



## TOPDECKER, meet Australasia (TD)

Ready to take on the Turkish coastline in all its scenic glory? Then slap on the sunscreen and join us as we hit up some of the most beautiful bays you ever did see (heart eyes emoji).

### WORTH NOTING...

This itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and mooring conditions.

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### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Sailing



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# Thanks for choosing to holiday with Topdeck

Ready for the time of your LIFE?  
The countdown's on...

## 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.

### INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Orientation tour of Bodrum
- Visit the Byzantine ruins of Kisebükü

# YOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1 | BODRUM, TURKEY

Are. You. Ready? The land of baklava, Turkish delight and doner kebabs awaits! Meet your new Topdeck fam and kick off your bay-hopping adventure in Bodrum – where we've got an orientation tour all lined up for you. Dinner tonight will be a group thang. Bon appétit!



### MEALS:

- Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Orientation tour of Bodrum

## DAY 2 | BODRUM TO KUFRE BAY

Rise and shine – it's another sun-soaked day on the Turkish Coast! Today we'll wave bye-bye to Bodrum and move on our next scenic pitstop: Orak Island. It's a tough life, huh? Later on, we'll drop anchor in pine-scented Küfre Bay, where you can take a wander through the forest (whose trees are used to produce myrrh, FYI). Who knew?



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

## DAY 3 | KUFRE BAY TO BALLI SU

Today, we've got two stops to make: the quaint fishing village of Tuzla Bay, and the pristine turquoise waters of Longoz Bay. Translation? You'll have plenty of time for swimming, diving and generally splashing around! Never want the nautical fun to end? Worry not. You'll have plenty more opportunities to get your vitamin sea (LOL) in Balli Su tonight.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

## DAY 4 | BALLI SU TO OKLUK BAY

Hoist the sails! Sedir Island is calling. According to local legend, the imaginatively named 'Cleopatra Beach' is the romantic spot where Cleopatra met Marc Antony. If that's not enough to get you swooning, just wait until we arrive in Okluk Bay. With natural beauty like this, the chances of finding love at first sight are high!



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

## DAY 5 | OKLUK BAY TO AYINDA

First today: we'll drop anchor in beautiful English Harbour (where British naval vessels secretly sheltered during WWII). Then: off to Ayinda we go! Bay hopping, hanging out on deck, soaking up the rays... you could totally get used to Turkish sailing life, couldn't you?



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Day trip to the Dalyan Delta: from €50

## DAY 6 | AYINDA TO KISEBUKU

Next stop, Çökertme! Did you know that this place is the subject of a Turkish folk song that dates wayyyyy back to the Ottoman times? You do now! Later on, we'll shine the spotlight on Kisebükü – an idyllic cove that's famous for its Byzantine monasteries. Good news – we'll be checking out the ruins this afternoon, so get ready to make your camera roll pop!



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Visit the Byzantine ruins of Kisebükü

## DAY 7 | KISEBUKU TO BODRUM

First things first: practise pronouncing 'Pabucburnu', 'cos we'll be checking it out on our way back to Bodrum. Struggling? No worries. You might be able to enlist the help of a local on today's optional tour of Etrim village! Tonight, there's one last dinner with the crew to look forward to. No, you're crying.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Visit a Turkish hammam: from €20
- Etrim village tour: from €10

## DAY 8 | BODRUM

Oh, Turkey – what a time we've had! One more breakfast, then it's time to go it alone. Same time next year?



### MEALS:

- Breakfast

## MEALS

Evening meals are not included, giving you plenty of free time to discover the local cuisine on offer in each destination. Due to this our guides have a range of recommendations for you and your new Topdeck family to try out in each city.

Keep in mind that some restaurants can be very busy during the peak season and getting space for a large group can

be difficult, so menus and prices can vary. There's no pressure for you to dine at the restaurants suggested if you'd prefer to do your own thing, so be sure to ask your guide for other recommendations.

## **DRINKS**

Bringing food and drinks on board is not permitted. All drinks are sold on the boat at reasonable prices.

To avoid the hassle of having to worry about always needing cash to purchase drinks on board, we run a bar tab for every passenger. Your tabs are tallied up and made available to you each day so that it is never a surprise as to how much you have bought. All bar tabs are to be paid in cash on the second last day of your trip.

Please note: At Topdeck we always consider our customers' health and safety. We ask that you drink responsibly and bear in mind that in some countries, alcohol measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to.

# OTHER INFORMATION

## TOPDECK APP

Feeling appy? Download the Topdeck app and get PUMPED for the adventure ahead. Best bit is: from 45 days before departure you'll be able to chat with your soon-to-be tripmates.

Plus, get your itinerary at your fingertips – so you know where you'll be going and what you'll be doing on each day of your trip. Nice!

Links:

Apple <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/topdeck/id994727866>

Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.FlexiTechSolutions.TopDeck&hl=en>



## YOUR SAFETY

### NIGHTS 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 – 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, not only do you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if they are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you don't want that to happen to any of our Drivers – they're awesome.

### 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.

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!)

## TRAVEL SINCE COVID-19

Travel looks a bit different since COVID-19. That's why we've put some new procedures in place to help keep you safe on the road.

What remains the same? Your Topdeck trip will be run hygienically, responsibly, and with your safety at the forefront of everything we do. End of.

Here's the info: <https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/travel-safely>

# RESPECT ON THE ROAD

## 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
- 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!

# 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 FAQ for more info: <https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/faqs-0>

Got more Qs? Chat with our Customer Service team: <https://www.topdeck.travel/about-us/contact>

## 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. Check out our handy interactive map showing global visa requirements:

<https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/latest-border-restrictions>

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.

## TIPPING

Your Topdeck Sailing Rep will not expect a tip, and will not ask you for one.

However, tipping is standard in Croatian culture, and the five-month summer season is the only time of the year that your sailing crew can take to the water and make money. Therefore, if you're happy with the service the crew provides, feel free to contribute a small tip (around €10 tip for each of the local crew members) in order to show your appreciation for their hard work.

## WHAT TO BRING

The golden rule is to travel as light as you can, only bring what you really need and leave plenty of space for things you might want to buy. Your cabin will be far more pleasant without large suitcases taking up precious space!

The following is a suggested clothing list only:

- 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes
- 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- 2 pairs jeans/trousers
- 2 pairs shorts/skirts
- 4 shirts/T-shirts
- 1 sweaters/jumpers
- Swimming costume

- Smart casual evening wear
- 1 rainproof jacket
- Underwear and socks
- Towel (you will be provided with a towel for showering, but not for swimming)
- Toiletries
- Hat and sunscreen
- Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin, sea sickness tablets etc)
- Insect repellent
- Conversion plug

**PLEASE NOTE:** some religious sites (such as cathedrals and mosques) require clothing that covers the knees, chest and shoulders.

## FINANCES

## TRANSPORT

### TOILETS

While on board the boat, we request that you do not flush anything 'inorganic' down the toilet other than paper. It only takes one small unflushable item to block the system and create an unpleasant environment for everyone on board!

Unflushable items include, but are not limited to, the following: paper towels, baby wipes/wet wipes, cotton balls and feminine products. Long story short, if it's not toilet paper, then it shouldn't go down the toilet!

### BOAT SHOWERS

Every boat has hot water available, so you can rest assured that you'll be able to freshen up with a nice hot shower after spending your day swimming in the crystal clear waters of the Adriatic. Hot water supplies on board are limited, so please use it sparingly when washing and showering to ensure there's plenty to go around for everyone.

### POWER

Standard European two-prong plugs are used (CEE7/16).

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be electricity when the engine is running so this is the best time to charge your electronic devices! A generator may be available overnight but this is not guaranteed.



**THAT'S IT!**