



# Gokova

| THE GULF OF GOKOVA

# DEPARTING AND ENDING IN BODRUM (BODRUM | CATI | 7 ADALAR | SEDIR ADASI | ENGLISH HARBOR | LONGUZ | COKERTME | KISEBUKU | BODRUM)

## CRUISING THE TURKISH AEGEAN BOUTIQUE STYLE...

Sailing by Gulet yacht is quite simply a perfect way to visit the Aegean Coast of Bodrum, and the nearby Greek islands depending on which itinerary you choose. No carrying luggage and no need to keep track of time, means that there is so much MORE to experience of this beautiful and historical region's authenticity, stunning natural landscapes and unique charm.

While exploring the coast, you can anchor in some of the most secluded spots, which let you really get the feel for the places that most visitors leave at sunset. We give you a boutique version of the classic gulet yacht cruise, discovering historical sites, tiny harbor villages, untouched beaches and bays, and a choice of great activities; all while making yourself at home in the spacious comfort of your luxurious private cabin. On board you enjoy the relaxed company of your fellow guests, large lounge areas and deck, immaculate crew service, and magical feast after feast on board each day for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Departing and ending in Bodrum. This itinerary takes in the breathtaking beauty of the Turkish Gulf of Gokova, a scattering of unspoiled islands and dramatic coastline fringed by many isolated coves and bays. Set sail from Bodrum visiting idyllic destinations and anchorages famous for their sea life and incredible waters, laid back fishing villages- many great for hiking, remarkable and atmospheric ancient sites, and yet more beautiful bays in the Gulf of Gokova. This relaxing, rich and ambient cruise experience takes you to the cove of Kisebuku before ending in the lively historical marina town of Bodrum.



Ms Nikola in Gokova



## LUXURY CABIN CHARTER:

Wake up on board to the warm Aegean sun and crystal clear waters each morning, relax into the rhythm of life on the sea, and enjoy some wonderful sailing in the perfect climate of the Turkish Aegean. Disembark to explore picturesque towns and harbors, boutique shopping, fabulous culinary experiences, and to soak up the unique atmosphere of this part of the world. While away your time on board relaxing, enjoying your crew's excellent service, dining with your group, sunbathing, reading, and pulling anchor to explore some of the stunning bays for swimming whenever the mood takes you.

Guests book deluxe cabin-only which offers a cruise holiday experience like no other with all the 5-star comfort and luxury amenities of a private charter. This affordable vacation option is ideal for singles, couples or small groups. Children from 8 years of age are welcome. The guests you join on board are international, and we bring together like-minded travellers, often of similar ages, in order to create the best, shared experience possible.

Our privately-owned, stylish and well equipped yachts vary in size from 4 to 8 cabins; the maximum capacity being 17 passengers on the M/S Flas VII. During your cruise a professional and personable crew provide an impeccable service and experienced seamanship, while exquisite cuisine is prepared to your liking by the yacht's chef. We also offer activities and imaginative shore excursions, ranging from Yoga sessions on board, cooking workshops and hiking, to guided tours and special restaurant recommendations.



## OUR GULET YACHTS FEATURE

- › 5 star luxury standards
- › Uniformed, English-speaking crew including chef
- › Optimized for sailing as guests wish
- › Adjustable a/c throughout
- › 2 generators & inverters
- › En suite bathrooms with flush w/c & enclosed shower
- › Spacious cabins
- › Flat screen TV, DVD hook up & movie library
- › Free WiFi
- › Satellite antenna
- › Stereo system/ iPOD dock
- › Orthopedic beds & pillows
- › 100% fine cotton linen and fluffy towels
- › Zodiac dinghy with H/P motor water ski, wakeboard and ringo
- › Paddle board
- › Snorkel & fishing equipment for adults & kids



## DAY 1 - SATURDAY - BODRUM

Transfer to the enchanting Bodrum harbor and board your luxurious sailing yacht in the afternoon. Your captain and crew will be waiting for you on board.

Spend the first night on board in Bodrum harbor or a bay close by.

## DAY 2 - SUNDAY - CATI

Depart from Bodrum for the Gulf of Gokova, a stretch of the Aegean where the sea displays the most remarkable hues. The rugged coastline with its myriad small bays and harbors gives way to a stunning backdrop of pine-clad hills and mountains.

The next destination is Cati Bay where we will spend the rest of the day and sleep under the stars. Cati is a beautiful natural harbor surrounded with pine trees, fantastic for swimming and walks through the pine forests.

## DAY 3 - MONDAY - 7 ADALAR - KUFRE

After breakfast, leave Cati Bay to explore Yedi Adalar (Seven Islands), a chain of 6 larger and many small islands, fringed by coral reefs located very close to the shore. Each island has its own beauty, presenting you with incredible beaches,



pine forests, or beautiful Styrax (or Sorax, sweet gum, liquid-amber) trees, which are native to this region, and have provided resin to make perfumes and incense since ancient times. The locals extract the sap from the sweet gum trees to produce Storax, which is used for medicinal purposes. At an American Chemical Society Meeting in 2006, chemists reported evidence that the seeds of the sweet gum fruit contain shikimic acid, the acid used to produce the main antiviral agent for fighting bird flu.

There are many secluded beaches and coves here where you can enjoy swimming, kayaking, and snorkelling. Our last stop in the Seven Islands region will be Kufre Bay.

## DAY 4 - TUESDAY - SEDIR ADASI - ENGLISH HARBOR

Continue your voyage to Cleopatra Island, the site of the classical love-nest created by Mark Anthony for the Egyptian Queen Cleopatra. Here you find extensive archaeological remains scattered along one of Turkey's most breathtaking golden beaches.

**(Optional):** Cleopatra's Island is like an open-air museum with its ruin-scattered beach, golden sand, and crystalline water. The inland area has a Dorian-style temple that Christians later turned into a church, a 1,500-person amphitheater reminiscent



of the pre-Roman era, small buildings with domed roofs, cisterns colored red on the inside, and tunnels. The surrounding area is strewn with broken columns, capitals, and stones decorated with pictures and reliefs. The numerous knights' coats of arms suggest that the Knights of Rhodes used the island. Legend has it that Mark Anthony brought the sand here for Cleopatra from the deserts of North Africa. It is forbidden by law to remove even a few grains of unusual sand from this island.

**English Harbor:** When you depart and sail along the island's southwestern coast, you will notice how the forests come down to meet the shores of deep inlets stretching inland. This rugged coastline is known as the Bay of Sixty-six Inlets. In the afternoon cruise to the secluded English Harbor, which abounds with thick green foliage. The cove takes its name from the English torpedo boats that hid here in World War II.



### DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY - LONGUZ BAY - BALLISU - TUZLA

Set sail for the Longuz Bay, where the forest touches the water's edge and offers some lovely hiking opportunities. In the early evening drop anchor in Tuzla for overnight, after a few stops for swimming in Ballisu. Ballisu (meaning 'honeyed water') is another site of incredible natural beauty that will take your breath away.



### DAY 6 - THURSDAY - COKERTME

Cruise to the picturesque fishing hamlet of Cokertme, which is nestled in the foothills of Kiran Mountains. Here you can hike through the village's winding pathways, some of them not much more than a goat path and explore.

**(Optional):** A short southerly sail brings you to the intriguing **village of Oren**. If the sea is calm, you can drop anchor at the sea wall and either walk about a mile or take a minibus up to the old village. Here you will find villagers living amongst the ruins of ancient Keramos. If you explore the various footpaths, you will eventually come across an ornately carved temple doorway (now part of a barn wall), the remains of a Byzantine church at the bottom of a garden complete with a clearly visible fresco, and the remains of a Roman bath complex.

### DAY 7 - FRIDAY - KISEBUKU & BODRUM

This morning cruise to the pine-clad Bay of Kisebuku. Take advantage of the calm morning hours sailing smoothly along the Gokova shores. Opt for a stop at **Orak Island**. Late afternoon, come into Bodrum harbor, or continue to the lovely bay of Ada Bogazi for the night.

Year round balmy temperatures, international marinas, elegant boutiques, chic cafés and nightclubs and a variety of delightful dining experiences attract many to the lively Bodrum town and harbor. The 15th century Crusader castle, the Museum of Underwater Archaeology, and the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, add an historical dimension to this resort.

**(Optional): Karaada Island** is well-known for its thermal features, caves and mud baths. Take a hike around the island and swim in the thermal sulphur baths, where the water is comfortably warm.

**(Optional):** This afternoon, visit the 15th-century **Crusader castle**, which houses the **Bodrum Museum of Underwater Archaeology**. Museum exhibits include ancient shipwrecks raised off the coast of Turkey and the intact remains of a Carian princess' tomb dating back to the time of Alexander the Great.



## DAY 8 - SATURDAY

Depart after breakfast for the Bodrum airport and flight back to Istanbul, or transfer to your next destination.

*Take to the sea on this dream private cruise holiday with your nearest and dearest, relax into the laid back rhythm of life on the sea, revitalise in the crystal clear waters of the Aegean and enjoy a kind of luxury hard to match on a regular villa or resort vacation.*



- Optional touring where entrance fees are required or the service of a guide and /or van are needed are extra.
- Includes arrival transfer from Bodrum airport on arrival day. Departure transfer to the airport or other incurs additional charges.
- Includes beer, wine and soft drinks. Nominal charges for other drinks on board will be incurred.
- On a 7 day cruise embarkation is on Saturdays, and disembarkation the following Saturday.
- Route applies according to weather changes at the discretion of the captain.