

TURKEY – THE LYCIAN COAST

8-days / 7-nights Moderate cycling **PREMIUM PLUS** cruise from Bodrum to Göcek or reverse



Discover the southern Lycian Coast of Turkey, explore the spectacular coastline by bicycle with an experienced cycling guide to see unique natural wonders and historical places of interest. Travel aboard a traditional style Turkish gulet, with ample space for relaxation in first-class comfort. There are 11 spacious cabins each with air conditioning and a generously sized shower / toilet. The dining / saloon area is a great place to enjoy your meals or to relax, while the sun decks offer you the chance to sunbathe and scan the horizon for ships or islands.

Our moderate graded cycling tours require a basic level of fitness, which can be acquired from steady cycling practise. The bike routes have a length of between 30km to 45km and can lead through hilly or mountainous areas – some uphill stretches are included. E-bikes are available at extra cost, please ask when booking. The roads are mostly sealed and each day you can either decide to bike alone, using the information and maps provided, or join the tour guides. Free time is set aside to swim or relax on board the boat.

Bike and Boat cruises combine two popular ways of exploring Europe (easy to moderate cycling with island or coastal cruising). They allow partners of different abilities and interests to holiday together – trips are just as interesting for leisure cyclists OR enthusiasts – and you unpack once and come 'home' to a wonderful meal and a comfortable cabin with your own bathroom. These cruises offer the opportunity to explore beautiful countryside and historic cities sampling local produce in the company of like-minded cyclists. Tours are conducted in English but passengers may include other nationalities, German, Italian or French as the other main languages.

Cost from: \$3470 per person (twin share) Single cabin supplement from \$1545

Departures: **From Bodrum** 6, 20 May; 16, 30 September 2023
From Göcek 13, 27 May; 23 September; 7 October 2023

Includes: 7 nights in double/twin or single use cabins with own shower/toilet; half board on ship (includes breakfast and either lunch or dinner each day), English speaking cycle tour guide, guided cycling tours as per itinerary, museum and archaeological site entries on group visits, multi-gear hybrid bike hire with pannier.

Not included: Personal expenses and gratuities, meals on land, drinking water (flat €25 per person per week), other drinks, transfers to/from the ship (transfers available at extra cost from Dalaman or Bodrum airport - ask for details), bicycle insurance. We highly recommend you bring a bike helmet on this trip.

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Suggested itinerary: *subject to change depending on wind & weather; operates in reverse on opposite weeks.*

Day 1 Saturday: Arrive Bodrum

Make your way to Bodrum (pre-paid transfers from Bodrum airport are available at extra cost) where you may board the boat from 2.00pm. The afternoon is free; visit the bazaar or fortress before dinner onboard.

Day 2 Sunday: Bodrum - Körmen - Knidos

cycling @ 42km

We begin with a cruise from Bodrum to Körmen, then hop on our bikes for a cycle tour of the Datça peninsula. We cycle to 450 metres above sea level (with plenty of time for photographs or rest), where on a clear day we may be able to see the Greek islands of Nissyros, Tilos and Rhodes. We ride back down to the seashore and cycle through rural areas to Knidos. After visiting the archaeological site, we stay overnight in a picturesque bay.

Day 3 Monday: Knidos - Serçe Limanı - Çiftlik

cycling @ 45km

A leisurely sail in the morning to the Bozburun Peninsula, one of the most pristine regions of the Turkish Mediterranean coast. Our bike tour takes us along a mountain road to a village 300m above sea level, with a 1500-year-old plane tree. A walk around the tree is said to confer a lucky and long life. After lunch we continue to the bay of Çiftlik where we should have time for a swim before dinner.

Day 4 Tuesday: Çiftlik - Ekincik - Kaunos

cycling @ 32km

A short journey by boat to the little harbour of Ekincik, where we ride over a pass and down to the shores of Lake Köycegiz, where you may like to have a rejuvenating mud bath at the spa near Sultaniye. We cycle over another pass to the mouth of the Dalyan River. From here we take a short cruise along the Dalyan Delta to see the weathered tombs cut into the rock cliffs that tower above the water.

Day 5 Wednesday: Kaunos - Dalaman - Sarsala Bay

cycling @ 42km

The boat brings us close to Kaunos – the ruins of this once thriving city the first destination of our cycle tour. Where once a well-protected harbour lay on the seaside there are now only remnants of the acropolis, basilica and baths on the river delta some eight kilometres from the sea. After visiting the site, we cross the fertile Dalaman plains, past cotton fields, olive groves and orchards, to a tea house in Dalaman for a well-earned break. We cycle to the top of a small pass, where we may spot the boat moored in peaceful Sarsala Bay.

Day 6 Thursday: Sarsala - Gemiler - Fethiye

cycling @ 35km

We sail to Gemiler, the Island of St Nikolas, with its 5th Century church dedicated to the saint. We ride through pine woods to the ghost town of Kayaköy, once a Greek town of 6500 inhabitants, abandoned in 1922. We cycle to Fethiye, where the boat is moored, with the option to ride further to a quiet bay beach for an afternoon swim. The old town of Fethiye is worth a visit, with its Ottoman-era mosque and narrow, winding laneways.

Day 7 Friday: Fethiye - Saklikent Canyon - Göcek

cycling @ 27km

From Fethiye a bus takes us to the start of our ride into the Saklikent Canyon for lunch by the river. Saklikent means “*Hidden City*” in Turkish, and we can explore the spectacular gorge. We cycle to the ruined city of Tlos, an ancient citadel perched on a hill, once one of the most powerful cities in Lycia. In myth it was home to the Bellerophon and the winged horse Pegasus. After our visit, a short trip takes us to the small town of Göcek.

Day 8 Saturday: Departure

Tour arrangements end after breakfast in Göcek – ask about onward transfer options.

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