



TURKEY HOTEL & BIKE TOUR PROGRAM along AEGEAN SEA from BODRUM to DALYAN



Destination: Turkey

Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights – 6 cycling days

Total Distance: Short Routes 265 km in total / Average daily 45 km +680m elevation gain
Long Routes 330 km in total / Average daily 55 km +965m elevation

Road Condition: Asphalt and tarmac road

Bike along the best-preserved natural areas and most scenic routes of the Turkish Aegean coast. This unspoiled part of Turkey is perfect for the nature lovers who want to get off the tourist track and discover quiet small villages, bike through the local trails and roads, explore local culture and relax on the pristine coves of the Aegean Sea. The southern Aegean coast of Anatolia is one of the most colorful and peaceful Turkish holiday destinations. This unique coast has a rich history dating back to ancient Caria and homeland of Herodotus, the father of history. Discover the ancient cities of Halicarnassus, Kaunos, Bodrum Castle, and rock-cut tombs and walk through the farmer markets in small villages.

Welcome to the legendary Turkish Hospitality.

Day by Day Tour Program

Day 1 Saturday, Welcome to Turkey

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

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Meals: No meals

Destinations: Arrival in Bodrum-Milas Airport at any time of the day or Kos Airport (the guests should arrive in Kos latest 15.00 in order to catch the ferry to Bodrum at 17.00 – There is €60 extra charge per person for this arrival)

Accommodations: Ipek Garden Residence, www.ipekgardenresidence.com

Day 2 Sunday, East of Bodrum Peninsula

Start the day with your elegant breakfast. After you get fitted your bike the ride will take you with several climbs through forested roads of the villages Yali and Camlik. Stop by Etrim Village for refreshments prepared by villagers and visit one of the village houses for learning about their traditional hand-woven carpets while having freshly prepared lunch with local delicacies. The second climb reaches the highest point with fantastic view of the topography over the villages we have been riding through. Then descent back to the hotel at sea level. After a refreshment swim enjoy your well-deserved rest by the sea. 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 downtown and your dinner on your own. Return to the hotel in the late evening after dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

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

Accomplished: 40.7 km Elevation: +679 / -679 m

First climb 4km, elevation: +160mt, average 4%

Second climb 1km, elevation: +45mt, average 4.5%

Third climb 1km, elevation: +115mt, average 6.7%

Fourth climb 1.5km, elevation: +130mt, average 8.6%

Accommodations: Ipek Garden Residence, www.ipekgardenresidence.com

Day 3 Monday, Yaliciftlik - Oren

After leisurely breakfast we will transfer to where you will start your bike adventure. Cycle along the northern shore of the Keramos gulf with the gentle breeze towards east. Climb to the charming villages of Mazi and Gokbel with a visit to the village mosque. Descend to Cokertme Bay through a canyon with steep cliffs. After refreshment break continue along the coastal ride with constant sea view along Aegean Sea. Enjoy your lunch in Oren and check in our hotel in the afternoon. Take pleasure of well-deserved siesta or your book on the beach followed by a refreshing swim in the crystal-clear water. Oren is the least visited coastal town by tourist and full of Turkish visitors. Choose your restaurant and enjoy your dinner on your own with the sunset over Aegean.

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Mazi, Gokbel, Cokertme, Oren

Accomplished: Short Route 50 km Elevation: +784 / -836 m

First climb 4.5km, elevation: +240mt, average 5.2%

Second climb 4.3km, elevation: +185mt, average 4.3%

Long Route 63.5 km Elevation: +1,014 / -1,030 m

Accommodations: Club Pomalin Boutique Hotel, <http://clubpomalin.com.tr/>

Day 4 Tuesday, Oren – Akyaka

After leisurely breakfast we check out the hotel and start our bike adventure from the hotel. After a warmup ride climb to the charming villages of Alatepe and Kultak and stop in a local tea house to taste the fresh bread and local delicacies prepared by the villagers. Descend to Akbuk Bay surrounded by steep cliffs and pine forest along the gulf. From there we'll cycle along the water's edge, weaving in and out of small coves along the crystal blue waters of the Aegean. After lunch enjoy your siesta or your book on the deck of our hotel followed by a refreshing swim in the Aegean Sea. We'll drive to downtown of Akyaka for a walk along the waterfront and river in the afternoon. Enjoy your seafood dinner along the river on your own and drive back to our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

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

Accomplished: Short Route 32.5 km Elevation: +490 / -898 m

Long Route 43.7 km Elevation: +947 / -938 m

First climb 4.2km, elevation: +360mt, average 8.5%

Accommodations: Iskelem Hotel Seaview rooms, <http://www.iskelemotel.com.tr/en/index.html>

Day 5 Wednesday, Akyaka – Karabogurtlen – Ula - Akyaka

After breakfast we leave the coastline and cycle into the rural areas where we ride through citrus orchards of the small farming communities. Our first stop is to discover the royal tombs carved into the rock cliffs from 4th century BC. While cycling to Karabogurtlen village shepherds grazing their goats and sheep will salute us along the way. After coffee break with snacks, a challenging climb awaits us on the way to Ula town where we will have our lunch in the restaurant. With its local economy away from the tourism, this town offers us a genuine experience in Turkish rural lifestyle. We'll descend with twisting road down to the sea level in Akyaka and visit the farmers' street market with fresh fruits, vegetables, and other local products. We have still time for an afternoon swim before dinner on the deck over the sea with tranquility of the Aegean Sunset.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Akyaka, Karabogurtlen, Ula, Akyaka

Accomplished: Short route 57 km Elevation: +670 / -1165 m

Long Route 64.1 km Elevation: +1,176 / -1,176

First climb 7km, elevation: +506mt, average 7.1%

Accommodations: Iskelem Hotel

Day 6 Thursday, Kuyucak – Denizova - Akyaka

After breakfast 20 minute transfer take us to the highlands over the gulf. Start cycling at the elevation over 800m. Feel the elevation difference along the route with the minimum traffic among the small settlements with constantly changing amazing view. Our challenge is rewarded with a picnic lunch with an infinite view overlooking the gulf, Bodrum and Datca peninsulas. Complete the full circle over the highlands and descend into the sea level in the afternoon. Enjoy the afternoon with relaxation and drive to Akyaka town for our dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Picnic Lunch

Destinations: Kuyucak, Denizova, Kiran, Akyaka

Accomplished: Short route 43.5 km Elevation: +806 m / -1043 m

First climb 2.4km, elevation: +101mt, average 4.2%

Second climb 2km, elevation: +89mt, average 4.4%

Third climb 1.6km, elevation: +150mt, average 9.1%

Fourth climb 1.5km, elevation: +99mt, average 6.6%

Fifth climb 1.3km, elevation: +75mt, average 5.5%

Long Route 73 km Elevation: +1,232 m / -2,071

Accommodations: Iskelem Hotel

Day 7 Friday, Kaunos - Dalyan

After the breakfast check out the hotel and transfer to Koycegiz Lake (35min) where we will start our cycling. Get on the bikes and cycle the last route through fruit orchards along emerald colored Koycegiz Lake. After leaving the shores of the lake, a challenging climb takes us to the royal tombs carved on sheer cliff along Dalyan River. Enjoy the most rewarding scenery of the tombs while listening the myth of Hades, the god of the underground. Our bike route ends in the ancient city of Kaunos. Explore the ancient ruins of the site with its ancient theater overlooking the lake, the lush green of the river delta, and finally deep blue of Mediterranean. We take a short river boat tour to reach our hotel on the other side of the river. Enjoy your rest along the pool of the hotel. Cocktail hour before farewell dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Koycegiz Lake, Dalyan River, Kaunos,

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Accomplished: 40 km Elevation: +608 m / -626 m

First climb 1km, elevation: +69mt, average 6.9%

Second climb 1.7km, elevation: +145mt, average 8.5%

Long Route 76.5 km Elevation + 902 m / -920 m

Accommodations: Dalyan Resort, www.dalyanresort.com or another hotel

Day 8 Saturday, Goodbye

After last breakfast transfer to the airport (35min) and say goodbye our guides. Fly back from Dalaman airport to your home.

Meals: Breakfast

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Region: Turkey's south-western coastal region between Bodrum and Dalyan

Known for: Untouched and protected natures, pristine coves, small and charming villages, quiet roads lined with pine trees, citrus orchards, olive groves, and ancient water cisterns

Eat: Turkish meze (various appetizers with its fresh Mediterranean ingredients and vegetables served before the meal), fresh seafood, pastries filled with local feta cheese, vegetables, and meat

Drink: Smooth, harmonious, full-bodied reds from the indigenous Bogazkere and Okuzgozu and young and crispy whites from the Turkish grapes of Emir, Narince, and Sultaniye

Highlights:

- Visiting the Medieval Castle of Bodrum and the Underwater Archaeological Museum
- Exploring ancient city of Kaunos and enchanting rock-cut tombs along Dalyan River
- Hotels along the Aegean Sea with amazing views
- Bike rides with breathtaking scenery lined with high mountains and crystal-clear blue water
- Small villages with local characters away from major tourist destinations
- Visit to village mosque and learn about Islam in Turkey
- Farmers' market and local fruits along the rides
- Small farming communities with Turkish hospitality

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.

- Comfortable accommodations along the sea
- Top of the line bicycle selection in the destination, Merida Cyclocross 500 or Ghost Square 6
- Meals as indicated on the daily program and nutritious snacks during the rides; all breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 1 dinner
- Unlimited bottled water during the rides
- Expert English speaking one guide with extensive local knowledge
- Complete van support during the rides to enjoy your vacation at your own pace
- 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 airport transfers
- All taxes

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What is excluded?

- International and domestic flights
- Meals not indicated in the daily program
- Gratuity for guides and crew
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Travel and health insurance
- E-Bike rental (€100 weekly extra charge per e-bike)
- Visa if applicable

PRICES per PERSON in EURO

GUARANTEED DEPARTURE DATES in 2020 (11 departures)

Minimum 2 guests for guaranteed departures

€1,295 per person in double occupancy

€155 single supplement for the entire program

April 25 – May 02

May 02 – 09

May 23 – May 30

May 30 – June 06 (+€90 per person)

June 06 – 13 (+€90 per person)

September 12 – 19 (+€90 per person)

September 26 – October 03 (+€90 per person)

October 10 – 17

October 17 – 24

PRIVATE GROUPS

(any date chosen by the group from March 01 to June 15 and from Sept. 12 to Nov. 15)

GROUP SIZE

4 - 5 guests €1,495

6 - 7 guests €1,395

8+ guests €1,295 maximum up to 14 guests

Single Supplement €155 for the entire program

Please add €90 per person for the departures in June and September.

PAYMENT and CANCELLATION

€200 nonrefundable down payment upon reservation

31 days prior to the tour departure; balance payment

Cancellation within 30 to 21 days prior to the tour departure; 50% of tour cost as cancellation fee

Cancellation within 20 to 11 days prior to the tour departure; 75% of tour cost as cancellation fee

Cancellation within 10 to 0 days prior to the tour departure; 100% of tour cost as cancellation fee

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