



MARMARIS-FETHIYE-MARMARIS

Day 1 Board the yacht in Marmaris and sail for Kumlu Buku for a relaxing afternoon of swimming and perhaps a walk to the ruins of ancient Amos. Dinner ashore at Kumlu Buku Yacht Club at the southern end of the bay, enjoying some fine Turkish wines and cuisine.

Day 2 Following breakfast we cruise to Ekincik Bay, where we will leave our yacht for an afternoon tour of ancient Caunos and Dalyan. We make our way inland along the reed-lined channels of the Dalyan River delta, keeping an eye out for turtles, herons and kingfishers. At Caunos we visit the remains of a theatre, a Byzantine church, a Roman bathhouse and an Agora before passing underneath a spectacular set of Lycian rock tombs, carved into the cliff face above the Dalyan River. Return to the yacht and enjoy a meal at the "My Marina" restaurant, the views from which are superb.

Day 3 After a morning's sail south-east from Ekincik, we round Cape Kurdoglu and drop anchor in Kizilkuyruk Harbour. After lunch there is the opportunity to swim, snorkel, waterski and windsurf in the sheltered waters of the bay, or to take an overland hike to the ruins of ancient Lydae in the hills. Our overnight destination in the picturesque Skopea Liman is Manastir Bay, where we can swim over the partially submerged ruins of a monastery. Dinner ashore in the rustic restaurant overlooking "Cleopatra's Bay".

Day 4 Crossing the Gulf of Fethiye, we reach Gemiler Island by lunchtime. Following a relaxing afternoon of swimming and snorkelling over sunken ruins, we take a tender boat ashore to explore the island. Walk around the remains of a sizeable Byzantine settlement and see a beautiful mosaic in one of the churches. Marvel at the covered walkway and peer into dwellings and a cistern. Take advantage of the fabulous view from the summit and sitting down with champagne glass in hand watch the sun set over the sea. Dinner ashore or on board.

Day 5 In the morning, we cruise to Bestas Harbour, and take a steady climb along a marked track to the deserted Greek village of Kaya Koy, 45 minutes away. Kaya Koy has a mysterious air about it and its very size gives us an idea as to the extent of its former glory. From here it is possible to rendezvous with a guide and minibus and take a day trip to the archeological sites of Xanthos, Patara and Letoon. At the end of the day, we will meet up with our yacht in Fethiye Harbour and either stay in the harbour or in a nearby anchorage.

Day 6 Cruise to Deep Bay for a morning swim in crystal-clear waters, followed by lunch. Moving on to Kapi Creek, we find yet another attractive setting with some interesting ruins of old dwellings, one of which has a triple-vaulted roof. Dine on board or ashore under the pine trees.

Day 7 Crossing to the Loryma Peninsula, we stop off at Byzantine Creek (Gerbekse) for lunch. Ashore are the ruins of a small Byzantine trading station. Heading north, we find a nice place to anchor in Amos Bay and dine ashore on traditional Turkish fare.

Day 8 Disembarkation in Marmaris.

