

Bike from Aegean to Mediterranean



Destination: Turkey

Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights / 6 Cycling Days

Language: English

Tour Type: Fully guided hotel and bike tour with a support vehicle following the group during the entire program

Arrival Airport: Milas-Bodrum International (BJV)

Departure Airport: Dalaman International (DLM)

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Highlights

- Wander amid the white houses and narrow streets of Bodrum, visit the yacht-filled marina, and explore the Bodrum Castle with its underwater archeological museum, immersing yourself in the town's coastal allure.
- Delve into the rich history of the Carian civilization, retracing the steps of Alexander the Great in Halicarnassus, including the Mausoleum, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.
- Marvel at breathtaking views of the Aegean Sea, pedaling through tranquil routes framed by mountains and crystal-clear blue waters, culminating in the spectacular sunsets over the Gulf of Gokova.
- Explore the ancient city of Kaunos with its royal tombs etched into cliffs and enjoy a serene boat ride through the Dalyan River delta, leading to the picturesque Iztuzu beach.
- Immerse yourself in the legendary Turkish hospitality, discovering rural areas and vibrant farmer's markets, where local traditions and warm welcomes abound.

Experience:

This unique bike tour along the Aegean coastline delves into the rich history of the Carian Civilization, the homeland of Herodotus. It discovers the ancient cities of Halicarnassus and Kaunos, the Medieval Bodrum Castle, and Hellenistic rock-cut tombs. Our experience starts from Bodrum, a popular holiday destination for the rich and famous with a stunning blue coastline, high-end hotels, lively nightlife, 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 rides follow the water's edge, weaving in and out of small coves along the crystal blue waters of the Aegean Sea. We journey through the rural areas in the highlands offering perfect vista points overlooking deep canyons and the Gulf of Gokova. The last routes reveal the unspoiled beauty of the river delta in Dalyan and Lake Koycegiz. The rides through the citrus and pomegranate orchards take us to the lovely setting of the ancient theater in Kaunos overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. En route, we stay in the best boutique hotels. Lunches and dinners are served mostly in local restaurants. This incredibly rich program combines the ancient Carian history with the natural beauty of the Aegean coastline, the legendary Turkish hospitality with the charming boutique hotels on the beach, and the authentic Mediterranean cuisine with farmer markets.





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.

- 4-star boutique hotel or best available accommodations as indicated in the itinerary or similar
- Meals as indicated on the daily program and nutritious snacks during the rides; all breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 3 dinners
- Unlimited bottled water during the rides
- Expert English-speaking guides with extensive local knowledge
- Complete van support to enjoy your vacation at your own pace during the entire program
- Group sizes that don't exceed 14 guests on a scheduled departure
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary, entrance fees to historic sites, fascinating museums, and scenic natural parks
- Arrival and departure transfers to/from the airport
- All taxes

What is excluded?

- International and domestic flights, their taxes, and surcharges
- Gratuities for guides
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Travel and health insurance
- Bike rentals
- Visa if applicable



Road Condition:

Asphalt and tarmac road



Short Route:

Daily average 40-45 km, and
+500-550 m elevation
(Grade 2 Moderate)



Long Route:

Daily average 60-65 km, and
+900-1000 m elevation
(Grade 4 Challenging)

Day 1 Saturday, Welcome to Turkey!

Arrive at Milas-Bodrum Airport and take your private transfer to your hotel by the sea. Upon your arrival, check in to the hotel and enjoy your rest before strolling through Bodrum town and the ancient Halicarnassus of Caria, which is known for its Mausoleum, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Tonight, dinner is on your own in a local restaurant with a night view of the majestic castle.

Meals: No meals

Destinations: Arrival at Milas-Bodrum Airport (BJV) at any time of the day

Accommodations: Ipek Garden Residence or similar



Day 2, Sunday, East of Bodrum Peninsula: Sunrise Pedals and Carpet Tales

Start the day with your Mediterranean breakfast. After getting fitted to your bike, the ride will take us to the villages of Kizilagac and Camlik with several climbs through forested roads. Stop by Camlik Village for refreshments with homemade lemonade and fruit sherbets prepared by villagers. Cycle further to Etrim village and visit one of the village houses to learn about their globally known traditional hand-woven Milas carpets while having a freshly prepared lunch of local delicacies. The second climb reaches the highest point with a fantastic view of the topography of the villages we have been riding through. Then descend back to the hotel at sea level. After a refreshing swim enjoy your well-deserved rest by the pool. We'll visit Bodrum Castle built by the Knights of St. John and the Underwater Archeological Museum in the afternoon. Enjoy your free time in Bodrum's downtown and dinner in a local restaurant. Return to the hotel in the late evening after dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Yali, Camlik, Etrim, Yali, Bodrum sightseeing in the afternoon



Short Route : 42 km Elevation: +680 m / -680 m,
(Grade 2 Moderate)

Long Route : 74 km Elevation: +930 m / -930 m,
(Grade 4 Challenging)

Accommodation : Ipek Garden Residence or similar

Day 3, Monday, Oren – Akyaka: Enchanting Villages and Coastal Retreats

After your breakfast, check out of our hotel and take the transfer to Alatepe for the shorter route. Our bike adventure for the long option starts from Oren. After a warmup ride, climb to the charming villages of Alatepe and Kultak and descend to Akbuk Bay surrounded by cliffs and pine forests along the gulf. Stop in a local tea house to taste the fresh bread and local delicacies prepared by the villagers. From there we'll keep pedaling along the water's edge, weaving in and out of small coves along the crystal blue waters of the Aegean Sea. After check-in to our new hotel take pleasure in our lunch on the deck over the sea. Free afternoon for a swim from the deck of our hotel and a siesta by the sea. We'll drive to Akyaka for a walk along the waterfront and river in the afternoon. Enjoy your seafood dinner by the river on your own and return to the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Oren, Alatepe, Kultak, Akbuk, and Akyaka



Short Route : 32.5 km Elevation: +420 m / -820 m, (Grade 2 Moderate)

Long Route : 53 km Elevation: +1215 m / -1215m, (Grade 4 Challenging)

Accommodation : Baga Hotel or similar

Day 4, Tuesday, Kuyucak – Kiran – Sarnic – Akyaka: Highland Escapade

Start the morning with a leisurely breakfast before today's ride. A short transfer brings us to the starting point of the day, away from the coast up the highlands. We'll follow narrow, car-free roads through small villages of the highlands until our break in the traditional tea house of Kiran Village. Sip your Turkish coffee while chatting with hospitable villagers and visit the village mosque. Pedal through pine forests famous for honey production before the descent back to sea level with a breathtaking vista of the Gulf. Our ride continues along the northern shore of the Gokova Gulf with a ravishing view of crystalline waters. Enjoy your free time for an afternoon swim or rest at the beach before dinner on your own and return to the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Kuyucak, Kiran, Sarnic, Akbukwoven



Short Route : 45 km Elevation: +585 m / -1430 m, (Grade 2 Moderate)

Long Route : 54 km Elevation: +725 m / -1585 m, (Grade 3 Active)

Accommodation : Baga Hotel or similar

Day 5, Wednesday, Akyaka – Ula – Akyaka: Rural Bliss and Seaside Splendors

A 25-minute transfer takes us to the highlands over the Gulf of Gokova after breakfast. Feel the elevation difference along the route with the minimal traffic among the small towns. Cycle into the rural areas through citrus orchards of the small farming communities. Our first stop is in the sleepy town of Ula which offers us a genuine experience of a Turkish rural lifestyle with its local economy away from tourist crowds. We'll descend the 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 the 4th century BC and the farmers' market with fresh fruits, vegetables, and other local products are the surprises of Akyaka at the end of the ride. Then, enjoy our lunch break in a local tavern. If you want to extend your ride, the roller coaster route towards Akbuk and back to the hotel is the perfect choice along the Aegean Sea. We still have time for an afternoon swim before dinner on the deck over the sea in the tranquility of the Aegean sunset.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Kuyucak, Ula, Karabogurtlen, Gokova, Akyaka



Short Route : 58 km Elevation: +420 m / -1280 m, (Grade 2 Moderate)

Long Route : 70 km Elevation: +1295 m / -1295 m, (Grade 4 Challenging)

Accommodation : Baga Hotel or similar

Day 6, Thursday, Ortaca – Dalyan: A Scenic Ride to the Heart of the Dalyan Delta

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and take the transfer to Lake Koycegiz (40 min) to avoid the larger highway traffic. Our ride traverses the coastal plain of Dalaman through citrus orchards and farmlands. This fast route climbs to Gokbel pass for a stunning view of the delta opening into the Mediterranean Sea with the renowned Iztuzu beach where loggerhead turtles, known as Caretta Caretta, lay their eggs for hatching. A Mediterranean breeze accompanies us while descending to the delta towards the charming town of Dalyan by the river. Check in to the hotel and explore the town for lunch and shopping your free time in the afternoon. The royal tombs carved on the sheer cliff along the Dalyan River provide the most rewarding scenery of Dalyan. We'll meet for a boat tour in the delta and visit the ancient city of Kaunos in the late afternoon. Explore the ancient ruins with the theater overlooking the lake, the lush green of the river delta, and finally the deep blue of the Mediterranean. Depending on the season, an evening dive in the Mediterranean Sea and our dinner by the river is the grand finale of the day.

Meals: Breakfast / Dinner

Destinations: Dalaman Plain, Gokbel, Dalyan Delta, and Dalyan town



Short Route : 44 km Elevation: +290 m / -315 m, (Grade 2 Moderate)

Long Route : 92 km Elevation: +610 m / -640 m, (Grade 4 Challenging)

Accommodation : Dalyan Resort Hotel or similar

Day 7, Friday, Lake Koycegiz – Dalyan: A Picturesque Finale in the Dalyan Countryside

After breakfast by the river, ride through the town and take the ferry to cross over the river. Pedal the last route through fruit orchards along the emerald-colored Lake Koycegiz. The lush green plain with its evergreen pine forest around the lake is the constant tableau of unspoiled nature for the entire ride. After a refreshment break in a tea house in the town of Koycegiz, we'll leave the shores of the lake and start a gradual climb to the natural springs where we'll enjoy our lunch on the shaded platforms over the cold streams. Transfer back to our hotel in the afternoon. Enjoy your free time shopping in town or swimming in the hotel's pool before the farewell dinner with the illuminated scenery of the Carian royal tombs.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Full circle around Lake Koycegiz and Dalyan town



Short Route : 35 km Elevation: +650 m / -650 m, (Grade 2 Moderate)

Long Route : 50 km Elevation: +990 m / -805 m, (Grade 4 Challenging)

Accommodation : Dalyan Resort Hotel or similar

Day 8, Saturday, Goodbye

After our last breakfast (depending on the flight time) transfer to the airport (35min) and say goodbye to your guides. Fly back from Dalaman airport and see you next time!

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



PAYMENT and CANCELLATION

- €350 down payment is required upon reservation.
- 31 days before the tour departure; full payment is required.
- Cancellation within 60 to 31 days before the tour departure; down payment,
- Cancellation within 30 to 21 days before the tour departure; 50% of the tour cost,
- Cancellation within 20 to 11 days before the tour departure; 75% of the tour cost,
- Cancellation within 10 to 0 days before the tour departure; 100% of the tour cost will be charged as the cancellation fee.

