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DAY 1 —

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Milas Bodrum Airport – Turgutreis Marina - 50nm



ANCIENT AND MODERN

Fly into Milas Bodrum Airport where you will be met and taken to your yacht in Turgutreis Marina. On arrival you will be served a welcome cocktail as the yacht sails out of the marina to anchor off the nearby village of Gumusluk for a light lunch. After lunch you may choose to get familiar with the watertoys on board or explore Rabbit Island which is joined to Gumusluk by a now slightly sunken causeway, climbing to the top for some great views.

History lovers may prefer to go into Bodrum to visit Bodrum Castle which sits guarding the entrance to Bodrum's harbour. Built at the beginning of the 15th century by the Knights of St John, it is also known as the Castle of St Peter and stones from the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus were used in its construction. It houses the Museum of Underwater Archaeology set up in 1962 and has a fascinating collection of amphoras, bronzes and ancient glass. Shoppers will be delighted to wander the narrow streets full of galleries and individual boutiques. Indulge in a traditional Turkish bath, a wonderful cleansing and relaxing ritual from the Ottoman culture. Choose to stay in town for a lively evening, starting off with cocktails in one of the many sophisticated bars surrounding the harbour and followed by dinner or opt for a quieter evening in one of the wonderful seafood restaurants on the waterfront in Gumusluk. Return to your yacht ready for a good night's sleep.



DAY 2



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Turgutreis Marina – Sedir Island - 48nm

LOVE ISLAND

The yacht will make an early start for the cruise to your next port of call – Sedir Island. Enjoy a lazy breakfast as you sail around the peninsular and past the island of Kos. Take advantage of the on-board jacuzzi during the cruise – what better way to enjoy the scenery. Legend has it that Mark Anthony imported galley-loads of sand from Egypt to woo Cleopatra and this was their romantic getaway. It certainly is a paradise for you to explore with the scent of pine and herbs from the tree covered interior in the air and walkers will love walking across the island. The chef will organise a light buffet lunch to suit everyone's choice of activities.

There is a wonderfully sheltered spot which is perfect for watersports and the crew won't waste any time in launching all the toys. Take the jet skis for a spin or go for the quieter option, taking the kayaks or the paddleboards around the island. Budding archaeologists will enjoy discovering the ancient site of Cedrai town – ruins dating back to Roman times can be seen including the tower and city walls, a well preserved amphitheatre, and remains of the necropolis.

Enjoy the afternoon, whether it be in the water, on the water, on the beach or exploring ancient history before returning to the yacht to relax before cocktail hour when the crew will create Cleopatra Martinis for your party. The chef will serve a delicious dinner which you can enjoy in the balmy evening air, anchored offshore.





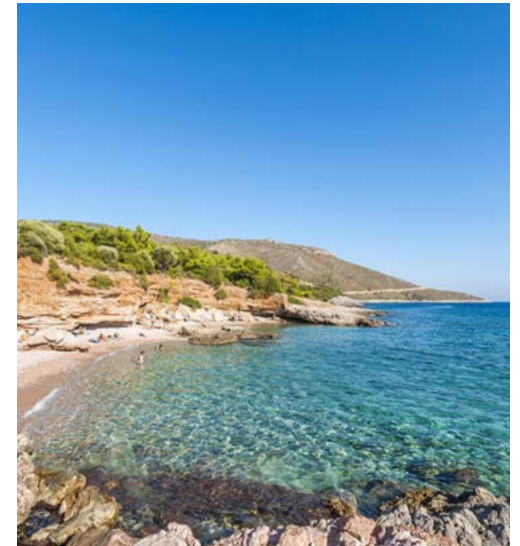
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EARTH GODDESS

Enjoy the morning cruise through the Gulf of Kekova and along the Datca peninsula. The remains of the ancient city of Knidos is at the very tip of this peninsula. The settlement was first established in 700BC further inland in Burgaz by the Argos and then relocated to the tip of the peninsula in 350BC to facilitate trade from merchant ships. It became an important harbour city and is now one of the most important historical sites in the region. Excavation of the site was first begun in the mid- 19th century led by British archaeologist Charles Newton and many of his discoveries such as the Knidos Lion and the seated figure of Demeter of Knidos – goddess of the Earth - are in the British Museum. The layout of the city is clearly defined and there are well preserved remains of buildings such as theatres and temples; history lovers and amateur archaeologists will enjoy exploring this open-air museum. Let your imagination fly and hear the chariots racing and the crowds roaring. For those who prefer to stay in the moment, the crew can take you to Palamutbuku beach where you can spend the afternoon alternating between lounging in the sun and dipping into the crystal clear water.

Choose between lunch at one of the beachside restaurants or take a picnic prepared by your chef. Watersports lovers can enjoy using the toys on board in the bay or you could choose to visit the town of Datca.





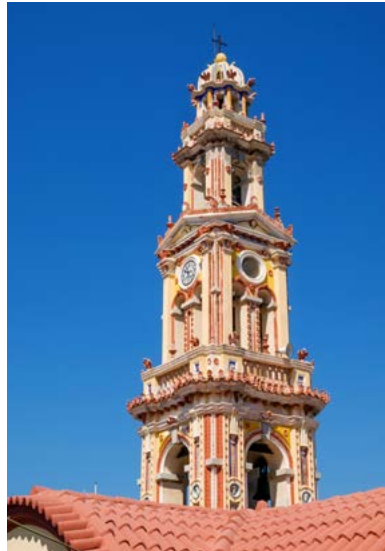
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Knidos – Symi Island, Greece - 30nm

A GREEK ODYSSEY

After you have enjoyed your breakfast of choice, the yacht will set sail for the Greek island of Symi, heading first for Symi harbour. Have cameras charged up and ready to capture this quintessential Greek harbour – so perfect it could be a film set with its pastel washed houses and tavernas lining the waterfront topped off with the more brightly coloured houses in Chorio – the old part of town on the hill above. Head ashore and take a stroll around the harbour. Have a cold drink and do some people-watching from one of the water-side bars before choosing a taverna for lunch. Do some shopping for souvenirs or presents to take home, winding through the narrow streets of town. Climb up the 450 steps to the old town for wonderful views. If you prefer to stay far from the madding crowds, take a hike on one of the many trails around the island; the chef will prepare a picnic lunch to take with you. After lunch the yacht will relocate to the bay off St Nicholas Beach where you can be as lazy or energetic as you wish. Find a shady spot under a tamarind tree on the beach with a wonderful view of the bay or take the kayaks or paddleboards to explore the nooks and crannies nearby. Otherwise, you could take a roadtrip to the south of the island to visit the monastery at Panormitis which dates back to the 18th century and is still inhabited by monks. Back in town for the evening you may be lucky enough to find yourselves in the midst of one of the several music and arts festivals held throughout the summer, providing entertainment in all its forms around the main square in the harbour.





DAY 5 —————

Symi Island – Dalyan / Bay Of Eckincik - 42nm

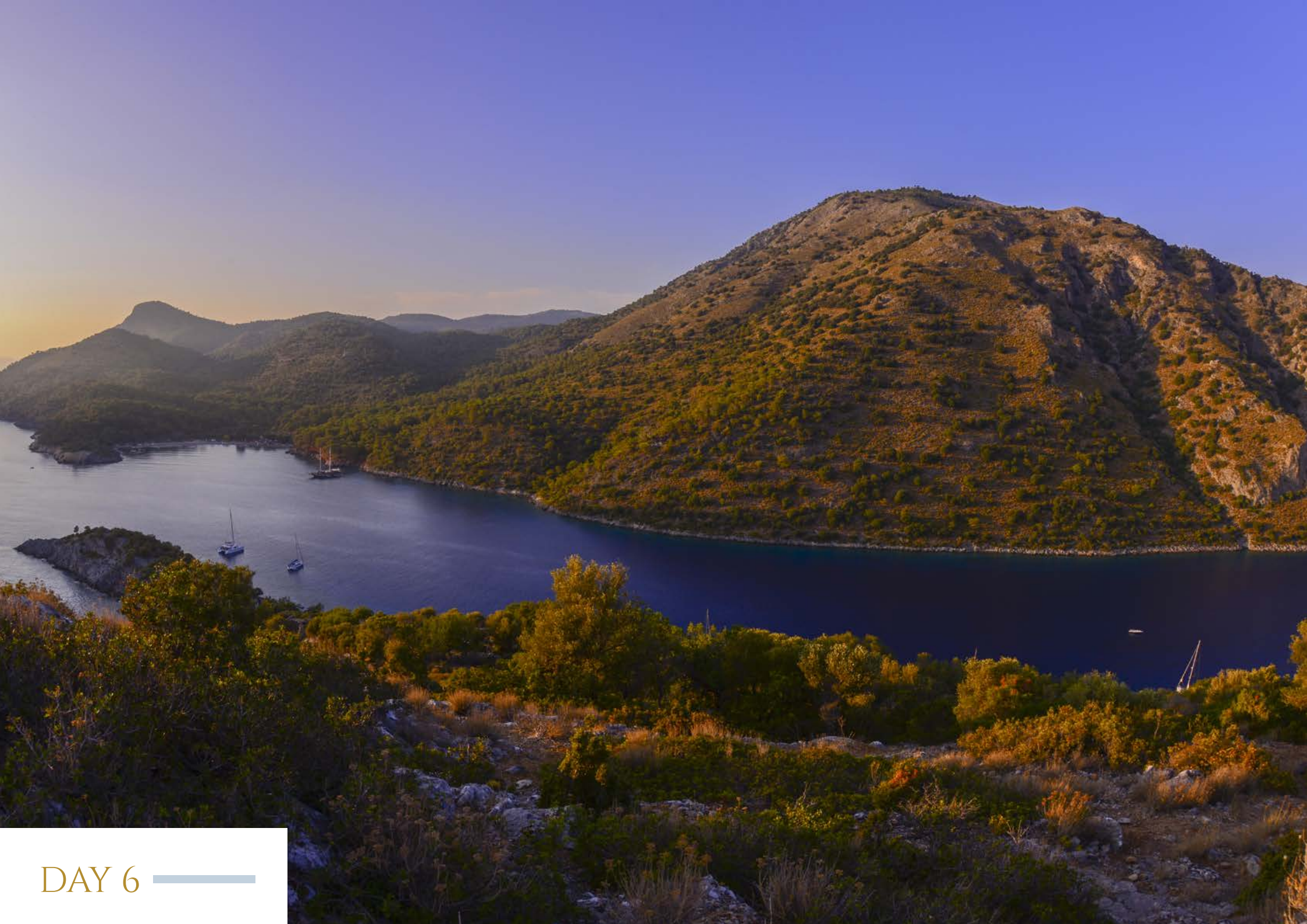


RIVERS AND ROYALS

A morning cruise past the island of Rhodes in the beautiful waters of the Aegean brings you back to Turkey after your whistle stop visit to Greece. The yacht will anchor in the bay of Eckincik, a beautiful spot with deep turquoise water contrasting with the steep slopes of pine forests surrounding this protected cove. Jump in for a refreshing swim before the crew take you the short distance by tender to the mouth of the river Dalyan where you can join the waiting riverboats to cruise upriver to the village of the same name through verdant inland scenery.

Take a wander around the town before enjoying lunch in one of the many waterside restaurants. Try the blue crab, a speciality from the Dalyan River. After lunch cross the river to the ancient site of Kaunos where you can explore ruins of this city which dates back to the 9th century BC. The famous Lycian Kings' tombs carved into the cliffs can also be seen. If royal resting places are of no interest, adventurers may wish to carry on to Lake Koycegiz where you can take a hike and have a swim before emerging yourselves in the mudbaths and hot springs at Sultaniye Kaplicalari.

Head back to the coast to Iztuzu beach to visit the turtle sanctuary, set up to treat and rehabilitate the Caretta or loggerhead turtles who come to this beautiful beach to lay their eggs. Back in Eckincik, choose to enjoy another delicious dinner on board after watching the spectacular sunset.



DAY 6



SECRET SANTA

The yacht will leave your anchorage in Eckincik Bay after you have had a refreshing morning swim and continue to cruise south to Gemiler Island. Gemiler is also known as St Nicholas Island as archaeologists believe that the original tomb of St Nicholas is here. The saint, aka Father Christmas or Santa Claus, was known for secretly placing coins in empty shoes left out for him. There is plenty to explore, with the ruins of five Byzantine churches built between the 4th and 6th centuries on the island. A well-preserved processional walkway descends from the top of the island down to the sea. Watersports' lovers may like to head to Olu Deniz, a huge bay offering para-sailing opportunities. Enjoy using the jet skis, test your waterskiing skills or have fun on the Seabobs. Explore underwater with the mask and flippers. Mount Badadag looming over the beach is said to be one of the best sites worldwide for paragliding.

Butterfly Valley is a short tender run away; start from the beach and hike up into the valley to see over 100 different species of butterfly covering the rocks and trees. The thousands of butterflies are drawn by the many fruit trees which include pomegranate, lemon, orange and peach as well as olive trees and oleander. Head back to Gemiler Island to watch the stunning sunset from the highest point where the crew will be waiting to serve cocktails and canapés. Choose to dine on board with a nice soundtrack playing or go to the mainland for dinner – try Kassandra in the village of Olu Deniz or the Montebello Kitchen for excellent Turkish fayre.





DAY 7 —————

Gemiler Island – Fethiye - 15nm



HISTORY AND HIKING

Today the yacht will make the short cruise round to the natural harbour in Fethiye. Once known as Telmessos, this town was part of ancient Lycia and evidence of their rather unique burial practices can be seen in the town, in the form of ornate sarcophagi, and on the outskirts where there are more rock tombs. Wander around the town to discover some of these sarcophagi which are scattered through the streets, the most ornate example being in the town hall gardens.

Lovers of archaeology and history should visit the Museum in Fethiye which houses many artefacts including coins, jewellery, pottery and amphorae from throughout history, all of which paint a picture of life through the ages. Take a walk to the edge of town to see the rock tombs - one that is particularly impressive is the Tomb of Amyntos, carved at the highest point in around 350BC. Saklikent Canyon, part of a National Park established in 1996, is about a 40 minute drive from Fethiye and is 18km long and 300m deep. Walk along a 4km stretch of the canyon, with the help of wooden walkways, to explore the caves and several waterfalls – prepare to get wet. Shoppers may prefer to stay in town to explore the vibrant market and immerse yourselves in the local scene.

Stock up on spices for home and sample local delicacies such as smoked olives and spicy cheeses. Duck into the narrow alleyways of the old town to find Turkish carpets, beautiful silver tea-sets and other souvenirs.



DAY 8

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Fethiye – Göcek Skopea Marina - Dalaman Airport - 12nm + 22nm

WE WILL MEET AGAIN

Enjoy your last delicious breakfast on board before the yacht makes its final cruise of this charter across to Göcek Skopea Marina. Choose how to spend the final moments of your trip, whether it be one more swim in the sparkling Mediterranean sea, a quick visit to the town for last minute souvenirs or simply savouring the view from the yacht and maybe snapping a few more shots for your Instagram page.

Your airport transport will stand by as you say fond farewells to the Captain and crew before whisking you away to Dalaman for your onward journey.



Please note that this is a suggested itinerary only and can be adapted as required and dependent upon your arrival and departure schedules. Some of the suggested stops in this itinerary may require reservations to be made in advance and will incur further costs.

Any itinerary is subject to change due to vagaries of weather, sea conditions, changes in local rules and regulations. The use of motorised watersports is also governed by local regulations - your Captain will advise you of the rules for each location. The Captain will have the final say, as per their obligations to run a safe vessel for all concerned.



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