

Topdeck



Turkey: Sail & Swim 2026

Want to know the best way to explore the beautiful Turkish Riviera? On a boat, of course. Get ready for eight days of bliss aboard one of our pirate-style sailing boats. Expect cosy cabins with en-suites, three delicious local meals a day, and a relaxed sundeck for lounging with your fellow travellers. Along the way, we'll discover the real Turkey - dropping anchor in remote bays, wandering through vibrant towns and enjoying plenty of dreamy swim stops. Ready to dive in?



About your trip notes

These trip notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – from where to meet your Topdeck fam to what we suggest you bring.

Read them on the train, in the supermarket queue or on the loo – we don't mind, just look through them carefully so you know what to expect on your trip. We recommend you download this document so it's with you when you travel (and give a copy to your MVPs so they know what you're up to).

IMPORTANT: please refresh this doc as close to your departure as possible. This means you'll have the most up-to-date info available.

LA FARINE PATISSERIE Fethiye
Karagözler, Fevzi Cakmak Cd. No: 22
Fethiye / Mugla @ 15:00

Fethiye

LA FARINE PATISSERIE Fethiye
Karagözler, Fevzi Cakmak Cd. No: 22
Fethiye / Mugla @ 10:00

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Included activities

- ✓ Welcome cocktail or mocktail on arrival
- ✓ Visit Blue Lagoon
- ✓ Visit Agalimani Bay
- ✓ Walking tour of Fethiye with Trip Leader
- ✓ Visit Butterfly Valley
- ✓ Orientation walk of Marmaris with Trip Leader
- ✓ Visit Gocek town

Trip options

- Paragliding at Babadağ: from 175 USD
- Boat trip through the Dalyan Delta, including stops in Kaunos and a local mud bath: from 50 USD
- Guided hike to Lydae Roman ruins: from 25 USD
- Paragliding in Babadağ: from 175 USD

Currencies you'll use

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Your itinerary

Day 1 | Fethiye (Turkey) – Boncuklu Bay

Picture this: swimming in crystal-clear waters, exploring ancient towns, and snacking on delicious Turkish treats (baklava included). Grab your sunnies and swimmers, and meet us in Fethiye. You'll get to know your crewmates over a welcome cocktail before we set sail. Spend the afternoon stretched out on the sun-soaked deck as we cruise towards Boncuklu Bay. Tonight, we'll tuck into our first chef-prepared meal as the sun sets over the sea. This? This is what you came for.

Your Inclusions

Accommodation

Motorised sailboat

Activities

+ Welcome cocktail or
mocktail on arrival

Meals

+ Dinner

Day 2 | Boncuklu Bay – Gemiler Bay

How you start the day is up to you – early morning swim or a lazy lie-in? After breakfast, we'll set sail toward the stunning Gemiler Bay, stopping first at the dreamy Butterfly Valley. Swim, chill, fish or wander the lush slopes before heading to the breathtaking Blue Lagoon for lunch. Fancy a splash or some adventure? Snorkel, paddleboard, kayak – or for the ultimate adrenaline fix, take to the skies with a paragliding flight from Babadag Peak. In the afternoon, we'll cruise on to Gemiler Bay, arriving just in time for dinner onboard and a night anchored in this magical corner of the coast.

Your Inclusions

Accommodation

Motorised sailboat

Activities

+ Visit Butterfly Valley
+ Visit Blue Lagoon

Meals

+ Breakfast
+ Lunch
+ Dinner

Your options

+ Paragliding at Babadağ: from 175 USD

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Day 3 | Gemiler Bay – Ekincik Bay

Rise and shine! Today we'll be up with the sun (well, almost) to cruise across to Ekincik Bay, our next overnight stop. This spot is tucked at the top of the Dalyan Delta, known for its golden beaches, rock-carved tombs, and sulfur-rich mud baths. Feeling adventurous? Join an optional boat trip upriver to the ancient city of Kaunos—said to have been founded by the grandson of Apollo, the god of music and dance. Sounds like our kind of guy. Then it's time for a dip in Dalyan's famous 'beauty mud'. And this afternoon? Float your worries away with a swim at Iztuzu Beach, where you might even spot a loggerhead turtle.

Your Inclusions

Accommodation

Motorised sailboat

Meals

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

Your options

- + Boat trip through the Dalyan Delta, including stops in Kaunos and a local mud bath: from 50 USD

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Day 4 | Ekincik Bay – Marmaris

Today we'll soak up more breathtaking Riviera views as we journey west to Marmaris. First up: a scenic swim stop at the aptly named Paradise Island. Dry off on deck and enjoy another delicious lunch.

Then it's onwards to Marmaris, where the marina is packed with boats of all shapes and sizes. Hop off and get your bearings with an orientation walk led by our Trip Leader.

After that, it's time to explore. Wander through the maze-like Grand Bazaar, take a stroll along Marmaris Beach, or visit the impressive Marmaris Castle. Tonight, head to Bar Street for drinks, dancing, and a great atmosphere. Memories: made.

Your Inclusions

Accommodation

Motorised sailboat

Activities

+ Orientation walk of Marmaris with Trip Leader

Meals

+ Breakfast
+ Lunch
+ Dinner

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Day 5 | Marmaris – Monastery Bay

Shake off last night's fun with more incredible swim stops around the Fethiye Gulf. First, we'll drop anchor at Agalimani Bay, where you can swim, snorkel or simply soak up the scenery. Feeling adventurous? Take an optional guided hike to the ancient Roman ruins of Lydae before continuing to explore the string of paradise islands that make this stretch of coast truly unique.

Next, we'll stop in a bay that was once a shipyard for the Lycians. Once you've perfected your backflips (or maybe a few belly flops), we'll head to Monastery Bay. Here you'll find ancient ruins and calm waters perfect for snorkelling. Tonight, enjoy another delicious dinner with your crew. All in favour? Say aye!

Your Inclusions

Accommodation

Motorised sailboat

Activities

+ Visit Agalimani Bay

Meals

+ Breakfast

+ Lunch

+ Dinner

Your options

+ Guided hike to Lydae Roman ruins: from 25 USD

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Day 6 | Monastery Bay – Kizil Ada Bay

Another day of refreshing swims and soaking up the sunshine? You've got it. Grab a spot at the front of the boat and enjoy a final look at Monastery Bay. Next stop: the beautiful Gocek Bays. This cluster of stunning coves is sure to impress. We'll zigzag between Sarsala Bay, Boynuzbükü, Bedri Rahmi Bay and Gocek town, before anchoring in Kizil Ada Bay for the night. After another delicious chef-prepared dinner, gather the crew and break out the playing cards—Go Fish, anyone?

Your Inclusions

Accommodation

Motorised sailboat

Activities

+ Visit Gocek town

Meals

+ Breakfast

+ Lunch

+ Dinner

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Day 7 | Kizil Ada Bay – Fethiye

Land ahoy! Today's the final day of our adventure, so we'll set sail for Fethiye. Along the way, enjoy a few last swim stops and another tasty meal on deck. When we reach the marina, join a walking tour with our Trip Leader to check out the highlights.

Then you'll have the afternoon free to explore—wander the cobbled alleyways of Fethiye's Old Town, see the rock tombs carved into the cliffs, or pick up some last-minute souvenirs at the bazaar. Feeling adventurous? If you didn't take the plunge earlier in the week, there's an optional paragliding trip in nearby Babadağ.

Tonight, gather the crew for one final dinner onboard. Want to give this trip the send-off it deserves? Head back into Fethiye after dark for a night to remember.

Your Inclusions

Accommodation

Motorised sailboat

Activities

+ Walking tour of Fethiye
with Trip Leader

Meals

+ Breakfast
+ Lunch
+ Dinner

Your options

+ Paragliding in Babadağ: from 175 USD

Day 8 | Fethiye

After breakfast, we'll bid farewell to the boat that's been our home at sea. Make sure to swap contact details with your new friends—you never know when a reunion trip might be on the cards. Not ready for the adventure to end? Istanbul is just a short trip north and the starting point of our Turkey: Baths & Bazaars (and certain dates are perfectly designed to match up.)

Your Inclusions

Meals

+ Breakfast

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Travel advice

Finances

Changing money

Cash: Foreign money can be changed at banks, airports, some railway and tube stations, and at major hotels (though at a less favourable rate).

Credit cards: Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted. American Express is only accepted in some larger establishments.

Cash machines: ATMS are widely available.

Tipping

Basically: it's not necessary.

Your Trip Leader don't expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. Meaning? More dollar to spend on optional activities (and a souvenir for your nan).

Topdeck app

Locked in your next adventure? It's time to download the Topdeck Travel app and get REAL excited! It's like that organised mate who keeps everything in check, leaving you to enjoy alllll the vibes completely hassle-free. Think: a fun trip countdown clock and full access to Your Topdeck Experience (including Local Lowdown Maps featuring awesome local recs for specific cities). Plus, your day-by-day itinerary at your fingertips. Nice!



Will I have regular access to Wi-Fi?

Yup! Most of the places we stay offer free Wi-Fi (except in the middle of the Sahara Desert or while sailing on a felucca down the Nile... obv).

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When you're out and about, most restaurants and cafes will allow you to jump on their Wi-Fi when you order something. Or you can buy your Topdeck eSIM from [here](#) and save \$\$\$ on roaming fees. Easy.

Insurance

Before your trip departs, it's compulsory for all passengers to take out comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical expenses (including repatriation), loss or damage to baggage and personal belongings, money and personal liability.

Head to our FAQs for more info [here](#).

Got more Qs? Chat with our [Customer Service team](#).

Passports and visas

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your trip. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your trip's departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling.

PLEASE NOTE: some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure, as requirements do change periodically.

Mental health and wellbeing

Culture shock, homesickness, random periods of feeling down – these things happen and are totally normal. You can rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Topdeck crew will do their utmost to cheer you up.

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Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- Call home. Sometimes it's nice to hear a familiar voice and have a good old-fashioned catch up with your loved ones
- Eat well. Never underestimate the power of a good, wholesome meal. Nobody feels at their best when they're hungry!
- Drink responsibly. Not only will you swerve the dreaded hangover, but by keeping an eye on what you drink you could also avoid getting into any potentially uncomfortable situations
- Talk to your Trip Leader. Don't forget, they're probably far from home too – so they're sure to know some tried- and-tested ways to beat the blues
- Integrate with your fellow Topdeckers. This one is key! The more fun you're having on your trip, the less likely you are to feel homesick (fact!)

Night out

We love a good night out – experiencing the nightlife and entertainment places have to offer is a big part of travelling. But alongside the fun it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety.

When you're out late, remember to avoid walking alone – particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. Make sure you have your trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking – and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy –

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you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

Drug use

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Customers should not bring any illegal substances onto the Topdeck coach or into any of the accommodation we stay in on our trips. This includes marijuana – even if it is legal in some of the states your trip passes through. If you are found in possession of drugs, you will be removed from the trip immediately. All instances of drug possession will be reported to Topdeck Head Office, who may consider alerting the relevant authorities.

REMEMBER: if you are found in possession of drugs, you risk getting in trouble with the local police.

Respecting fellow travellers

Our trips are for everyone. We're a family – and we want every Topdecker to have an incredible time.

What we're not about is excluding people or making them feel like they don't belong. That's why we always encourage Topdeckers to be kind and courteous to their fellow tripmates. The golden rules? Respect each other's space, be mindful of causing excessive noise in shared accommodation, and treat others how you'd wish to be treated. Easy!

How to be a responsible traveller

Responsible travel isn't difficult to achieve. With a little conscious thought and preparation, you can have an awesome adventure AND a positive impact on the places you visit. Sweet!

Here are five things you can do to ensure you're travelling responsibly:

- Conserve water. You know the drill – reuse your room towels, take short showers and remember to turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth

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- Reduce your waste. Ditch the plastic bag, refuse unnecessary packaging, dispose of your waste responsibly and recycle as much as possible
- Go local. Hunt down locally owned and operated restaurants and bars, shop in local markets, and book tours and activities run by local guides
- Consider the wildlife. Avoid any attractions that involve closely engaging with wild animals
- Respect local people and culture. Obeying local laws is a given – but also remember to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to the community. Be polite and keep an open mind!

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What to Pack

Based on our experience, these items are key. Everyone's different though – so if you want to bring more or less, go for it (as long as you don't exceed your 20kg allowance, that is!).

Off to Japan? Your luggage must be no bigger than 160cm in total (height x width x length). So maybe leave the hairdryer at home.

Psst: this is a packing list for Topdeck trips in general. Obv you'd look silly splashing around the Greek islands in a snowsuit.

Clothing

- ✓ Shirts/T-shirts
- ✓ Sweaters/jumpers
- ✓ Jeans/trousers
- ✓ Shorts/skirts
- ✓ Warm jacket
- ✓ Rainproof jacket
- ✓ Underwear
- ✓ Socks
- ✓ Swimwear
- ✓ Smart casual evening wear
- ✓ Comfortable walking shoes
- ✓ Thongs/jandals/flip-flops

Other essentials

- ✓ Towel
- ✓ Toiletries
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Adaptor plug
- ✓ Reusable water bottle
- ✓ Snow gear
- ✓ Basic medical kit (plasters, aspirin etc)

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FAQs

Is there air conditioning on the sailboat?

Yes, air conditioning is available on board but will be limited when the boat is sailing. Even more of an excuse to get heaps of that fresh sea air!

How much luggage can I bring?

Storage is limited on the boats, so pack light with a soft backpack or rucksack.

Do I need to tip?

Yes, tipping on a boat tour is standard in Turkish culture, and all our local crew members work tirelessly over the 5-month summer period to ensure all passengers have the best trip possible. If you're happy with the service the crew provides, we encourage the contribution of a small tip (around 300 Lira) for each local crew member. Your Topdeck Sailing Representative will not expect, nor ask for, any tips as per our No Tipping Policy.

Can the weather affect the itinerary?

Yes, this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and mooring conditions.

What currency will I need?

The currency in Turkey is the Turkish Lira (TRY).

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Do I need travel insurance?

Absolutely! It's a requirement that all Topdeckers have comprehensive travel insurance to cover the likes of cancellation, personal injury and medical expenses. You'll be barred from travelling with us without it. It's also super important you read the fine print of the policy you're taking out, so you know exactly what activities you are covered for (looking at you, adrenalin junkies!) and what your excess limits are in cases of emergency – before, during and after your trip. As a rule, you should book your travel insurance at the time of booking your trip.

Do I need a visa?

Obtaining the correct visas for your trip is your own responsibility. Not having correct visas could mean missing out on part (or all) of your trip. Ask your travel agent or check with the appropriate embassies before you depart, remembering that visa requirements can change at short notice.

Please note: For most countries where visas are required, it's NOT possible to obtain a visa while on the trip. Some visas take 3-4 weeks to obtain – so get on it early!

That's everything!

We can't wait to smush your face. Well, we won't do that exactly, but the sentiment is there.

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