



## **Bike and Cruise in the Aegean**

**Destination:** Turkey

**Tour Type:** Fully guided boat&bike tour onboard private yacht with a support vehicle following the group during the rides

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 8 Days / 7 Nights onboard / 6 Cycling Days

**Arrival Airport:** Milas-Bodrum International (BJV)

**Departure Airport:** Milas-Bodrum International (BJV)

**Road Condition:** Asphalt and tarmac road

**Short Route:** 245 km in total, daily average 40 km and 460 m elevation gain

**Long Route:** 330 km in total, daily average 55 km and 765 m elevation gain

### **Highlights:**

- ✓ Wander amid white houses and narrow streets around a yacht-filled marina in Bodrum and visit the Bodrum Castle housing the underwater archeological museum
- ✓ Discover ancient Halicarnassus and its Mausoleum, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world
- ✓ Take pleasure in the luxury and comfort of a handcrafted traditional gulet with her private crew and chef whose diligent service will pamper you
- ✓ Delve into the rich history of the Carian Civilization and follow the footsteps of Alexander the Great
- ✓ Marvel at sublime vistas of the Aegean Coastline while pedaling through quiet routes lined with high mountains and crystal-clear blue water
- ✓ Behold the dazzling sunsets over the Gulf of Gokova, swim and relax in pristine coves
- ✓ Explore the ancient city of Kedrai on idyllic Sedir Island and Knidos with its theater overlooking the ancient harbor
- ✓ Experience legendary Turkish hospitality in the rural areas and farmer's markets and taste the Mediterranean flavors of local cuisine

### **Experience:**

Bike, cruise and sail along the best-preserved coastline and most scenic routes of the wine dark Aegean Sea as Homer described in the Iliad. This unique coastline has a rich history dating back to ancient Caria, homeland of Herodotus. Discover the ancient cities of Halicarnassos and Knidos, medieval Bodrum Castle, and Hellenistic rock-cut tombs in small villages. Our experience starts in Bodrum, a popular holiday destination for the rich and famous, with the stunning blue coastline, high-end hotels, lively night-life, and a wealth of luxurious yachts. Our bike routes leave this hot spot behind and discover the hidden gems of the small towns and villages. The quiet cycling routes follow the water's edge, weaving in and out of small coves along the crystal blue waters of the Aegean. We journey through the rural areas in the highlands offering perfect vista points overlooking deep canyons and the Gulf of Gokova. The last ride goes along the Datca Peninsula through almond orchards to the lovely setting of the ancient theater in Knidos overlooking the unspoiled beauty of the ancient harbor. This incredibly rich program combines the ancient Carian history with the natural beauty of the Aegean Coastline and legendary Turkish hospitality of our diligent crew's service as they pamper you onboard.

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## Day-by-Day Tour Program

### Day 1 Saturday, Welcome to Turkey

Arrive at Milas-Bodrum Airport and take the private transfer to your Gulet moored in the Bodrum marina. Stroll through Bodrum town and explore Halicarnassos of Caria, which is known for the Mausoleum, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Afterwards a welcome cocktail, dinner is served on board with a night view of the majestic castle.

**Meals:** Welcome Dinner

**Accommodation:** Luxury private yacht

### Day 2 Sunday, Ciftlik to Cokertme Bay

Start the day with an elegant breakfast including delectable freshly baked items onboard while cruising the nearby Ciftlik Bay (6NM). Then get fitted to our bikes and our ride will take us to the hinterland with several climbs through forested roads of the villages. Stop by Etrim Village for refreshments prepared by villagers and visit one of the village houses for learning about their traditional hand-woven carpets. The second climb reaches the highest point of the day in Mazi Village and then descends back to sea level where our boat awaits us in Cokertme. After a refreshing swim enjoy a well-deserved lunch freshly prepared by our chef onboard. Cruise to the next cove for swimming and snorkeling and a relaxing afternoon. Dinner is under the stars in the secluded cove.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner onboard

**Destinations:** Ciftlik, Etrim, Mazi, and Çökertme Villages

**Accomplished:** 42 km Elevation: +630 m / -635 m

**Long Route:** 72.5 km Elevation: +893 m / -897 m

**Accommodation:** Luxury private yacht

### Day 3 Monday, Çökertme Village – Akbuk Village

After a leisurely breakfast we will start our bike adventure from Cokertme bay. Cycle along the northern shore of the Gulf of ancient Keramos with a gentle easterly breeze. Climb to the charming villages of Alatepe and Kultak and stop in a local village house to taste the fresh bread and local delicacies prepared by the villagers. Descend to Akbuk Bay surrounded by steep cliffs along the gulf. After lunch enjoy your siesta or your book on the deck followed by a refreshing swim in the crystal-clear water of Akbuk Beach. Our dinner is on board with the tranquility of an Aegean sunset.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner onboard

**Destinations:** Çökertme, Alatepe, Kultak, and Akbuk Villages

**Accomplished:** 45 km Elevation: +390 m / - 738 m

**Long Route:** 49 km Elevation: +733 m / - 738 m

**Accommodation:** Luxury private yacht

### Day 4 Tuesday, Akbuk Village – Akyaka – Sedir (Cleopatra Island)

After breakfast in the calm bay, pedal to Akyaka at the eastern end of the gulf through rolling hills shaded by pine trees along the shore. Green forest and deep blue water are our scenery throughout this rollercoaster ride. Enjoy a walk and an ice-cream break in the town of Akyaka. Cycle back to the boat for our lunch. Coming back on the same road gives the chance to see the gulf from a different perspective. While relaxing onboard,

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cruise (6NM) to Sedir (Cleopatra's) Island. In the afternoon, explore the island with its ancient city of Kedrai and remote ancient theater among pine trees. After swimming and snorkeling in the afternoon we will have dinner and overnight at Camli Cove.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner Onboard

**Destinations:** Akbük, Akyaka, Sedir Island (Cleopatra's Island) and ancient site of Kedrai

**Accomplished:** 25 km Elevation: +404 m / -400 m

**Long Route:** 50 km Elevation: +842 m / - 841 m

**Accommodation:** Luxury private yacht

### **Day 5 Wednesday, Akyaka–Ula-Karabogurtlen–Akyaka**

Enjoy breakfast while cruising to the bay where we meet our van. A 25-minute transfer takes us to the highlands above Gokova gulf. Feel the elevation difference while pedaling along the route with minimal traffic among the small settlements and enjoy the constantly changing view. Cycle into the rural areas where we ride through citrus orchards of the small farming communities. Our first stop is in sleepy Ula town which offers us a genuine experience of the Turkish rural lifestyle with its local economy away from tourism. We'll descend with a twisting road down to sea level in Karabogurtlen while saluting the shepherds grazing their goats and sheep along the way. The royal tombs carved into the rock cliffs from 4<sup>th</sup> century BC and the farmers' market with fresh fruits, vegetables, and other local products are the surprises of Akyaka at the end of our ride. Then enjoy our lunch break in a local tavern in the town on your own. If you want to extend your ride, the roller coaster route towards Akbuk and back to the boat along the Aegean is the perfect choice. We still have time for an afternoon swim before dinner on deck looking over the bay with another tranquil Aegean sunset.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Dinner

**Destinations:** Kuyucak, Ula, Karabogurtlen, Gokova, Akyaka

**Accomplished:** 58 km Elevation: +420 m / -1280 m

**Accommodation:** Luxury private yacht

### **Day 6 Thursday, Camli – Karacaoren – Amazon**

Get ready for a challenging day after a nutritious breakfast! Our route follows the ridge overlooking the beautiful panoramas of the forest and Gulf of Gokova. This region has the presidential summer residence because of its serenity and beauty. Up hills and down hills we discover the unspoiled beauty of the region. The last three kilometers on the dirt road take us to one of the most beautiful coves of Turkey named after Amazons, where our boat welcomes us for lunch. Before dinner we will have an optional sunset walk. Dinner is onboard in the tranquility of the secluded bay.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner onboard

**Destinations:** Camli and Amazon Coves

**Accomplished:** 43 km Elevation: +510 m / - 754 m

**Long Route:** 55 km Elevation: +845 m / -840 m

**Accommodations:** Luxury private yacht

### **Day 7 Friday, Kormen – Knidos - Bodrum**

Anchor off with sunrise before breakfast and fresh coffee is ready for early birds while cruising to Kormen (22NM). Ride through the hospitable town of Datca famous for organic food and the best almonds as warm-up, then hit a 3.5miles – 5.5km climb to the highest

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pass of the peninsula. The short route starts at the end of the climb after 15 min. transfer. Descend to Mesudiye Village at sea-level and cycle through rolling hills along the southern edge of the peninsula with a breathtaking vista of the Aegean Sea and Simi Island of Greece. Pass through the charming and welcoming village of Yazikoy for a refreshment. After your coffee or tea continue the last descent to Knidos along the ancient road. No rider wants this ride ever to end, but the fantastic ruins of Knidos at the end of the peninsula welcome you with her theaters and monuments around the ancient harbor. Explore the ancient city of Knidos while hearing the myths about Aphrodite, the patron goddess of the city with her temple and famous naked statue. After lunch and a swim in the ancient harbor, cruise to Bodrum while taking a siesta onboard in the afternoon. Upon our arrival in Bodrum visit the town on your own and enjoy last-minute shopping in your free time before our farewell dinner. A festive farewell dinner will be our last memory of this unforgettable bike tour in Turkey.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Farewell Dinner

**Destinations:** Kormen, Mesudiye, Palamutbükü, Ancient Site of Knidos

**Accomplished:** 32 km Elevation: +418 m / - 817 m

**Long Route:** 49 km Elevation: +883 m / -880 m

**Accommodations:** Luxury private yacht

### **Day 8 Saturday, Bodrum - Goodbye**

After our last breakfast onboard say goodbye to the crew and our guides, and transfer to the airport. Fly back from Milas-Bodrum airport to home and see you next time!

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Destinations:** Milas-Bodrum Airport (BJV)

### **What is included?**

We include more on our bike programs than any other bike tour company to provide our guests with the most unforgettable and joyful travel experience in Turkey.

- ✓ Stunning and comfortable accommodation with en-suite facilities on board a luxury gulet
- ✓ Meals as indicated on the daily program and nutritious snacks during the rides; all breakfasts, 5 lunches, and all dinners
- ✓ Unlimited bottled water, coffee, and tea onboard and nutritious snacks and bottled water during the rides
- ✓ Expert English speaking guide with extensive local knowledge
- ✓ Complete van support with assistant guide during the rides to enjoy your vacation at your own pace
- ✓ Group sizes that don't exceed 14 guests onboard private boat
- ✓ Visits as outlined in the itinerary, entrance fees to historic sites, fascinating museums, and scenic natural parks
- ✓ All the anchorage and harbor fees
- ✓ Arrival and departure airport transfers
- ✓ Taxes

### **What is excluded?**

- International and domestic flights, their taxes, and surcharges

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- Gratuities for guides and crew
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks onboard and land
- Travel and health insurance
- Bike rentals
  - Merida Hybrid or Merida Cyclocross 500 : €216 per week
  - E-sportive or Kifuka : €360 per week
  - Cannondale Synapse DI2 : €480 per week
  - Trek : €440 per week
- Visa if applicable

**PRICES per PERSON in DOUBLE CABIN for PRIVATE GROUPS**

*Any chosen week from Saturday to Saturday between April 13 and June 22 and between September 7 and November 9, 2024.*

**Onboard Luxury Gulets, Kaya Guneri I, Kaya Guneri II, or Kaya Guneri III**

**Group Size, maximum 14 guests**

10+ guests €3700 pp, please add €350 pp for the departures in June and September  
9 guests €3950 pp, please add €400 pp for the departures in June and September  
8 guests €4250 pp, please add €450 pp for the departures in June and September  
7 guests €4650 pp, please add €500 pp for the departures in June and September  
6 guests €5200 pp, please add €575 pp for the departures in June and September  
Single Supplement €850 for the entire program

For the prices onboard deluxe and high-end boats, please consult us, [info@eontours.com](mailto:info@eontours.com).

**PAYMENT and CANCELLATION**

€750 nonrefundable down payment upon reservation

91 days prior to the tour departure; balance payment

Cancellation +91 days prior to the tour departure; down payment as cancellation fee

Cancellation within 61 to 90 days prior to the tour departure; 50% of tour cost,

Cancellation within 31 to 60 days prior to the tour departure; 75% of tour cost,

Cancellation within 0 to 30 days prior to the tour departure; 100% of tour cost will be charged as cancellation fee.

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