

## DESTINATION INFORMATION – TURKEY

Cruising eastwards along the Turquoise Coast, from Bodrum towards Antalya, you embrace some of the most pristine and historical cruising waters in the world. From ancient forts to tranquil seaside villages, dense pine forests to arid, rocky mountains and deserted bays, there's breathtaking natural beauty and sites so old that make you realize how young we are!

<b>COORDINATES</b>	39°00N, 35°00E	
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	Turkish	
<b>REGION'S CAPITAL</b>	Antalya	
<b>WEATHER</b>	Average temperatures during cruising season are 23-26C (73-79F). The Meltemi thermal wind (May to October) peaks in July/August. Daily breezes are generally stronger in the afternoon and drop to complete stillness at night. Winds are usually W-NW, 10-20 knots.	
<b>BEST TIME TO CHARTER</b>	June-October	
<b>AIRPORTS</b>	Izmir International Airport (ADB), Milas-Bodrum Airport (BJV), Dalaman Airport (DLM)	
<b>TIME</b>	UTC+2 (winter), UTC+3 (summer)	
<b>CURRENCY</b>	New Turkish Lira (YTL), many establishments and resort areas accept Euros; Visa is the most popular credit card followed by MasterCard. AmEx can be rejected in smaller establishments. ATMs are found in many urban areas.	
<b>ELECTRICITY</b>	230 V, 50 Hz	
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS</b>	1 Jan	New Years Day
	23 Apr	National Sovereignty and Children's Day
	1 May	Labor and Solidarity Day
	19 May	Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day
	30 Aug	Victory Day
	29 Oct	Republic Day
<b>MAIN PORTS AND MARINAS</b>	Fethiye, Göcek, Marmaris, Datça, Bodrum, Kuşadası, Çeşme	
<b>RECOMMENDED BEACHES</b>	Ölüdeniz, Iztuzu Beach, Bodrum, Marmaris, Loryma Peninsula- all of these places lining the Turkish Riviera offer one-of-a-kind beach experience.	
<b>CULTURAL</b>	Hospitality is very important and visitors should respect Islamic customs. Informal wear is acceptable but beachwear is restricted to beach or poolside. Smoking is widely acceptable but prohibited in cinemas, theatres and buses. When visiting a mosque, women should cover their hair and wear long-sleeve tops, and both men and women should wear longer pants. Knowing a couple of basic words in Turkish will be appreciated (merhaba=hello, günaydın=good morning, teşekkür ederim=thank you).	

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