

HİSARÖNÜ

THE GULF OF HİSARÖNÜ

DEPARTING & ENDING IN BODRUM

(BODRUM-KNIDOS-ESKI DATÇA-BOZBURUN-SELIMIYE-BENCİK-PALAMUTBUKU-MERSİNCİK-BODRUM)

The coastlines of the Aegean Sea are home to some of the most pristine and beautiful bays and coves, truly idyllic vacation spots. The Blue Voyage was first made famous here where cross winds are excellent for sailing, the bays are secluded and merge with dramatic pine forested coast lines. The Dodecanese islands, including Simi, are a loose collection in the Aegean Sea, situated off the west coast of Turkey, and offer a tranquil, picturesque charm that has almost vanished from many of the better-known Greek island resorts.

The footprints of cultures from the Greeks and Romans to crusading medieval knights, and from Byzantine and Ottoman potentates to 20th-century Italian bureaucrats, are all found here along this rich coastline of Turkey and the shores of the Greek Dodecanese Islands.

Wake up on board to the warm Aegean sun and crystal clear waters each morning, relax into the rhythm of life on the sea, and enjoy some wonderful sailing between the islands. Disembark to explore the picturesque towns and harbors, boutique shopping, fabulous culinary experiences, and to soak up the unique atmosphere of Aegean Turkey and the ambience of the Greek Islands. While away your time on board relaxing, dining with your friends and group, reading, pulling anchor to explore some of the stunning bays for swimming whenever the mood takes you. Throughout your trip you will be wonderfully looked after by our excellent crew.

LIFE ON BOARD GULET CHARTER

Gulet Charter offers the unique opportunity to book a luxury gulet yacht exclusively and enjoy an itinerary designed just for you and your group. This is a truly customized vacation alternative emphasizing flexibility, privacy and luxury on a completely tailor-made vacation at sea. Charter your own 'floating villa' and set sail, free to cruise some of the world's most beautiful destinations in the Greek Islands and Turkish Aegean waters.

Private gulet charter is fantastic for groups of friends and families and is ideal for all ages, comfortable and safe for babies and senior travellers as well as all ages in between. Our itineraries are carefully planned according to the interests

of the group, while the all-important dining experience on board provided by a skilled chef caters to your exact culinary tastes, dietary requirements and preferences.

Our privately-owned, stylish and well equipped yachts vary in size from 4 to 8 cabins; the maximum capacity being 17 passengers on the M/S Flas VII. During your cruise a professional and personable crew provide an impeccable service and experienced seamanship. Exquisite cuisine is prepared to your liking by the yacht's chef, and you can dine whenever and wherever you like. Your cruise route is tailor made so that you can visit the places you want and remain flexible as you go along. We also offer activities and imaginative shore excursions ranging from Yoga sessions on board, cooking workshops and hiking to guided tours and special restaurant recommendations.



OUR GULET YACHTS FEATURE

- › 5 star luxury standards
- › Uniformed, English-speaking crew including chef
- › Optimized for sailing as guests wish
- › Adjustable a/c throughout
- › 2 generators & inverters
- › En suite bathrooms with flush w/c & enclosed shower
- › Spacious cabins
- › Flat screen TV, DVD hook up & movie library
- › Free WiFi
- › Satellite antenna
- › Stereo system/ iPOD dock
- › Orthopedic beds & pillows
- › 100% fine cotton linen and fluffy towels
- › Zodiac dinghy with H/P motor water ski, wakeboard and ringo
- › Paddle board
- › Snorkel & fishing equipment for adults & kids



DAY 1 - SATURDAY - BODRUM

Take a transfer to the charming Bodrum harbor and board your luxurious sailing yacht in the afternoon. Your captain and crew will be waiting for you on board. Spend the first night on board in the Bodrum harbor or in a bay close by.

DAY 2 - SUNDAY - KNIDOS

Leave Bodrum sailing across the Gulf of Gokova to the site of Knidos, the meeting point of the Mediterranean and Aegean seas. Knidos is famous in antiquity for the cult of Aphrodite started there. Situated at the end of the Datca peninsula, this Dorian city was built on terraces rising to the acropolis. Straddling the peninsula, it had a harbour on either side, and flourished during the Archaic, Classical, Hellenistic and Roman periods. The site was excavated in 1857 by C. T. Newton and from 1967 by Iris Love. Famous as a center of art and culture in the fourth century BC, Knidos was established at the same time that Halicarnassus was, as one of the six Dorian colonies in Asia Minor. It seems to have kept a purer Greek character, no doubt because it set its sights seaward and had little contact with the interior. Around 360 BC, the city was rebuilt at the windblown tip of the peninsula, banking on the fact that a good harbor at the outer corner of Asia Minor would become a popular calling-port for ships on the Aegean - East Mediterranean transit routes. The rocky island facing the shore at the new site was joined to the mainland



with a causeway, creating two deep harbors on either side of the isthmus: one on the Aegean and the other on the Mediterranean. The island section held the residential quarters, a series of colonnaded walkways rose in tiers on the land. Two large theaters, an odeon and three temples completed what must have been a striking ensemble in the midst of a desolate crag. The remains of a circular temple dedicated to the goddess of love Aphrodite overlook remains of the two harbors: the arcaded way was built of white marble heart - shaped columns. The legendary Aphrodite of Praxiteles statue, reputedly one of the most beautiful sculptures of the antiquity, once graced this temple. The city was renowned as one of the most beautiful in ancient Greece. In the early evening moor near the idyllic **Kargi Bay**.

DAY 3 - MONDAY - ESKI DATCA

Early morning set sail to picturesque resort of Datça. Enjoy a stroll through town, offering some lovely shopping and cafés. Renowned for its natural beauty and climate, this town provides a window into the life of rural Turkey of 50 to 100 years ago. Village life is still based on agriculture, fishing, and the building of the gulet (the traditional 2-masted Turkish wooden sailing vessel). Pine, oak, and myrtle filled mountains plunge down to a serene beach and two natural harbors.



Sail into the Gulf of Hisaronu with a mountainous coastline that offers numerous anchorages within. Stretching for 30 nautical miles into the Aegean Sea between the Greek Islands of Kos and Rhodes, this gulf provides a sailing paradise with late morning winds and deep blue seas with secluded coves, rugged mountains as a backdrop, and small tranquil villages.

The crosswinds in this region are excellent for sailing. Cruise to Ciftlik Bay, a hidden cove with a small sandy beach, half way up the Datca peninsula.

Bencik Bay resembles a miniature fjord. The inlet extends inland about 1.5 nautical miles and has steep wooded slopes on either side. Bencik is located at the narrowest part of the peninsula that divides the Hisaronu Gulf from the Gokova Gulf.

DAY 4 - TUESDAY - SELIMIYE & BOZBURUN

Today cruise into the wide Bay of Selimiye, one of the safest natural harbors in the Gulf of Hisarönü. Surrounded by magnificent scenery and largely unspoiled, Selimiye village seems as though it was frozen in time.

You have a chance to walk around before cruising to Bozburun, a quiet little fishing village. It is used to be the center of sponge diving along the Turkish coast, but nowadays locals here earn their living in a much less dangerous way by building the typical broad-beamed wooden gulets.



DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY - BOZUKKALE

Depart for the Bay of Bozukkale, which means 'broken castle' as one side of the castle is missing. The entrance to the bay is guarded by an ancient citadel 350 meters long and 30 meters wide. In ancient times it was known as the city of Loryma and throughout history this port was used by the Greek navy forces during Peloponnesian War. The Colossus, at nearby Rhodes, was built to celebrate the defeat of Antigonos' invasion force in 305 B.C. It was in Bozukkale Bay that the invasion fleet was assembled. Hike up to the ruins for some spectacular views of the Greek Islands of Simi and Rhodes.

DAY 6 - THURSDAY - PALAMUTBUKU & MERSINCIK

Cruise to this, the most western anchorage in the Gulf of Hisaronu. Palamutbuku is well known for its sparkling clean sea, fresh fish, and delicious locally grown almonds which are produced locally. From here, sail to Mersincik in the Gulf of Gokova; a stunning bay ringed with high mountains and woods, its clear waters and seclusion make it a favorite spot for spending the night.



DAY 7 - FRIDAY - KISEBUKU BAY

This morning cross the Gulf of Gokova to the pine-clad Bay of Kesibükü. Take advantage of the calm morning hours, sailing smoothly along the Gokova shores. Opt for a stop at Orak Island. Late afternoon come into the Bodrum harbor, or continue to the attractive bay of Ada Bogazi for night.

DAY 8 - SATURDAY

Departure after breakfast for Bodrum airport and flights back to Istanbul, or transfers to your next destination.

Take to the sea on this dream private cruise holiday with your nearest and dearest, relax into the laid back rhythm of life on the sea, revitalise in the crystal clear waters of the Aegean and enjoy a kind of luxury hard to match on a regular villa or resort vacation.



- Optional touring where entrance fees are required or the service of a guide and /or van are needed are extra.
- Arrival transfer to the yacht and departure transfer from the yacht for the airport or other incurs additional charges
- Includes beer, wine and soft drinks. Nominal charges for other drinks on board will be incurred.
- On a 7 day cruise embarkation is on Saturdays, and disembarkation the following Saturday.
- Route applies according to weather changes at the discretion of the captain.