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Self-Guided Lycian Way East

TURKEY - TRIP CODE WSLE

WALKING AND TREKKING

Why book this trip?

Follow the lesser-visited eastern trail of Turkey's spectacular Lycian Way. Walk along scenic coastal trails between ancient ruins and time-forgotten villages. Enjoy walks with coastal views, through pine forests ending the holiday at the popular harbour town of Kas.

- **Traditional Hospitality** - Enjoy boutique hotels, frequently with pool
- **Cirali** - Pristine beach and eternal flames of the 'Chimera'
- **Simena** - Car-free village with Genoese castle perched above
- **Kas** - Cosmopolitan small resort with tasteful shopping and bars



INCLUDED MEALS
Breakfast: 7
Dinner: 1



TRIP STAFF
None



TRANSPORT
On Foot



ACCOMMODATION
7 nights
comfortable hotel



WALKING GRADE:
Moderate

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Holiday starts at Antalya Airport; transfer to hotel

On arrival at Antalya Airport (AYT), an included transfer takes you to the charming old town 'Kaleici' district of Antalya. There are many good restaurants and bars in the area for you to enjoy your first night, to absorb the relaxed Mediterranean ambiance.



ACCOMMODATION:
Atelya Art Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: NONE

DAY 2 - Transfer to Ulupinar, walk to Cirali

After a leisurely start, your driver will come to meet you at the hotel and drive you to Ulupinar, a gushing

spring on the foothills of Lycian Mt. Olympos. You will have the chance to have lunch in the tasty trout farm restaurants here (non-fish options available). After lunch, you pick up the Lycian Way, descending at the streamside through red pine forests before crossing the stream and climbing up to the ridge we come across the first of the flames of the legendary Chimera, a natural phenomenon where gas seeps to the surface and creates an eternal flame. Continuing to descend, you reach the main flames and the temple of Vulcan where the ancients believed the smith of the gods worked. Descend to the fertile citrus covered plain of Cirali, with its pristine beach. Tonight's comfortable hotel has a pool and beach access.

Today's 8 kilometre walk is expected to take around three hours with 200 metres of ascent and 450metres of descent.



ACCOMMODATION:
Odile Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 3 - Walk from the hotel in Cirali via Olympos to Adrasan

Starting your walk along the beach, you again pass through the jungle like vegetation around Olympos. Climbing up through strawberry-tree forests, you reach the pass of Mt. Moses (Musa Dag) where you can also visit the overgrown site of Phoenikos. Descend through pine and oak forests to Adrasan where you spend the next two nights.

Today's 16 kilometre walk is expected to take around three hours with 800metres of ascent and 800metres of descent.



ACCOMMODATION:
Adrasan Deniz Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE





MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 4 - Various routes around Adrasan

There are three walking options today, to help you get the best out of Adrasan. One option is a loop walk through forest to Cavuskoy, 11 kilometres, second option is a shorter route of 8 kilometres to the lighthouse. Lastly, a one-way walk on wide dirt road of about 10 kilometres to a beautiful sandy bay called Sazak. The day is best ended with cool drinks on the beach.

Depending on which route you take, you will walk 8, 10 or 11 kilometres. These walks are expected to take from three to four hours.



ACCOMMODATION:
Adrasan Deniz Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 5 - Walk through pine forest to Melanippe and transfer to Finike

Today is another photogenic day as you walk from Adrasan through coastal pine forest, eventually descending upon the Gelidonya lighthouse, one of the most photographed points in Lycia. Rounding the cape, you head north to the historical little cove of Melanippe, known to be a pirate hideout. After a final swim here you will be picked up by a car and brought to Finike. Dinner is included in tonight's hotel.

Today's 18 kilometre walk is expected to take around seven hours with 800 metres of ascent and 800 metres of descent.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Simsek (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST & DINNER

DAY 6 - Explore Demre the church of St. Nicholas, taxi to Kapakli walk to car-free Simena

You have the opportunity this morning to visit the Church of St. Nicholas - the famed Father Christmas. Nicholas was a Lycian bishop of Myra, the onetime capital of Lycia. He was known for kindness to orphans and the poor, frequently giving anonymous gifts by throwing money down chimneys. You will have time to visit his church and the site of Myra, with its impressive theatre and rock tombs, before a taxi takes you to the start of your last walk. You will walk from Kapakli village to the sound of Kekova, passing the picturesque castle of Simena. You descend through the protected village of Simena to your seaside accommodation in this car-free village, not connected by road.

Today's 9 kilometre walk is expected to take around three and a half hours with 150metres of ascent and 250metres of descent.



ACCOMMODATION:
Mehtap Pension (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 7 - Boat to Uçagiz, taxi to Mount Felen then walk to Kas

After a short boat ride to the Village of Uçagiz, a taxi transfer will take you to the summit of Mount Felen where you will walk to the mysterious remains of Phellos. This hill top Lycian city has never been excavated and hides many archaeological gems within its overgrown vantage point with spectacular views to the coast and the 3000m high giant Mt Akdag inland. From here, you descend to the pretty village of Çukurbag, and cross the plain to the edge of the escarpment with stunning views of Kas and its meteorite-impact formed seascape, and the Greek island of Castelorizzo across the bay. You descend to the cosmopolitan resort of Kas for your final night in the stylish central square.

Today's 11 kilometre walk is expected to take around four hours with 200metres of ascent and 1000 metres of descent.





ACCOMMODATION:
Hideaway Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 8 - Trip ends at Dalaman or Antalya Airport

After breakfast, you will have an included transfer to Dalaman Airport (DLM) or Antalya Airport (AYT). Please let us know at the time of booking which airport you will be using so that we can organise the transfer accordingly for you.



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

Trip information

Climate and country information

Turkey

Climate

Summers are hot and dry with refreshing sea breezes and clear waters, great for boat trips. It is often cooler on higher ground and in the mountains and can be cold at night, even in the summer. During the shoulder seasons (loosely speaking, before mid-May and after early October), temperatures and rainfall can be erratic, with some temperatures dropping to 8-12 degrees, and other days being bright and sunny up to 25 degrees. Mountain locations will be cooler than on the coast, of course. In the winter, temperatures usually hover between 0 and 10 degrees, but are usually wet, particularly around the coast. The best time for walking in Turkey is mid-May, June and September, with pleasant temperatures and clear blue skies.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
+3	2 Pin Round	Islam, Christian	Turkish

Budgeting and packing

Clothing

Bring light and comfortable clothing that can be layered according to the temperature. It can become cool, especially at night, so bring warmer layers. Tops made from wicking materials which keep you drier, a warmer fleece is recommended as a mid layer, and walking trousers are preferable to trousers of heavier material such as jeans.

- Breathable wind and waterproof jacket
- T-shirts
- Long sleeved tops
- Sunhat
- Long trousers
- Shorts (if you prefer to walk in them)
- Swimwear and towel
- Midlayer Fleece/pullover
- Socks (liner and thicker pair)

Footwear

We recommend you bring walking boots with ankle support- leather or fabric are both fine. Make sure that your boots are worn-in and comfortable before the start of the trip. Also trainers or sandals for relaxing and general wear.

We suggest that on international flights you either carry your walking boots in your hand luggage or wear them - should your luggage be lost or delayed, your own boots are the one thing that will be irreplaceable.

Luggage

20kg

Luggage: On tour

Bring one main piece of baggage as per your airline luggage allowance, maximum 20 kg per person. Remember you may need to carry your luggage at times so don't overload yourself. Luggage transfers between hotels are normally arranged by the hoteliers. Mark your bags clearly and leave them at the place and time arranged with them.

Luggage transfer

Included between each hotel.

Equipment

Sunglasses
Water bottle

Sun cream

Small Torch (with spare batteries and bulb)

Camera

Walking poles (if you usually use them)

Personal toiletries

Personal first aid kit - On each walk a first aid kit is carried but you should have your own blister kit, supply of plasters, aspirin and other essentials.

Insect repellent

Turkey

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£7	£13	£2.7	£1

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Turkish Lira.

Recommended Currency For Exchange

Major foreign currencies such as US Dollars, £Sterling and Euros can easily be changed. We advise against travelling with Travellers Cheques as commission rates are high. Other currencies can be exchanged in larger cities. We advise you to change money in Turkey as rates tend to be better.

Where To Exchange

Most major towns - your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival.

ATM Availability

ATMs are widely available throughout Turkey. To avoid large queues at the airport exchanges, you may wish to xchange some lira before arriving.

Credit Card Acceptance

In major restaurants.

Travellers Cheques

Not recommended.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Transport Information

On Foot

Recommended airport

Antalya Airport (AYT) or Dalaman Airport (DLM)

Flying to your destination

Dalaman Airport (DLM) and Antalya Airport (AYT) are served by scheduled airlines (including British Airways) and charter flights (including TUI and Jet2) direct from UK airports including London and Manchester.

Arrival and departure information

For this trip you can fly into Antalya Airport (AYT) and out of either Dalaman Airport (DLM) or Antalya Airport (AYT).

Airport taxi transfers to/from the first and last night accommodation are included in the price of this holiday.

Essential Information

Government Travel Safety Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK citizens, check the latest Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office advice.

Please refer to our COVID-19 entry requirements page for any country-specific conditions of entry. Whilst we strive to update this on a regular basis we recommend you also check the FCDO website for the latest advice on entry requirements in this fast-evolving situation. Information can change at any time.

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information.Booking Conditions

Visa and Passport Information

Turkey: British nationals travelling to Turkey for tourism or business purposes do not require a visa for visits of up to 90 days. Other nationalities should check with your local embassy or online at <https://www.evisa.gov.tr> for up to date information.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may be able to apply through Explore's

recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

Transfers

Find out more about [Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions](#) before you book.

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will

exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them here.

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Turkey

Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against tetanus, typhoid, infectious hepatitis and polio. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at

<http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/> and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed before departure.

Walking and Trekking information

DAILY DISTANCES

Day 2	8km	3hrs		
Day 3	16km	6hrs		
Day 4	8km	10km	11km	3/4/7hrs
Day 5	18km	7hrs		
Day 6	9km	3.5hrs		
Day 7	11km	4hrs		

Optional Walks

Walking grade

Moderate

Trek details

Walks on 6 days for between 3 to 7 hours, along marked trails, mule tracks and old Roman roads often stony underfoot. The Lycian Way is a 509km footpath around the coast of southern Turkey and one of the most beautiful long distance walks in the world.

Additional Information



Ramadan:

In 2022, Ramadan runs from 02 April to 02 May 2022. Read more about [travelling during Ramadan](#).

Reviews



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