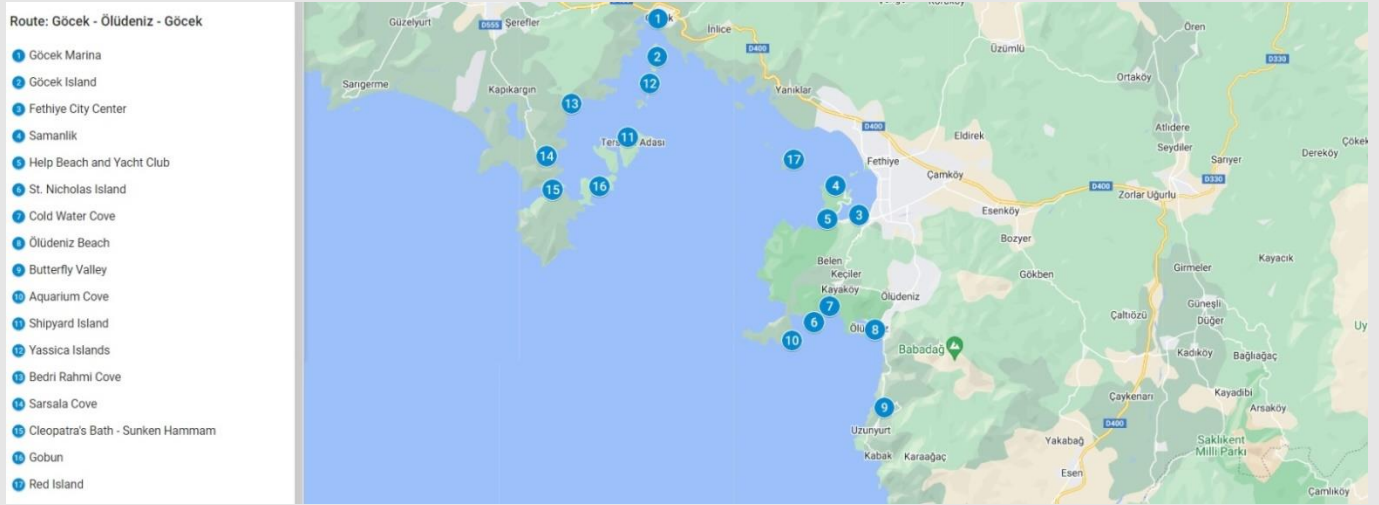


GUIDE: GÖCEK & FETHİYE

This guide to Göcek and Fethiye bays offers a glimpse into some of the stunning landscapes, historical sites, and unique experiences awaiting visitors. Each location provides its own charm, making the bays a perfect destination for yacht charters and nature lovers alike.



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Part I: Göcek



Göcek, part of the Fethiye district in Muğla, is one of the most popular regions for yacht charters thanks to its natural beauty and untouched coves. The holiday season here starts in early April and ends in October. However, the post-season months between September and October wrap Göcek in a different atmosphere, making it a magical and almost preferable time to visit. Below are some of the popular islands and coves in the Göcek Bay Area.

Below is the map edited by [Sadun Boro](#), the first Turkish sailor to circumnavigate the globe with his 10-meter boat "Kismet" from 1965 to 1968.



Yassica Islands



Yassica Islands consist of numerous islands of various sizes. Thanks to their natural beauty and clear blue sea, these islands are among the most popular stops for private yacht charters. Be cautious when sailing around this area due to shallow regions between the islands, which are covered with olive and pine trees. One island features a mud pool for a relaxing mud bath experience. Hiking is also an option here, so bring your footwear and camera. Local vendors often sell fresh waffles and Turkish tea near the mud pool. Yassicalar is a stunning destination that you should definitely visit.

Cleopatra's Cove (Sunken Hammam)



Cleopatra Cove, also known as The Sunken Hammam, is a must-visit for blue voyagers. This cove is famous for its historical sites and unspoiled nature, making it a popular spot for private yacht charters.

The Cleopatra Bath, rumored to have been built during Cleopatra's visit on her way to Rome, is said to have hot spring waters that contributed to her legendary beauty. You can snorkel here to observe colorful fish underwater. Natural beauty and archaeological ruins are not to be missed during your blue cruise in Göcek.



Gocek Island



Göcek Island is the closest island to Göcek town center. With its clean sea and lush nature, it's an idyllic spot where the trees touch the sea. The island hosts a luxury facility offering beach access, a restaurant, and special events like concerts and DJ performances. Advance reservations are recommended to secure your spot.



Bedri Rahmi (Tasyaka)



This unique cove was named after the acclaimed Turkish painter and writer Bedri Rahmi Eyüpoğlu in 1974, as a tribute to his artwork on the cove. His painting on a large rock, resembling a fish, cleverly conceals and portrays six different animals.

Ancient Lycian rock tombs are located atop a hill, reachable by a 30-40 minute hike that offers a panoramic view of the cove. Exercise caution while hiking and avoid going alone. The cove also features a small beach hidden among olive trees and two restaurants, which are very busy during high season. This cove is a popular overnight stop for yacht charters.



Merdivenli



Merdivenli Cove is another splendid blend of sea and nature. A path from the shoreline leads to a village on the hill where you can purchase local products such as olive oil, soap, and accessories. Natural caves abound around the bay, adding to its allure.



Tersane (Shipyard) Island



Tersane Island, the largest in Göcek, has a rich history of civilizations. Its name, meaning "shipyard," reflects its use during the Ottoman Empire. Historical remains on the island are worth exploring. The island is home to palm trees, olive trees, and many goats. A marina on the eastern part of the island offers a sheltered harbor, perfect for mooring. Tersane Island is ideal for swimming breaks and overnight stays.



Boynuzbuku



Boynuzbükü is a wide bay on the west side of Gulf of Göcek. The exceptionally clear sea benefits from a natural breakwater. Hiking and walking paths wind through the pine and olive tree-covered cove. There is a small marina and a nice restaurant, making it a delightful stop.



Gobun



Gobun Cove stands out with unique geography and water depth, resembling tropical regions more than the Mediterranean. The cove is accessed through two high hills, making it one of the most sheltered coves in Gökçe, protected from wind and waves. Pine and century-old olive trees cover the bay, where you can also find rock tombs and historical remains. A small marina and a restaurant add to its charm.

Killebuku



Killebükü is a large cove nestled between Boynuzbükü and Taşyaka. It's enveloped in emerald green pine trees, with the sound of chirping birds and gentle waves. The ruins of a church and ornamental stones add historical interest. The warm wind and spectacular sunsets make this cove perfect for yacht holidays.

Sarsala



Sarsala, one of the most charming and natural coves of Göcek, is about 15 kilometers from Dalaman. It's the closest cove to Dalaman Airport, accessible by car. Surrounded by emerald green forests, you can swim with sea turtles and fish. Sarsala is suitable for families with its calm, shallow, and warm sea, as well as a splendid beach and water sports facilities.



Siralibük



Siralibük is another popular stopover and one of the most beautiful coves in Göcek. Here, you can watch goats cooling off in the shade while swimming where freshwater streams meet the sea. The pebbly beach means shoes are recommended for walking.

Pig Island



Pig Island is another picturesque spot, known for its clear waters and scenic views.

Zeytin (Olive) Island



Zeytin Island, located south of Yassıcalar, is covered with olive trees, as its name suggests. This privately-owned island houses an olive oil workshop dating back to the Ottoman era.

Blue Point Beach D-Resort



Blue Point Beach, managed by Göcek's A+ hotel D-Resort, is located at the edge of D-Marin Marina. It offers a unique atmosphere, a delightful menu, and white sands imported from Egypt.

D-Resort also hosts Q Lounge, a gastronomic oasis in the shade of the dark pine forest. Q Lounge menu showcases unique contemporary Japanese cuisine enriched with local and Peruvian flavors. Q Lounge menu features elegantly styled sharing plates complemented by a selection of 150 different wines and Japanese-Peruvian inspired signature cocktails. [Advance reservation](#) is a must.



Adaia Beach Club



Adaia Beach Club, surrounded by Göcek's unspoiled nature, is located next to Cleopatra's (Hammam) Cove. It offers relaxing massages at beach bungalows, beautiful sunsets, special cocktails, and a music-filled ambiance. A glass library provides a peaceful reading space.

Part II: Fethiye



Fethiye is a natural harbor city in the western Mediterranean, known for its magnificent natural beauty and ancient Lycian towns. Ölüdeniz, considered Turkey's most beautiful beach, is nearby. Fethiye is a popular starting point for yacht cruises. Its turquoise waters, a blend of blue with a hint of green, are reminiscent of the stunning Turkish tile work. The most beautiful shade of blue graces the waters of Ölüdeniz, especially at sunset.



Telmessos Ancient Lycian Rock Tombs in Fethiye

Oludeniz (Blue Lagoon)



Ölüdeniz, meaning dead-sea due to its calm waters even during storms, is officially known as the Blue Lagoon. It is one of the most photographed beaches on the Mediterranean, making it a famous resort on the Turkish Riviera. Located 14 km south of Fethiye, near Mount Babadağ, it features a sandy bay at the mouth of a blue lagoon. The beach is pebbly, and the lagoon is a protected national nature reserve with no construction allowed. The seawater is renowned for its turquoise and aquamarine shades, and the beach is an official Blue Flag beach.

Mount Babadağ is a premier paragliding site in Europe, offering flights from up to 1900 meters (6230 ft) high with 30-45 minutes of flight time. Book your flight in advance.



St Nicholas (Gemile) Island



Gemile Island, located near Fethiye, is home to several churches built between the 4th and 6th centuries AD, believed to be the original resting place of Saint Nicholas. The island's name, derived from the Greek word for camel, refers to its shape



Butterfly Valley



Butterfly Valley is situated at the foothill of Babadağ, a 1,975 meter (6480ft) high mountain nominated for preservation as a world heritage site. The valley features a wide-strip sand beach on the Turkish Riviera, and it is named after the beautiful tiger butterfly of the Arctiidae family, most visible from early June to late October. The valley is home to nearly all butterfly species found along the Mediterranean coast.

Help Beach & Yacht Club



Help Beach & Yacht Club is one of Fethiye's best private beaches. It offers great food, special cocktails, and water sports. Check the calendar for special events, concerts, happy hour parties, and DJ performances, and make reservations in advance.

Kızıl (Red) Island



Kızıl Island features a 19th-century lighthouse that was converted into a seafood restaurant in 2007 and a hostel in 2008. The island is a popular stopover for boat tours around Fethiye. Notably, on August 3, 1953, Air France Flight 152 made an emergency water landing near the island. The lighthouse keeper and local fishermen rescued 38 survivors from the 8 crew and 34 passengers. The aircraft's wreck remains undiscovered underwater.