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# Bodrum, Turkey

## PORT EXPLORER and SHOPPING GUIDE

**GENERAL INFORMATION** The port city known today as Bodrum was founded over 3,000 years ago and named Halicarnassus. It looks south from the Turkish mainland out upon the Aegean Sea and the island of Kos. Over the centuries the city has been the seat of kings and queens and endured the wrath of conquerors. It has been the site of one of the wonders of the ancient world, the birthplace of classic historians and the mighty bastion of Crusader Knights. The city has been swept up into grand empires and taken through the fortunes of war.

Modern Bodrum, with a population around 45,000, is a warm and inviting resort area that still maintains its sense of history. The city and the peninsula have become one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Mediterranean. In the sailing world, Bodrum's craftsmen are justifiably famous for their handmade Tirhandil and Gulet boats that take visitors sailing along the stunning coastline. The clear waters of the Aegean Sea make modern Bodrum a prime spot for diving and snorkeling. The consistent sea breezes also make Bodrum a favorite place for windsurfers. Many visitors are so taken with this charming seaside resort that they end up investing in a summer getaway property and returning yearly. Modern Bodrum has also become a popular center for Turkey's artistic community who come here for the beautifully vibrant colors of the land, sun and sea...as well as Bodrum's relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. After the sun goes down Bodrum comes alive with clubs, discos and exciting restaurants and cafes that stay open till dawn.

**SHORE EXCURSIONS** To make the most of your visit to Bodrum and surrounding areas we suggest you take one of the organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour content and pricing, consult your Shore Excursion Order Form or contact the Shore Excursion Desk. When going ashore, be advised to take only necessary items and secure any valuables onboard.

**LOCAL CUSTOMS** Bargaining: Prices are often set, but many shops will bargain.

Tip: Wages are generally very low in bars and restaurants. Your tip will be appreciated much more than you realize. A 10% tip is customary.

**LOCAL CUISINE AND DRINK SPECIALTIES** Some of the traditional dishes of Turkey include: Cabbage Dolma, a steamed cabbage leaf stuffed with rice, herbs, spices, pine nuts and currants. Sis kebab, skewered lamb cubes that have been marinated in olive

oil, milk, onions, tomato sauce, salt and pepper then grilled. Alinazik is cooked ground meat over a mixture of roasted eggplant, garlic, yogurt and green peppers. Baklava is a sweet layered pastry of light, flakey, buttered dough and pistachios or walnuts, baked and then covered with a hot syrup made from sugar, lemon juice and water.

Unlike much of the West, coffee in Turkey is far more than a simple morning "pick-me-up". Coffee is a traditional component of the social structure and culture. Raki is a Turkish brandy most often made from grapes or plums. With its extremely high alcohol content it is often referred to as "aslan sutu... the lion's milk".

**LOCAL CURRENCY** The unit of currency in Turkey is the new Turkish Lira (YTL). Notes are now available in the following denominations; 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 1 and coins of 5, 10, 50 and 100. ATM's are commonly available. Local banks and exchange offices are the best location to convert your currency to Lira.

**POST OFFICE** A Post Office is located in the central downtown area at #3 Cevat Sakir Street.

**TRANSPORTATION** Taxis are always available but few of the drivers will speak English.

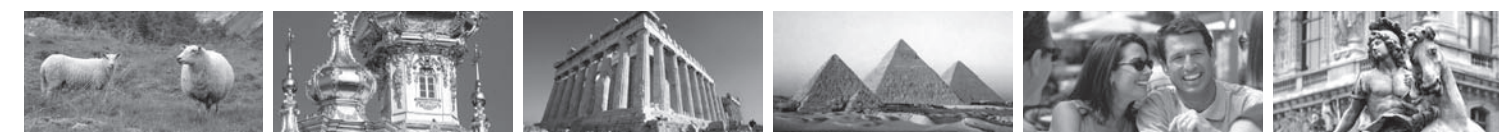
In order to rent a car you must be at least 18 years old and have had your driver's license for over one year.

Dolmus are mini-buses that go to all the surrounding towns. The main station in Bodrum is in the center of town on Cevat Sakir Street.

**TOURIST INFORMATION** A local tourist office is located at # 3 Ruzgarli Street.

### USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

- Hello • Merhaba
- Goodbye • Hoşçakalin
- How are you? • Nasilsiniz?
- Thank you • Tesekküredim
- You're welcome • Bir sey degil
- Yes • Evet
- No • Hayir
- How much is this? • Bu kaç lira?



# The SIGHTS and SHOPPING of BODRUM

- 1** The **TOMB OF KING MAUSOLOS** was built in the late 300s BC. It was commissioned by the king's wife Artemisia. Though now in ruins the once massive structure was one of the most amazing buildings of the ancient world.
- 2** The **CASTLE OF ST. PETER THE LIBERATOR** is the beautiful symbol of Bodrum. Construction on the fortification was begun in 1402 by the Knights of St. John. The castle museum houses artifacts from the Bronze Age, Mycenaean, Archaic, Classical, and Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine periods. The castle is home to one of the best, most extensive and interesting underwater archeology museums in the world.
- 3** The **BODRUM AMPHITHEATRE** was built in the late 300s BC under the direction of King Mausolos. Excavated and restored in the 1970s, after over 2,000 years the open-air theater still serves the people of the city to this day.
- 4** The **MYNDOS GATE** is part of the defensive ramparts that encircled the ancient city of Halicarnassus. It was from these walls that the citizens of the city put up their heroic, yet ultimately unsuccessful, fight against Alexander the Great in the early 300s BC. The ruins can be seen thanks to extensive excavation.

## Beyond Bodrum

- 5** **GUMBET** has one of the best and thereby most popular beaches in the area. There are plenty of water sports available including parasailing and windsurfing.
- 6** **BITEZ** sits just west of Gumbet. The town itself is inland but the bay and beach is another nice location for swimming, sun-bathing and water sports.
- 7** **YAHSI** is the next beach town as you continue west. This beach is popular with families. There are a number of cafes that serve up a great lunch at a very reasonable price.
- 8** **AKYARLAR** is a very quiet little village at the southern tip of the peninsula. This is another nice beach for families as well as a popular location for windsurfers. The village has a small harbor and a couple of good cafes along the waterfront.
- 9** **YALIKAVAK** is a small and sleepy harbor town on the northwest coast of the Bodrum Peninsula. There are some nice harbor front cafes where visitors can have lunch while watching the fishing boats and pleasure crafts.
- 10** Sailing the **AEGEAN SEA** is a marvelous experience, especially when you are aboard classically built sailboats like the Tirhandil and the Bodrum Gulet. These boats have been built by master craftsmen in and around Bodrum for countless generations. The Gulets are hand made and internationally famous for the quality of their workmanship and seaworthiness. The Aegean Sea is known as one of the most beautiful sailing destinations in the world. Sailing along the coast on a Gulet you will have the opportunity to enter hidden coves and isolated inlets where you can enjoy a great swim in the refreshing water.



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