

Fethiye & Kekova Gulet

Country(ies): Turkey

Tour type: Small Group

Transport: Gulet Sailboat

Group size: Min: 6 | Max: 16

Days: 8 days

Start Location: Fethiye, Turkey

End Location: Fethiye, Turkey

Meals: Breakfasts - 7, Lunches - 6, Dinners - 7

Highlights:

Fethiye, Oludeniz, Butterfly Valley, St. Nicholas Island, Yesilkoy, Kas, Simena, Ucagiz, Kekova, Tersane Bay, Gokkaya, Bayindir Limani, Kalkan, Camli Burun, Batikkaya Bay



Itinerary

Day 1: Embark at Fethiye Harbour

The Gulet will be available for boarding from 3pm today. However, you may store your luggage at the gulet operator's local office in Fethiye from 11.00am, and then board at 3pm. We will provide joining instructions for where to find the boat in Fethiye Harbour. The rest of the afternoon is free in Fethiye, though a pre-cruise information briefing will take place in the late afternoon. In the evening you will enjoy your first dinner on board while meeting the other passengers. The night will be spent on board the boat in Fethiye harbour.

OVERNIGHT: On board gulet at Fethiye Harbour

MEALS: Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 2: Sail to Oludeniz, Butterfly Valley, St. Nicholas Island

After breakfast we'll leave Fethiye harbour and start our Gulet cruise out of the Gulf of Fethiye and sail around the coast of Fethiye Peninsular to the famous beautiful coastal resort village of Oludeniz with its beautiful blue lagoon and wide white Belcekiz Beach. We'll also stop at the nearby nature reserve at Butterfly Valley for a walk and swim. We'll spend the night at St. Nicholas Island where you can explore the ruins of an old Byzantine settlement as the sun sets. Tea, dinner and fruit is served before you can sleep overnight either in your cabin or under the stars on the deck of the boat.

OVERNIGHT: On board gulet at St. Nicholas Island

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 3: Sail to Yesilkoy and Kas

We start sailing early today and proceed along the coast towards Yesilkoy which has a quiet bay surrounded by Mediterranean shrubland (maquis) and olive groves. We'll have breakfast here and have time to swim in the bay. Then it's off to the small harbour town of Kas which has a charming bohemian atmosphere, whitewashed houses and lots of colourful bougainvillea throughout the summer months. The modern town sits on the ancient site of Antiphellos and there are still some visible ruins including a theatre and the 4th century B.C. Lion Tomb. We'll spend the night moored up here.

OVERNIGHT: On board gulet in Kas

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 4: Sail to Simena and Ucagiz

Our first stop today is the tiny fishing village of Simena, which is also known as Kalekoy or Kale locally. The village has a beautiful setting with fishing boats, ancient and medieval houses by the shore, with a steep cliff behind and Simena Castle perched above. You can walk up to the castle for great views of the village below, the island of Kekova and the surrounding fields of a Lycian necropolis. Out in the bay, a single Lycian sarcophagus sits on a pedestal in the water, overlooked by a theatre carved into the rock. After spending some time exploring here, we'll spend the night in a wide bay surrounded by green hills at nearby Ucagiz.

OVERNIGHT: On board gulet at Ucagiz

MEALS: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 5: Sail to Kekova, Tersane Bay and Gokkaya

A short cruise along the coast this morning brings us to the island of Kekova which is known both for its beautiful setting and turquoise sea, and also for the sunken city of the sunken ruins of Dolchiste, an ancient Lycian settlement. The town was partially submerged by a powerful earthquake in the 2nd century, and you can look down from the Gulet and see many of the abandoned and damaged buildings. While you cannot swim here, we'll head next to Tersane Bay where this is definitely possible, and you can look at the ruins of an ancient Byzantine church and a Roman dockyard on the beach. Finally we'll sail on to Gokkaya, another beautiful bay with many tiny offshore islands.

OVERNIGHT: On board gulet at Gokkaya

MEALS: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 6: Sail to Beyindir Limani and Kalkan

After breakfast, we take a short cruise to the sheltered bay at Bayindir Limani for a swim. The rest of the day is then spent in Kalkan, which is a picturesque harbour town set on a hillside with the Taurus Mountains as a backdrop and a sweeping bay in front. The harbour is busy with Turkish gulets and small fishing boats, and the historic old town then extends away from the sea with thriving restaurants, boutiques, roof terraces, cobbled streets and shops to explore. You could also take an optional trip to the nearby Patara Beach, which is a national park and one of the Mediterranean's few breeding grounds for turtles which visit between May and October. For history buffs, the ancient city and World Heritage Site of Xanthos, the ancient capital of the Lycians is also close at hand, and the ruins there and at Letoon are well worth a visit.

OVERNIGHT: On board gulet at Kalkan

MEALS: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 7: Sail to Camli Burun and Batikkaya Bay

After an early start we sail to Camli Burun, a natural bay edged with pine-clad hills. We then continue sailing back towards Fethiye, and your last night on board is spent in Battikkaya Bay. Another day of relaxing, sunbathing, sightseeing and swimming has past.

OVERNIGHT: On board gulet at Battikaya Bay

MEALS: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 8: Disembark at Fethiye Harbour

Our cruise ends today as we say goodbye to our boat crew and disembark the boat at Fethiye Harbour after breakfast this morning.

OVERNIGHT: N/A

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Included:

- Transportation by Gulet boat
- 7 nights gulet accommodation in a double cabin
- Services of captain and supporting crew
- Tips except captain and gulet crew
- Entrance fees
- 7 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 7 Dinners

Excluded:

- International Flights
- Airport transfers
- Accommodation in Fethiye
- Compulsory Travel Insurance
- Suggested optional activities
- Tips - Captain and Gulet crew
- Drinks, snacks and personal expenses

Notes

Gulet cruises and itineraries are subject to alterations while en-route or before departure. These are subject to the final decision of the boat captain and out of our control and may be made at short notice due to weather conditions, the number of other boats in certain bays or other practical reasons. The same overall experience will be maintained.

Options

Our tours are designed to include all that you need to enjoy a really special time in the destination you're visiting. However, we do also offer some extra options to complement the tour and add some additional sightseeing or activities, or some extra time at either end of the tour.

All accommodation based options (e.g. Single supplements, extra nights, cruise upgrades) should be booked and paid for in advance so that we can make the appropriate arrangements. Other options may either be booked and paid for in advance or while you are on the tour, though we recommend booking in advance to ensure there are no issues with availability.

Many options are priced the same throughout the year, but some may incur single or high season supplements - full details are given on the tour reservation form or on request.

Single cabin supplement (TUSGFK)

Min numbers: 1

Due to the style and nature of this cruise and the bedding arrangements in the cabins, we do not arrange room shares between people not travelling together. This option therefore provides a single cabin on board the gulet for the duration of the cruise and should be added by all solo travellers.

Note: Single supplement prices may vary seasonally.

1. Turkish Gulets

Spending a few days on a traditional Turkish gulet (a handmade, motorised wooden yacht) is one of the highlights of exploring Turkey. You can enjoy plenty of swimming and snorkelling and explore loads of natural and historical sites along the way. As you cruise you can sunbathe on the deck, or read a book or play games on the cushioned seating in the shadow of the aft deck.

Most of the gulets we use feature an interior salon/bar area, both indoor and outdoor eating areas, and a fully equipped galley. The most common gulets have 4 to 10 double cabins, which can accommodate 8 to 20 people. All cabins have ensuite toilet & shower facilities. Single or twin bedded cabins are not generally available unless we have an odd number of people travelling so be prepared for a same-sex room share if you are travelling alone. This being said, most people choose to sleep under the beautiful Mediterranean sky on mattresses on the deck, and only use their cabins as a wardrobe.

The gulets we use are motorised pleasure craft with sails, and while they can manoeuvre under sail, the majority of the time the motor will be used. This is particularly the case during July and August when winds are very low. Strong winds also cause them to bank steeply and so time actually under sail is generally very limited. These are not sailing vessels where you are expected to help with the rigging or take part in sailing as an activity.

The gulets come with facilities for both outdoor and indoor dining. There are freezers to keep drinks cold, a CD/cassette player (so bring your music!), snorkels and masks, fishing lines and some board games.

You will need to bring your own beach towel, soap, shampoo and other personal items with you. Charging points are available for your electronic devices on deck and in some cabins (you will need to bring an adapter).

Health & Safety:

A dinghy with outboard, a ship-to-shore radio, mobile telephone and life jackets are also provided. Lifejackets are stored under your bed inside the cabin.

Please keep away from ropes and hawsers while sailing. Do not jump into the sea while the engine is running. In case of fire please check the position of your nearest life jacket and fire extinguisher - alert everybody on board and put on your life jacket immediately.

All the gulets we use are government approved with fully qualified captains.

Accessibility:

The boats we use are not suitable for passengers with special mobility needs. Embarkation gangways do not fit all types of wheelchairs and cabin bathrooms and staircases have restricted space and are generally unsuitable for people with limited mobility.

If you have other physical disabilities please contact us with any queries. It is expected that any passengers requiring special attention, assistance or treatment will be travelling with an escort.

2. Group Size/Tour Leaders/Guides

We are committed to being a small group operator, as we feel this gives everyone in the group the best chance to get to know their fellow travellers and to make the most of their trip. So, we have selected Gulet boats which will allow us to have plenty of space but restrict the group size to a maximum of 16 people.

On Gulet cruises, you will be looked after by the boat captain and their crew. The captain and most crew will speak some English - enough to communicate effectively, if not fluent. We do not send an additional tour guide on our gulet cruises.

3. Dates & Prices

We offer regular departures on this gulet cabin charter cruise between April and October starting on a Saturday. Gulet cruises are extremely popular during the peak summer months and availability is limited so we strongly recommend booking early. Private charters are also available on the same route - please contact us for prices based on your preferred travel dates and the number of people in your party.

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Note: Please [download an up-to-date copy](#) of these tour notes shortly before you travel as itineraries and information does change from time to time.
