



LIFESTYLE HOLIDAYS - TURKEY

Turkey and the Lycian Coast – 8 days ex Marmaris



By day explore many of the countless islands by bike or on foot and at night relax on board a beautiful motorised sailing boat. Let yourself be transported back in time to personally experience the history that envelops the Mediterranean. We spend a week discovering the southern coast of Turkey from Marmaris to Fethiye (**The Lycian Coast**) with a Bahriyeli ship (pronounced: Barijeli). Our charming and stylish floating hotel is built to the highest of standards. We get to know the Turkish coast and back-country between Marmaris and Fethiye from the saddle of our bikes. Our tour guide will point out the unique natural wonders and historical cities which grace the area, allowing us to be transported back in time. Admire the famous graves of Kaunos, which were cut into the cliffs between 4 and 2 BC by the Lykian coastal inhabitants, or let yourself be mesmerized by the breath-taking Sakklikent Canyon. We spend our evenings in the deserted bays and let ourselves be rocked to sleep by the ocean or we make the most of the pulsating night life in the port cities and the many cafes and bars.

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Easy-going cycling: The daily biking tours average 40km and will take you through partly hilly and mountainous terrain. There will also be extended climbs on mostly tar sealed roads. You can set aside a whole day for swimming or relaxing on board the boat whenever you want.

Fully catered on board a top class ship: Our accommodation is on-board a comfortable sailing ship. The cabins have air conditioning and private bathroom facilities. Our on-board chef is a member of the crew and will prepare breakfast and one to two warm meals daily.



Tour Itinerary

Day 1. Arrival in Marmaris

Fly into the airport of Izmir or Dalaman and transfer to Marmaris. After dinner enjoy an evening stroll through the city's labyrinth of winding streets.

Meals: Dinner

Cycling: None

Day 2. Marmaris to Sarsala

Ship ahoy! A short two-hour cruise brings us to a picturesque swimming bay. From here we begin our bike tour by traversing a 250m high pass in the Dalaman plain en route to Sarsala, a quiet bay where we stay overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Cycling: 35 km (22 mi.)

Day 3. Sarsala to Fethiye

After breakfast we sail to Fethiye, passing many small islands on the way. After cycling through the pine forest we arrive in Kayaköy. This Greek village was once home to some 6500 inhabitants, but has been uninhabited since 1922. We carry on to the lagoon of Ölüdeniz, which is a tourist icon and mentioned in every travel brochure about Turkey. You can choose to either bike back with the tour guide via an interesting and challenging route, or to be picked up and driven back to the boat.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Cycling: 50 km (31 mi.)

Day 4. Fethiye to Göcek

After a short boat ride (50 min) we arrive at the start of our bike tour to Xantos. We ride to the Saklikent Canyon, where we have lunch at the edge of the river. The gorge is spectacular and can be easily explored on foot. We then travel northwards to Kemer, where we (with bikes) are picked up and transferred back to the boat in Fethiye (a 30 minute ride). From here the boat will continue to Göcek, where we spend the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Cycling: 40 km (25 mi.)

Day 5. Göcek to Dalyan

From Göcek we bike over a 350m high pass, with views of the whole bay. After riding through the pine forest we continue along a side road down to the Dalaman plain, then through fertile fields and lush vegetation to Dalyan. A small boat takes us down the river to meet our yacht and we stay overnight in a bay near the river delta. On the way we are able to visit the historical city of Kaunos.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Cycling: 40 km (25 mi.)

Day 6. Dalyan to Ekincik

In the morning the boat takes us, via the Lycian rock graves, back to Dalyan, where we ride around the big freshwater lake. After a 350m climb we arrive in the little village of Ekincik, where the chef will have dinner prepared.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Cycling: 55 km (34 mi.)

Day 7. Ekincik to Marmaris

After a two-hour crossing we arrive at the Bozborun Peninsula. We ride along a deserted mountain road to reach an old village at an elevation of 300m. We admire its 1500 year old trees before continuing on with a spectacular descent to Icmeler's coastal road. The boat and a delicious evening meal will be awaiting us in Marmaris.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Cycling: 55 km (34 mi.)

Day 8. Departure from Marmaris

After breakfast participants leave the boat and make their own way home.

Meals: Breakfast

Cycling: None

Accommodation - BAHRIYELY

The Bahriyeli is synonymous on the Southern Turkish coast for top-class comfort and facilities. Its three masts extend majestically into the sky and its thin hull allows for a smooth ride. The boat offers 8 to 12 roomy cabins with their own heating/air-conditioning unit and a generously sized ensuite. The tastefully decorated dining/living room allows you to enjoy a meal or just rest, while the sun decks offer you the opportunity to sunbathe and relax. The crew is a well-trained team and will ensure that you are well looked after while on board.

Catering: The cook on board is a member of the crew and prepares breakfast and one or two warm meals daily. Catering starts with dinner on the arrival day and ends with breakfast on the departure day.

Tour Information

Included in the tour price:

- 7 nights' accommodation on a motor yacht in a double/twin cabin with ensuite
- Meals as per the itinerary
- Bed linen and towels
- English speaking tour guide
- Bike hire: 21-speed trekking bike with Ortlieb pannier or a hardtail mountainbike (please see information below)
- 6 guided bike tours as described in the itinerary
- Return airport transfers between Dalaman /Izmir and the boat (on days 1 & 8 only)
- Entrance fees to museums and archaeological sites (group visits only)

Bike Hire:

Our 21-gear-trekking-bikes are basic bicycles that are available in four different frame sizes: 46 cm and 52 cm for ladies, 56 cm and 60 cm for men. All bicycles are equipped with a Shimano drive chain, Shimano V-brakes with strong "bite", 28 inch hollow chamber rims with quick release, safety mudguards and a comfortable Selle Royal touring saddle. For the duration of the tour we supply you with a waterproof saddle bag by Ortlieb, a practical way of carrying drinks, bathing gear, camera etc. Please note: Should you not want to be without your own saddle (please bring the saddle only without the seat post) or your own click pedals, please bring them with you and let your tour guide attach them to your rental bicycle.

Not included in the tour price

- International Flights and/or Travel Visas (where applicable) or Travel Insurance
- Single Supplement (for single travellers wanting sole occupancy of a cabin)
- Drinks & snack bars on board
- Meals eaten Ashore
- Tips for the tour guides and crew
- Transfers between Dalaman /Izmir & the boat (unless on days 1 & 8)

Tour Grade

This tour is graded 3/4 moderate (on a scale of 1-10 with 9/10 being extreme).

Guided Tour:

Our tours are generally catered for in German as the first language and English secondary. If you are English speaking please do not be alarmed, as English is widely spoken by our crew and most German nationals. One of our guides is available on the daily tours to translate into English for non-German-speaking tour participants.

Alterations:

We reserve the right to make alterations to this itinerary, which will normally be due to wind and weather conditions or organisational requirements. Sometimes the tour will be conducted in reverse order.