



## TOPDECKER, meet Europe (TD)

TRIP VIBE = fun in the sun with refreshing swim stops, jaw-dropping scenery and time to hang with your crew. Ahoy, there! Wanna know the best way to explore the B-E-A-U-T Turkish Riviera? On a boat, obvs. Get ready for eight days of total bliss onboard one of our pirate-style sailing boats. Expect: cosy cabins with en suites, three delish local meals a day, a super-chill sundeck for lounging with your ship (trip) mates. We'll also discover the REAL Turkey en route. Drop anchor in stunning remote bays. Wander around attraction-stuffed cities. Soak up countless dreamy swim stops. Ready to dive straight in? Hell. Yes.

### WORTH NOTING...

New trip alert! Book one of our first departures and you'll get a sweeeet price.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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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

- Welcome cocktail on arrival
- BBQ dinner (subject to weather, sea and mooring position)
- Orientation walk of Marmaris with Trip Leader
- Walking tour of Fethiye with Trip Leader

### YOUR TRIP WILL START

#### PICK UP:

Fethiye  
Turkey

### YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

#### DROP OFF:

Fethiye  
Turkey

## TRIP CURRENCIES

- Turkey - TRY

# YOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1 | FETHIYE (TURKEY) – SAMANLIK BAY

Your new reality = swimming in bluer-than-blue waters. Strolling around stunning ancient towns. Snacking on yummy AF Turkish treats (hello, baklava). Grab your sunnies and swimmers, and meet us in Fethiye. You'll have a chance to say hi to your crewmates – with a cheeky welcome cocktail – before we hoist up the anchors. Spend the rest of the afternoon horizontal on the ship's sun-soaked deck as we glide across to Samanlik Bay. Tonight, cue all the feels as we tuck into our first chef-prepped meal of the trip as the sun sets over the ocean. This? This is what you came for.



### MEALS:

- Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Welcome cocktail on arrival

## DAY 2 | SAMANLIK BAY – AGA LIMANI BAY

Early morning swim or lazy sleep in? It's totally up to you. After stuffing your face with brekkie, we'll set sail for Aga Limani Bay. Its duo of beaches are S-T-U-N-N-I-N-G – and you've got alllll day to enjoy them. Practice your belly flops (soz, we mean world-class diving) leaping off the boat. Snap on a snorkel and keep your eyes peeled for turtles. Or go ashore and hike your way up to the ancient Roman ruins of Lydae. Tonight, we'll be staying put in the bay. Hungry? Dig into mouthwatering BBQ eats cooked to perfection by your on-board chef. Dw if the barbie's not going ahead... you'll still get fed. Promise.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- BBQ dinner (subject to weather, sea and mooring position)

## DAY 3 | AGA LIMANI BAY – EKINCIK BAY

Rise and shine, sailors! Today, we'll be up with the sun (okay, not quite) to cruise across to Ekincik Bay –our next overnight stop. It's nestled at the top of the Dalyan Delta: an area famed for its golden beaches, rock-carved tombs and sulfur-rich mud baths. Activate explorer mode during an optional boat trip upriver to the ancient city Kaunos. This ancient city was supposedly founded by the grandson of Apollo, the God of Music and Dance. Sounds like our kinda guy. Afterwards, get your spa on with a dunk in Dalyan's so-called 'beauty mud'. And this afternoon? Float your troubles away with a swim at Iztuzu Beach where you might just glimpse a loggerhead turtle.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



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### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Boat trip through the Dalyan Delta, including stops at Kaunos and a mud bath

## DAY 4 | EKCNİK BAY – MARMARIS

Today, we'll be soaking up more BREATHtaking riviera views as we journey west to Marmaris. First: a scenic AF swim stop at the aptly-named Paradise Island. Dry off in the sun on deck and tuck into another yummy included lunch. Then, onwards to Marmaris. Its marina is home to a lot of boats (and we mean A LOT). Hop off yours and get your bearings during an orientation walk with our expert Trip Leader. Then: it's time to explore the city's treasure trove of attractions. Lose yourself in the maze-like Grand Bazaar. Take a stroll along Marmaris Beach. Or check out the magnificent Marmaris Castle. Tonight: head to Marmaris Bar Street for drinks, belly dancing and good vibes. Memories = made.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Orientation walk of Marmaris with Trip Leader

## DAY 5 | MARMARIS – MONASTERY BAY

Shake off last night's antics with a few more I-N-C-R-E-D-I-B-L-E swim stops around the Fethiye Gulf. With its strings of paradise islands, this place is pretty spesh. Next, we'll drop anchor in a bay that was once used as a shipyard by the Lycians. Once you've perfected your backflips (or more of those bellyflops...), we'll move onto Monastery Bay. Expect: awesome ancient ruins and seriously calm water ideal for snorkelling. Tonight, there's another DE-lish dinner with your crew on the cards. If the weather plays nice, it's gonna be cooked on the barbie. All in favour? Say aye, aye!



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- BBQ dinner (subject to weather, sea and mooring position)

## DAY 6 | MONASTERY BAY – GOCEK BAYS

What's that? You want another day of refreshing swims and snoozing in the sunshine? You got it. Grab a spot at the bow (front) of the boat and savour your last glimpse of Monastery Bay. Our next destination? The gorgeous Gocek Bays. This handful of STUNNING coves are going to blow. your. mind. We'll zigzag between Sarsala Bay, Boynuzbükü and Bedri Rahmi Bay before anchoring near Gocek town for the night. After another amazing chef-prepared dins, gather the crew and crack open a pack of playing cards – Go Fish, anyone?



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

## DAY 7 | GOCEK BAYS – FETHIYE

Land ahoy! Today's the final day of our adventure (\*sobs\*), so we'll be setting a course for Fethiye. En route, we'll enjoy a few final swims stops and some more droolworthy food up on deck. When we reach the marina, we've got a walking tour to get to. Hit all the hot spots with our savvy Trip Leader. After: you'll have the whole afternoon to explore. Roam around the cobbled alleyways of Fethiye's Old Town. Check out the awesome rock tombs carved into the surrounding cliffs. Or pick up some last-minute souvenirs for the fam at a bustling bazaar. Tonight, gather the gang for one last dinner onboard the boat. Want to give this epic adventure the send-off it deserves? Venture back into Fethiye after dark and prepare to party like a pirate.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Walking tour of Fethiye with Trip Leader

## DAY 8 | FETHIYE

After brekkie, it's time to abandon ship. Hug your fellow scallywags goodbye and don't forget to swap those Insta handles for next year's reunion trip. Not ready for the adventure to end? Istanbul's just a short hop north and the starting point of our Delve Deep: Turkey trip (FYI a few dates match up perfectly).



### MEALS:

- Breakfast

# 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

Basically: it's not necessary.

Your Trip Leader and Driver 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).

## WHAT TO BRING

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.

- 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes + 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- 2 pairs of jeans/trousers
- 2 pairs of shorts/skirts
- 4 shirts/T-shirts
- 2 sweaters/jumpers
- Smart casual evening wear
- 1 warm jacket + 1 rainproof jacket



- Underwear and socks + swimwear
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Hat and sunscreen
- Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- Adaptor plug
- Reusable water bottle
- Snow gear



**THAT'S IT!**