unforgettable diving.”

— Captain Nazim Ayhan

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Lycian Coast

“Swimming and snorkeling are best around the beaches or in the coves of the Twelve Islands, which are strung like a necklace across the mouth of Göcek bay. The most popular anchorages include Tersane, Kapi Creek, Butterfly Valley, Cleopatra’s Bay, the obscure ruins at Lydae, Tomb Bay, Wall Bay, the Lycian pirate village at Gemiler Island and the lovely island of Katrancı.”

— Captain Melih Süreya

The Lycian Coast is wild and rugged, with some of the most jaw-dropping mountains, cliffs and ravines on the Turkish shore. Tuck the yacht into one of countless little bays. Slip off the deck for a romantic, private swim, or tender ashore to beach comb in the shade of green hills. Many coves have a solitary waterfront restaurant reached by a rickety jetty. At Ekincik Bay, take a riverboat excursion to Turtle Beach, mud and thermal baths, and the pretty town of Dalyan, backed by cliffs ornately sculpted into the tombs of ancient kings. Car-free Göcek village, a five minute walk from the superyacht marina, has sophisticated venues to please an upmarket clientele that manage not to diminish an authentic Turkish ambiance.

D Marin Marina — www.d-marin.com/en/our_marinas/d-marin_gocek/overview

Blue Restaurant & Lounge Bar, Göcek — www.gocekbluerestaurant.com

Göcek Tennis Club — www.gocekteniskulubu.com

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Gulf of Fethiye

To yacht through the exquisitely beautiful Gulf of Fethiye is to penetrate the heart of ancient Lycia. Dramatic mountains, stunning beaches, cosmopolitan ports, rustic villages, historic sites and delightful islands make the Lycian Coast extraordinarily special. From the deck you can fully appreciate this wooded landscape of overgrown, crumbling foundations beneath elaborate cliff side tombs. These ornate monuments to Lycian kings occupy the mountainsides behind Fethiye. From the tomb of Amyntas, footpaths become alleys that emerge as streets on their downward course past shops and residences of Old Fethiye to reach the lively central harbor square, where waterfront artists, handicraft stalls and trinket vendors compete.

Yacht Roof Restaurant & Lounge Bar, Fethiye — www.yachtrestaurantturkey.com

Saklikent Gorge, Attraction — www.selaleyakapark.com

“There are five excellent reef and cavern dives off Fethiye that reach depths of about 100 feet, which experienced divers will really enjoy. Three Tunnels is three swim-throughs, Pamukkale Reef has big grouper and moray eels, Mexican Hat is a beautiful cavern dive, Balaban Island you can swim completely around, and Aladdin’s Cavern has dantelle and red corals.”

— Captain Nazim Ayhan

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Kayaköy, Kalkan, Kas

History enthusiasts and fans of Louis de Bernieres will be profoundly moved by a visit to the ghost town of Kayaköy, adopted by UNESCO as a World Friendship and Peace Village. The site can be easily reached from Fethiye or Ölüdeniz Beach, one of the most beautiful, most photographed, and most crowded, beaches in Turkey. Kalkan, a fashionable village among yachtsmen and expat investors, has narrow streets that climb the hillside past shops, Ottoman-style houses and more than a hundred cafes and bars. Just 16 miles further east, neighboring Kas is another favorite yachting destination, especially for families with children. Built around the ancient site of Antiphellos, a few scattered tombs and a Greek theatre keep the ancestors ever-present in the cobbled shopping streets.

Aubergine Restaurant, Kalkan — www.kalkanaubergine.com/gallery_aubergine.html

Coast Restaurant, Kalkan — www.coast-kalkan.com

“My favorite walk is from Fethiye to Kayaköy. It’s a gradual ascent but if you start to feel really out of puff as I often do, just stop and pretend you’re admiring the stunning scenery. The walk takes about two hours and, if you’re energetic, Ölüdeniz Beach is another three. If you aren’t up to the walk back, dolmuses run quite frequently.”

— Captain Kevin Baran



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“The Turkish bath and massage is unique to the culture, and at Sefa Hamam you can have the true experience. For a chic spa with European-style treatments, the Rixos Hotel Spa is excellent. In the evening, head to the cliff top Castle Café & Bistro for meze and cocktails accompanied by a technicolor sunset.”

— Captain Melih Süreya

Antalya

Settle on the sundeck for the spectacular approach to Antalya. To port the view takes in the grand, golden sweep of Konyaalti Beach. Lush parklands are a buffer to the promenade of clubs, cafes, and lavish resorts styled after Byzantine palaces. In the background, the Beydagları Mountains cascade down from the heavens in muted shades of purple, blue and green. In Old Antalya, exclusive galleries, boutique shops and fine dining establishments are lodged amidst the architectural relics of ancient residents. At Lara beach the summer-long International Sand Sculpture Festival showcases masterworks of sand. The Aspendos International Opera and Ballet Festival performs at the resurrected Roman theatre in the intriguing Belek district. It is this captivating synthesis of ancient and modern in a breathtaking setting that makes Antalya irresistible.

Rixos Hotel Spa — www.rixos.com/en/rixos-downtown-antalya-hotel/spa-wellness

Castle Café & Bar — www.kaleicicastle.com/tr.html

Aspendos International Opera and Ballet Festival — www.aspendosfestival.gov.tr

International Antalya Sand Sculpture Festival — www.larasandland.com

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COUNTRY	VOLTAGE	PLUG
Greece	220 V	Euro & French 2-pin
Turkey	230 V	Euro 2-pin

TIME ZONE: UTC +2: Daylight saving time is observed: +1hr begins last Sunday in March; ends last Sunday in October

ECONOMY: Tourism, Industry, Agriculture

DRESS CODE: Dress conservatively — scantily clad women draw unwanted attention. At mosques men must wear long pants, women must cover their head, arms and legs. You must remove shoes so wear socks. Robes are usually provided if clothing is inappropriate.

DRIVING: Motorists drive on the right side of the road as in North America. In Turkey, cell phone use while driving is prohibited.

GOVERNMENTS & POLITICAL SYSTEMS: Greece, parliamentary republic; Turkey, republican parliamentary democracy

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES: Greek, Turkish

OFFICIAL CURRENCY: Greece: Euro, banks only open in mornings, credit cards rarely accepted. Turkey: Lira (TRY); prices often quoted in € or \$ due to high inflation.

MELTEMI WINDS: Summer on the Turkish Riviera is dominated by northerly quadrant meltemi winds, NE near the Dardanelles, and westerly from Marmaris to Kas, becoming lighter eastward from the Bodrum peninsula.

When to visit:

April through October the weather is warm, sunny and spectacular. In spring and early summer the farms, fields and orchards are in bloom. Summertime stretches to the end of October and water temperatures stay at about 82° all season. September and October yacht charter rates decrease along with tourist crowds.

CLIMATE DATA FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Average High °F	56	56	59	67	75	82	88	87	81	73	65	59	71
Average Low °F	45	46	47	52	60	68	72	71	67	60	54	47	57
Average Rainfall (mm)	45	49	43	25	17	7	7	9	10	48	53	67	32

Climate:

Swimming season begins in mid-May and ends in September. At the height of the eastern Mediterranean's hot, dry, summer, there are periods when temperatures flirt with triple digits. Winters are mild and wet. Temperatures remain above freezing and rain storms with strong winds can develop close to the shore, especially around Antalya.

VISA INFORMATION

www.evisa.gov.tr



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