



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, sightseeing 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**  
Address: Barbaros Cad. No:91 48400  
Marmaris - TURKEY  
Contact Number in Marmaris: 0090 542 205 17 15  
Emergency Number: 0090 542 799 04 34



### SAIL TURKEY MARMARIS-FETHIYE 8 Day - Itinerary

#### Day 1: Marmaris

The boarding starts at 15:30 from Marmaris Harbour. On the first day, the service starts on the boat with dinner and overnight stay in Marmaris Port. Marmaris, which was built upon the antique Karian city; Phycos has been under the governorship of many different civilizations. The most valuable work-piece that you will see today is Marmaris Castle dating from 1577. There is also a mosque and an 8-room caravansary covered with arches from the Ottoman Period. The ruins of the Antique times lie on Asar Hill; a small hill located on the northern side of the city. Being one of the best-known touristic places of Turkey Marmaris also has a large marina.

#### Day 2: Ekincik Gulf - Dalyan

Whilst you have breakfast, you will be informed about the cruise itinerary and the boat. The cruise will start at Ekincik Gulf. You may join our optional Dalyan Tour from here. You will be taken from your yacht by a small boat called "piyade". Firstly arrive at Caretta-Caretta (turtle) beach and take a swim stop here. You will enjoy the natural beauty of the delta as you sail along in the river boat. You will see the ancient Rock Tombs and finally arrive at mud baths to relax and be rejuvenated. A fishing village called Dalyan will be our final destinations after we return to our yacht by piyade boat. Dinner and overnight stay will be in the Gulf of Ekincik.

#### Day 3: Adalı Bay - Manastir - Tersane Island

Because of wavy seas of Dişibilmez and Kurtoğlu, that we have to cross, we will cruise earlier than the other days and reach the famous Fethiye Gulf. We will anchor at Adalı Bay for breakfast. For lunch and a swimming break, we will go to Manastir Bay. This place is also known as Cleopatra Bay or Sunken Bath Bay due to the beautiful underwater ruins of a bath. We will anchor near Tersane Island for dinner. This naturally protected bay, which is used as a harbour at present, was used as shipyards in Byzantine and Ottoman times.

#### Day 4: Kizil Island - Fethiye

After breakfast, we cruise to Kizil Island for lunch and a swimming break. On the fourth day of our cruise we will arrive in Fethiye Harbour at about 16:00 p.m. Fethiye, which was known as Telmessos in the ancient times, was the most important city situated on Lycia's western border with Caria. It is believed that the city's name came from Apollon's son Telmessos. As the name suggests the city was the city of light and was famous for its prophets. Fethiye stretches out in a half circle along the bay protected by 12 Islands. You can visit the city centre. Dinner and overnight stay will be in Fethiye harbour.

#### Day 5: Göcek Island - Yassica Islands

After the breakfast, we will be visiting uniquely beautiful islands and finally hoist near Göcek island. Following lunch and a swimming break we will cruise to Yassica islands to spend the night and cherish the wonderful scenery.

#### Day 6: Bedri Rahmi Bay - Domuz Island - Ağa Limanı

After the breakfast we will cruise to Bedri Rahmi Bay. Bedri Rahmi is a famous Turkish artist who made one of the first 'Blue Cruises' in Turkey. Following his visit the bay was named after him. We will go to Domuz Island for a swim and anchor in Ağa Limanı for dinner and overnight stay.

#### Day 7: Kumlubük - Cennet Island - Marmaris

Today, we will cruise to Kumlubük Bay early in the morning. Breakfast will be served in Kumlubük Bay. We anchor at Cennet Island for our last swimming break and lunch. We will enter to Marmaris Harbour by 16:00 p.m. Overnight stay will be in Marmaris. Guests wishing to see more of Marmaris are recommended to go to the city centre and experience the lively night life.

#### Day 8: Marmaris

We will leave the boat with precious memories 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 types of travel costs.