

Resorts



Marmaris

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Marmaris is surrounded by olive trees, scrub and leafy green pine forests, which creep up to the waters edge. The castle in the harbour was built by Süleyman the Magnificent and lies in the middle of the old quarter of the town.

Ekincik

The cove of Ekincik is a tranquil paradise of lush green forests where you lose all sense of time. A favourite stop for seafarers, from here you may take a river boat into the Dalyan river and visit the ancient Roman city of Caunos.

Dalyan – Kaunos

Travel by river boat along the reed-fringed marshes and enjoy the ancient rock tombs of Lycia. Dating back to the 4th Century BC, the temple tombs of the Carian Kings and Hellenistic city of Kaunos are a must see, as are the popular mud baths and famous turtle beach.

Manastir

Calm and shaded by an abundance of pine trees which seem to bend over and kiss the sea. Manastir Cove is an ideal place to let the sails down, drift into the water and be at one with nature. Dotted off the coastline are visible ruins called Cleopatra's Bath by local people – even though they do not actually belong to Cleopatra's time.

Tersane Adasi

Formerly called Telandria, Tersane bears witness to a former community in the ruins of two churches and 140 houses. Tersane, meaning boatyard, is said to have derived from the Byzantine era when there was a boatyard there.

Göcek

The blue green paradise of Göcek's natural harbour has long endured in the hearts of yachtsmen and lovers of the sea. Located at the northernmost point of the Fethiye bay the former village is ideally located to visit both the surrounding islands and coves.

Ölüdeniz

Meaning 'Sea of the Dead', this lagoon renowned for its coastal beauty is now closed to yachts for environmental reasons. The pine tree coated tongue of sandy beaches remains in the minds of visitors as a sight of astonishing beauty. More remarkable is the brilliant sapphire blue of the water.



Dalyan

Fethiye

With its 12 islands and abundance of inlets, sailing into the Bay of Fethiye is like seeing nature for the first time. Unspoiled beauty and glorious colour adorn this peaceful area and the town itself, formerly the ancient city of Telmessos, is a shopper's paradise. As well as a recently excavated theatre one can visit the Tomb of Amyntas and local museum or take a tour of the ruins at historical Kaya Koy just 8km away.

Kalkan

Formerly known as the Greek port of Kalamaki, Kalkan is particularly popular with Blue Cruise guests due to its picturesque harbour and authentic feel. Set against the backdrop of the magnificent Taurus Mountain range, Kalkan combines antiquity with a quiet yet cosmopolitan charm. Dotted with tavernas and a mix of Ottoman and Greek houses, the cobbled streets offer shoppers the delights of both traditional local handicrafts and more modern artisan wares. Close to the town are the ancient Roman theatre and Byzantine citadel at Xanthos, Temples at Letoon, and Roman gate at the ancient port of Patara.

Kas

The charming seaside resort of Kas nestles at the foot of beautiful mountains and is surrounded by the clear Aegean. Well known for its shops and back streets where you can find anything from carpets to clothing, Kas' traditional Ottoman houses hug the winding cobbled streets with their numerous bars, cafés, and restaurants.

Kekova - Kale

The heavenly island of Kekova and villages of Kale and Ucagiz are considered by some to be the most beautiful in all of Turkey with the mesmerising sunken city accessible only by boat and classical towns of Simena and Teimussa nearby. A specially protected area since 1990 Kale can only be visited by boat and the views from the top of the hill by the Byzantine fortress are truly breathtaking.

Myra

The ancient city of Myra was once the capital of Lycia and is famed for its superb ancient theatre. And plethora of rock cut tombs. Known worldwide as the birthplace of St Nicholas, visitors can explore the fascinating church just 20 minutes by bus from Ucagizlar.



Kalkan at night



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Bodrum Castle at night



Rock tombs of Fethiye

Bodrum

Home to one of the ancient wonders of the world, Bodrum (formerly Halicarnassus) was once the Capital of the Hecatomnid King Mausolus whose wife built the famed Mausoleum in his honour, the remains of which can still be visited today. This bustling town is dominated by a 15th Century Crusader castle built by the Saint Jean Knights of Rhodes in the harbour, and is famed for its winding streets and vibrant nightlife.

Knidos

Originally founded as a spartan colony in 700 BC, ancient Knidos was known for its mariners, artists, philosophers and engineers. The original settlement was situated near what is now Datça but moved to its present location 75 km from Marmaris in 540 BC during the Persian invasions and was once home to the first naked marble statue of Aphrodite. Traces of many more ancient monuments still exist in Knidos including the "Altar of the Dancing Girls" and the temple of Apollo Karneiosa.

Datça

On the Datça peninsula stands the ancient Carian City of Knidos, described by Strabo as "a city that was built for the most beautiful of goddesses, Aphrodite, on the most beautiful peninsulas". Famous as a centre of art and culture in the 4th century B.C, the city had two harbours: one on the Aegean and the other on the Mediterranean. The town of Datça has become a popular stopover for yachtsmen, and offers many colourful seafood restaurants, tavernas, and boutiques

Çiftlik

A tranquil stop between Serçe and Marmaris, the clear blue-green waters of Çiftlik are a tranquil heaven.

Turunç

Turunç is a natural harbour that opens out into a wide expanse of spectacular blue water. This town is small and friendly and retains its traditional charm while offering visitors all of the comforts of modernity.

Cleopatra's Beach

The three islands located in the Bay of Gokova are known locally as the Sehir islands and one in particular is famed for its white sand, purportedly brought from Egypt by the infamous Queen Cleopatra. According to legend Cleopatra visited the island and lamented the lack of sand. Upon hearing this, her lover Antonius ordered the sand to be brought from Africa where it remains today. Visitors here can drop anchor, swim, and enjoy the golden sand.

Hisaronu

The Gulf of Hisaronu is home to the peaceful Keci Buku Bay with its marina rich in natural beauty. Surrounded by forest clad mountains visitors enjoy Kizkumu (the sunken pier) and natural sand formation.

Bozburun

The Bozburun Peninsula is one of Turkey's most picturesque and peaceful hidden gems, famed as one of the country's best Gulet building centres and home to many spectacular sheltered bays. The town itself has a small harbour dotted with tavernas and boutiques, and the local honey is world renowned along with locally produced figs and lavender.

Loryma/Bozukkale

The harbour at Loryma or Bozukkale is overlooked by one of the finest examples of Hellenistic forts in the ancient world and is thought to have been built by the Rhodians in the fourth century BC.

Selimiye/Orhaniye

Surrounded by rolling pine clad hills, Selimiye are two charming seaside villages virtually unspoilt by international tourism and with only a few restaurants and bars along their respective sea front promenades. Both found in the popular Hisaronu Bay area, they are famed for their fragrant herbs and almonds.

Rhodes - Greece

The biggest island in the Dodecanese Archipelago, Rhodes is the Capital of the island group with a bustling town centre set both within the walls and outside of one of the most spectacular Crusader Castles that remain on the Aegean coast. Built by the Knights of Saint John, the fort is one of the finest examples of Medieval architecture which combined with the island's Byzantine churches, leafy promenades, and picturesque harbour make Rhodes one of the most popular islands in Greece.

Symi - Greece

Symi has one of the most beautiful harbours in all of Greece with a tier of colourful houses on either side rising above the main sea front. Some of these houses are white washed, some pastel yellow, but virtually all have Neo-Classical pediments reminding us that 100 years ago this was one the most prosperous islands in Greece. With a traditional charm and classically Greek feel, Symi is truly an unspoiled island of romance.



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