



TURKEY



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Suggested by the Captain of the Blue Capricorn, Sakin Biyik, this itinerary is sure to inspire and impress. Discover Turkey's hidden treasures and beauty.

How would you like to take a deep breath in green forests? How about a refreshing dip into the many shades of turquoise? A mesmerizing harmony of green and blue awaits you in Turkey.

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Cleopatra was known for her timeless beauty and there is a lot of timeless beauty to be found in Turkey. Where better to look for it than to go chasing the sunken ruins of Cleopatra's bath near Göcek? Here we can admire the magical interplay of turquoise waters and submerged ruins. It is easy to understand why so many have searched for eternal beauty in these shimmering reflections.

Start off from Göcek in the afternoon and sail around to Tomb Bay for swimming, snorkelling and a trip ashore to view the porticoed temple and pigeonhole tombs carved into the rock face. Continuing on to Cleopatra's Bay, you can moor a short distance from the partly submerged ruins of a monastery (believed by some to be the bathhouse where Cleopatra bathed during her time spent here). Take a swim around the ruins before returning to the boat.

DAY 1

1963

GOCEK-CLEOPATRA'S BAY

St Nicholas Island, also known as Gemiler Island, is famous for being the supposed resting place of Saint Nicholas otherwise known as Santa Claus. It is believed when St Nicholas died in 326 he was buried on this island before his remains were moved to Demre due to increased pirate raids. His final resting place is in the Italian city of Bari where they were relocated in 1087 by visiting monks. The island is scattered with some impressive ruins well worth exploring.

In the morning sail out of the Gulf and south to Gemiler Island. Spend some time exploring with mask and flippers and discover the ancient quay and some harborside shops just below the surface of the water. Then go ashore and visit the ruins of what was once a sizeable Byzantine settlement. See a basilica, a temple with mosaic floors and a covered walkway, alongside numerous shops, houses and cisterns. It is a fascinating site and the view from the top of the island is superb. Watch the sunset over the Gulf of Fethiye with a glass of champagne in hand. Overnight in Cold Water Bay.



DAY 2

1963

CLEOPATRA'S BAY- COLD WATER BAY



The historic town of Kalkan is an enchanting place and one of the most beautiful locations along Turkey's gorgeous Lycian Coast. With the absence of mass tourism, Kalkan remains a charming and unspoiled haven of lush nature, brilliant blue crystal clear sea, historic architecture, ancient history and warm traditional Turkish hospitality.

An early morning start for the crossing of The Seven Capes. At lunchtime, you can anchor outside the small harbour of Kalkan. Kalkan is a small seaside town with steep streets bordered by shops, cafes and some old renovated Greek-style buildings. Colourful bougainvillea and jasmine spill from the balconies overhead and give the town a certain charm. Take an afternoon guided land tour to the ruins of three important Lycian cities: Xanthos, Patara and Letoon, returning to Kalkan in the early evening.

DAY 3

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COLD WATER BAY- KALKAN

The watery paradise of Kaleköy is one of the western Mediterranean's truly delightful spots, home to the ruins of ancient Simena and an impressive Crusader fortress perched above the hamlet looking out to sea. Within the fortress, the ancient world's tiniest theatre is cut into the rock, and nearby you'll find ruins of several temples and public baths. From the top you can look down upon a field of Lycian tombs, and the old city walls are visible on the outskirts.

If the weather and the winds are favourable, you can sail around the headland and into the Kekova roads. Once at anchor near the village of Kale, you may want to go ashore and explore the castle of ancient Simena. Reaching the highest walls of the castle, stop and marvel at the views out over the village and beyond the island of Kekova. There is also a small theatre within the castle walls and numerous sarcophagi on the way up the hillside. This is the best place to take some superb photographs. Overnight here at Kale Koy.



DAY 4

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KALKAN - KALEKÖY

Rich in vineyards, olive groves and small villages, and harbouring a glorious old town, Korčula is the sixth largest Adriatic island. Dense pine forests led the original Greek settlers to call the island Korkyra Melaina (Black Corfu). Quiet coves and small sandy beaches dot the steep southern coast while the northern shore is flatter with a pebble beach.

We suggest you make a brief stop at Kekova Island to view the ruins of the “Sunken City” and swim from a small beach where you will find the ruins of a church. Continue cruising west as far as Kas, arriving in the early afternoon. Take a walk ashore and enjoy the wonderful village atmosphere, perhaps including a visit to the theatre of ancient Antiphellos or just some leisurely browsing through the colorful harbourside shops. Overnight in Kas Harbor or in an adjacent bay.



DAY 5

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KALEKÖY-KASW



The deserted ruins of this once bustling town are nestled against the Taurus Mountains, close to the world-famous beaches and yacht filled harbour at Olu Deniz. Although the stone buildings are roofless and weathered and the narrow streets worn with age, this is not an ancient city, but a modern ruin deserted for political reasons in the 1920s.

An early morning start for the return trip past the Seven Capes, dropping anchor at Cold Water Bay for lunch. In the early afternoon, climb a hillside track to the deserted Greek village of Kayakoy, which descends down the surrounding hills and into a valley. This settlement was once very prosperous and had two large churches, but was abandoned during the population exchanges of 1923. Returning to your boat in Cold Water Bay, cruise the short distance to Karacaoren, a superb place for snorkelling with some small islands dotted about the bay.

DAY 6

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KAS-KARAKAOREN



Tersane Island is the largest island in the Gulf of Fethiye and is often also called Dockyard Island. The Island was once Greek populated but deserted back in 1923 with the agreed population swap between Turkey and Greece. You can still find the ruins of their abandoned homes scattered all over the island, surrounded by beautiful crystal clear waters to take a dip in after your exploration.

Enjoy a day of cruising on the Bay of Fethiye, anchoring for lunch in the small cove on Tersane Island. In the afternoon, go ashore to explore the ruins of a Byzantine shipbuilding settlement or swim and snorkel off the boat. Later in the day, return to Gocek and moor on the town quay, enjoying a memorable farewell dinner ashore.

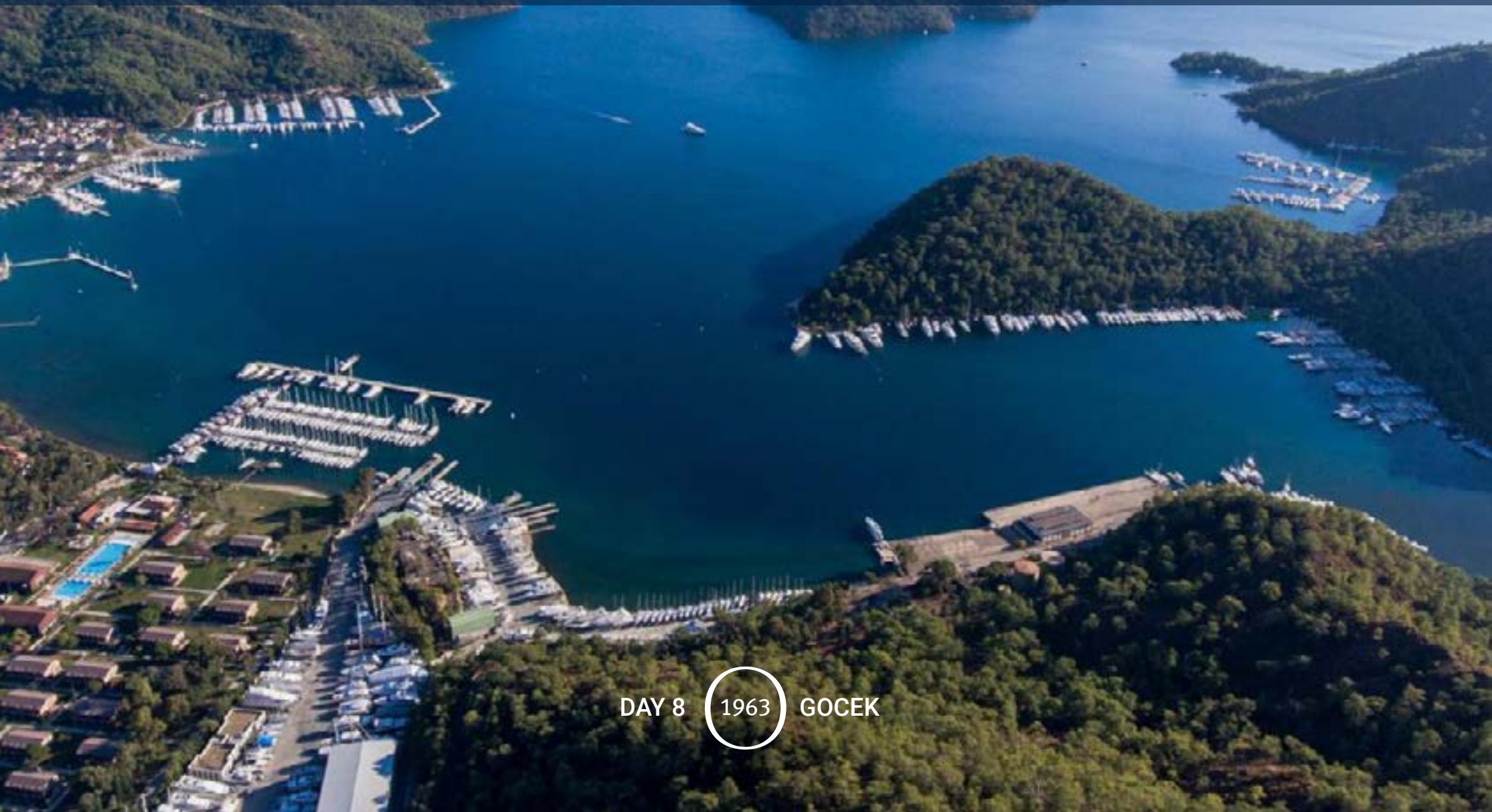
DAY 7

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KARAKAOREN - GOCEK

Known throughout the region for yacht tourism Gocek's six marinas, beautiful bay, and spectacular scenery make it a popular choice with yachtsmen and visitors alike. Gocek, known as "Kalimche" in the past is located between Dalaman and Fethiye, just 20 minutes' drive from the international airport at Dalaman. Gocek sits in a large bay, where islands and coves create a very beautiful environment to spend time at, on and off the water. In 1988 it was declared a Registered Area of Special Protection.

Disembarkation after breakfast.



DAY 8

1963

GOCEK



TURKEY

International airport

Dalaman Airport
(14.4Km)
Rhodes Int. Air.
(86 km)

Language

Turkish

Currency

Turkish Lira

Average air temperature

18° C - 29° C
May-October

Average water temperature

19° C - 26° C
May-October

Distances

Day 1: 8 nm.	Day 5: 14 nm.
Day 2: 12 nm	Day 6: 35 nm.
Day 3: 26 nm.	Day 7: 15 nm.
Day 4: 25 nm.	Day 8: Disembark