

# Cruise the Med - 8 days

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A World Of Discovery



Up anchor at Marmaris on Turkey's spectacular Mediterranean coast for a memorable 7 night gulet cruise, dropping anchor at small islands, inlets and bays for sunning, swimming and relaxation.

- International flights and visa
- Optional excursion, entrance fees and Tipping. We recommend you allow a tip for your gulet crew of \$20 - \$30 per person for your entire stay. Tipping is an entirely personal gesture.

harbour was used as a shipyard in Byzantine and Ottoman times. **Overnight - Gulet Boat (B, L, D)**

## Days 4-5 : Fethiye - Gemiler Island



### WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET

#### Trip Highlights

- Marmaris
- Ekincik and the beautiful beach of Izturu, famous for sea turtles
- Manastir Bay
- Gulf of Tersane - Yassica Island and Gocek
- Fethiye - Lycian rock tombs and the ancient city of Telmessos
- Oludeniz
- Disibilmez and Baba Islands
- Iceada Cebekilise

#### What's Included

- Accommodation aboard gulet for 7 nights with ensuite bathroom with shower.
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- Applicable port taxes
- Services of gulet crew.

#### What's Not Included

- Drinks. With the exception of tea and coffee offered at breakfast.

### DETAILED ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Marmaris

Welcome to Marmaris! Boarding of your gulet begins at 3:30 pm from the port and the night is spent in Marmaris harbour. **Overnight - Gulet Boat (D)**

#### Day 2 : Free Day

On the morning of day 2 a short welcome meeting takes place with the remainder of the day at leisure, allowing for exploration. Visit Marmaris Castle dating from 1577 or join an optional boat trip along the Dalyan river to Turtle Beach, passing Lycian rock tombs on the way to the sulphurous mud baths and hot springs. **Overnight - Gulet Boat (B, L, D)**

#### Day 3 : Tersane Island



Setting sail early this morning we make our way to the famous Fethiye Gulf. Anchoring at Adali Bay for breakfast and a swim before continuing to Manastir Bay (Monastery Bay), also known as Cleopatra Bay due to the underwater ruins of an ancient Roman bath. Tonight we anchor at Tersane Island for dinner and overnight. This naturally protected



After breakfast today cruise to Kizil Island for lunch and a swim before continuing to Fethiye Harbour where we will arrive approximately 16:00 p.m. Fethiye, was the most important city situated on Lycia's western border with Caria. It is believed the city's name comes from Apollon's son Telmessos. The city was famous for its prophets and stretches along the bay protected by 12 Islands. While in Fethiye opt for a day trip to Oludeniz and its famed blue lagoon or tube the icy stream of Saklikent Gorge.

On day 5 we cruise to Oludeniz to anchor for lunch and a swim. Later we continue to Gemiler Island home to the Church of St. Nicholas situated on a hill overlooking the bay, its remains dating back to Byzantine times and well worth the walk to see it. **Overnight - Gulet Boat (B:1, L:1, D:1)**

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## Day 6 : Domuz Island



Cruising back towards Marmaris we discover the beautiful Yassica Islands, Bedri Rahmi Bay and anchor off Domuz Island at Aga Limani Bay. Many swim stops are offered along the way at secluded beaches and sheltered bays before we anchor for the night. **Overnight - Gulet Boat (B, L, D)**

## Day 7 : Back to Marmaris



Today we cruise to Kumlubuk Bay where we will enjoy breakfast. We then sail past Kadirga Bay and Turunc Bay before a last chance to dip in the Aegean Sea while anchored at Cennet Island. This afternoon we reach Marmaris Harbour by approximately 16:00 p.m. Tonight will be spent on board at the port, a perfect chance to head into the city and make the most of the lively night life.

**Overnight - Gulet Boat (B, L, D)**

## Day 8 : Marmaris

After breakfast, disembark and end of arrangements. Happy travels.(B, L, D)

## Starting In Marmaris

This tour begins and ends in Marmaris, Marmaris is a popular Aegean Sea destination and can be easily arrived at by road, ferry or air. The nearest airport offering international flights is Dalaman airport located approximately 49 km from central Marmaris. Shuttle and taxi services run regularly between Dalaman Airport and Marmaris.

## Sailing Arrangements

Our Cruise the Med sailing program purely offer relaxation and as such guided sightseeing is not offered during the holiday. Activities and excursions can be undertaken locally at your leisure and at a personal cost. Travellers aboard the cruise will consist of a mix of On the Go Tours passengers or passengers from other travel companies.

## What is a Gulet?

Gulets are traditional, all wooden Turkish yacht, with a spacious deck that includes a dining area. Gulets were used for trading along the coast of Turkey and have been adapted to comfortable sailing yachts. A typical gulet will take anything up to a year to build. The gulets are 15 - 30 meters in length and usually accommodate between 8 - 20 people.

All cabins are double bed cabins. We advise that you bring a towel as this will not be provided. Please be aware that bringing your own alcohol onboard is not permitted but you can either opt to have all drinks included for a supplement, or buy drinks onboard. A dinghy with outboard motor, a ship-to-shore radio and mobile telephone are all on board, as well as life jackets for every person.

PLEASE NOTE: The information provided on the scheduled sailing route and stops at points of interest are offered as guidance only. It is at the Captain's discretion to change the route, stops at points of interest or overnight stays due to the weather, sea conditions or to ensure the boat stays on schedule.

### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## Climate

Turkey is a destination that can be visited year round. Temperatures in Turkey during the Northern Hemisphere summer are generally high, particularly during the summer months from June through September. April can spring up surprising results. Days can be amazingly warm, though temperatures do drop at night, so pack some warmer clothes. Summer in Turkey for the most part is hot and dry. For the beach worshipper, June through September is best, when you'll enjoy glorious Mediterranean sun. Turkey is a lovely winter destination, the weather is usually temperate, although from December through to February you may enjoy a little snow in Istanbul, Anatolia or Cappadocia. Whatever month you consider, you'll be rewarded with seasonal variations that range from leaf-strewn autumns to sun-kissed summers.

## Health Requirements

Recommendations - Tetanus and Polio, plus Typhoid and Hepatitis. Contact your local healthcare provider for the most up to date information.

## Currency

We recommend you carry a mixture of cash and a debit/credit card. The Turkish Lira is fully convertible and can be obtained before departure or upon arrival. ATM facilities, banks and exchange booths are available in all major cities and towns. Avoid changing the bulk of your money at the airport, the exchange rates are usually more favourable in the city.

Credit cards are widely accepted in large restaurants, hotels and shops. Although merchants may place a surcharge of up to 10% on credit card purchases. Ensure you have sufficient funds in cash before travelling outside major cities and towns. Travellers cheques are hard to exchange, so best not to bring them.

Turkish Lira - abbreviated to TL or TRY.

USD 1 = TL 1.8

GBP 1 = TL 2.8

EURO 1 = TL 2.5

AUD 1 = TL 1.8

## Time

Turkey is 2 hours ahead of GMT.

## Essential Packing

- A small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- A photocopy of your passport data pages.
- The voltage in Turkey is generally 220V and outlets fit a two-pin European plug. You should pack a Universal Adaptor and check that it is suitable for Turkey.
- Spare camera batteries/memory card so you can go snap happy.
- If you fancy a tippie, take advantage of Duty Free.
- Buy some Lira at the airport upon arrival.
- Buy a phrasebook and practice your holiday Turkish.
- Keep a supply of small notes for local transactions.

## Holiday Money

Funds collected in Turkey for entrance fees and tip kitty (if applicable to your holiday) or optional excursion that you may wish to participate in are payable in local currency (TL).

## Pre-Tour Accom & Arrival Transfers

If you would like to arrive into Turkey prior to your tour or stay on longer, we can arrange pre or post tour accommodation for you. Pre/post tour accommodation is located at the hotel your tour commences/ends and is inclusive of breakfast.

If arriving on day 1 of a holiday or booking pre-tour accommodation with us on a tour or short stay that includes an airport arrival transfer (as indicated in the 'What's Included' section of this Go Guide) we will be at the airport (Ataturk or Sahiba Gokcen), ready to transfer you to your hotel.

If arriving prior to 8am on day 1 (essentially on a flight that arrives very, very early in the morning) you will need to purchase a night of pre-tour accommodation to save you waiting until standard hotel check in time, which is generally 2pm.

### ARRIVING VIA ATATURK AIRPORT

As you enter the arrival hall in Ataturk Airport turn LEFT and walk along the concourse. Look to the right, our representative will be waiting here behind the barricade, displaying an on the go sign. Remember, the representative won't know what

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you look like, so it will be important to look out for our company sign, in order to facilitate rendezvous.

#### SABIHA GOKCEN AIRPORT

If arriving into Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International Airport, an additional 50km from the Istanbul city centre. Please be timely in exiting customs and in meeting our awaiting representative, who will be holding an on the go tours sign.

If your tour or sailing holiday does not include an arrival transfer you will need to make your own way to the tour start point. Details of the tour/sailing holiday start point can be found on your tour voucher.

### Departure Transfers

We offer the following complimentary departure transfers: Aegean Explorer, Turkey Unplugged & Remembrance Day tours - departure transfers at 11am and 1.30pm on the final day of your tour (day 8 for Turkey & Tutankhamen tour) to Ataturk International Airport. Turkey & Tutankhamen tour: on day 8 at 11am & 9pm. Turkey Discovered: departure transfer on the final day of your tour at any time of day to Ataturk International Airport.

Christmas Turkey and Turkish Delight: departure transfer on the final day of your tour at any time of day to Ataturk or Sabiha Gokcen Airports. Flying Carpet Crystal Coast: departure transfer on the final day of your tour at any time of day to Izmir Airport.

Should you require a departure transfer at any other time, this can be booked in advance or locally.

### Visas

Australian, British, Canadian, Irish and USA passport holders can obtain a 3-month tourist visa upon arrival at Istanbul Ataturk International Airport. Cost is currently USD\$20/EURO 15 for USA, Irish and Australian passports, and USD\$60/EURO 45 for Canadian passports, GBP10/EURO 15 for British passports. South African passport holders can obtain a 30 day tourist visa upon arrival for USD\$20. South African citizens may be asked to show proof of funds upon arrival (50USD/day). New Zealand passport holders currently do not require a visa for a stay not exceeding 3 months.

Ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your date of arrival to Turkey. Please re-confirm all visa requirements with the Turkish embassy at least one month before travel. Visa procurement is subject to change and remains the responsibility of the traveller and not that of on the go.

### Site Opening Times

Popular sightseeing spot in Istanbul are closed on specific days. Please plan your visit accordingly.  
Hagia Sofia - Closed Mondays  
Topkapi Palace - Closed Tuesdays  
Grand Bazaar & Egyptian Spice Bazaar - Closed Sundays  
Blue Mosque - Closed during all prayer times  
During Ramadan (known as Ramazan in Turkey), some restaurants and shops (excluding those catering mainly for tourists) and attractions may

close earlier, so scheduling may be slightly altered to ensure featured attractions are visited.

### Shopping

Turkey is a virtual Aladdin's Cave. The Grand Bazaar in Istanbul is cavernous and full of unusual and everyday objects. Known locally as Kapali Carsi – the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul's Old City is a massive conglomeration of shops (some 4000) divided into areas specialising in gold, carpets, leather, souvenirs and clothing. Turkish handicrafts include a rich variety of textiles and embroideries, articles of copper, onyx and tile, mother-of-pearl, inlaid articles, leather and suede products. Jewellery, carpets and kilims represent top buys at the bazaar.

Opening hours: Mon - Saturday 0900 – 1300hrs and 1400 – 1900hrs (closed Sunday).

The Egyptian Spice Bazaar at Eminonu near Istanbul is an easy continuance from the Grand Bazaar or good start point before heading onto the cavernous Grand Bazaar. Here, you can buy a dizzying array of spices at a fraction of the cost you'd expect to pay back home. Pine Kernels, peppercorns, real Iranian saffron and other precious commodities are hawked here at knockdown prices! Real Turkish delight is available by the tonne as well. Why not the milk-based Turkish delight studded with pistachios!

Opening hours: 0900 – 1900hrs Monday – Saturday (closed Sunday)

Markets and bazaars abound in other towns, too. During your stay in Turkey, you may visit a leather manufacturer and emporium. Although the quality of some of the jackets and clothing outstanding, the initially quoted prices can also be rather outstanding. If you do fancy a particular item, haggle, even if you are in the confines of what looks to be a smart showroom.

#### Carpet Buying

Turkey is justly famous for its carpets and kilims (a napless woven rug) and you'll be spoilt for choice. To ensure you get a good buy, spend time visiting several shops to compare price, pattern-type and quality. A good quality, long-lasting carpet should be 100% wool. Check the quality of the weave for possible holes. A wool carpet will have fine, frizzy fibres if you turn the carpet on its back. Cheaper carpets are made of cotton and most often the fringe will be, too. If you want a wool carpet and the fringe is of cotton, it's likely the carpet won't be a woollen one! The lies can be bigger than the fall of Ottoman Empire. Don't make the mistake of buying a cotton carpet at the price of a wool one! Many carpets are made to look like antiques at prices to match. Set your budget, don't be swayed (however good the complimentary mint tea or cool drink might taste), and bargain. And remember the caveat – 'Let the buyer beware'.

**IMPORTANT:** Any purchases made whilst travelling are at your own discretion. Make sure you are completely happy at the product you are purchasing. on the go will not become involved at any time, at a later date or once you return

home should your purchase not live up to your expectations. Proceed with caution.