



Travel Talk tours will take you on a pilgrimage of culture, history, adventure, fun and relaxation. You will visit sites of antiquity, explore the treasures of Turkey, venture into the surreal region of central Cappadocia and experience sun-kissed days on pristine beaches... Before you leave for your adventure, it is important that you read this pre-departure information to ensure that your trip begins, and proceeds, as smoothly as possible. While we appreciate that you are embarking on an "adventure holiday" that will produce its own share of surprises, it is also true that forewarned is forearmed. This information is not written with the intention of being anything other than general information that we hope will help you come more prepared for your holiday. The philosophy of Travel Talk is simple: to provide excellent value for money for budget-conscious and adventurous travellers without compromising their experiences, and providing quality transportation, accommodation, sight-seeing and information services. We hope that our philosophy will exceed your expectations and the following information will help you enjoy a memorable journey in Turkey.

### VISAS

British, Irish, Australian, Canadian and United States passport holders can obtain a 3-month tourist visa upon arrival in Istanbul at the following current costs: UK GBP 10, Canada USD 60, Australia USD 20, New Zealand, no visa required.

### ESSENTIALS

Before you leave your country, we recommend you to make sure you have the following with you;

- ➔ Passport
- ➔ Airline or transportation ticket
- ➔ Tour voucher
- ➔ Insurance policy
- ➔ Visas (if necessary)
- ➔ Label on your travel bag
- ➔ Pre-departure information
- ➔ Money (cash and/or travellers cheques)
- ➔ Credit card

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

It is essential for all passengers travelling on Travel Talk tours to have personal insurance to cover all medical and repatriation costs. Please take your insurance policy with you. While there are no mandatory vaccinations for travellers to Turkey, it is advisable to ensure inoculation is up to date. Some travellers feel more confident with hepatitis and meningitis inoculations as well. Rabies exists in Turkey in rural areas, although it is very unlikely that you will come in contact with a rabid animal. Immunisation is available in either a series of

three injections over a period of one month (lasts 3-5 years) or a single visit booster dose that lasts only 6-12 months. Please consult a medical practitioner for advice.

### WHAT TO WEAR...

Depending on the season; from November to February it can be very cold, so remember to pack the woollies for the Christmas tour! In March, April or October it is cooler, so pack a few layers including a jacket. For the rest of the year, pack summer clothing but remember to bring something warmer for the evenings. You need to bring comfortable footwear with you, so we recommend trainers and flip-flops/thongs for the summer months & Ugg or hiking boots for the cooler seasons.

### MONEY

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. GBP £1=2.8 TL USD \$1= 1.8 TL EUR €1=2.4 TL

### SHOPPING

Shopping in Turkey is one of the great experiences of travelling in this country. Many things are still bargains to be had, although you have to be very careful to ensure that the products are authentic. Turkish carpets are world-famous and can vary from a few pounds or dollars to thousands of pounds or dollars, depending on size, quality, dyes, materials, etc.

Together with naturally dyed woollen carpets, there are machine-made carpets from man-made fibres. Cappadocia has the widest range of carpets by virtue of buying carpets from all over Turkey, and they are the cheapest.

### WEATHER

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.

### EATING & DRINKING

During your journey, we will give lunch breaks at these types of restaurants to save your money and time. Main dishes are generally on display; you choose and the meat or fish is taken away to be prepared.

Fish is usually charged by the weight. Shish and doner kebabs are served everywhere.

Turkish tea, Turkish coffee and apple tea are the most popular drinks in Turkey.

### ARRIVAL

**Meeting Point: Barbaros Yachting**  
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Contact Number in Bodrum: +90 544 699 99 78  
Emergency Number: 0090 542 799 04 34



### SAIL TURKEY BODRUM-GOKOVA 8 Day - Itinerary

#### Day 1: Bodrum

Boarding starts at 15:30 from Bodrum Harbour. Guests who arrive early can leave their luggage at Barbaros Yachting Office. On the first day, our boat will be anchored at Bodrum Port for dinner and overnight stay. Bodrum has a history that goes back to the 12th century B.C. The city which was called 'Halicarnassus' was the birthplace of Herodotus; the 'Father of History' who lived in the 5th century B.C. The 'Mausoleum' of King Mausolus (350 B.C.) which is one of the Seven Wonders of the World is in this city. The only structure that survived from the Classical Era is the Amphitheatre.

It is one of the oldest theatres in Anatolia with a capacity of 13.000 guests, and is still hosting many shows and concerts for the art-lovers of Bodrum. Another place that you should visit when you arrive in Bodrum is the landmark of the city the 'Castle of Saint Peter'. It is one of the best preserved pieces of architecture with a history that back to the middle Ages. 'Myndos Gate' through which Alexander the Great entered Halicarnassus is another place that you should not miss.

#### Day 2: Orak Island - Çökertme

While you have breakfast, you will be informed about the cruise itinerary and the boat. Then we will cruise to Orak Island. Take the opportunity to swim in the crystal-blue waters of Orak Island and enjoy lunch, we will then sail to Çökertme, a small and picturesque fishing town, for dinner and for overnight stay. If the weather conditions are permitting it may be possible to use the sail on the way. Guests are welcome to take a short walk on the shore.

#### Day 3: Seven Island - Küfre - Long Port

Before the breakfast in the early morning we will cruise to Seven Islands. You will experience another beautiful day in Seven Islands Region. In the region full of many small islands and coral reef; it is recommended that you should dive, swim, sleep and rest. Our guests can also enjoy a walk in the forests which are filled with pine trees. Our first stop in Seven Islands Region will be Küfre Bay. We will be anchoring at Uzun Liman (Long Port) for dinner and overnight stay.

#### Day 4: Tuzla - Löngöz - Karacasöğüt

The gulet will be anchoring at Tuzla Bay to enjoy a swim in the turquoise- blue waters. Morning swimming will become a routine of your daily activities. For lunch; our captain will cruise to Löngöz Bay; another paradise, sheltered with huge pine forests. After lunch you can enjoy a short walk in the forest and take a rest in Ali Baba's local shed-like cafe. Then our boat will sail to Karacasöğüt village for dinner and to spend the night. This lovely village is located 25kms away from Marmaris. The transportation from here to Marmaris can be done by 'dolmuş' buses. We may have optional tours to Marmaris or Dalyan-Caunos for those wishing to explore these places. The guests joined for 'Mini Cruise' may leave the boat here.

#### Day 5: Cleopatra Island - English Harbour

The Mini Cruise guests who are leaving the boat will leave before 9:30 a.m. The new guests joining us for Mini Cruise must board the boat by 10:30 a.m. Then we will cruise to Sedir (Cedrae) island. This unique island with its small beach and unbelievable clear water is like an open-air museum. You can see the city-walls, the ruins from the Dors' reign (later on restored as a church); the amphitheatre with 1500 guest capacity and the domed historical buildings. You can walk around the wrecks of pillars with antique writings on them or the ancient stones decorated with reliefs. Cleopatra beach, located on this island has a very special kind of sand that can only be found in the deserts of Northern Africa. According to the myth King Antonius had brought this sand from Egypt by sea for Cleopatra. Later we will cruise to English Port for dinner and overnight stay. The name English Port comes from the 2nd World War; when the ships of English Navy forces used to dock here. In this area there are so many small and large bays sheltered enough and suitable for the boats to anchor.

#### Day 6: Kargılı - Kisebükü (Alakışla Bükü)

Cruising to Kargılı Bay (Molla İbrahim Bay) early in the morning. After lunch, we will be anchoring at Kisebükü (Alakışla Bükü). You will see the Byzantine' ruins. We will spend the night in this lovely bay.

#### Day 7: Pabuç Burnu - Yalıçiftlik - Bodrum

We will sail to Pabuçburnu after breakfast and enjoy lunch here. Tea will be served in Yalıçiftlik Bay. An optional village tour can be arranged from this bay for those guests wishing to experience local life. Then our boat will be cruise back to Bodrum Port for the last day's dinner and overnight stay.

#### Day 8: Bodrum

We will leave the boat by 10:30 after breakfast.



#### SERVICES INCLUDED

- ➔ Twin, double triple accommodation in ensuite cabins in superior traditional wooden Turkish gulet
- ➔ 7 breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 dinners
- ➔ Superior Turkish Gulet
- ➔ Services of experienced captain and crew of the boat
- ➔ Excursions as per the itinerary

#### SERVICES NOT INCLUDED

- ➔ Any flights, insurance
- ➔ Drinks
- ➔ Tips, visa fees
- ➔ Other services not stated in the "services included" section, optional activities and excursions.

#### THE TOUR PRICE AND LOCAL PAYMENT

We ease your cash needs by dividing the tour cost into two payments : tour price and local fund. You just need to pay the tour price to purchase your travel. The compulsory local payment will be done when you join the trip. The local payment is a part of the tour cost (a tool to ease your cash need on booking date) and it does not cover any extra costs like meals, entry fees, drinks, tips, personal expenses or other type of travel costs.