



## **Blue Cruise 2- 2007**

**There is no better way to experience this truly amazing coastline than aboard a traditionally-built Gulet. Meandering lazily along past the forest-clad mountains and exploring the multitude of hidden bays and inlets is an unforgettable way of experiencing the real beauty of ‘Hidden Turkey’.**

The majority of bays in this region are accessible only by sea and as such, our guests are often fortunate enough to have them completely to themselves.

Many remnants of Turkey’s rich heritage are to be found amongst these bays, with cultural sites scattered throughout the region. Your lazy cruise therefore provides the opportunity for complete relaxation whilst at the same time allowing you to see a beautiful and culturally rich part of the world in a manner that few people are able to.

### **A TURKISH GULET**

The traditional Turkish Gulet was originally used for fishing or cargo. Nowadays they are custom-built twin-masted ketches designed for comfort, especially those of a higher specification such as those we feature.

It would be wrong to over-emphasize the luxury of a gulet; the idea is to provide a comfortable base from which to enjoy the stunning scenery whilst benefiting from the friendly and attentive onboard service provided by your crew. That said we like to think – and feedback from guests last summer confirms this – that the *Exclusive Escapes* gulets are certainly well above the norm in terms of both quality and service.

### **WATER SPORTS**

The pace of life is always relaxed. Whenever you feel the need to stir, the sea is always on hand for a wonderfully cooling dip, and in addition to the onboard sea kayak and windsurfers, most unusually, our gulets also provide water skiing and ringos from their own tender.

Additionally, water sport enthusiasts have the opportunity to meet up with water sport boats along the way and to indulge in other exhilarating activities.

### **FOOD ONBOARD**

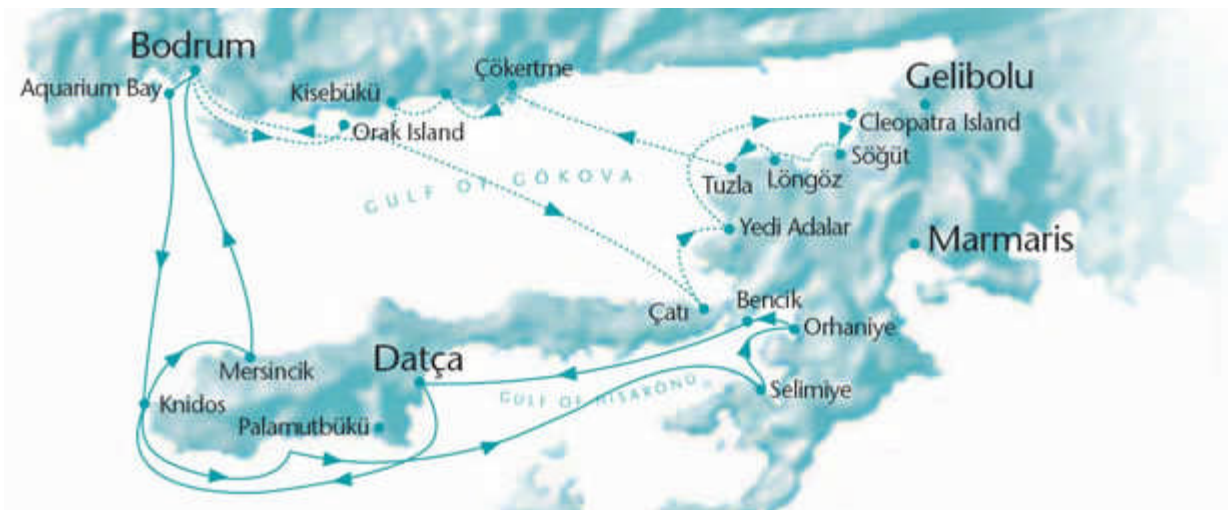
Having built up an appetite you will be ready for the fabulous food! The emphasis is firmly on fresh, simple and hearty fare, with fresh fish being offered several times a week.

Please be sure to inform us of any special dietary requirements you may have so the crew can prepare accordingly.

## THE CREW

**The attentive and friendly crew are invariably the making of your gulet holiday, on hand throughout the day and always keen to ensure you want for little.**

## Cruising the coastline – gulet routes



These week-long cruises can be combined with a week on land, staying at one of our featured hotels on the Bodrum Peninsula.

### Itinerary one: Bodrum to the Gulf of Gökova

This route is perfect for exploring the glorious scenery of the renowned Gulf of Gökova. Highlights include the numerous, unspoilt bays of the Seven Islands, the verdant turquoise bays of Lüngöz and the dramatic pine-clad bay of English Harbour, which sheltered ships during the Second World War. These waters are perfect for swimming, fishing or walking whilst the boat is at anchor.

- **Day 1:** Depart from Bodrum harbour to Orak Island: cruising time - approx. 1 hour 30 min. Overnight stop.
- **Day 2:** After breakfast on to Çati - some time under sail, weather permitting: cruising time - approx. 3 hours. Overnight stop.
- **Day 3:** Morning start to Yedi Adalar (Seven Islands): cruising time - approx. 1 hour. Overnight stop.
- **Day 4:** Today continue to İngiliz Limanı: cruising time - approx. 2 hours. Overnight stop.
- **Day 5:** On to the beautiful Cleopatra's Island: cruising time - approx. 1 hour. After anchoring for some fishing and swimming. Continue onto Lüngöz & Tuzla: cruising time - approx. 1 hour. Overnight stop.
- **Day 6:** Morning depart for Çökertme and then onto Kisebükü: cruising time - approx. 1 hour. Overnight stop.
- **Day 7:** Early morning start for return to Bodrum.

### Itinerary two: Gulf of Hisarönü, from Bodrum

The Hisarönü cruise encompasses history, archaeology and the delights of secluded bays and stunning scenery. Knidos was once a thriving, prosperous town and port, dating back to 400 BC. It sheltered many ships during storms and today it is well worth visiting its ruins in their spectacular setting.

**Palamutbükü**, a little hamlet just shy of Datça, is the site of ancient Triopium, a city that once rivalled Knidos. Set amongst pungent thyme and almond trees are the ruins of the ancient town and the acropolis. Interesting stops with spectacular scenery, excellent cuisine and turquoise waters make this cruise a truly memorable one.

- **Day 1:** Depart Bodrum for Aquarium Bay and onto Aspat: cruising time – approx. 1 hour. Overnight stop.
- **Day 2:** Morning start to Knidos, with some sailing, weather permitting: cruising time – approx. 3 hours. On to Palamutbükü/Acorn Bay: cruising time – approx. 1 hour. Overnight stop.
- **Day 3:** On to Selimiye: sailing/cruising time – approx. 3 hours. Overnight stop.
- **Day 4:** On to Orhaniye: cruising time – approx. 1 hour, and then continue to Bencik: cruising time – approx. 1 hour. Overnight stop.
- **Day 5:** Morning start to Datça: cruising time – approx. 1 hour. Overnight stop.
- **Day 6:** Depart for Knidos/Mersincik: cruising time – approx. 4 hours. Overnight stop.
- **Day 7:** Continue to Poyraz Bay. cruising time – 3 hours, and then return to Bodrum: cruising time – approx. 1 hour.

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