

MARMARIS KEKOVA

DAY 1

Arriving to Marmaris and transfer to Marmaris yacht marina and to be taken to the Gulet. Check in to the yacht and our representative will give you small brief about the itinerary and about the life on board while you are enjoying your champagne. After the welcome meeting your captain will take you to the nearest bay for relaxing without any delay. The dinner is on board.

Day 2

After breakfast on board in Marmaris Port you will begin cruising to one of the unspoilt bays called Ekincik. On the way you will stop at Semisce Bay for some free time before lunch. After lunch at Ekincik a fisherman's motor boat will take you to explore the Dalyan River - visiting Lycian tombs, hot springs, the mud baths and the ancient port of Caunos. You will also get a chance to see the sights of the Greek temples, Roman baths, Byzantine church, before enjoying the scenic views overlooking the valleys of Caunos village on the way back to Turtle beach and your Gulet. Dinner on board. Overnight in Ekincik.

Day 3

After breakfast at Ekincik, cruise to Tersane Bay, enjoy swimming in crystal clear waters and water sport activities. Lunch on board. Late afternoon will head to Monastery Bay, named after the ruins there, which are now partially underwater and nicknamed 'Cleopatra's baths'. Enjoy your free time snorkelling, windsurfing and swimming. Dinner on board. Overnight in Monastery Bay.

Day 4

Breakfast and lunch on board, head for the port of Fethiye. This coastal town has a medieval monastery, the largest Lycian rock tombs in the area and good shopping for kilims, carpets and weavings. Dinner on board. Overnight at a bay near Fethiye.

Day 5

After breakfast, cruise to Ölü Deniz, the jewel of the 'Turquoise Coast'. This beautiful blue lagoon lies beneath the pine-forested Baba Mountain and boasts a long curving sandpit beach. Lunch on board and late afternoon to Fethiye. Dinner on board. Overnight at one of the quiet bays in Fethiye.

Day 6

After breakfast head from Ölü Deniz to Kalkan, a pretty fishing village with a newly built harbour. Lunch and dinner on board. Overnight in Kalkan.

Day 7

Breakfast on board. Optional land tours to Xanthos, Patara and Ilos. Lunch and dinner on board (lunch box for the optional tour). Overnight in Kalkan.

Day 8

After breakfast cruise from Kalkan to Kekova and spend time exploring the 'Kekova Roads'. Lunch and dinner on board. Overnight in Kekova.

Day 9

After breakfast spend time in the area of Gökkaya. Optional land tour to Myra to see the church of St. Nicholas. Lunch and dinner on board (lunch box for the optional tour). Overnight in Kas.

Day 10

After breakfast cruise to beautiful bays of Tersane and Uçağızlar. Lunch and dinner on board. Overnight in Uçagiz.

Day 11

After breakfast cruise to Yeşilyurt. Kas is a pleasant palm-fringed resort with a small central harbour. Lunch and dinner on board. Overnight in Yesilyurt Bay.

Day 12

After breakfast cruise to Gemiler. Gemiler Island is surrounded by mountains and littered with Byzantine remains. Lunch and dinner on board. Overnight in Gemiler.

Day 13

After breakfast cruise to Turunç. After lunch on to Turunç, a natural harbour where you can enjoy the deep, crystal clear waters. Also visit Kadirga Bay. Lunch and dinner on board. Overnight in Kadirga Bay.

Day 14

After having breakfast cruise back into Marmaris, where you will leave the Gulet with best wishes to see you again and a pleasant journey homeward. Transfers to airports or hotels can be arranged on request.

The captain may change the route due to the weather and sea conditions. Each day the yacht will visit 2 or 3 different bays for swim break.

Area Information

MARMARIS

Marmaris Bay resembles a calm lake and offers ideal mooring for yachts. The center of yachting on the Lycian coast and our magnificent yachting base, Marmaris, sits at the head of an almost landlocked bay surrounded by high, pine-clad hills. The shopping bazaars and restaurants form the backbone of this traditional Turkish seaside town, while yachts of all shapes and sizes adorn the marina, said to be the best in the eastern Mediterranean. The calm waters of Marmaris Bay are an ideal start or end to your cruising holiday, from our base in the harbor. Ancient Marmaris, Physkos, was an important stage on the Anatolia-Rhodes-Egypt trade route. In the 16th century, Süleyman the Magnificent had a citadel built on a hill just behind the harbour; today, its remains house the Marmaris Museum.

EKINCIK

A delightful yacht-mooring, you can enjoy the breathtaking beauty of this area and the friendly hospitality of its people.

The inlet of Ekincik is a tranquil paradise of lush green forests where you lose all sense of time. Among the most beautiful spots along the coast this is a - favorite stop

for seafarers.

DALYAN / CAUNOS

Delikli Island lays right off the coast, south-east of Ekincik. Yachtsmen enjoy a change of pace when they anchor at the island and The riverboats here will take you from your sailboat and ride you to Caunos into the Dalyan Delta. The Delta, with a long, golden, sandy beach at its mouth, is a nature-conservation area, and a refuge for sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*) and blue crabs. At a bend in the river, high on the cliff face above the fascinating ancient harbour-city of Caunos, magnificent tombs were carved into the rock.

GULF OF FETHIYE

When you turn around Cape Kurtoğlu you enter into the Gulf of Fethiye which is one of the most beautiful gulfs in the world. The Gulf of Fethiye is surrounded by lower slopes of the Taurus Mountains, pine-clad to the crystal-clear water's edge. It is an area of flat-water sailing easy on those not accustomed to open sea, and is rimmed with innumerable coves and anchorages.

The secrets of the ancient gods of mythology still lie hidden in the secluded coves and bays around the Gulf of Fethiye. This is truly paradise for those who want to sail through history.

AGA LIMANI & LYDEA

When we enter the Fethiye Gulf our next stop will be Aga Limani. From here with a 30-minute hike takes you to ancient Lydae. Off the beaten path and rarely visited, Lydae features sarcophagi, temple walls, cisterns, Corinthian columns and inscribed tablets from the Roman and Byzantine periods.

CLEOPATRA'S BAY

Two miles from Deep Bay. Another exquisite setting with thick pine right down to the water's edge. Monastery ruins half submerged attract the curious. Also called Ruin Bay, Cleopatra was here twice, once with Julius Caesar and once with Marc Antony. He, Antony, was en route to Actium. She, Cleopatra, came for the scenery. Or whatever.

TERSANE ISLAND

The largest island in the Gulf of Fethiye is the Island of Tersane.(Dockyard).A deep channel,100 wide ,provides entry to the inlet of Tersane island which was formerly called Telandria, was inhabited in the past, but the remains of the ruined houses of the island.

BEDRI RAHMI COVE

One of the most important inlets of the gulf is the inlet of Bedri Rahmi. Bedri Rahmi Eyüpoğlu who was the one of the first blue voyagers, painted a fish on a rock behind a fountain here, in the year 1973. Thereafter the inlet has been called by his name.

You can see the painted fish right behind the fountain and behind it, there is a Lycian rock tomb hidden at the back of the trees. There are many Lycian rock tombs besides this one in the surroundings, shaped like pigeon nets on a great rock tomb with an ornamented door and a triple tomb further on.

YASSICA ISLES

The islands called Yassica Adalari which arouse interest because of their mysterious appearance and are favoured by yachts.

GÖCEK

Göcek which recently became the meeting point of yachtsmen and lovers of the sea, has attained a justified fame with its natural position. In addition to being place from the standpoint of wind, sea and air temperature, it is only 22 km from the international Dalaman airport. The coves where colorful yachts ranging from the latest models to small vessels meet. The Club Marina at Göcek is set in a beautiful pine forest, is one of the Mediterranean's best sailing spots. Dotted with islands and indented with many coves, its land and seascapes are irresistible.

FETHIYE

Fethiye town

This is located southeast of the Gulf of Fethiye and has realized great attainments in tourism during the recent years. The resort town of Fethiye has an important marina and overlooks a beautiful bay strewn with islands. Above the town, called Telmessos in antiquity, numerous Lycian rock tombs, reproducing the facades of ancient buildings, were cut into the cliff face.

Go ashore at Kinik (65 km from Fethiye) where the ruins of Xanthos, the ancient Lycian capital, lie in a splendid natural setting. At the holy Lycian centre of Letoon, three temples dedicated to Leto, Apollo and Artemis, familiar gods of mythology, await the intrepid tourist. Mythology records that Apollo was born at Patara, a principal harbour of ancient Lycia, south of Letoon and Xanthos.

OLUDENIZ (Blue Lagoon - Dead Sea)

Two miles from Gemiler, meaning Dead Sea. Where the calm, crystal-clear water is ideal for swimming and other water sports. The lagoon at Ölü Deniz in 67 BC harbored the Roman galleys of Pompey the Great, there to eject Lycian pirates from Gemiler.

Ölü Deniz is the most photographed and picture-post carded of any beach in the Eastern Mediterranean. Photos are best taken during a 30-minute paraglide down from Baba Dag (Father Mountain).

BUTTERFLY VALLEY

Two miles from Ölü Deniz and inaccessible except by sea, this striking spot is backed by almost sheer mountain from which water falls. Even the beach is bounded left and right by vertical rock promoting a unique privacy.

KAYAKOY

A Greek 'ghost town'. This city with about 600 houses, was once inhabited by Anatolian Greeks. During the 1920s the entire population moved to Greece after the Turkish war of independence.

GEMILER ADASI (Island of Ships)

Once home to Lycian and Byzantine pirates, the remains of an entire village are there to be explored, from pirate-ship parking to covered passage to temple and basilica. A wonderful place to swim and snorkel, and an equally wonderful place to take in a hilltop sunset with a bottle of wine. Ali, the local restaurateur, entertains with campfire and song.

KALKAN

A sail to the east passing the seven Capes brings you to Kalkan, a small town, lovely hilltop town that overlooks a tiny bay. Narrow, winding streets lined with souvenir shops lead down to the charming marina. As the sun sets, it is Kalkan style to meet on the roof-terraces for a drink before dinner, and enjoy the comings and goings of the yachts, the business of the marina and the panoramic view. From here you may visit the surrounding ancient sites Patara, Xantos and Letoon.

KAŞ

Like most towns on the Lycian coast, Kas lies wedged between mountains and sea. Kas, once Ancient Antiphellus, still exhibits a few remains of the old settlement. An ancient theater on Kaş's long peninsula is within walking distance of the town.

APERLEA

A Lycian city, located on the peninsula. Aperlai's history is known from coins bearing its name that have been discovered and goes back to 4th or 5th centuries B.C. Aperlai was the head of the Lycian confederacy. A part of the ancient town extends into water. A nice place to swim and snorkel here and view the marble ruins through clear water.

KEKOVA

A spot like heaven on earth" is an island, as well as the name of a whole ensemble of picturesque islands, numerous bays and ancient cities. These bays provide natural harbours in all seasons, and yachtsmen particularly enjoy exploring the unspoilt landscapes. Along the northern shore of Kekova Island, at Apollonia, earthquakes

have disturbed the land causing some of the ancient houses to sink under the clear water, creating a sunken city. Kaleköy Castle (ancient Simena) offers a bird's-eye view of the bays, inlets, islands and colourful yachts sailing peacefully on the glassy water. The colours in a Van Gogh painting, blue skies, orange sunsets, starry, starry nights, peace and tranquility, playful dolphins, mythological mysteries, and the sparkling sea - Kekova provides all this and more.

GÖKKAYA

The inlet of Gökkaya, in the immediate vicinity of Kekova, is astonishingly beautiful with its indented coasts and many islands opposite them. The sailboats can find places to anchor everywhere in the inlet. The Islands Asirli Adasi, Kiseli Ada and Kasirli Ada smaller than two others, are situated in front of the inlet of Gökkaya and the inlet itself there are smaller islands dispersed all around. Gökkaya is an ideal place of anchorage closed to the impact of all the winds and the waters are clean there. Owing to the fact that the fresh waters flowing down from the mountains remain on the surface of the sea water, the upper levels are cold and the lower levels are warm. The abscissa of a church is visible to the sight behind the inlet of Gökkaya.

DEMRE (Myra)

The boat anchors at Çayagzi from which we water-taxi and road-taxi to ancient site Myra. Many splendidly carved rock tombs overlook the magnificent Roman theatre. St. Nicholas (Santa Claus) was the bishop of this Mediterranean city during the fourth century and died here in 342. His tomb and church dedicated to him are to be found here. Every year on December the 6th Santa Claus, Father Christmas Commemoration Ceremony is held, attracting many tourists who spend their Christmas holiday on the sunny coast of ancient Lycia.