

TURKEY – THE LYCIAN COAST

8-days / 7-nights moderate cycling – island hopping through history with breathtaking views



Spend a week discovering the southern Lycian Coast of Turkey from Marmaris to Fethiye. Explore the Turkish coast and backcountry by mountain bike. Your experienced cycling guide will point out the unique natural wonders and many historical centres or places of interest along the route such as the graves of Kaunos, cut into the sandstone cliffs between 4 and 2 BC. Be mesmerized by the breathtaking Saklikent Canyon.

Relax aboard our charming and stylish, traditional boat, synonymous on the Southern Turkish coast for top-class comfort and material. Its three masts extend majestically into the sky and its thin hull allows for a peaceful ride. The boat offers 8 to 12 roomy cabins with their own heating/air-conditioning unit and a generously sized shower/WC. The tastefully decorated dining/living room allows invites you to enjoy a meal or just rest, while the sun decks offer you the opportunity to sunbathe and relax. The crew is a well-trained team and will ensure that you enjoy a pampered experience on board.

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 40 km and can lead through hilly or mountainous areas - some uphill stretches are included. 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.

Cost: AU\$2095 per person (twin share). Single cabin supplement: AU\$1045

Departs: Marmaris 28 April, 12 May, 19 September & 13 October 2012

Cruise includes: 7-nights in double/twin or single use cabins with own shower/toilet (bed linen & towels provided), half board on the ship includes breakfast & dinner, German/English speaking cycle tour guide with 6-guided cycling tours as described in itinerary, museum & archaeological site entires on group visits, 21-gearred hybrid bike hire with pannier. Standard group transfers from & to the meeting airport (set times only).

Not included: Personal expenses & gratuities, meals on land, drinks – tally sheet onboard to be paid at end of trip etc. Other transfers from/back to the airport (these are at your own expense, please ask for details). We highly recommend you bring a bike helmet on this trip.

Bike and Boat cruises combines 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 non-cycling partners, leisure cyclist OR enthusiasts), you unpack once and come 'home' each night to a wonderful meal and a comfortable cabin with your own bathroom.

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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 - including English or German speaking with French, Italian or Dutch as the other main languages.

Suggested itinerary – subject to weather & sailing conditions

Day 1 Saturday Arrival

Fly to the airport at Izmir, Bodrum or Dalaman to meet our transfer to Marmaris. Board the boat and after dinner enjoy an evening stroll through the city's labyrinth of winding streets.

Day 2 Sunday Marmaris – Sarsala

(Cycling distance @ 35 km)

A short two-hour cruise will bring you to a picturesque bay ideal for swimming bay. From here we cycle over a 250m pass onto the Dalaman plain enroute to Sarsala, a quiet bay, where we stay the night.

Day 3 Monday Sarsala – Fethiye

(Cycling distance @ 30 km)

After breakfast we sail to Fethiye, passing many small islands on the way. After a ride through the pine forest we reach the uninhabited Greek city of Kayaköy (once a bustling centre it has been uninhabited since 1922). Explore the ruins of Kayaköy on foot and then cycle to Fethiye. There is time to go on a walk through the lively town. The mosque of Eski Cami, the old town with its narrow alleys and corner houses and the Lycian tombs high above the city, including the rock cut temple tomb of Amyntas, are all well worth seeing.

Day 4 Tuesday Fethiye – Göcek

(Cycling distance @ 40 km)

Today we start at Xantos & ride to the Sakklikent Canyon for a packed lunch beside the river. The gorge here is spectacular and there is time to explore. We then travel northwards to Kemer, where we are transported back to the boat in Fethiye (a 30-minute ride). We then cruise to Göcek, where you will stay the night.

Day 5 Wednesday Göcek – Dalyan

(Cycling distance @ 40 km)

From Göcek we ride over a 350m pass with splendid views of the bay below. Riding through the pine forests we continue along a side-road down to the Dalaman plain, through fertile fields and lush vegetation to Dalyan. From here a small boat will take us down the river to our boat and an overnight mooring.

Day 6 Thursday Kaunos – Ekincik

(Cycling distance @ 30 km)

In the morning a small boat takes us to the ancient city Kaunos, before cycling along the Köycegiz Lake to the inviting thermal baths. A 350m climb takes us to the village of Ekincik, where a splendid dinner awaits.

Day 7 Friday Ekincik – Marmaris

(Cycling distance @ 55 km)

A two-hour cruise aboard the boat to the Bozborun Peninsula where we cycle a mountain road to a small mountain village (at 300m) with trees reputed to be 1500-years-old. Another 200m of ascent is followed by a spectacular descent to Icmeler's coastal road. The boat and a delicious evening meal are waiting in Marmaris.

Day 8 Saturday

Tour ends after breakfast with a group transfer to the airport if required.

Outdoor Travel offer Bike & Boat cruises to many areas of Europe including Croatia's Dalmatian coast and Greek islands, along the Amalfi and Tuscan Coasts of Italy and in Vietnam. Bike & Barge cycling cruises are available on the canals & rivers of Europe including the Seine, Loire Valley & Burgundy or Provence in France & on the 2-week route between Paris & Bruges through the Somme WW1 battlefield & memorial sites in northern France. Inn-to-inn cycling tours are available in most destinations in Europe, Australia & New Zealand - ask for details

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