

Incoming Turkey

Dear Colleagues,

What we are offering is more than just a service. We view travel requirements as an essential part of any executive infrastructure. We strive at optimizing the travelers time, understanding that managing the movement of client's time effectively is an essential part of any corporation's operating strategy.

OLCARTOUR will provide your employees with travel services that is fast, friendly and efficient. For your benefit we have at your disposal travel expertise acquired through decades of experience. Such expertise that understands the logistical complexity and risks associated with the movement of passengers in a closely interwoven global network of travel operations. We are therefore in a position to guarantee you and your organization unrivaled services in any travel related requirements.

Our motto is **never leave you stranded**, no matter where and which travel predicament you might find yourself. OLCARTOUR has impeccable financial backing and has introduced a 24-hour emergency line. Help is just a telephone call away! We take the hassle out of any of your business or leisure travel requirements by rendering a comprehensive travel service.

OLCARTOUR will broker and manage your group's requirements with Mediterranean's best and most experienced tour and yacht operators. Being a ground operator and with our partner **Arinna Yachting**, a yacht operator, we will tailor incentive tours on land or at sea or combined to meet your travel and budget requirements.

We are therefore in a position to provide you with a wide range of the finest facilities in the most suitable price bracket and a vast selection of itinerary choices.

OLCARTOUR presents to you a world of tours, all kind of ground and at sea handling services in TURKEY through our efficient, professional and service oriented personnel. Tours are tailor made to suit your needs and budget requirements.

We would like to do business with you on a mutual ground and say sincere **"thank you"** to you who have cooperated with OLCARTOUR over the years and **"hos geldiniz"** (welcome) to Turkey to our many new friends in the field of travel & tourism.

OLCARTOUR TRAVEL GROUP

Profile of Olcartour;

OUTLINE

Name	Olcartour Tourism and Travel Co. Ltd.
President	Numan OLCAR
Date of Established	1988
Offices	Mersin * İstanbul * Adana * Alanya * Antalya * Kizkalesi * Anamur * Göcek
Number of Employees	67
Group of License	Group " A " No: 1607
Main Activities	Inbound and Outbound Tour Operator Ground Handler Handling Incentive Groups Congress, Conferences and Meetings Car,Coach,Aircraft Rental Travel Brokerage Corporate Travel Services Sailing & Yachting Owner and Operator for VELADARE Luxury Yacht Charters
Representative	Authorised representative of I.A.T.A. Airlines Atlasjet Representative for East Mediterranean ULUSOY Coachs Representative for East Mediterranean Representative of Turkish Airlines

Membership Associations;

- TURSAB - Turkish Travel Agencies Association
- IATA - International Airlines Transport Association
- DRV - German Travel Association
- ASTA - American Travel Association.
- MDTO - Mersin Chamber of Shipping
- MSTO - Mersin Chamber of Commers
- SKAL - Skål International



Organization Structure;

Board of Directors

- President
- Vice President
- Advisors
- Executive Directors

Corporate Planning Control Dept.

- Project Development Dept.
- Public Affairs Dept.
- General Affairs Sections
- Personnel Dept.

Coordinating Section

- Finance and Accounting Dept.
- Purchasing Dept.
- Marketing Dept.
- Reservation Dept.
- Operation / incoming Dept.
- Ticketing Dept.
- Incentive and Congress Dept.
- Yachting Department
- Aviation and Air-Born Dept
- System Administration and Data processing Dept.

Offices Working hours :

Summer period from 01/04 - 31/10
Monday – Sunday 08:30 – 19:00 hrs
Saturday 08:30 – 17:00 hrs

Winter period from 31/10 – 31/03
Monday – Friday 08:30 – 18:30 hrs
Saturday 08:30 – 17:00 hrs

Olcartour Tourism Co.Ltd's Services Philosophy;

- Friendliness towards clients and colleagues
- Readiness to serve clients and colleagues
- Thorough knowledge of products and service procedures
- Reliability
- Decisive action and prompt service
- Effective Communication
- Efficient execution of task and request

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TURKEY a paradise on Earth;

Whether you are an art and history buff, an archaeology nut or a nature lover, enjoy browsing through markets or going diving, the different regions of Turkey offer endless possibilities all year round. Each area has its own personality, history, landscape and even cuisine, and with so much on offer to visitors it is not surprising that one trip to Turkey is never enough.

Surrounded by four different seas, Turkey is a beach paradise with over 8000 km of sunny strips of sand. It also has an abundance of plant and wildlife species that can be enjoyed while camping or trekking in the many national parks which are dotted around the country.

Home to more than 20 different fascinating civilisations, Turkey has a 10,000 year-old heritage, much of which is still being uncovered. Its rich history is very much part of the present, with temples, ancient theatres, churches, mosques, tombs, statues of gods, palaces and fortresses, and of course the many detailed and fascinating museums which bring the past to life.

And of course in cities like Istanbul, there is a modern, lively ambience of contemporary society living alongside tradition, where art and music can be enjoyed whether it belongs to today or yesteryear.

OLCARTOUR Travel Management;

Olcartour is a trusted name in Turkish tourism because of its record of competitively priced professional service.

Through our extensive knowledge of the sector, we can offer the best quality hotels and resorts in their various classes, opening up this tremendously varied country to about two hundred thousand people a year. Our volume of business and financial strength keeps us firmly among the top Turkish operators

Olcartour and Turkish tourism have matured together. In over eighteen years of operation. We at Olcartour have learned to live with change, adapting to new opportunities while keeping the Turkish tradition of attentive hospitality. Our experience makes us a fixed point in a rapidly changing country and a rapidly changing sector.

Olcartour is a full-service tourism company with an "A Grade" licence from the Turkish Ministry of Tourism. We employ 64 staff and we operate 8 branches in the major tourist centers of Turkey from Istanbul down the Aegean and along the Mediterranean coast to Mersin. The company was started in 1988 by Numan Olcar.

Your Host in Turkey,

Your ground operator is an extension of your company. This is what our mutual clients believe. We ensure that your image and interests are secured in TURKEY.

The travel industry has for many years placed confidence in Olcartour Ttravel Management. We take pride in being known nationwide as a reliable and efficient partner / host.

Hotel Allotments,

We have allotments in Hotels, Clubs, and Holiday villages in the major resorts of Turkey

Our computer system assists us in monitoring and accounts operation. The reservation staff in our offices is well acquainted with the product in Turkey in addition to their local area.

Local Assistance and Representation.

If requested, a member of our staff will be appointed to liaise with your company and your client, should you not base a representative of your company in the area. This courier will, in cooperation with our operation department, take care of your holiday, hotel or travel arrangements for your clients. The courier will meet your clients not only on arrival but also at least two visits per week are scheduled at the respective hotels.

24.Hour Emergency Lines.

We undertake to never leave you stranded, no matter where and which travel predicament you might find yourself. OLCARTOUR has impeccable financial backing and has introduced a **24 Hour Emergency Line.** Help is just a telephone call away! We take the hassle out of any your business or leisure travel requirements by rendering a comprehensive travel service **(+90 532 421 6688)**

Range Of Services;

We deal in all types of tourism i.e. individual, IATA ticketing, charter flights, Transfers, Rent a Car/Coach, groups as well as incentive meetings and seminars and amongst our services we provide the following:

- **Hotel & Apartment Reservations**

Accommodation in hotels of various categories from Deluxe to C' Class Hotels and Apartments all over Turkey specializing in the South coast for Individuals & Groups traveling by charter flight, scheduled flight, cruise boat (stop over) ferry or fly & drive.

- **Groups, Conferences & Incentives**

Specializing in Planning / Organizing of Groups and Incentives including pre-planning inspection trips / organizing hotel accommodation in the most convenient of locations / helping to choose the most appropriate venues and recommendations for special itineraries / themes.

- **Airport / Port Assistance**

Provided on Arrival and Departure at Port or Airport.

- **Transfers**

Arranging Transfers to and from the Airport/Port in air-conditioned coaches/taxis with full assistance upon clients' arrival and departure.

- **Excursions**

Organizing Excursions to all parts of Turkey specializing in Istanbul, with a variety of excursions from which to choose, (Half day or Full day), all of which are carried out in our air-conditioned coaches and escorted by professional guides, fluent in many languages, taking in visits to Archaeological, historical & religious sites.

- **Cruises**

Organizing cruises to the Greek islands or to neighbouring countries and as well as Carribeans.

- **Rent a Car**

Arranging with reputable local car hire companies Delivery / Collection at Airport and Hotels.

- **Rep / Host(ess) Service**

Rep / host(ess) service for all passengers from Travel Agencies/Tour Operators whom do not have their own rep.

What Türkiye Looks like;

AREA AND POPULATION

Turkey's land mass is 780.000 sq.Km. with 97% in Asia (the Anatolian plateau) and 3% in Europe (Thrice). These are divided by the Bosphorus, the Sea of Marmara and the Dardanelles. The population is over 65 million.

WEATHER

Mediterranean Area:

April-October, average 28° reaching 35° in July - August.

Marmara Sea Area :

April - October, average 20° reaching 30° in July - August.

Aegean Area :

April - October average 25° , reaching 32° in July - August

CLOTHING

From May to September light preferably cotton, clothing is needed, with a jacket or wrap for evenings. In other seasons heavier clothing is recommended, especially in the evenings.

TIME

Greenwich mean time plus 2 hours.

ELECTRICITY

AC, 50 cycles, 220 volts

LANGUAGE

Turkish is the official language. In the larger cities, many people speak English, German or French . As the Latin alphabet is used it is easy to read street names and signs.

BANKS

Banking hours are 08.30 -12.00 and 13.30 - 16.30 Monday through Friday. Rates of exchange very slightly between those indicated by the central bank and other government banks and private banks are preceded by the letters "T.C."

RELIGION

The secular state was introduced into Turkey by **Kemal ATATÜRK** but Islam is the main religion and Islamic religious holidays are observed nationwide. The minorities, who mainly reside in Istanbul and Izmir, and who are Greek Orthodox, Armenian and Jewish, enjoy complete freedom to worship in their own temples. The many beautiful Byzantine churches have been preserved over the centuries and are open to the public.

SHOPPING

Shops selling tourist articles are often open seven days a week. The main items of interest are made of onyx, marble, meerschaum, brass and copper, as well as gold and silver jewelry, excellent suede and leather clothing old and new embroideries and, of course, carpets, both in silk and wool. Permission must be obtained from the local or nearest museum director to export a valuable antique carpet, and this may not always be granted.

RESTAURANTS

Turkish cuisine is justly famous and restaurants of all categories generally server grills salads and a variety of both national and international desserts. Better class establishments offer a wide variety of international dishes, while some specialize in typical Turkish food and sweets. Turkey produces very fine wines in many region and the best of these are available in all good class restaurants. The national drinks "Raki " is the most popular among Turks and should be tried. In most places tap water is safe to drink, but there is variety of bottled spring water,sodas and excellent pure fruit juices can be found. Besides vodka and brandy as well as the better known makes of beer; imported varieties are available in most grocers.Liqueur can be freely purchased and be consumed in any establishment which is licensed to serve it. Foreign brands of cigarettes can also be found easily at controlled prices.

HOTELS

These are classified by the Ministry of Tourism and are graded according to their location and facilities as: 5 stars (Deluxe), 4 Stars (First class), 3 Stars (Second Class) 2 stars (Tourist class) a similar classification is applied to motels, and pensions which are subject to an appropriate grading. In most hotels group rates apply to a minimum of 16 person.

TIPPING & BARGAINING

Although most hotels add a percentage for services plus V.A.T. it is customary to leave a tip of not less than 15% of the bill or more if the service has been exeptional. Chambermaids,valets and bell hops should be tipped according to the service rendered, but not less than the equivalent of 0.50 US\$. as the prices of most salable items are fixed and controlled, bargaining is restricted to items like carpets and souvenirs. The price of gold and silver are government controlled and therefore no bargaining is permitted.

TOURIST INFORMATION

The ministry of Tourism has established Tourism Information Offices in all the main tourist centers which are open from 09.00 to 19.00 six days a week. Brochures about all available in English, French, German and Spanish.

AIRPORT FORMALITIES

While visas are not required for most European nationals coming for the holiday up to three months, it is advisable to consult the nearest Turkish Consulate before traveling to Turkey. When arriving in Turkey via Atatürk (Istanbul),Esenboga (Ankara),Antalya, A.Menderes (Izmir) or Adana Airports, valuables which are in your possession and which you wish to take out upon departure should be declared and entered on your passport to avoid difficulties later. On arrival at the destination airport, travelers will be met and transferred by a representative of Olcartour if requested.

SPECIAL SERVICES for memorable holidays;

Excursions

Each year Olcartour organises hundreds of excursions for thousands of visitors, showing them some of the most remarkable sights of Turkey – indeed, of the world. Our guides are experts both in the regions of the excursion and the sights on the itinerary, and they have a high degree of competence in a language relevant to their tour groups. Our carefully selected drivers and modern, well-maintained buses maximise our guests comfort and safety.

Discover Anatolia Tours

Olcartour's experience of running tours is unrivalled. In 1989, we became one of the first companies to introduce guaranteed departure tours in the East Mediterranean region. The idea caught on both with our individual clients and our associate companies. Now we offer an expanded range of Discover Anatolia Tours throughout the year with west Anatolia tours from Istanbul, Antalya or Adana; central Anatolia tours from Antalya; and Marmara and Black Sea region tours from Istanbul. We can organise exclusive individual or group tours with itineraries catering for particular interests.

A Discover Anatolia tour is an ideal way to make the most of a short break. We employ more than 30 academically trained, qualified guides who introduce and explain the contemporary, historical and natural riches of your chosen region. Our modern fleet of buses ensures you travel in style, while our carefully selected hotels will pamper you in the evenings.

Discover West Anatolia Tour

Our Discover West Anatolia Tour starts in Istanbul, the only city in the world built on two continents, Europe and Asia, and separated by the incomparable Bosphorus. As the former capital of two of the world's greatest empires, the Byzantine and the Ottoman, Istanbul has many unique buildings and monuments - the awe-inspiring Hagia Sophia (or Church of Divine Wisdom) dating from the sixth century, and the massive seventeenth century Blue Mosque, to name but two. The exotic Grand Bazaar is everything an oriental bazaar should be, with its colourful shops spilling out their wares onto a maze of narrow alleys, will tempt your eye and your wallet.

From Istanbul, the tour moves on to the most famous city of ancient times, Troy, the city of Helen, whose fate is immortalised in Homer's Iliad. The next stop is the ancient acropolis of Pergamon, one of the most outstanding ancient cities in Anatolia. It is famous for its crowning Altar of Zeus and, while the superstructure has been removed to Berlin, the still spectacular foundation stones of this enormous structure remain. Pergamon's theatre, clinging to the side of the acropolis at a precipitous angle, is one of the highlights of a visit. Yet, all this is but a preparation for a visit to Ephesus.

Ephesus, like Pergamon, is one of the cities of the Seven Churches of the Revelations. Today it is the most substantial of Turkey's Greco-Roman sites and its

size and sophisticated design will astound you. Nearby is the Basilica of St. John, where John the Evangelist is buried, the site of the Temple of Artemis (one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, sadly destroyed), and Meryemana, the reputed final home of the Virgin Mary.

Natural wonders follow man-made ones with a visit to the aptly named Pamukkale (Cotton Castle) a cascade of travertines built up over millennia from the deposits of hot, healing springs.

The tour ends in Antalya, at the very centre of the beautiful Turkish Riviera

Discover Central Anatolia Tour

From Antalya, the tour goes to Konya, one of the most important centres of Islamic culture in Turkey and home of the mystical Whirling Dervishes and their haunting dances. Skipping from one religion to another, the group moves to Cappadocia, with its strange volcanic landscape, underground cities and early Christian churches.

Next stop is Ankara, Turkey's capital city and home of the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations, which has an incomparable collection of artifacts from the many civilisations that have occupied central Anatolia over the last 9000 years. Finally, the group travels to Istanbul to sample the delights of this world renowned city.

Steps of Saint Paul Tours

Saint Paul was born in Tarsus, near the modern city of Mersin in the south of Turkey, and passed through the land which is now Turkey on each of his three missionary journeys. All of the Seven Churches of the Revelation are within Turkey and can be visited. This wealth of religious history allows Olcartour to offer a wide variety of exciting round-trip itineraries in the steps of St. Paul.

Discover the Black Sea Tour

Turkey's Black Sea coast is a hidden treasure, largely undiscovered by tour groups. Its short sub-tropical summer fails to scorch its lush greenery and rice, tea and hazelnuts are grown under the lee and on the slopes of the coastal Pontic Mountains. This is a land steeped in legend and history: it was home to the ferocious Amazon women, Jason and the Argonauts passed by on their search for the Golden Fleece, the ancient Greeks colonised it, the Pontic Kingdom flourished, the Romans barely contained its rebellious people, the Byzantines took over the main cities, the Mongols invaded it and the Ottomans subdued it.

From Istanbul the tour heads to Safranbolu, a town of traditional Ottoman houses in a beautiful natural setting, and then on to Trabzon (the fabled walled city of Trabzon and the last outpost of the Byzantine Empire). Close by is one of the most dramatic sights in all of Turkey; Sumela monastery, which clings to a ledge 300m above a rushing stream. On the return leg, the tour stops in Amasya, one of Turkey's most beautiful cities which is adorned by old mosques and Ottoman houses below an ancient citadel, and then Bolu, nestling in green, gently mountainous forests.

City-Flight Breaks

Our City-Flight Breaks offer those with a short holiday period a chance to experience the pleasures of Istanbul, Izmir, Ankara or any other city or region of Turkey for periods lasting from three days to one week. Our guests stay in one of our selected hotels and enjoy a programme of excursions and evening activities to suit their tastes. Longer City-Flight Breaks can include a Discover Anatolia tour.

Combination Tours

A Combination Tour starts with one or two nights in Istanbul before moving on to one or more hotels or resorts on the Aegean or Mediterranean coasts. A Discover Anatolia tour or a Blue Voyage may also be included in our tailor-made packages.

Blue Voyages

Turkey's Mediterranean coast, aptly named the Turquoise coast for its green forests and blue sea, provides wonderful coastal scenery and there is no better way to explore it than by boat. An Olcartour Blue Voyage on a traditional Turkish gulet, a motorised sailing schooner, is an experience to remember a real get-away-from-it-all holiday of sun, swimming and the simple pleasures of life.

Each gulet is fully equipped for small groups with double cabins, showers, toilet and kitchen. The skilled crew do the sailing and prepare delicious meals of fresh-caught seafood.

Typically, a Blue Voyage lasts for one week, with daytime sailings and night-times spent at anchor in splendid coastal seclusion or near a coastal resort with a lively night-life.

Blue Voyages are operated on a scheduled basis in season departing from Bodrum, Marmaris and Antalya. Olcartour also arranges yacht charters (including bare-boat charters).

Cruise Ship Services

In partnership with cruise ship companies, we also organise city tours, day excursions and special entertainment evenings for cruise ship passengers visiting Turkish ports, such as Istanbul, Mudanya, Dikili, Izmir, Kusadasi, Bodrum, Marmaris, Antalya and Mersin.

Special Activities

Olcartour organises special activity programmes and speciality holidays. We offer rafting on some of Turkey's untamed rivers, trekking holidays, steam train and jeep tours, and Turkish bath sessions which can extend into a full dinner with a belly dancer for entertainment in the evening. Other special evening entertainments we offer include a floating night-club on Istanbul's beautiful Bosphorus waterway and Turkish evenings with excellent Turkish cuisine, musicians and belly dancers.

Yachting Paradise... Turkey;

The Mediterranean, Aegean and the Black Seas, as well as the Sea of Marmara, surround Turkey to the north, west and south. With over 8333 kilometers of coastline and four seas, Turkey is a treasure-chest of coves, inlets, bays and beaches from which yachtsmen can choose a different and always private anchorage each night. The sailing paradise of Turkey is home to the Blue Voyage. This idyllic cruise means sailing with the winds, similar to what native *Homer says, into coves, over the seas and becoming one with nature.

Our partners at sea Arinna Yachting – Vela Dare* is one of the most exclusive boutique yacht owner & operator companies in Turkey. (**Vela Dare is derived from latin meaning Set Sail*)

Arinna - Vela Dare offers high quality, all inclusive gulets, bareboats (monohulls, catamarans) for groups of six to sixteen guests. Based in the exclusive Turkish yachting centre of Gocek, together with our partners we have access to a wide range of top quality yachts. The standards of the yachts we choose to work with are defined by the specifications of our partner's flagship, the **Amazon Solo**. www.veladare.com

In the Vela Dare collection, the number of passengers on a yacht (gulets – traditional Turkish sail boats) depends on the yacht's size and design. Gulets are also available for smaller groups. All the gulets offer their guests separate accommodation, complete services and entertainment. The crew have their own quarters and you will find them professional, friendly and helpful. On all gulets the cabins are well-appointed and spacious with en suite bathrooms. Most gulets have air-conditioning in the cabins, cooling them comfortably for an afternoon siesta and for the night. Lounges are big enough to seat all guests, should they prefer to dine or relax below deck. On-deck, accommodation is generous, with sunloungers and mattresses for guests to enjoy the Mediterranean sun. Aft-deck and mid-deck lounges, with sun awnings, offer cooler alternative areas in which to relax. Gulets in many ways are **like small full-service hotels** where every room has a constantly changing sea view. There is also no better way of enjoying a cooling swim, whilst at anchor in turquoise waters.

We also cater to the needs of pure sailing enthusiasts, those who like to sail and crew their own boat. You can charter monohull or catamarans ranging from 32 feet to 51 feet out of Gocek and Marmaris.

Highlights of the Turkish coast include: Gocek; Gulf of Gocek; Fethiye; Oludeniz and Gemiler Island; Kalkan; Kas; Kekova and Kale Koy; Gocek to Marmaris; Marmaris; Hisaronu Gulf; Bodrum and the Gulf of Gokova. In a week's itinerary one can cover only certain parts of the picturesque Turkish coast between Bodrum and Finike. Below we list only some of the attractive major towns, villages along the Turkish coast, hundreds of hidden, secluded coves can only be visited by a gulet as most of them have no road access.

GOCEK

Gocek is an exclusive yachting centre which caters for the ever-changing tastes of true boating enthusiasts. Within twenty-five minutes' reach of Dalaman Airport and unspoilt by mass tourism it is an ideal place to start your holiday

GULF OF GOCEK

One of the Mediterranean's best sailing locations, the gulf of Gocek's land and seascapes are irresistible. Dotted with islands and indented by coves, it has many anchorages with stunning scenery - Cleopatra's Bay, Wall Bay and 22 Fathom Bay - to name just a few.

FETHIYE, OLUDENIZ & GEMILER ISLAND

The Gulf of Fethiye covers some sixty square miles and has more than two dozen anchorages. The famous lagoon and the white sand beach of Oludeniz lie within a few miles of the picturesque anchorage of Gemiler Island, where Byzantine ruins lie tucked among pine trees.

KALKAN

The charming little town of Kalkan sits at the end of a bay, which it overlooks. The small marina is surrounded by restaurants and bars, and its narrow streets are lined by old Turkish houses with rickety wooden balconies and bougainvillea-covered walls.

KAS

Ancient Antiphellos is another charming town with palm-shaded promenades and its picturesque peninsula reaching out to a Greek Island on one side and hosting a new marina on the other. Lycian tombs intermingle with carpet shops, restaurants and lively bars. A Byzantine amphitheatre overlooks the sea and is only five minutes' walk from the marina, providing a perfect sunset location.

KEKOVA & KALEKOY

The oldest shipwreck known to mankind lies on the way to Kekova from Kas. Kekova Island with its submerged ruins lies across from Kale Koy, the most picturesque fishing village on the Turkish coast. The view from the top of the hill through the arches of the ancient fortress is spectacular. Nearby attractions include St Nicholas Church and ancient Myra at Demre, and the small village of Uçagiz.

GOCEK TO MARMARIS

Ekincik, west of Gocek, is an ideal place to leave your yacht while visiting ancient Caunos. One should plan on spending a day there, to admire the scenery and the many ruins. There are baths, a small theatre, a temple and a market place, all of Roman origin.

MARMARIS

Like a calm lake, the Bay of Marmaris offers excellent moorings. Marmaris was an important stage on the Anatolia-Rhodes-Egypt trade route. The citadel built by Suleyman the Magnificent in the 16th century sits on the hill behind the harbour. From a small fishing village it has rapidly grown into a bustling holiday resort.

HISARONU GULF

The Gulf of Hisaronu is another area of breathtaking natural beauty. You will find medieval fortresses and ruins on the islets with trees going down to the water's edge. Tiny coves and inlets, where only a few yachts can enter, are ideal for lunchtime stops and swimming. The pretty small towns of Bozburun, Selimiye and Datca, where you can pick up fresh supplies, and find restaurants, bars and craft shops, are well worth a visit.

BODRUM AND THE GULF OF GOKOVA

Bodrum, built on the sight of ancient Halicarnassos is a busy, sophisticated town with numerous restaurants and bars, as well as shops and bazaars. The harbour is overlooked by the 15th century Crusader castle, built by the Knights of St John of Rhodes. By day and night Bodrum is the liveliest town on the Turkish coast. The Gulf of Gokova lies between Bodrum and the Datca peninsula, a mixture of deep blue seas and peaceful, often deserted bays. You can bathe in the hot mineral springs on Kara Island and explore the 4th century BC ruins on the Sehir Islands, where Cleopatra is believed to have lived and created the beach for her lover Anthony by shipping sand from Egypt. Knidos is famous for the 4th century BC statue of the first naked Aphrodite, goddess of love, reputed to bring good luck to sailors. Today only the pedestal ruins are left.

Sailing in Turkey also allows you to experience a truly enriching cultural exchange with the hospitable and gracious people of the coastal villages and towns. The tempered winds, which generally blow from the west and northwest, make the long summers ideal for yachting, and seem to encourage an appreciation of nature. From some of the Turquoise Coast's unspoilt and sheltered bays you can see mountain peaks rising to almost 3000 meters above sea level.

Fortunately, Turkey's modern facilities and comfort have not shadowed her ancient hospitality and slower pace of life. The pleasure of yachting in Turkey will tempt you back again and again, to explore yet another stretch of coast and to relieve the luxurious ease of life on the sea

Sail and explore Turkey, Asia Minor as the prehistorians say, is a unique experience, a country sitting on two continents and surrounded by four seas..

Post or pre-cruise Istanbul breaks, land excursions to famous ancient cities of Ephesus, Aphrodisias and Troja can be tailored and incorporated to your sailing holiday.

Did you know ?

That two of the ancient world's Seven Wonders are in Turkey, the Mausoleum in Bodrum and The Temple of Artemis (Diana) near Ephesus and

Troja was an ancient Asia Minor (circa B.C. 2500) city attached to the Hittites is located in North West of present Turkey.

Daily Excursions around **ISTANBUL**

Half Day Tours

Byzantine Visions – OLCIST101

St. Sophia, Byzantine Hippodrome, Underground Cistern,
The Blue Mosque, Grand Bazaar

Ottoman Visions – OLCIST102

Topkapi Palace, Suleymaniye Mosque

Bosphorus By Ferry – OLCIST103

Egyptian Spice Bazaar, Cruise on the Bosphorus,
the " Sadberk Hanim Ethnological Museum"

Asia – OLCIST104

Bosphorus Bridge, Camlica Hill, Beylerbeyi Palace, Uskudar

Golden Horn – OLCIST105

Molla Zeyrek Mosque (Pantocrator Monastery), St Chora Church (Kariye museum),
Mihrimah Mosque, Eyup Sultan Mosque, Land Walls of Emperor Theodosius,
Ahrida Synagogue, Balat.

La Belle Époque – OLCIST106

Nusretiye Mosque, Kilic Ali Pasa Mosque, Tophane Fountain, Turkish Orthodox
Patriarch ate, Surp Krikor Lusorovich, the oldest Armenian Church, St. Andrea
Russian Church, the worlds third oldest metro, Pera, Lodge of Whirling Dervishes
(Galata Mevlevihanesi), Taksim Square, Galata Tower

Full Day Tours

Byzantine & Ottoman Visions – OLCIST201

Combination Byzantine Visions and Ottoman Visions.

Bosphorus & Asia – OLCIST202

Combination Bosphorus by Ferry and Asia

Princes' Islands – OLCIST203

Cruise across the Bosphorus and the Marmara Sea and Buyukada.

Bursa – OLCBRS204

Green Mosque, Green Mausoleum, the Grand Mosque, Mausoleum of Ottoman
Sultans, Covered Bazaar, Old Silk Market, Mount Uludag (Olympos), a nice cruise
on the Sea of Marmara.

Night Tours

Istanbul By Night – OLCIST200

First class night club, a full course Turkish dinner followed by a floor show including
belly dancing, Turkish dancing and the performance of an international singer.

Daily Excursions around MERSIN (New Destination !)

Full Day Tours

Mersin & Tarsus – OLC110

Tarsus, birth place of St. Paul Cave of Seven Sleepers, a sacred place for Muslims
St. Paul's Well, Cleopatra' s gate Gozlukule wooden park, Shopping

Uzuncaburc / Silifke – OLC111

Diocaesarea- Olba, Silifke Castle Castle of Corycos
Corycian caves: Heaven & Hell and Wishing and Asthma Cave

Cappadocia – OLC113

Gumus, old cave churches Underground city Kaymakli
Goreme, Urgup, Uchisar, Zelve

Tarsus & Yayla – OLC114

Kleopatra Gate, Yayla (1150 meters
lunch, visit the lake and coffee break

Antakya – OLC115

Kizkalesi Beach – OLC116

Heaven and Hell, Kizkalesi
break for swimming

Adana - 117

City tour, dam tour, shopping .

Kizkalesi & Boat Trip – OLC119

Kizkalesi, Kanitanys, Castle of Corycos
boat tour and swimming break

Red Canyon – OLC120

Pompeipolis, Red Canyon, Kalitays

Night Tours

Mersin By Night – OLC118

Night Entertainment
in the one of the best night club by the sea

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Services Provided by OLCARTOUR ;

A. TRAVEL, CORPORATE INCENTIVE.

- TICKET ISSUANCE OF ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES. (I.A.T.A.).
- DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TICKET ISSUANCE OF T.H.Y.
- EXCLUSIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR **BUSINESS TRAVELERS**.
- HOTEL RESERVATIONS. (*SPECIAL RATES ON SELECTED HOTELS*)
- MEETING AND ASSISTANCE AT MAJOR AIRPORTS ON REQUEST.
- GROUND HANDLING SERVICES (*INBOUND AND OUTBOUND*)
- GUARANTEED DAILY SIGHT-SEEING AND EXCURSIONS IN ALL MAJOR CITIES
- MEETING YOUR GUESTS AT MAJOR AIRPORTS WITH OUR SPECIALIZED ESCORTS AND THEIR TRANSFERS TO REQUESTED LOCATIONS.
- CORPORATE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS AT SEA AND LAND .
- CAR / COACH / VAN RENTALS.
- INTERNATIONAL TOUR OPERATIONS.
- MINI VACATIONS, WEEKEND HOLIDAYS.
- SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS. (*RAFTING, TREKKING, ADVENTURE ETC.*)
- HUNTING ACTIVITIES.
- SPECIAL INCENTIVES.
- CHRISTIAN PILGRIMAGE TOUR.
- EDUCATION EXCHANGE AND STUDY PROGRAMS.
- TAILOR MADE LUXURY YACHT CRUISES COMBINED WITH LAND TOURS.
- VISA FORMALITIES
- TAILOR-MADE V.I.P. SERVICES.

B. YACHTING

- CREWED CHARTER BOATS. (GULLETS)
- BARE BOAT CHARTERS. (*FULL EQUIPMENT, WITHOUT CREW.*)
- FIX DEPARTURE YACHT CRUISES FROM MARMARIS OR BODRUM.
- MEETING CLIENTS AT AIRPORTS AND THEIR TRANSFERS TO THE PIER.
- LUXURY AND DELUXE TRADITIONAL YACHT CHARTERS. GULETS AND POWER BOATS RANGING FROM 22 METERS TO 36 METERS. ALL THE YACHTS ARE CAREFULLY CHOSEN AND ARE ENSUITE, FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED AND HAVE WELL APPOINTED CABINS.
- BAREBOAT SAIL YACHT CHARTERS OUT OF GOCEK AND MARMARIS BASES. (YACHTS RANGING 32 FEET – 50 FEET)
- INCENTIVE PROGRAMS AT SEA. **BRAND NEW APPROACH** TO CORPORATE TEAM BUILDING AND ENTERTAINMENT AT SEA.
- CABIN CHARTERS OUT OF BODRUM, MARMARIS AND FETHIYE.
- YACHT AGENCY SERVICES, CUSTOMS CLEARANCE AND FORMALITIES AND GROUND SERVICES FOR MEGA YACHTS IN GOCEK, ISTANBUL, BODRUM AND MARMARIS MARINAS.

C. AVIATION / AIR-BORN

- HELICOPTER RENTALS.
- SMALL AIRCRAFT RENTALS WITHIN TURKEY.
- AIR TAXI RENTALS.
- AIRPLANE CHARTERS & GROUND HANDLING AT TURKISH AIRPORTS.
- CHARTER FLIGHT ORGANIZATIONS.

D. CONGRESS - SEMINARS & CONVENTIONS

- ORGANIZING SEMINARS, CONVENTIONS, CONGRESSES
- TRANSLATION SERVICES INCLUDING SIMULTANEOUS IN ALL LANGUAGES.
- FAIR AND SHOWS ORGANIZATIONS.
- CONGRESS AND SEMINAR EQUIPMENTS AND FACILITIES ARRANGEMENTS.
- PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PERSONNEL ARRANGEMENTS .
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