

BODRUM

The definitive guide!



Something for everyone... the perfect holiday destination!

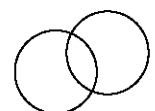
Bodrum: 'Sugar cube houses laced with vibrant bougainvillea draping the lush green hillsides overlooking the spectacular turquoise bay and imposing castle of St. Peter.'

Bodrum is a holiday hotspot for a diverse, eclectic array of nationalities. It is the favoured destination for affluent Turks from the cities of Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir, but they are not the only lovers of the region, others include holidaymakers from Holland, Germany, Italy, Ireland, the UK, Belgium, Russia and Greece to name but a few. The resident population of around 40,000, increases to almost half a million during the height of the summer period. Referred to regularly as 'the St. Tropez of Turkey' Bodrum has a uniquely capacious appeal!

Home to the tomb of King Mausolus one of the seven wonders of the ancient world and with its impressive marina and quaint cobbled streets, it's not hard to see why this is such a popular destination, the spectacular scenery coupled with the cosmopolitan feel of the area makes it appealing to all walks of life.

Bodrum castle (or the medieval castle of St. Peter) built by the knights of Rhodes; guards the entrance to Bodrum's harbour and has been converted into the Museum of Underwater Archaeology with remains dating back to the Bronze Age.

Its beachfront bars are beautifully tranquil; by day a peaceful haven for sunbathing, swimming and shopping then in the evening transforms into the bustling epicentre of the resorts lively nightlife with an array of eateries and bars lining the shore meeting the notorious 'Halikarnas' nightclub on the far end of the bay offering dancing and entertainment into the small hours.



Bodrum Peninsula at a glance!



Yalikavak

The most spectacular views of the sunset you can imagine: This popular village offers some excellent seafood restaurants close to its elegant Marina and neighbouring harbour where you can enjoy a wide variety of fish dishes as well as local and international cuisine. Yalikavak is approximately 20 minutes drive from Bodrum and offers a more peaceful surrounding, yet has plenty to see and do. The new marina features a shopping mall, amphitheatre, beach club, sailing school and clinic. Market day is Thursday.

Turgutreis



This modern town is named after the legendary Turkish sailor Turgut Reis and is well known for its Saturday market and bazaar; the largest in the area. Turgutreis is approximately 20 minutes drive from Bodrum and is popular for its beaches and impressive marina which opened in 2002 featuring an eclectic collection of shops and cafes as well as an open air cinema. This small town is fully facilitated with post offices, banks and supermarkets. It is one of the closest points to Kos (the Greek island) and ferries run daily in the summer. Also on the road to Turgutreis is an equestrian centre for those who love horse riding.



Gumusluk

Is *the* quintessential Turkish fishing village located in a secluded cove the waterfront is lined with fish restaurants displaying their wares in glass ice cabinets, fresh that day just waiting to be grilled and eaten! It doesn't come any fresher than this! Gumusluk is situated on the original site of the ancient city of Myndos; because of this it is protected by preservation order, retaining its original charm. It is a true sanctuary!

Poking from the sea in the middle of the bay is Rabbit Island; it separates the two well-sheltered bays of the cove and is accessible by a partially sunken causeway. The Island hilltop offers a magnificent panorama of the bay, a glimpse of the famous rabbits scurrying around always favoured by children! Market day is Wednesday.

Gundogan



Gundogan is a small village with calm and clean beaches. The village has an authentic Turkish ambience, with small cafes and restaurants serving local food. In Gundogan you can enjoy a variety of outdoor and water sports activities, such as diving, hiking and pony trekking. Nature lovers can truly appreciate self directed or guided treks through the surrounding countryside. You can also take a boat excursion to the Apostol Island, featuring a romantic setting by the ruins of a Byzantine Church. Gundogan has a beautiful intimate sandy beach with crystal clear waters and is favoured for its peaceful vibe.



Golkoy & Turkbuku (Golturkbuku)

These two villages, Golkoy and Turkbuku, merged to form the exclusive resort Golturkbuku, attracting the rich and famous from around the world with it's trendy cafes, bars, restaurants and jetty style beach clubs; located north shores of the peninsula, is a stunning destination where the sea is calm and the vistas mesmerising. The popularity of this tiny resort with the international elite has earned the region the prestigious comparison to St Tropez.

Torba



A pretty village with a picturesque mountain backdrop, Torba has a peaceful atmosphere with a few restaurants and a small pebble beach. Approximately 10 minutes drive from Bodrum, Torba is located in the elbow on the north shore of the peninsula. This intimate bay is famed for its water-sports and resort style hotels which you can buy an inclusive day pass for and spend the day eating, drinking and sunbathing in the privacy of the resorts private beach. Outside of the Hotels it is a holistic haven of serenity.



Gumbet

The resort of Gumbet is located in the next bay along from Bodrum (divided by a long hilly ridge crested with windmills) and has one of the longest beaches on the peninsula. A wide range of water sports are available here and the beachfront is lined with hotels, shops, cafes and bars. At night time Gumbet comes alive with the buzzing atmosphere of Bar Street which runs from the centre of town down to the beach and there are many bars, tavernas, cafes and nightclubs to choose from. It is by far the liveliest resort on the peninsula and is home to most of the package holidays coming to the area with known tour operators. It is party central! Market day is Sunday.



Bitez

Bitez is a quaint, mainly rural area in the next bay to Gumbet and although the two resorts are neighbours they couldn't be more different; renowned for its mandarin groves which in winter are a vast splatter of tangerine across the landscape; bitez is an oasis of tranquillity and relaxation. It is a great place for those who want to chill out in a serene atmosphere, the infamous breeze makes sailing and windsurfing popular here. Like Turkbuku this bay is notorious for its intimate beach clubs but unlike Turkbuku Bitez has a long sandy (pebbly in places) promenaded beach, lined with many restaurants offering a wide variety of cuisine and low-key bars, and with its shallow crystal waters Bitez is perfect for a family holiday. Market day: Friday.



Ortakent / Yashi

Ortakent & Yahsi occupy the next bay to Bitez following the peninsula round to the west. The very large sandy beach is popular with families, although the water rapidly becomes quite deep so caution with young children. There are several beach side cafes providing inexpensive meals and snacks throughout the day. A short walk away is camel beach a longwide sandy beach with a long jetty (in high season it is a port of call for gullets during their daily tours. There are a few small cafes and of course camel rides.



Guvercinlik

Picturesquely translating to 'dovecote', lies by the sea on the main Milas-Bodrum highway. Anxious to reach Bodrum, few visitors stopped here in the past, but its new handsome hotels are putting it on the map. It offers an honest snippet of traditional Turkish life; its quaint little eateries on the seafront have decks over the sea where the local population of ducks wait patiently for your attention and of course the obligatory chunks of bread! Market day is Monday.



Boğazici / Tuzla Village

Anciently known as Bargylia; the antique roman settlement ruins are strewn around the landscape just itching to be explored. The area is famous for its nature reserve, the salt water lake houses thousands of beautiful pink flamingos who migrate during the months of October to April. The idyllic village of Boğazici is located beyond the lake on the shore there you will find a few small shops for your daily requirements, as well as traditional cafés where you can lounge and watch the small fishing boats potter in and out of the bay. Weekly Market is on Wednesdays.



Gulluk

Gulluk is a little known gem. A charming town of old-world character and modern amenities, its local community and seafront restaurants thrive throughout the year. Local Turkish people have long relished this charming little resort on the Aegean coast for its lovely quaint harbour and delightful beaches. A quiet traditional Turkish fishing village, with romantically spectacular sunsets, its panoramic views across the Mandalya Bay, sheltered by the backdrop of mountains, overlooking ancient Iasos across the bay. This village has a relaxing tranquil atmosphere, so is ideal for those wishing to retreat from a stressful and busy lifestyle to "chill out" for a while! Definitely worth a visit.



Milas

The city was the first capital of ancient Caria. There are a number of historical Turkish buildings in Milas, dating from both the Menteşe and the Ottoman periods. Milas carpets and rugs woven of wool have been internationally famous for centuries and bear typical features. These days they are no longer produced in the city of Milas, but rather in a dozen villages around Milas. The weekly Market held on Tuesday and is huge. If you love local traditional markets it is a MUST see.



Activities: things to see and do around Bodrum

Golf:

Bodrum is fast becoming a popular resort with golf enthusiasts having one academy golf club already up and running in Ortakent and one luxury 18 hole golf course opened in Tuzla in June 2008. There are also plans for a huge project to be established within the borders of Milas, close to the airport, by Net Holding and Ağaoğlu Companies Group with an investment of \$1.5 Billion. The facilities of this project will include 18 golf courses, 2,500 villas, luxurious hotels and sports facilities, hospitals and schools these creating 10 million jobs in the region.

Bodrum Golf Club:

Located in the town of Ortakent just outside Bodrum, this club features a 5 hole academy course, driving range, practice putting green, club house with restaurant serving international cuisine and a day spa. Ideal for novices wanting to practise or experienced players wanting a short game.

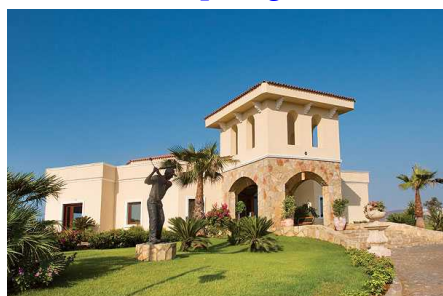
www.golfclubbodrum.com



Vita Park Golf Resort:

A world class golf resort PGA standard opened June 2008, located just 10 minutes by car from Bodrum airport, overlooking the serene Tuzla lake and thoughtfully designed around the olive and pine trees of the surrounding preserved area it is an idyllic oasis. In addition to golf this resort also features a professional golf shop and an elegant clubhouse offering a relaxing lounge area and formal dining room overlooking the nature and wildlife of the preserved locale.

www.vitaparkgolfresort.com



Bodrum: Places to Visit Things to experience:

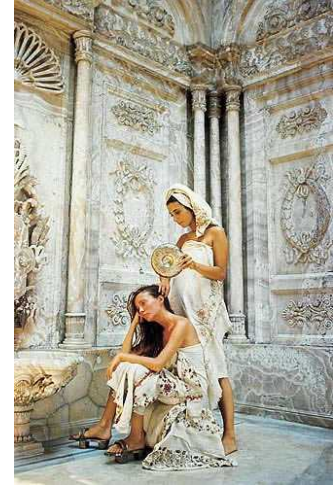
There are many ways to spend your time in Bodrum as well as taking in the sunshine and enjoying the spectacular views. Around the peninsula you will find sports and activities, sight seeing and excursions and if you like to chill out and unwind you can visit one of the luxurious spas for some rest and relaxation time.

Hamam:

A traditional turkish bath! You will find these at most resorts around the peninsula and it's definitely something worth experiencing. On a marble base you will be cleansed by way of exfoliation and olive oil soap massage which takes approximately 50 minutes and at the end you will feel thoroughly refreshed and invigorated. Opt for the traditional local hamam or indulge in a luxury spa hamam in one of the areas 5* hotels.

www.rayolahamam.com

www.sixsenses.com/Six-Senses-spas/Kempinski



Castle of St Peter: (cover page)

One of Bodrum's most prominent features for sightseeing is the Castle of St Peter. The castle was originally built in 1402 by the knights of St John, was later used as a prison in the 19th century and today houses the Museum of Underwater Archaeology. You can take in the spectacular views from the top of the castle, have a stroll around the grounds displaying beautiful plants and trees in the gardens, and the more adventurous may visit the dungeon which was used by the knights – a real touch of history!

Kos:

The greek island of Kos is clearly visible from Bodrum, day trips by ferry run daily in the summer (3 days a week in the winter) from Bodrum and Turgutreis and the journey is approximately 50 minutes. A lovely day out and an opportunity to experience another culture and ambiance, when you are this close you may as well! Your visa is multiple entry when you arrived in Turkey so you can easily leave and return at no additional cost.



Diving:

There are many diving companies offering internationally accredited courses and who act as dive guides, prices are competitive and equipment is available for hire. Divers from all over the world enjoy exploring the tranquil waters around Bodrum and there is something for both beginner and advanced divers.

Aquapark

The dedeman aqua park is located near Ortakent it is a vast complex with a wide variety of slides for all ages and preferences! take thrilling plunge down, the awesome and mild water slides to a splash pond below or let the kids blow out while you chill.



Horse Riding / Pony Trekking

On the road to Turgutreis you will find the **Turgutreis Country Ranch** here you can enjoy a morning / afternoon; you'll be given a 10 to 15 minute briefing about the horseback riding. You'll then have an hour to ride your horse on the farm. Adults will be given Haflingers to ride on and children will be given Shetland ponies. Turgutreis Country Ranch enjoys a fresh Mediterranean breeze making riding through the property delightful. After riding, you'll have time to explore the grounds before settling down to a meal at the farmhouse.

Another option is the Farilya Farm 'Farilya Ciftligi' located on the road from Torba to Gundogan this intimate little woodland farm offers pony trekking etc in its secluded farmland and woods they also have a small holding of farmyard animals which can be fed and stroked a real hit with the kids!



Other:

Water sports are available at most beaches around the peninsula, boat trips are popular both during the day and evening time and leave from most harbours daily. With a choice of luxury spas, you can pamper yourself with the treatments on offer, and most spas feature a hamam. There is a Dolphin park just off the airport road where you can swim with, feed or simply watch these magical creatures. Around the peninsula you will also find bowling, cinema, fitness centers and plenty of places to shop! Try Oasis on the main road toward Ortakent, just by the Gumbet roundabout it's a great place to go in the evenings with an arcade for the kids, an eclectic range of eateries and a mass of shops. The cinema and bowling are located here. A new addition is a fun fair just outside the entrance to Oasis behind McDonalds (oh yes there is one of them!).



Exploring farther afield:

Ephesus

Ephesus is a highlight of any visit to Turkey, one of the best preserved archaeological cities of the Roman Empire. The once flourishing ancient port, had 250,000 inhabitants at its peak, was the center of trade and had the world's first bank. Of all the ancient cities in Turkey, Ephesus with its 5,000 years of history is the best preserved and most visited in all ages, visit St. John's Basilica and Artemis, one of the seven wonders of the world. Nearby is the house of Virgin Mary which is an important pilgrimage destination and had Papal visits in the recent years.



Pamakkale

Is one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world, Pamukkale literally means "Cotton Castle". The city contains hot springs and travertine terraces of carbonate minerals left by the flowing water. Once the ancient bathing place of the Heirapolis settlement take a swim in the thermal water of Cleopatra's Beauty Pool.

Dalyan

Dalyan is one of the largest National Parks Turkey has to offer. It is also where "African Queen" was filmed. For nature lovers the scenery is spectacular and the wildlife is wonderful (home to the Loggerhead Turtles among other species). Typically take a boat cruise on the River up to the Dalyan Delta where the mud baths have reputed health qualities. Cover yourself from head to toe in this therapeutic warm mud, the best anti-ageing potion around. Continue the boat cruise to the Iztuzu Beach (Turtle Beach) which separates the river from the sea. Turtle Beach is a conservation area, due to existence of the Loggerhead turtles (Caretta Caretta). Magnificent views of the ancient rock tombs of Lycean King's along the way a reminder of bygone civilisations. A magical place!



Şirince Village

An authentic Turkish Village, Şirince, famous for its aromatic homemade wines and its ancient church. Şirince was settled when Ephesus was abandoned in the 15th century. The village was settled by freed Greek slaves who named the village cirkince (ugly) to deter others from following them. Şirince's name was changed in 1926 by the then governor of Izmir to a more honest sirince (pleasant) Most of the houses in Şirince today were built around the 19th century or earlier when Şirince was

predominantly a Greek village, many have been restored. Villagers make olive oil, and grow some of the best peaches in the country. A beautiful, quaint village to visit.

Getting Around

Hire Car:

Perhaps the best way to travel around the peninsula in your own time. There are a number of reputable hire car companies in Bodrum and they will deliver to the airport or your accommodation.

Dolmus:

A reliable bus service picking up and dropping off at any point along the route. Giving an insight to village life in between main resorts, this is an inexpensive way to explore.

Taxi:

Taxis in Bodrum are yellow, they are available at the airport and in and around Bodrum and prices are reasonable. For long journeys 25km+ agree the price beforehand. Price almost doubles between midnight and 8am.

Havas:

This is a bus service running from the airport to the Otogar (bus station) in the centre of Bodrum, a 30 minute journey.

Transfers:

Are available from airport to accommodation and vice versa they can be cheaper than taxis depending on the destination and the time of travel



General Information

Currency is TL (Turkish lira) but most places will also accept sterling and euro.



Foreign Exchange bureaux can be found in most resorts and it's good to shop around as the exchange rate can vary.

Tipping is not compulsory but generally 10% is acceptable if service is not included.

Banks are open Monday to Friday 9am till 5pm and ATM's in English / European languages are widely available in most resorts.

Credit Cards are accepted in most places.

Phone cards can be purchased for use in public phone boxes, a cheaper alternative to using your mobile abroad.

Post Offices are signposted in Yellow and called PTT there is also a wide range of courier companies for secure mail delivery



Internet is widely available with internet cafes in main resorts and many places have wireless connection.

Water for drinking should be bought bottled.



Driving is on the right side of the road and the speed limit is 90km/hour on motorways and 50km/hour in towns.

Pharmacies (eczane) are plentiful and some are 24 hour They display a red 'E', there are also hospitals in Bodrum and medical clinics in main resorts with English speaking doctors.





useful Phrases

<i>Merhaba</i>	Hello[response is same word]	<i>Günaydin</i>	Good day
<i>Hosgeldiniz</i>	Welcome	<i>Hoş bulduk</i>	reply of the person arriving
<i>Nasilsiniz?</i>	How are you?	<i>Iyiyim</i>	I am well
<i>Teşekkür ederim</i>	Thank you	<i>Bir şey değil</i>	Not at all / You're welcome
<i>Adınız / İsminiz nedir ?</i>	What is your name ?	<i>Adım / İsmim ____.</i>	My name is ____.
<i>Memnun oldum</i>	I'm pleased to meet you.	<i>Ben de memnun oldum.</i>	I, too , am pleased to meet you
<i>İyi Günler</i>	Good day. / Have a nice day	<i>İyi Akşamlar</i>	Good evening
<i>İyi Geceler</i>	Good night	<i>Allahaısmarladık</i>	-bye.[said <u>by</u> person leaving]
<i>Güle güle</i>	Good-bye.[said <u>to</u> person leaving]	<i>Buyurun</i>	After you. / Come in. / Be seated / Help yourself; etc.
<i>Elinize sağlık</i>	Health to your hands.[said to person who prepared food]	<i>Afiyet olsun</i>	Bon appétit
<i>Affedersiniz</i>	Excuse me	<i>Lütfen</i>	Please
<i>İnşallah</i>	If God wills	<i>Efendim?</i>	What did you say? / I beg your pardon?
<i>Dikkat</i>	Pay attention!/ Watch out!	<i>Kaça?/ Ne kadar?</i>	How much is it? / What does it cost?
<i>Bu pahalı</i>	This is expensive	<i>O pahalı değil</i>	That is not expensive
<i>Bu çok ucuz</i>	This is very inexpensive / cheap	<i>İstiyorum</i>	I want [it, this, that]
<i>İstemiyorum</i>	I don't want [it, this, that]		

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Others:

Where are you from?

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No thanks :

Yes Please:

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Memnun oldum

Yok Sağolun

Evet Lütfen.

Recommendations



Eateries

Bodrum:

Marina Yacht Club

www.marinayachtclub.com

La Jolla Bistro

www.lajollabodrum.com

ZaZu – Located on the marina front close to Turkcell, a lovely place to watch the world go by!

Café Piu – Opposite the harbour on the main strip. Excellent Italian cuisine

Liman Koftecisi- On the main strip next to La Jolla. Favoured by the locals. Traditional Turkish meatballs. Cheap and tasty!

Kafedaki- Located on the hillside above Oasis this is an elegant restaurant, eclectic menu and excellent service. Unrivalled vista over the coastline and adjacent; Kos Island! Stunning!

www.kafedakibodrum.com



Bitez:

New Season – Famous for Sunday brunch (all year round) located on Bitez beachfront it is the perfect place for a carefree Sunday!

www.newseasonrestaurant.com

Vona – Also on the beachfront a great place for either a chilled out lunch or and elegant dinner. By day the beachside decking is strewn with large comfy cushions By night an elegant bar / restaurant.



www.vonarestaurant.com

Gumusluk:

Aquarium – On the seafront a beautiful fish restaurant. Quaint; quintessential.

Limon – Just off the main road (coming from yalikavak side) beautiful intimate restaurant perfect for sunset!



Yalikavak:

Mustis Steakhouse- Located on the far right side of the bay this popular eatery is open year round the menu is an eclectic array of home cooked foods and the steaks are second to none. Highly recommended.

www.mustis.com

Sait – Located on the far left of the bay beyond the marina. This infamous fish restaurant is a popular haunt of the Turkish elite. Its humble interiors and décor may deceive you they have some of the best mezés the area has to offer, freshly prepared daily and on display. The fish is all line caught (a little pricy) and cooked to perfection. The grilled octopus is perfect.



www.saitbirtan.com

Gundogan:

Reana - On the beachfront right side of the bay this elegantly designed restaurant is a gem. All the meze is home made on the premises and although the menu is not extensive the prices are great. They white décor and bougainvillea laced tables are so inviting. The owners speak limited English but are so welcoming and friendly.



Guvercinlik:

Aksamci - Located on the seafront in the middle of the bay this quaint little restaurant has a beautiful deck over the sea. It serves traditional home made Turkish cuisine and is a real retreat.

Agora- Located in the Milas-Bodrum highway (opposite Artev offices) this restaurant has a lovely Mediterranean menu with something for all. Friendly staff and lovely courtyard setting.



Bogazici / Tuzla

Bargylia - Just at the entrance to the village this basic restaurant has no menu, simply what has been freshly available that day, mezės depend on what is grown seasonally and the seafood on what has been caught that day. That said the impromptu feel of this restaurant only furthers its rustic charm.

Yeni Albatros - in the middle of the village, same rustic style restaurant, fresh food well prepared in a picturesque location.

Gulluk:

Fuego- Located on the far left side of the bay this is an idyllic open air venue. Elegantly designed and attractive décor the place is a little haven. The menu is well rounded and has good choice. It is a great place to watch the world go by. In the daytime it has a kind of café feel to it and in the evening the mood lighting and illuminated bar gives the place a chic restaurant accent.



Useful Telephone Numbers

POLICE EMERGENCY :	155
RURAL POLICE (Jandarma) EMERGENCY :	156
FIRE EMERGENCY :	110
AMBULANCE:	112
FOREST FIRE:	177
COASTGUARD:	158



Hospitals

Bodrum Hospital	(00 90 252)313 14 20
Private Bodrum Hospital	(00 90 252)313 12 98
Universal Hospital	(00 90 252)319 15 15

Tourism Information	(00 90 252)316 10 91
Bodrum Airport	(00 90 252)523 01 01
Customs	(00 90 252)316 10 21

