



PETER SOMMER
TRAVELS

EXPERT-LED

ARCHAEOLOGICAL & CULTURAL
TOURS & GULET CRUISES



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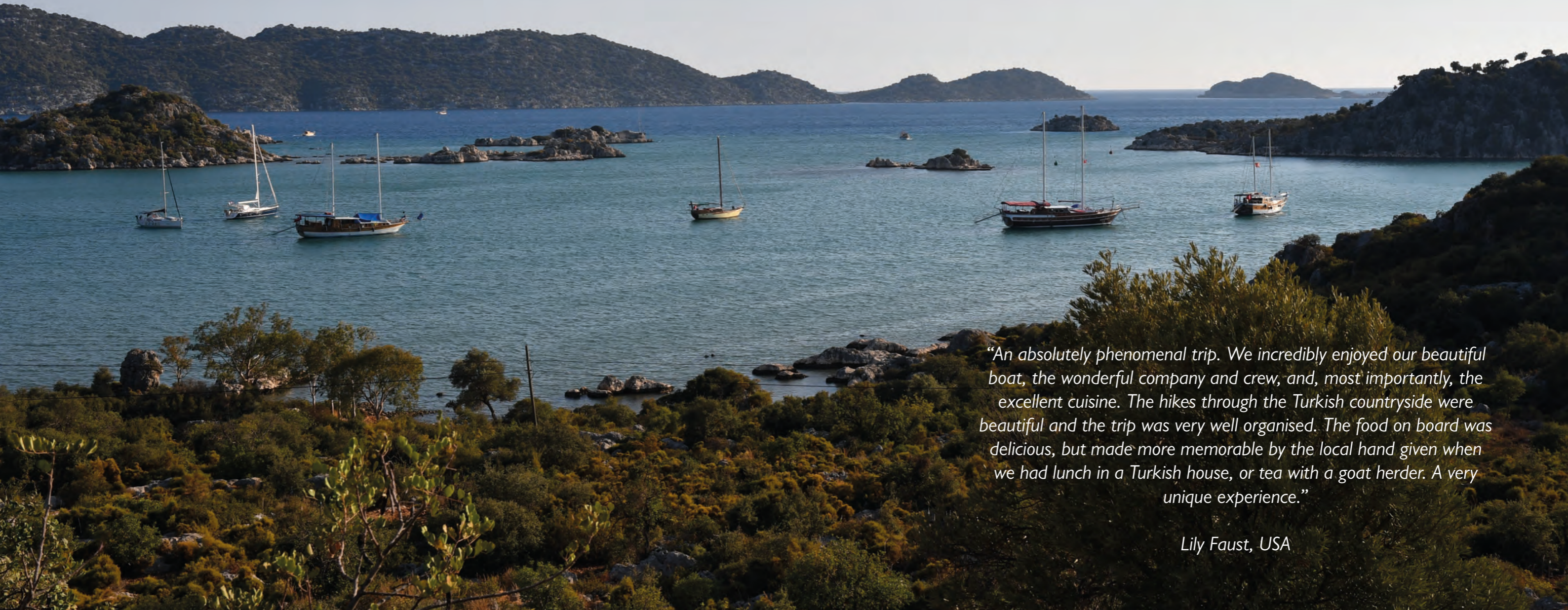
WELCOME TO PETER SOMMER TRAVELS

“The combination of our beautiful gleaming gulet, a totally professional crew, a talented chef producing exquisite yet simple dishes, our lovely local guide and our scholar tour leader who led us into the magic of the ancient world with charm and humour was a rare privilege. We went to deserted bays to swim every day, when there was wind the sails went up and we gently sailed along the beautiful coastline. All the sites were fascinating... Every night one’s head was reeling with what one had seen and heard. What more can I say? I shall never forget it.”

Katherine Wyld, UK



WHY TRAVEL WITH US?



“An absolutely phenomenal trip. We incredibly enjoyed our beautiful boat, the wonderful company and crew, and, most importantly, the excellent cuisine. The hikes through the Turkish countryside were beautiful and the trip was very well organised. The food on board was delicious, but made more memorable by the local hand given when we had lunch in a Turkish house, or tea with a goat herder. A very unique experience.”

Lily Faust, USA

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

We offer a select mix of escorted tours, all of which have been carefully researched and meticulously planned.

THE PERSONAL TOUCH

We strive for the very best in personal service and assure you of individual care and attention. As a previous traveller told us:

“The hospitality was exceptional, we felt like guests rather than customers.”

EXPERT GUIDES

Our tour leaders, archaeologists and historians, are great communicators, passionate enthusiasts and friendly hosts as well as being extremely knowledgeable.

BEAUTIFUL BOATS

We use hand-crafted traditional Turkish gulets of the highest standard: stylish and characterful, with modern conveniences and friendly and experienced crews. Alongside our scheduled trips, we offer expert-led gulet charters for private groups, large or small. We are happy to assist with any logistics you might require.

SMALL GROUPS

We have only ever taken small groups of like-minded people – typically between 10 and 14 on our gulet tours (max 18 on our 11 cabin Cruising the Cyclades/Dodecanese trips) and between 10 and 18 on our land tours – travelling in an easy-going informal style.

VALUE FOR MONEY - NO SURCHARGES

Our tour prices include almost everything except airfares. Customers tell us they are great value. The old adage ‘you get what you pay for’ is especially true when it comes to holidays and adventure travel. We will not levy surcharges for fluctuations in exchange rates or fuel prices or for any other reason. The price of the trip is the price you pay.

RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

We believe our tours are a positive force, holidays with a cultural purpose, bringing economic benefits to local people. We try where possible to minimise our impact on the environment. You can read our Responsible Travel policy online.

EXPERIENCE & QUALITY

Peter has been organising cultural tours since 1996. We aim to provide the very finest expert-led archaeological tours and gulet cruises. We want you to travel with us again and again – as a great many of our customers do.



ABOUT PETER SOMMER TRAVELS



Peter Sommer

Peter studied Ancient History and Archaeology at Birmingham University before completing a Masters on the archaeology of Central Asia. He has taught at Birmingham University and Istanbul's Bogaziçi Üniversitesi (Bosphorus University). In 1994 he walked 2,000 miles across Turkey, retracing the route of Alexander the Great, and fell deeply in love with the country. For this epic journey he received The Explorers Club of America Young Expeditioners' award. Two years into a PhD. at University College London, he was seduced into television to work on In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great (BBC/PBS). An award-winning documentary producer, he has shot around the world for acclaimed series like Millennium: A thousand years of history (BBC/CNN), Commanding Heights: the Battle for the World Economy (PBS/BBC), and Tales from the Green Valley (BBC).



Elin Sommer

Originally from Norway, Elin travelled as a youngster to London to study journalism. After her degree, she started working in television, and this is where she and Peter met. Elin worked as a Production Manager on a variety of documentaries such as Hostage, When Money Went Mad: the Story of the South Sea Bubble, Sleaze – the State of Britain and A Child's World, all for Channel 4. After television, she worked as a freelance translator and also ran her own natural skincare company. When Peter and Elin first started PST, Elin was Peter's right hand woman; looking after everything when Peter was away on recess and tours. She has been at the heart of the company ever since, being more or less involved depending on the arrival of children. These days Elin oversees company strategy alongside Peter and is in charge of HR, H&S, tech support and general admin.



Michael Metcalfe

Michael earned his PhD at University College London, focusing on the ancient Greek cities in the Eastern Aegean Islands and Western Turkey. While finishing this research, Michael lived and worked in Athens and Ankara as well as London, and took up his first academic post as Assistant Professor in Ancient History at The Mediterranean Center for Arts and Sciences in Sicily. A specialist in Greek and Latin inscriptions and social history, Michael is currently studying the unpublished diaries of early British Travellers to Greece, Turkey and Sicily, and is involved in publishing inscriptions from many parts of the Eastern and Central Mediterranean. He is the innovative and organisational force behind our tours in Greece, Italy and the UK and responsible for our private tours



Julie Sibley

Julie is our Office and Operations Manager, at the heart of all we do. After a long career in the corporate world she decided to make her lifelong fascination with archaeology her job! As well as the day to day running of the business she takes care of all our supplier contracts, is responsible for development and maintenance of our company website, advertising and media content and designs and produces our weekly newsletter and our annual brochure. Having travelled extensively in Greece, Turkey and Sicily she is also involved in the design, preparation and delivery of new tours and is destination manager for all of the UK and Ireland.



Paul Beston

Paul studied Ancient History at King's College, London, gaining a first, and then earned a distinction in his Masters. Alongside lecturing posts at King's and Royal Holloway in London, he has acted as an historical adviser for TV including HBO's Fire from Heaven. Previously he taught Classics in Hertfordshire but we are delighted that he is now full time with us. He is also working with Michael Metcalfe on the publication of some notebooks of early travellers to Greece. He has a lively interest in all periods and regions, but a particular passion for Late Antiquity, Roman Britain and the Near East. He also focuses on tour design, creative content, and writes our blog and newsletters.



Liga Hince

Liga has headed up our accounts department since 2018 and is responsible for keeping all of our finances in order. She also helps out with our administration and keeps the office running smoothly. Originally Liga is from Latvia and got her Master's degree in accountancy and economics at the University of Latvia. As part of a Latvian folk dance group, Liga danced her way across Europe and the Middle East, from Sicily to Israel, prior to 2006 when she moved to the UK which she has been busy exploring ever since. Liga speaks Latvian, Russian, English and very rusty German and enjoys reading, walking, traveling and dancing and especially loves her cup of coffee!



Alex Stephens

Alex is our Client and Operations Administrator and our main point of contact. He deals with all of our bookings, enquiries, general admin and very much enjoys talking to our guests on the telephone. An avid sportsman, Alex plays football regularly as part of a county level team. Alex is also a keen traveller with a love for history and archaeology, his most far flung journey to date was to Peru, where he hiked the Inca trail to Machu Pichu. Alex has a degree in Professional Policing from the University of Derby but decided to step into the travelling industry to better pursue his love of adventure.



Ian Finlay

Ian Finlay has spent more than 30 years in the travel and leisure space, becoming a director of more than 50 businesses, and running companies in 11 countries worldwide. Since 2018 he has taken on a plural career, and now enjoys working with a diverse group of high-quality travel businesses in non-executive roles, helping them grow and thrive.



Joe Shingles

Joe is our Commercial Manager and an experienced tour operator, with experience of planning and running archaeological, historical, artistic, cultural, sailing and wine tours. Alongside a wide travel experience, he has worked in sales, customer service, operational, marketing and commercial roles so will be helping in a lot of areas behind the scenes.

6 TIMES UK TOUR OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

AITO (THE ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT TOUR OPERATORS)

These awards are based on the highest scoring independent client reviews on the website of AITO, an association which represents more than 120 of Britain's best independent tour operators.

[Read over 750 independent reviews of our tours](#)



In 2022 we won a Silver British Travel Award and in 2023 we won Bronze, for Best Travel Company for Arts and Culture Holidays. We are delighted that so many of you enjoy our tours and that almost all of you consider our tours to be "excellent". We continue to strive to improve our offerings and always take customer feedback into account when planning our tours.



Our Local Partners

The success of any tour depends on logistics. These basic, behind the scenes, practical arrangements are the very necessary nuts and bolts of making a trip a success – from making sure a vehicle arrives at the right location, to the crucial matter of timing.

Meticulous planning is all very well, but actually making it happen is key. We depend on our local partners to ensure our escorted trips run smoothly.

In Turkey we work with Travel Atelier, a travel agency run by Murat Özgüç and his wife Pinar. We have worked with them for many years and rate them very highly. Murat organises hotels, transfers, and all other travel arrangements for our guests. He helps us both with our scheduled tours and our custom created tours. Cem Yücesoy is our logistics co-ordinator and tour manager extraordinaire. He has organised all our Turkey tours to date, from choosing minibus drivers to booking local guides.

In Greece we work with Dolphin Hellas, a travel agency of long standing offering a complete range of travel services. Run by Aliki Hamosfakidou, she and her team assist us in shaping and then co-ordinating perfect itineraries for our cultural tours throughout Greece.

In mainland Italy we work with King DMC for all our land tour services and in Sicily we work with Agave Travel Creative, run by Marcello Baglioni who specialises in slow travel, an in-depth exploration of Sicily's culture and cuisine. All our Italian tour logistics are coordinated through a team of local companies committed to outstanding customer service.

In Croatia we work with Ventula, who are responsible for organising the logistics of all our tours there, and our number one recommendation for add-on arrangements throughout the whole country. They are a relatively small company with a team of designated and experienced experts. Their specialities are tailor-made trips and highly personal service.



Peter & Cem

IN THE PRESS: RECOMMENDED BY

The New York Times

FT FINANCIAL TIMES

THE AUSTRALIAN

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

The Washington Post

THE SUNDAY TIMES

BBC

San Francisco Chronicle

The Sydney Morning Herald

The Telegraph

Traveller

THE TIMES

AITO QUALITY CHARTER



Peter Sommer Travels is a member of the United Kingdom's Association of Independent Tour Operators. AITO is the Association for independent and specialist holiday companies. Our member companies, usually owner-managed, strive to create overseas holidays with high levels of professionalism and a shared concern for quality and personal service. The Association encourages the highest standards in all aspects of tour operating.

Exclusive Membership

AITO sets criteria regarding ownership, finance and quality which must be satisfied before new companies are admitted to membership. All members are required to adhere to a Code of Business Practice which encourages high operational standards and conduct.

Financial Security

An AITO member is required to protect money paid by customers to the member for any holiday sold under the AITO logo. This protection applies to customers who are in the UK at the time of booking or to overseas customers who have booked directly with the member. Members have to comply with UK Government Regulations in this respect. Members submit details of their bonding or guarantee arrangements to the Association on a regular basis.

Accurate Brochures & Web Sites

All members do their utmost to ensure that all their brochures and other publications, print or electronic, clearly and accurately describe the holidays and services offered.

Professional Service & Continual Improvements

All members are committed to high standards of service and believe in regular and thorough training of employees. Members continually seek to review and improve their holidays. They listen to their customers and always welcome suggestions for improving standards.

Monitoring Standards

AITO endeavours to monitor quality standards regularly. All customers should receive a post-holiday questionnaire the results of which are scrutinised by the Association.

Responsible Tourism

All members acknowledge the importance of AITO's Responsible Tourism guidelines, which recognise the social, economic and environmental responsibilities of tour operating. Those demonstrating their achievements beyond the pure acceptance of this principle are recognised by the award of 2 to 5 star status. Peter Sommer Travels are proud to have been awarded 3 stars for Sustainable Tourism by AITO.

Customer Relations

All members endeavour to deal swiftly and fairly with any issues their customers may raise. In the unlikely event that a dispute between an AITO member and a customer cannot be settled amicably, AITO's low-cost Independent Dispute Settlement Service may be called upon by either side to bring the matter to a speedy and acceptable conclusion. For more information visit www.aito.com or call 020 8744 9280.

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

✳ Flexible Booking

While deposit payments are non-refundable, because we have to make significant payments in advance to cover the costs of each tour, we want to be as fair and flexible as possible. If you need to change your booking, you can move your deposit to any of our other tours taking place in 2024 without a charge as long as you do this before the final balance payment becomes due (10 weeks before departure). We can also transfer your deposit to a friend or family member without any charge.

✳ Flexible Final Balances

We will only ask you to pay your final balance 10 weeks prior to departure if we think that we can run a trip in a safe and enjoyable manner. If this is not the case, we will delay the final balance payment date until we are confident that the tour can go ahead safely. If, by 30 days prior to departure, we still feel that we cannot run a trip in a safe and enjoyable manner, we will cancel your tour and you can either receive a credit towards any trip in 2024 or 2025 or receive a full refund.

✳ Financial Security

We have cast iron financial protection and are fully bonded through ABTA to ensure all your payments to us are fully protected.

✳ The Association Of British Travel Agents (ABTA)

We are a member of the Association of British Travel Agents. Booking your holiday with an ABTA Member means that you'll be able to relax safe in the knowledge that you've booked with a reputable travel company. Find out more on the ABTA website.

✳ The Association Of Independent Tour Operators (AITO)

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✳ Our Promise To You

As a small family run company, we always try to be fair, flexible and reasonable and to act with integrity. Our main aim is to ensure that all of our guests are more than satisfied with all of our services. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

On our Gulet Cruises:

Full board accommodation (except where specified)
Airport transfers on first and last day of tour
Road transfers by minibus
Site entrance fees and tips on land
Harbour fees and crew services
Excursions with expert guides
WiFi (coverage permitting)
Mineral water, tea and coffee and wine with dinner.

On our land tours:

Full board accomm (except meal exclusions for each tour)
High standard 3-5* hotels with character
Airport transfers on first and last day of tour
Road transfers by minibus
Entrance fees and tips on land
Excursions with expert guides
Mineral water, tea and coffee and wine with dinner.

Not included:

Flights and airport taxes
Visas
Travel insurance
Gratuities on the gulet. It is customary to tip the crew at the end of a tour.
Tips for drivers on land tours
Tips for guides (always welcome, but never expected.)
Meals on free days on land tours
Drinks from the bar on the gulet
Drinks from hotel bars or mini bars in hotel rooms.



HOW TO BOOK

Call us

From the UK - Tel: 01600 888 220
From the USA / Canada - Tel: 855 443 3027 (toll free) or 011 44 1600 888 220
From Australia - Tel: 00 11 44 1600 888 220
From Elsewhere - We welcome guests from all over the world. Please check the prefix you need to call international from your home country and then add 44 1600 888 220.

Our office, is open from 9 am to 5.00 pm GMT, Monday to Friday. Please leave a message on our answering machine outside of these hours.

Email us on

info@petersommer.com

We'll be delighted to help and will send you booking details by email, including a booking form and payment information. We will be happy to hold a place (or places) for you on a trip for 1-week pending receipt of your deposit payment and completed booking form. Please remember to read the booking conditions that will be sent with your booking form.

Download and send a booking form

You can [download the booking form](#) from this brochure.



TOUR INTENSITY

How fit do I need to be to join one of your tours?

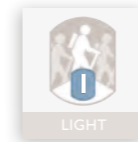
Our tours by their very nature involve a significant amount of walking, often in hot and humid climatic conditions, as well as scrambling over rough terrain on archaeological sites which are frequently rugged and with loose rocks underfoot. This can make them difficult to negotiate and physically tiring. Your physical fitness should therefore be of a level that will allow you to get the most from the chosen tour.

It's important to note that on our gulet cruises, we do at times go ashore using the gulet's dinghy. Therefore if you would like to join these specific onshore excursions, you will need to be able to safely descend/ascend the gulet's ladder and step into and out of the dinghy. Members of the gulet's crew and our guiding team will be there to assist you if needed but having good mobility and balance is important for your safety and enjoyment.

While all of our tours involve an element of walking, the distance, duration and terrain can differ considerably. So we've graded our trips to better help you assess the level of fitness needed in order to enjoy them to the full.

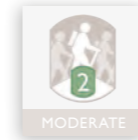
To help you choose the right holiday for you, each tour page has a logo indicating its rating. If you click on the logo you will be brought back to this page where you can read up about the level of fitness required to participate.

For our [walking and hiking tours](#) you can also read much more information on the details tab on the tour page on our website.



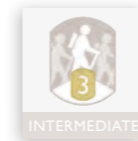
1. Light:

Our light tours include easy walks on mostly flat ground, often in towns or cities. Short stretches on tracks or paths may include some steps and uneven terrain. Walks are of short duration and distance, usually below 3km/2 miles or 2 hours, site tours likewise tend to be under 2 hours.



2. Moderate:

On moderate itineraries, key site tours can be of up to 5 hours' duration. Walks are rarely over 2 hours in duration and 5km/3 miles in distance. Walking is mostly limited to flat terrain or towns, but some stretches may be on relatively steep slopes and narrow paths.



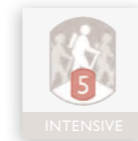
3. Intermediate:

Our intermediate tours include stretches of walking on narrow tracks, across rough terrain or on steep slopes. Distances rarely exceed 5km/3 miles, but some walks may last over 2 hours. On city tours, entire mornings or afternoons are spent on foot (5 hours, including breaks). Site tours last up to 5 hours.



4. Energetic:

On energetic tours, we cover distances up to approx. 8km/5 miles per day, including hikes on rocky and rugged ground, sometimes off the beaten track, including some challenging tracks, paths requiring a good sense of balance, and long uphill or downhill stretches. Average walking/hiking duration is generally below 4 hours per day.



5. Intensive:

Our most intensive walking and hiking tours or cruises include some strenuous hikes on rough ground or across rugged terrain, ascents or descents on steep slopes (mostly on pathways), narrow tracks and other challenges. The longest hikes have a duration of up to 7-8 hours, covering maximum distances of approx. 18km/11 miles.



TESTIMONIALS



“ This trip hit five stars on all fronts. This was a mother/daughter trip and the first time in Crete for both of us. It exceeded all expectations. Our guide’s incredible knowledge and ability to weave history and myth together made the many sites we visited that much more fascinating. The hotels were unique, including old, remote village homes converted into charming hotels. The meals were a treat in themselves, locally sourced and deliciously prepared, and the itinerary took us through Crete’s variable and beautiful landscape. For anyone interested in history from that part of the world, I would highly recommend this trip.

Exploring Crete

Britt Chester &
Kristine Lynn
USA

“ My wife and I have traveled to Rome many times and were looking for something truly different. A history and archeological focused experience with a small group, led by someone who truly understand the history, not just a show and tell tour. Our guide was incredible, was always interesting, and took us to places we have not visited before. Highly recommend this trip !!!!

Exploring Rome

Craig & Mary
Kirsch
USA

“ The tour was superbly organised and incredibly interesting, even for a non archeologist. Richard kept us enthralled with the archeological gems of Lycia for the full 7 days. He is a gem himself. Ugur was a very personable tour manager - nothing was too much trouble for him. The boat, the crew, the meals - all great.

Walking and Cruising Western Lycia

Mark Goedecke
AUS

“ Wonderful combination of guided visits, excellent food and cruising along beautiful coastline.

Cruising to Ephesus

Bruce Wright
UK

“ Our tour was idyllic! There was a perfect balance of activities: charming villages to explore; lovely walks and drives through the rugged landscape; memorable meals both on board and in lively tavernas on shore; time to swim, kayak, read and relax, and above all many visits to ancient sites and museums wonderfully interpreted for us by our knowledgeable (and entertaining) guides. We topped it off with the Athens extension, which was a perfect way to consolidate and absorb all we had seen and learned in the islands. Our guide in Athens was superb, and every detail of our stay was thoughtfully arranged and provided for.

Cruising to the Cyclades & Heart of Classical Athens

Cynthia Seybolt &
Stan Emery
USA

“ We spent a wonderful week hiking, walking and exploring the remains of Hadrian’s Wall from coast to coast. Our guide was brilliant- archaeological, historical and linguistic information was shared in a manner of a master storyteller. The village of Blanchland was charming, the Lord Crewe Arms Hotel delightful, and the food at all locations was fabulous. Guides, staff, drivers all were top notch professionals- helpful, accommodating, patient, and a joy to be around.

Walking Hadrian’s Wall

Betsi English
USA

“ The itinerary took us to all the unmissable sites in the Peloponnese and the Mani and to some wonderful places that are quite off the beaten track. Our guides were most knowledgeable and entertaining and made this two weeks very special. The food and wine were generous and very well chosen, the best of Greece.

Exploring the Peloponnese

Sue Freathy
UK

“ This was our 9th holiday with Peter Sommer, which I think says it all. This time we organised a private charter with people we had met on previous trips. We spent two glorious weeks on a Turkish gulet, traditionally built but with all mod cons. We visited archaeological sites, not all open to the public, and were lucky enough to be taken around by archaeologists working on the site. We swam from the boat several times a day, explored the countryside a little and enjoyed the best food we have ever had on any holiday anywhere. It was a perfect combination.

Private Gulet Charter

Alison
Ledgerwood
UK

“ The transportation, food, and lodging locations were all wonderful. Our guide and the people we met at each stop were knowledgeable and interesting. Highly recommend this tour for the perfect blend of food and local history.

Gastronomic Tour of Sicily

Dawn DeMartino
USA

“ This cruise had been on my bucket list for the past five years and it was every bit as good, if not better, than I’d imagined it would be.

Walking and Cruising the Lycian Shore

Diny Slamet
AUS

“ We had explored Trieste, Slovenia and much of Croatia before embarking on our week’s holiday at Slano. We were blessed with excellent weather and fellow travellers we found sympathetic. Our crew were attentive, professional and the catering was first class - they did everything to make our cruise enjoyable. Lots of opportunities to swim from the gulet and our gastronomic excursions were both educational and delicious.

Gastronomic Gulet Cruise In Croatia

N & P Woodcock
UK

“ This trip was wonderful. We saw a lot, we learned a lot about the islands and their history, we had great meals both on and off the boat and we had time to explore both with the group and by ourselves. Our guides were exceptional, the captain and crew looked after us extremely well and we hope to travel with Peter Sommer Travels again before too long.

Cruising the Dodecanese

John & Elaine
Elkington
USA

“ This was our third tour and they have all been outstanding. The hotels, the food, the guides: all superlative. We have taken tours previously with other companies. None comes close to the experience with Peter Sommer Travels. The value and quality are simply amazing. I’ve never had so much fun while learning so much history.

Private Land Tour

Dr. Paul Brown
USA

“ Cruising for seven days along the tranquil azure colored coast of Turkey and encountering unexpected gastronomic and archeological delights at every turn was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our lovely expert guide Serdar can only be described as a Turkish National Treasure! Serdar’s extensive knowledge of Turkish history, culinary arts, archeological sites, and coastal geography was second to none. I cannot express enough in words how much this gentle and thoughtful man is utterly filled with knowledge and experiences regarding his beautiful country. Serdar introduced us to small non-touristy villages, breathtaking hiking trails, family-owned restaurants serving absolutely delicious Turkish food, and undiscovered and rarely visited archeological sites. All these experiences were shared with the other lovely tour guests with whom we thoroughly enjoyed their company.

Gastronomic Gulet Cruise In Turkey

Brian Hartman &
Odette Oesau
USA

“ Very well run tour with knowledgeable and enthusiastic tour leader and friendly crew. A nice blend of activity and rest/recreation time. Comfortable cabins and excellent fresh food every day. Thoughtful touches included visits to remote village restaurants for lunch during walks and icecreams at the end of a busy few hours of walking.

Walking & Cruising Western Lycia

Prof. Andrew
Goldsmith
AUS

“ A fascinating itinerary, extremely knowledgeable and attentive guides, very well put together practical arrangements, comfortable accommodation and travel, excellent eating and a great group of like minded guests - all the ingredients for an outstanding holiday.

Exploring the Peloponnese

Giles & Jane
Cockerill
UK

“ The tour truly lived up to its name, with exposure to a range of gastronomic delights from high end olive oil producers and vineyards to charming, rustic biodiversity farms. The food, wine and people were exceptional and the local guide knowledgeable about the archaeology and baroque architecture. Highlights included visiting the local food market with a renowned chef followed by a cooking lesson in his restaurant, and farmhouse lunches prepared by the family. The trip was crowned by a walk on Etna led by a volcanologist.

Gastronomic Tour of Sicily

Mark Boast
UK

TESTIMONIALS



“ This holiday exceeded all our expectations. The itinerary attracted us, being a combination of physically active walking in scenically stunning regions and swimming/snorkeling in azure Mediterranean waters, historical discoveries of antiquity (in situ) with the insights from an expert archaeologist, as well as immersion into Turkish culture including the people and the food, dining sumptuously both on the gulet and in hand-picked mountain restaurants - and relaxing on the boat as we cruised. ”

Walking & Cruising Western Lycia

Jane Turner
AUS



“ We chose Peter Sommer’s Cruising the Aegean: from Kos to Patmos because of our love of the Greek Islands and classical archeology. Peter’s travel team arranged a beautiful, educational, as well as very relaxing trip. We were so fortunate to have two expert guides, as our local guide Tassos, is a specialist in Byzantine archaeology. Our expert guide, Tony Spawforth is an accomplished author and expert on classical history. He was delightful and had a great sense of humor. This was our first time on a gulet, and we thoroughly enjoyed the barefoot experience, delicious family style meals, camaraderie with fellow passengers and guides, and being pampered by the excellent crew. Peter Sommer’s cruises are definitely a repeater and we are already planning next year’s cruise. ”

Cruising the Aegean from Kos to Patmos

John & Laurie
Gosch
USA



“ This was a great combination of cruising the Carian coast of Turkey and walking in the coastal hills. We visited many remote ancient sites and our guide was extremely personable and informative. It was well organized and special care was taken to ensure that everyone was well looked after. The Captain and his crew were very friendly and helpful, and the food was always excellent with lots of local wine. A very enjoyable and informative week. ”

Walking and Cruising the Carian Coast

Anthony Boulton
CAN



“ A frequent visitor to Greece, I had never before been to Macedonia and I was awed by the its beauty, its lush countryside and verdant, mountainous west. It is impossible to overstate the wow factor of the museum at Vergina, now enclosing the tomb of king Philip II and the rich treasure found there. There were the expected highlights of the tour, but there were so many other treats and the ferry day-trip to the isle of Thasos was a lovely change of pace. Our guides Maria and Paul were extremely knowledgeable, considerate and good company. The food was splendid and we all appreciated the lengths Maria had gone to to order for us local dishes in each of the towns we visited. ”

Exploring Macedonia

Stella Graham
UK



“ Based in a beautiful hotel in Bath with daily excursions to archaeological sites, magnificent cathedrals, Roman baths & villas, Stonehenge at dawn from the inner sanctum, Avebury circles, etc. All the while being escorted by Paul Beston whose knowledge of each site seemed endless. ”

Exploring Wessex

Rodney Hoare
AUS



“ Our gulet cruise of east Turkey was comfortable, very well organised, with a brilliant guide and tour manager and crew, good food and good company. ”

Cruising the Lycian Shore

Sir Gerald Warner
UK



“ A 14-day trip along the Carian Coast of Turkey, visiting archaeological sites, wineries, villages, etc. Everything about the trip was wonderful. The food on the boat was truly excellent; traditional Turkish dishes, cooked by a masterful chef. All 13 of us on board were dazzled. Wonderful swimming in bays along the coast, two or three times a day. Archaeological sites were fascinating and our guides on board were excellent companions. ”

Private Gulet Charter

John Boyd
USA



“ Fantastic trip. The boat was comfortable and well maintained; the crew were attendant and helpful and the food was fabulous. The visits to the archaeological sites were very well organized and our guides were excellent. Our archaeological guide, Philip, was knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and an excellent presenter. Our local guide, Ayup, kept us informed on local foods, wines, and traditions. It was, by far, the best trip I have ever taken. ”

Cruising the Carian Coast - Aegean to Mediterranean

Elaine Sullivan
USA



“ A gulet trip in Croatia, stopping at numerous historic sites, with a fabulous guide, Mislav, on board and with a wonderful crew. Many great meals both on and off the boat. A comprehensive look at both the history and culture of this beautiful and interesting region. I highly recommend both this trip and Peter Sommer Travels. ”

Cruising Dalmatia from Dubrovnik to Split

Deborah Ware
USA



“ One of the best vacations I’ve ever had. The opportunities for swimming, kayaking, and hiking were all exceptional. The food was excellent and something of a miracle given the size of the gulet kitchen. The group was very congenial and a pleasure to be with. ”

Cruising Western Lycia

Prof. Kathleen
Dracup
USA



“ The gulet cruise was phenomenal and I will go on one again! I learned so much from the inland tours and the interaction with other guests of the cruise. One highlight was visiting an oyster harvesting operation on a floating barge. Now I understand why oysters are so expensive and will love them even more! ”

Gastronomic Gulet Cruise In Croatia

June
Thormodsgard
USA



“ I knew that Peter Sommer’s tours have attracted excellent reviews but the experience more than matched my high expectations. Each day was a delightful blend of cruising along the beautiful Turkish coast, fascinating excursions to visit amazing ancient sites, swimming in sheltered bays and long evenings around the table with excellent food, wine and new found friends. Everything was arranged at a relaxed and comfortable pace. Our trips ashore visited a series of increasingly spectacular ancient cities which were brought to life by our enthusiastic and very knowledgeable expert guide. It was a perfect holiday and many thanks to everyone involved. It turned out to be a life affirming experience. ”

Cruising to Ephesus

Peter Glynn
UK



“ Cruising the Coast of Dalmatia was the perfect adventure. A beautiful mahogany boat, wonderful crew and guide, fabulous food on board, interesting ports of call...the seven days just flew by. We travel quite a bit and this was the best trip my husband and I have ever been on. Each island visited was fascinating in its own right. We will be back for another Peter Sommer trip. ”

Private Gulet Charter

Cordelia
Andrews
USA



“ A fantastic holiday, the entertaining and knowledgeable guides made the history come alive and did an excellent job in explaining Sicily’s complex past. The historical sites were all amazing and beautifully scenic with abundant wild flowers. All the accommodation was very good and the food everywhere was exceptional. ”

Exploring Sicily

Stephanie Shore
USA



“ We traveled by gulet along the Dalmatian coast, anchoring near important archaeological sites, cities with ancient origins and a National Park along the way. It was wonderful! Our guide, Filip, was extremely knowledgeable about all historical eras we encountered. He was energetic, funny, very sociable, attentive - a tremendous asset to both the social and the educational aspects of the trip. ”

Cruising Dalmatia from Šibenik To Zadar

Kenneth Gabard



“ A wonderful week spent walking sections of Hadrian’s Wall learning about it’s construction, occupation, and reincarnation into other local buildings. The tour is led by an experienced archaeologist and the group is the perfect size to have in-depth technical discussions with the tour guide and other members regarding the archaeology, history, and geology of the Wall features. A physical workout for the legs, a mental workout for the brain, and a vacation for the soul. ”

Walking Hadrian’s Wall

James Covington
USA



“ This was a remarkably well-organized two-week tour of the principal historical sites in the Peloponnese accompanied by two indefatigable and very knowledgeable guides. Such a tour, or anything approaching it in depth and breadth (including the accomodations), would have been impossible to arrange on one’s own and was by far the best tour of any sort that I’ve encountered. ”

Exploring the Peloponnese

Michael
Nossaman
USA

OUR EXPERT GUIDES



PETER SOMMER

Peter studied Ancient History and Archaeology at Birmingham University before completing a Masters on the archaeology of Central Asia. He has taught at Birmingham University and Istanbul's Boğaziçi University. Two years into a PhD at University College London, on the archaeology of northwest Turkey, he was lured into television to work on *In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great* (BBC/PBS). An award-winning documentary

producer/director, Peter has worked around the world for many acclaimed series. Peter is also a freelance writer and speaker who gives talks about travel, history and filmmaking.



PAUL BESTON

Inspired by finding a musket-ball in Gibraltar, Paul spent his childhood drawing Spartans, watching historical documentaries and devouring archaeology books. Certain that life ought to revolve around his passion for the ancient world he studied Ancient History at King's College, London, gaining a first and then earned a distinction in his Masters. Alongside lecturing posts at King's and Royal Holloway in London, he

has acted as an historical adviser for TV including HBO's *Fire from Heaven*. He has a particular passion for Late Antiquity, Roman Britain and the Near East.



MARCELLO BAGLIONI

Marcello first began his love affair with Italian food and wine as an 8 year old sous-chef in the kitchen of his father's Italian restaurant in Hollywood, California. He ended up going into the food business, working as the manager of a successful catering company, before moving to Sicily where he lived for almost two decades, immersing himself into the island's history, food and culture. Marcello set himself up as a one man Sicilian culinary-

cultural specialist, focusing on 'Slow Food' and 'Slow Travel'. He's been selected as Sicily's top travel specialist by Condé Nast Traveller magazine and one of their World's Top 126 Travel Specialists.



DR. MICHAEL METCALFE

Michael earned his PhD at University College London, focusing on the ancient Greek cities of western Turkey. For many years Michael was Assistant Professor in Ancient History at The Mediterranean Center for Arts and Sciences in Sicily, before joining Peter Sommer Travels. He is currently involved in the study of Greek and Latin inscriptions from all over the Mediterranean. He co-edited the *Blue Guide to the Aegean Islands* and

is contributing editor of the new edition of the *Blue Guide to Sicily*. Michael speaks Greek, Italian and Turkish. Not only is he 'enthusiastic, charming and knowledgeable' he is also a natural born organiser.



SERDAR AKERDEM

Peter has been working with Serdar since 1999. A man of many talents, not only is he a highly experienced location manager and tour guide, Serdar is a genteel, enthusiastic and knowledgeable archaeologist. He has lectured at a number of Turkish universities, and excavated and surveyed widely along Turkey's southern shore, including important work at Patara, Tlos, and Kaunos.

His major passions are Roman architecture and maritime archaeology. With his intimate understanding of the Turkish language, culture, and of course ancient sites, Serdar is a very valued tour leader.



DR. RICHARD BAYLISS

After a degree in archaeology Richard lived in Turkey working at the British Institute in Ankara as a resident archaeologist. He has travelled widely around the country over many years, surveying and excavating many celebrated sites. His PhD focused on the rise of Christianity in the Roman cities of Asia Minor (modern Turkey). After lecturing at Newcastle University, Richard has gone on to work in building design and heritage

conservation. An experienced tour leader, he has led a wide range of groups on our tours in Turkey. Noted for his knowledge and enthusiasm, he is an exciting and popular specialist guide.

OUR EXPERT GUIDES



PROF. JULIAN BENNETT

Julian studied Archaeology at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and has excavated in Britain, Germany, Romania and Turkey. He has taught at Bilkent University in Ankara since 1995 and has a particular interest in the history, archaeology and architecture of Roman and Byzantine Anatolia. Julian has appeared in TV documentaries for the BBC, The History Channel and National Geographic. A well-travelled and experienced tour

leader, he has escorted groups throughout the Mediterranean for institutions such as the Smithsonian and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



FILIP BUDIĆ

Steeped in the history and archaeology of Croatia, Filip has walked and travelled extensively across the mainland, coast and islands of his homeland. Passionate about history and archaeology he has worked on multiple excavations and surveys throughout Croatia as well as at sites in Kosovo, Germany, Greece, Israel and the Russian Federation. Filip holds a BA and MA in Archaeology from the University of Zagreb, where

he has won numerous awards and where he is currently completing his PhD. A true enthusiast and charming host, he has long expertise guiding in Croatia, Greece, Sicily and Turkey.



PROF. JIM CROW

Jim Crow is Professor of Classical Archaeology at Edinburgh University with special research interests in Byzantine Archaeology and Roman Frontier Studies. A graduate of Birmingham and Newcastle Universities he has worked in Turkey for over twenty years and recently completed a major research project on the Water Supply of Byzantine Constantinople and the city's hinterland fortification system 'the Anastasian Wall'. He

directed the archaeological excavations on Hadrian's Wall for the National Trust for some 5 years earlier in his career, and has led study tours to Istanbul and lectured on gulet cruises and for Cunard.



MISLAV FILEŠ

Mislav was born in Zagreb and after high school enrolled as an Archaeology undergraduate, carrying on through graduate years to his PhD. He is currently at the University of Zagreb. He has received Excellence Awards from the Faculty of Humanities and Social sciences for both undergraduate and graduate work. He was also awarded a scholarship of excellence from the City of Zagreb for undergraduate and postgraduate

studies as well as the award for excellence in PhD studies from the Department of Archaeology.



DR. MARIA GIRTZI

Born in Thessaloniki, Maria is an Archaeologist and professional tour guide. She studied Archaeology and Art at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and did her postgraduate studies on Greek Archaeology (MA and PhD) at the University of Birmingham in the UK. She has taught History, Archaeology and Art history at the Universities of Thrace, Birmingham (UK), Cornell (USA), the Hellenic Open University

and the Open University of Cyprus as well as working as a field archaeologist on excavations in Macedonia, Thrace and on Crete. Maria is the author of the book "Historical Topography of Ancient Macedonia".



PROF. OLIVIER HENRY

Olivier holds a degree in ancient history, two masters degrees in ancient history and classical archaeology and a PhD from the University of Bordeaux. After a couple of years at the University of Illinois, lecturing on ancient architecture, he worked at the French Institute for Anatolian Studies. He later held the Chair of Excellence in "Anatolian Archaeology" at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris. Olivier has

been the Excavation Director at Labraunda since 2012. Fluent in French, English and Turkish, he also has a strong interest in Greece and Sicily. He is Professor of Greek Art and Archaeology at the University of Lyon.



LUCIA IACONO

Born and bred in Siracusa (Sicily), Lucia studied for a BA in foreign languages and literature at the University of Catania. She is a qualified tourist guide, specialising initially in the South-Eastern provinces of Ragusa and Siracusa. Lucia has over 20 years' experience in this field, but still works with the same passion and enthusiasm with which she began. She loves introducing people to the unbelievable wealth of art, archaeology

and culture that Sicily has to offer and is always on the lookout for something new, exciting and interesting that reveals the true quirks of Sicilian culture.



PROF. IVANA JEVTIC

Growing up in the former Yugoslavia, Ivana nurtured a passion for art and developed a particular interest for the history of the Balkans. She studied art history at the University of Belgrade before receiving her PhD at the University of Paris I-Panthéon Sorbonne. A specialist in Byzantine art, architecture and history, Ivana has been teaching in Istanbul at Koç University since 2010. Ivana has escorted many of

our guests in Istanbul over the years and received high praise. Not only has she led numerous tours in Croatia, she is internationally accomplished having led tours throughout Greece and Turkey.

OUR EXPERT GUIDES



NOTA KARAMAOUNA

Nota has a degree in Archaeology and Art History and a Masters in Byzantine Archaeology, and has been travelling to Turkey, especially Cappadocia, for many years, captivated by its multicultural history, the spectacular landscape and the warm local hospitality. Nota has excavated and surveyed at a number of sites in Cappadocia and elsewhere in Turkey and at sites in Greece, ranging from the island of Kos to central Athens. Alongside her academic studies she has worked for a specialist Byzantine photo library and the Byzantine Museum of Athens.



PROF. TONY SPAWFORTH

Tony Spawforth is an Emeritus Professor of Ancient History at Newcastle University, UK, Visiting Fellow at the British School at Athens (2015) and a former fellow of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. A freelance writer, lecturer and well-known television broadcaster his published books include *Greece: An Oxford Archaeological Guide*, *The Complete Greek Temples*, *The Oxford Classical Dictionary* and the best-selling

Versailles: A Biography of a Palace. Tony has excavated on Crete and Sicily and has considerable experience as a tour leader across the Mediterranean.



PROF. GRAHAM OLIVER

Graham undertook both his undergraduate and doctoral studies in Classics at Oxford University before moving to The University of Liverpool in 1994, where he taught until 2013. He then moved to Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island where he is Professor of Classics, Chair of Classics and Professor of History. Fluent in French and Greek, Graham has lectured in the USA and throughout Europe to audiences of all ages. He

believes passionately in bringing history and the ancient world to life, and has worked and travelled extensively in the Mediterranean and led numerous groups around the region's archaeological sites. We are delighted Graham can share his knowledge and enthusiasm with our guests.



DR. NIGEL SPIVEY

Nigel is a Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge University, where he teaches Classical Art and Archaeology. His research interests cover the breadth of the Greek and Roman world and he has excavated at several Etruscan sites. His books include *The Ancient Olympics*, *Greek Art* and *Panorama of the Classical World*. Nigel is a renowned TV presenter, whose credits include the BBC's *How Art Made the World*, *Kings and Queens*

and *Heroes of World War II*. Nigel has been leading tours for us for many years and his knowledge and passion make him an ideal guide in bringing the ancient world to life.



ANASTASIOS PAPAPOPOULOS

As an archaeologist, Anastasios has dug a huge variety of sites in Greece, covering thousands of years of its history – everything from the Neolithic to the medieval Byzantine era, particularly in his beloved north. He has a degree in history, an MA in Byzantine Archaeology and is studying for a PhD at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Having excavated widely, he has turned his encyclopaedic knowledge in a new direction and become a

licensed guide. As well as working with us, he designs his own cultural tours in and around Thessaloniki with an extraordinary array of themes encompassing a phenomenal historical sweep.



DR. PETER TOMKINS

Peter fell in love with Crete in 1991 on a gap year spent travelling in Greece. After reading Classics at Oxford, the call of Cretan prehistory became too great to ignore and, after an MA in Archaeology at University College London, there followed a PhD thesis on the Cretan Neolithic at the University of Sheffield. Since then, he has held a series of research and teaching posts at universities and research institutions in the U.K., Belgium, Greece

and Italy. He is a specialist on the Neolithic and Bronze Age of the Aegean with a focus on Crete.



GULET CRUISES

CRUISING THROUGH HISTORY

The shores we travel along offer some of the most spectacular cruising in the Mediterranean, Aegean, Adriatic Seas, replete with stunning views and beautiful coves. Studded with antiquities, large stretches of these coastlines, (especially along Turkey's south coast), remain largely undeveloped, still lapped by the clear waters on which the great names of the classical world once sailed: Pericles, Julius Caesar, St. Paul...

As we cruise on Homer's 'wine-dark sea', or set off to explore the stunning interior, we enter a forgotten land and discover a lost world of temples, tombs and theatres. In many places you can literally stroll through an olive grove, stumble upon a Roman temple still standing proud and have the place all to yourself.

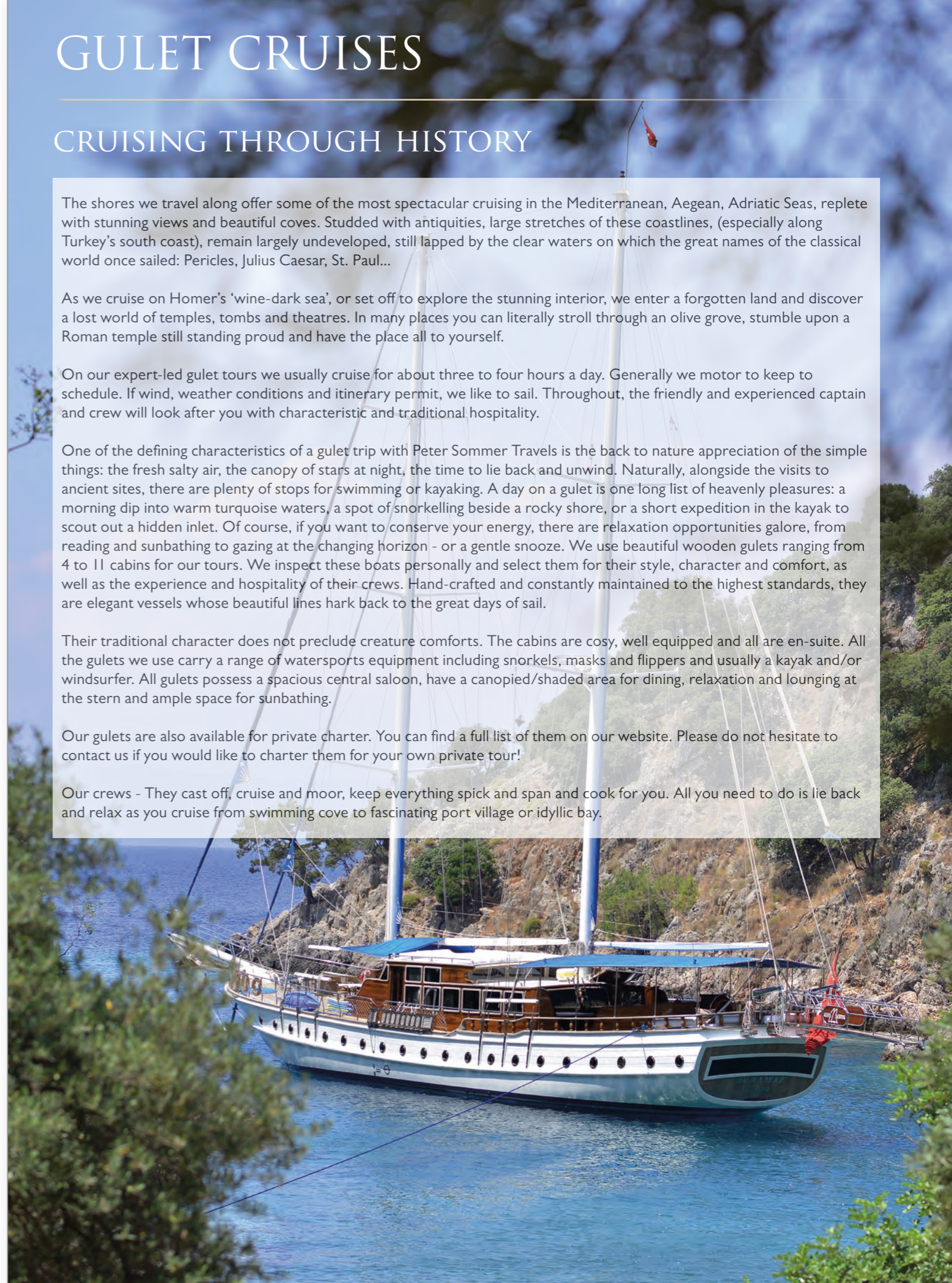
On our expert-led gulet tours we usually cruise for about three to four hours a day. Generally we motor to keep to schedule. If wind, weather conditions and itinerary permit, we like to sail. Throughout, the friendly and experienced captain and crew will look after you with characteristic and traditional hospitality.

One of the defining characteristics of a gulet trip with Peter Sommer Travels is the back to nature appreciation of the simple things: the fresh salty air, the canopy of stars at night, the time to lie back and unwind. Naturally, alongside the visits to ancient sites, there are plenty of stops for swimming or kayaking. A day on a gulet is one long list of heavenly pleasures: a morning dip into warm turquoise waters, a spot of snorkelling beside a rocky shore, or a short expedition in the kayak to scout out a hidden inlet. Of course, if you want to conserve your energy, there are relaxation opportunities galore, from reading and sunbathing to gazing at the changing horizon - or a gentle snooze. We use beautiful wooden gulets ranging from 4 to 11 cabins for our tours. We inspect these boats personally and select them for their style, character and comfort, as well as the experience and hospitality of their crews. Hand-crafted and constantly maintained to the highest standards, they are elegant vessels whose beautiful lines hark back to the great days of sail.

Their traditional character does not preclude creature comforts. The cabins are cosy, well equipped and all are en-suite. All the gulets we use carry a range of watersports equipment including snorkels, masks and flippers and usually a kayak and/or windsurfer. All gulets possess a spacious central saloon, have a canopied/shaded area for dining, relaxation and lounging at the stern and ample space for sunbathing.

Our gulets are also available for private charter. You can find a full list of them on our website. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to charter them for your own private tour!

Our crews - They cast off, cruise and moor, keep everything spick and span and cook for you. All you need to do is lie back and relax as you cruise from swimming cove to fascinating port village or idyllic bay.





EXPLORING TOURS

Starting with our Exploring Crete and Exploring Sicily several years ago, we have introduced a new and original type of travel experience and we have spent years establishing and honing their characteristics. Our 'Exploring Tours' are now a distinctive and much-praised speciality available in Turkey, Greece, Italy, and the UK. Based on our long experience in the field, they are designed to be the best-prepared cultural tours available.

We provide expert knowledge: our guides, be they academic scholars or local experts, have spent years travelling, researching, living and working in the regions we present. Our 'Exploring Tours' are the result of painstaking preparation and attention to detail, founded in intimate knowledge of a region: they are normally the result not just of years of preparation, but of decades of engagement with an area.

They are characterised by our tour experts' love for the regions travelled and their passionate ambition to present our guests with the best, the most interesting, the most insightful, the most authentic experience of an area, its history, its nature and its tradition, but also its contemporary life, brought together in a lively and approachable narrative. We apply a holistic view of land and culture, bringing landscape, historic sites, gastronomic experiences and much more together in a connected narrative and a series of hands-on (or feet-on) experiences of the region and its ancient sites.


On our 'Exploring Tours', our guests enjoy the most careful selection of accommodations in fine city hotels, historic buildings, agritouristic properties, traditional village inns and so on, chosen not for the convenience of the tour operator, but to offer the most insightful, authentic and memorable experience in the region travelled. Likewise, they get many opportunities to sample the best and most authentic local cuisine at carefully-chosen restaurants, based on local produce – another key way to experience a region, along with carefully-selected wine tastings.

A key ingredient that goes into these trips is bold outside the box thinking: always favouring the best experience – the most interesting story, the best dishes, the most beautiful and informative site tours, the most characteristic accommodation – over commercial convenience. Our 'Exploring Tours' are perfect as a profound introduction for a visitor who has never been to the region, but they are also a superb next step for the connoisseur, the person familiar with an area from previous travels.

Our 'Exploring Tours' are all of this: the best-prepared combination of the geography, nature, culture, archaeology, history, gastronomy, tradition of a place, accompanied and told by experts who know the region intimately. We normally schedule these trips at the perfect travel seasons, when the weather conditions are ideal to fully enjoy the region in question. In Turkey, Greece and Italy, that means we favour the Mediterranean's brilliant spring (April/May), when landscapes are strewn with wild flowers, or the luscious late summer/early autumn (September/October), when the summer heat and the summer crowds have been and gone and a balmy calm prevails for many golden weeks. In the UK, we use the summer months (June, July and August).

Join us for one of these unique experiences, of knowing exactly where you are in time and space and context, and of experiencing and enjoying it to the utmost. Exploring in the true sense of the word: that's what we do at Peter Sommer Travels.

Rome, Italy



Peloponnese, Greece

FAMILY TOURS

“ONE OF THE 3 BEST FAMILY HOLIDAYS OF A LIFETIME” - CONDÉ NAST TRAVELLER

“ONE OF THE 20 BEST FAMILY HOLIDAYS” - THE TIMES

Our family holidays are designed to be relaxing and stimulating, fascinating and fun for all ages.

What could be more fun for your family than to experience an unforgettable real-life adventure, exploring ancient mysteries and glorious landscapes, playing and relaxing, while travelling on a wooden boat? And what could be a better holiday for you than to share all that joy in a perfectly stress-free setting?

We started organising expert-led cultural gulet cruises for families a number of years ago, as many of our guests had asked us to create tours they could enjoy together with their children and grandchildren. Since then, they have become a regular feature of our yearly tours – and one of our favourites! Like our other escorted tours, Peter Sommer Travels' family holidays are cultural gulet cruises, led by an expert guide. Visits to ancient sites will take you and your children deep into the past and offer you a vivid and hands-on glimpse of antiquity.

You'll explore the world of the Greeks and Romans in colourful detail, from the grand scale of culture and history to the nitty-gritty of daily life: what they ate, how they built temples or homes, what their toilets were like, how they were treated at the doctor's and lots of fun facts. All this and more in places boasting some of the era's finest artistic and architectural achievements.

Alongside our archaeological adventures, there is the sheer joy of the cruise itself, gliding across the sea aboard a beautiful traditional Turkish gulet. Our gulet holidays offer plenty of opportunities for guests of all ages to swim, kayak or snorkel in azure waters, to lie back and read as the world goes by, to observe the perfectly clear sky at night (perhaps even some shooting stars) and to enjoy the delicious home-cooked food freshly prepared on board. When we hike off into the hills, we're almost certain to encounter goats, tortoises and various creepy-crawlies and while at sea there is always the chance we'll see dolphins and turtles!

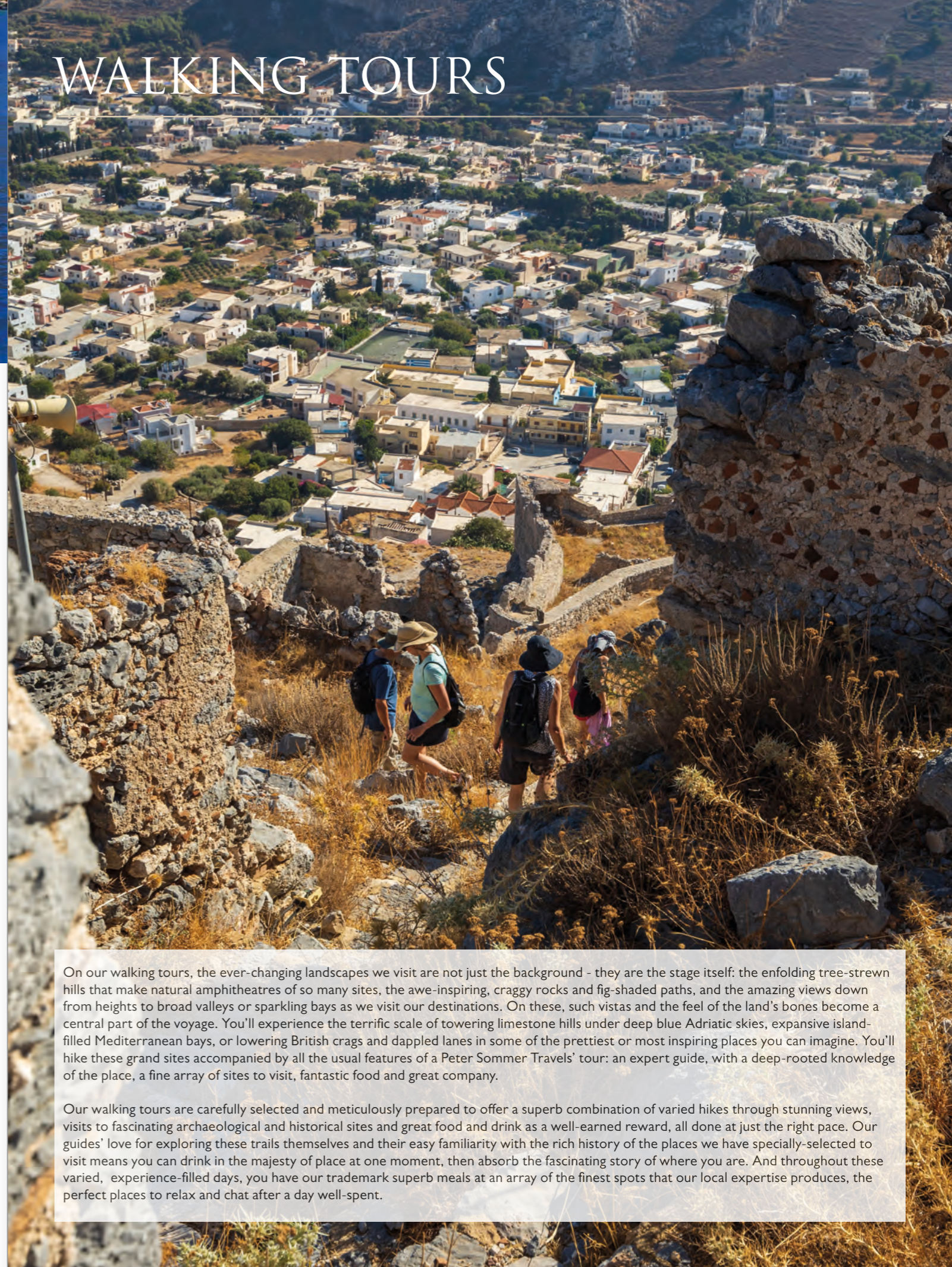
Our scheduled family tour for 2021 is *Cruising the Aegean: From Kos to Patmos*. A family adventure that offer a complete panorama of the ancient world as well as time to play, swim, snorkel, read, sunbathe, nap, or simply enjoy the beautiful boat and the wonderful scenery in the company of friends and loved ones.

“We had the most remarkable family tour with Peter Sommer Travels. Not only was everything perfect, but we felt, in every instance, that our guides and our gulet crew truly cared about us, and did their best to make this trip memorable. For our well-traveled children (aged 9 and 6) this definitely has become the most eye-opening, adventurous, and stunning journey of their life.”

Ilya Strebulaev, USA



WALKING TOURS



On our walking tours, the ever-changing landscapes we visit are not just the background - they are the stage itself: the enfolding tree-strewn hills that make natural amphitheatres of so many sites, the awe-inspiring, craggy rocks and fig-shaded paths, and the amazing views down from heights to broad valleys or sparkling bays as we visit our destinations. On these, such vistas and the feel of the land's bones become a central part of the voyage. You'll experience the terrific scale of towering limestone hills under deep blue Adriatic skies, expansive island-filled Mediterranean bays, or lowering British crags and dappled lanes in some of the prettiest or most inspiring places you can imagine. You'll hike these grand sites accompanied by all the usual features of a Peter Sommer Travels' tour: an expert guide, with a deep-rooted knowledge of the place, a fine array of sites to visit, fantastic food and great company.

Our walking tours are carefully selected and meticulously prepared to offer a superb combination of varied hikes through stunning views, visits to fascinating archaeological and historical sites and great food and drink as a well-earned reward, all done at just the right pace. Our guides' love for exploring these trails themselves and their easy familiarity with the rich history of the places we have specially-selected to visit means you can drink in the majesty of place at one moment, then absorb the fascinating story of where you are. And throughout these varied, experience-filled days, you have our trademark superb meals at an array of the finest spots that our local expertise produces, the perfect places to relax and chat after a day well-spent.

Kalymnos, Greece

FOOD TOURS

WE TAKE FOOD VERY SERIOUSLY



Along with the sites and itineraries, good food plays a key role in the design of our tours and cruises. For us, meals are much more than a practical necessity: they are a pleasure to be shared with our guests and moreover a central aspect in experiencing the local culture and the area's gastronomic wealth. In that sense, each of our itineraries is a culinary exploration.

On our gulet cruises, the on-board cooks freshly prepare a wonderful variety of dishes in the ship's galley using fine local ingredients. These daily delights are complemented by shore meals in excellent and atmospheric restaurants and tavernas along the itinerary.

On our land and city tours, you'll enjoy meals at a range of carefully selected venues, usually our guides' personal favourites, based on in-depth local knowledge. They represent the full scope of the region's culinary achievements and specialities, ranging from authentic "home cooking" to truly gourmet food, always rooted in local tradition and based on the strengths of the area's produce.

There are countless delights you will taste on our tours: succulent fish, freshly grilled or barbecued, accompanied by a whole array of refreshing dips and salads; stuffed roast lamb prepared especially for us on a small Greek island; authentic pizza served in a tiny Neapolitan restaurant; fresh pomegranates, cherries or peaches just picked from the tree; subtly seasoned Turkish meatballs on a rooftop terrace overlooking Old Istanbul; delicate stuffed zucchini flowers in a Cretan mountain village; organic olives and their aromatic oil; handmade Turkish baklava; the sweet baby tomatoes of Santorini; freshly caught crab overlooking the Northumberland Coast; mature, tangy cheddars and ripe local cheeses from the West Country, fresh scallops or oysters from Ireland's wild Atlantic Coast or the whole range of handmade Italian pasta...

If gastronomy is a special interest of yours, you should join one of our designated culinary itineraries - but every one of our tours is a pleasure for all the senses!



Designated Gastronomic Tours

For the "foodies" among our guests, we offer a growing range of special gastronomy-themed tours and cruises. Like all our trips, they are centred on expert-guided visits to important and beautiful ancient sites. At the same time, they offer you a deeper understanding of the local culinary tradition. By exploring local markets, picking wild foods, visiting traditional producers and participating in the preparation of delicious meals, you will gain a profound insight and knowledge of a region's culinary culture.



FOOD TOURS

WE TAKE WINE VERY SERIOUSLY

Wine: Ancient Tradition and Local Culture

Wine culture goes back to the Bronze Age and was a central aspect of Greek and Roman life, society and culture. Today, wine still holds a distinctive and evocative role in the areas we travel. Italy is famed for its venerable vintages; Greece has recently rediscovered and redeveloped its ancient tradition of advanced viticulture; Dalmatia is famous for its deep dark reds grown on precipitous slopes to catch hundreds of hours of sunlight and its reflection from the sea below; Turkey has fledgling but dynamic wine producers and the UK's wine industry is flourishing with sparkling wines becoming a speciality.



On all our tours, we serve a select range of wines representing the products of the country we travel. When we visit wine-producing regions, we also organise wine tastings at hand-picked estates. It is our firm conviction that savouring and enjoying local wines is a key way to appreciate a region's culture - an experience we love to share with our guests.



PRIVATE TOURS

Are you looking for a very special holiday - a uniquely memorable experience to share with your loved ones, your family, your friends, or your colleagues? If so, a Peter Sommer Travels' private tour is your ideal choice!

Peter Sommer Travels' tailor-made trips are renowned for their carefully crafted itineraries and the superlative knowledge and skills of the guides who lead them. They are crafted by people who have devoted their lives to travelling as extensively as possible through the cities and regions of Greece and Italy, Turkey and Croatia, the UK and Ireland. They have explored the numerous archaeological sites and museums, strolled through the many towns and villages, walked the country lanes and hiking routes and have sought out the very best food and wine on offer in each and every season.

If you and your family or friends would like to take advantage of this experience, we would be delighted to create a specially arranged expert-led tour, perfectly suited to your precise interests and desires. You can choose a land tour or a private gulet charter or a combination of the two. Working closely with you to determine the perfect shape your trip should take, we will craft an itinerary that contains everything that you wish for, together with experiences and sights that you would never otherwise have known existed. Our expert guides and local guides look forward to welcoming you.

BY SEA

Our private charters feature the same qualities that distinguish our scheduled gulet cruises: comfortable and stylish boats, painstakingly prepared itineraries, a perfectly balanced mix of relaxation and activity and of course - delicious food, all accompanied by our expert guides and local guides. Our charters are available from late spring (April/May) to early autumn (September/October). Charter prices vary according to the season. Since the best boats book up well in advance we recommend you get in touch as early as you can.

We provide a range of fully crewed boats, maintained to the highest safety standards, ranging from 4 to 11 cabins (6 to 20 guests). You can follow one of our established itineraries, modify it to suit your personal interests, or ask us to design your dream tour from scratch. We will then organise everything: the fully-crewed boat, airport transfers, access and transport to the sites, and of course meals on board and ashore.

BY LAND

Our tailor-made expert-led land tours can focus on a single region or city, or we can create an itinerary for you that weaves together several different regions within one country e.g. Athens and Crete in Greece, Istanbul and Cappadocia in Turkey, Sicily and Rome in Italy, Zagreb or Dubrovnik in Croatia and many of the regional centres across the United Kingdom and Ireland. Maybe you'd like to combine the highlights of several different countries, such as a tour of the classical capitals of Europe, combining Rome with Athens and London?

From boutique hotels and country houses to 5-star hotels, we will find the accommodation that suits your needs. We pride ourselves on our flexibility and capacity to arrange all aspects of your journey so you can sit back and relax knowing everything is taken care of. Whatever your interests, we can create a tour to suit your tastes and desires.



PRIVATE CHARTERS IN CROATIA

Croatia's Adriatic Coast is a superb area for boating; due to the country's complex geography and many islands (there are over 1,000 islands, islets and reefs), Croatia's coastline is the third longest on the entire Mediterranean (after Greece and Italy). Encompassing three of the country's historical regions, Istria, Croatia Proper and Dalmatia, the area offers an extraordinarily rich variety of experiences. Remote coves and popular beaches, tranquil historical towns and upmarket resorts, rocky slopes and lush forests: there is much to discover for any traveller, no matter what their tastes and interests might be. Croatia's geographic diversity is complemented by its unusually varied history, making this stretch of shore a meeting place and melting pot of many peoples and cultures throughout time, scattering the coast with a treasure trove of rich historical and archaeological heritage.

Are you dreaming of a trip that allows you to experience and explore a fascinating historical region, but also to relax and simply enjoy yourself? In that case, you should consider a private gulet charter with Peter Sommer Travels in Croatia. While our scheduled tours in Croatia follow set itineraries, a private charter is designed according to your very own wishes and ideas, making it an immensely personal high-quality option, your very own trip. We provide a lovely gulet with a seasoned crew as well as Peter Sommer Travels' trademark team of expert guides. We make you aware of what options, routes and site visits are available, and in a process of careful preparation we create your dream holiday.

"We were exceptionally well looked after and there was something for everyone be it swimming in a secluded bay, to chilling with a G&T on the foredeck to scrambling over ancient ruins with a guide who was both funny and interesting. I would thoroughly recommend Peter Sommer private charters to anyone who wants a break from the modern world with a service that is truly personal."

Randall Gordon-Duff, UK



PRIVATE CHARTERS IN GREECE

The Greek islands are justly famed for their history, their relaxed pace of life, fresh and healthy cuisine, their rugged landscapes and the beautiful seas that surround them. A prime destination for sailing holidays and gulet cruises, their lively harbour towns, evocative ruins and beautiful museums provide something for everyone; and each island has a distinctive character of its own.

The Dodecanese, stretching in a scattered row along the Turkish coast, are a fascinating region to visit. Retaining much of their traditional outlook, these islands are distinguished by a genuine and generous hospitality and wonderful local cuisine, as well as their magnificent scenery that varies from verdant valleys to starkly rocky shores, even including a still-rumbling volcano, and by a surprising wealth of historical sites from many periods and superb museums. With one or two weeks to hand, a cruise through these islands is an ever-changing feast for the senses that can be indulged in from late May to early October. The famous Cycladic islands are the iconic image of insular Greece, with their villages of blue-and-white painted churches and houses, their distinctive landscapes set between sea, rocks and sky and their world-renowned archaeological sites. They can be difficult to navigate during the high-summer months when a strong prevailing wind blows through the central Aegean, but are a perfect destination in May, June and September.

Only a handful of gulets operate from Greek ports, leaving most of the market to the larger and more flexible Turkish gulet fleet. However, all Turkish gulets that cruise through the Greek islands must, by law, begin and end their trip in Turkish ports. As the major Dodecanese islands are all located within a few hours of a Turkish port, it is easy to cruise among them for nearly all of a one- or two-week trip. In fact, they are so close that we often visit one or two of them on private cruises that are otherwise focussed entirely on the delights of the Turkish coastline!



PRIVATE CHARTERS IN TURKEY

The coastal waters of south-western Turkey are renowned for their gentle waves and predictable seasonal winds. They have consequently become a haven for waterborne vacations and the growing gulet industry has led to the development of new marinas and harbours to complement the small coastal towns and villages that have dotted this coastline from time immemorial.

The choice of gulets in Turkey is unrivalled in scope and quality, as are the number of cruising itineraries that can be tailor-made for you. The principal cruising area stretches from Kuşadası (the modern port for ancient Ephesus) located half-way up the country's western coast, to the bustling city of Antalya near the mid-point of its southern shore.

The famously clean and clear waters of the Turquoise Coast from Bodrum to Antalya provide the perfect conditions for swimming, kayaking and snorkelling and this opportunity is gratefully taken advantage of on all of our cruises in the area.

The Carian coast of Turkey is an untouched and verdant delight to the senses, perfect for a relaxing cruise visiting spectacular sites such as grandiose Knidos, or off-the-beaten-track gems such as the seaside fortress of Loryma, still only reachable on foot or by boat.

The Lycian shore, home to iconic funerary monuments set in glorious isolation, has a wealth of beautiful coves and bays in which your gulet can drop anchor for the night, together with some lively harbour towns for those interested in indulging in some evening entertainment ashore.

On the western coast you can visit a string of world-famous ancient cities including Ephesus, Priene and Miletus, enjoying the greatest highlights of the ancient world from the relaxed comfort of your gulet.

A one- or two-week gulet cruise along any of these coastlines can easily be combined with a visit to one or more of the Greek islands that lie tantalisingly off-shore, giving you the opportunity to experience two of the most timeless cultures of the Mediterranean.



OUR GULETS

CROATIA



NAUTILUS - 8 CABINS

8 double Up to 12 guests Refit 2014 Length: 31m (101ft)

Nautilus is a magnificent, bright and airy gulet, a light and rather modern interior style in contrast to the darker wooden character of traditional gulets and is fitted out with all standard mod cons including a hot tub jacuzzi on deck. Although she has rigging, she does not sail but is one of the largest and most spacious gulets in Croatia



CROATIA - 7 CABINS

4 double, 3 twin Up to 12 guests Built 1998 Length: 32m (105ft)

Made of beautiful timber, she can accommodate up to 12 guests in 4 doubles and 3 twins. She is one of the largest gulets available in Croatia, with copious deck space throughout, open for sunbathing in the front and covered at the back. Her special features include a jacuzzi on the front deck.



LIBRA - 6 CABINS

6 double Up to 12 guests Refit 2014 Length: 34m (110ft)

Libra is an elegant and cosy classic gulet, ideal for comfortable travel characterised by the use of beautiful mahogany. She has 6 double cabins, offering accommodation for up to 12 guests and generous space is available on the front and stern decks.



KADENA - 6 CABINS

1 master, 1 double Up to 12 guests Built 1998 Length: 32m (105ft)
2 twin, 2 triple

Kadena is a gorgeous gulet and one of the largest in Croatia. With 6 elegant and well-appointed cabins, she can accommodate up to 12 guests in comfort and style. She provides ample space above and below decks so you can relax in splendour as you cruise along the Adriatic coast.



AURUM - 6 CABINS

6 double Up to 12 guests Refit 2015 Length: 33m (108ft)

Aurum is a fine high-end gulet based on the Dalmatian Coast of Croatia. With 6 double cabins, she has space for up to 12 guests. Her lovely mahogany finish, comfortable furnishings and ample deck space, including a panoramic fly bridge, make her a wonderful choice for exploring the region's coast and islands.



MALENA - 5 CABINS

4 double, 1 twin Up to 10 guests Built 1995 Length: 26m (85ft)

Malena is a 26 metre classically designed gulet. Air-conditioned throughout, she offers spacious accommodation for up to 10 guests in 4 double cabins & 1 twin cabins. Each cabin has its own private bathroom with shower.



DOLCE VITA - 5 CABINS

2 master, 2 double Up to 10 guests Refit 2015 Length: 34m (110ft)
1 triple

A luxury-class gulet offering spacious accommodation and great style. Her 2 master, 2 double and 1 triple (double & single bed) cabins are beautifully crafted from mahogany and come equipped with TV, DVD player and minibar. She even has a jacuzzi on deck.



OUR GULETS

GREECE & TURKEY



TERSANE 8 - 14 CABINS

6 double, 4 twin Up to 28 guests Refit 2020 Length: 42m (138ft)
4 triple

Tersane 8 is a comfortable and spacious 14 cabin gulet ideal for large groups and families. She has 6 double, 4 triple and 4 twin cabins. She has a large lounge and ample seating areas both at the front and rear of the boat and throughout the vessel as well as sun decks. She has traditional woodwork throughout and is full of character.



AEGEAN CLIPPER - 11 CABINS

5 double, 6 twin Up to 22 guests Built 1999 Length: 41m (134ft)

The largest gulet we regularly use (she has a 33m-long deck), she is truly magnificent and is kept in gleaming condition by her Owner/Captain Ergün, who has a vast wealth of experience of cruising in Turkey, Greece and beyond.



KAYHAN 11 - 10 CABINS

6 double, 4 twin Up to 20 guests Built 2002 Length: 34m (110ft)

One of the gulets we use most frequently for our scheduled tours and one that we have been working with for well over a decade. She is impressively large, with an enormous flybridge, offering a great deal of deck space to relax in comfort, while also retaining the elegant lines and character of a traditional gulet. All cabins are en-suite and equipped with modern conveniences like air conditioning and hair dryers.



HOLIDAY 10 - 10 CABINS

6 double, 2 twin, Up to 22 guests Refit 2020 Length: 39m (128ft)
2 triple

Holiday 10 is a stylish and elegant gulet. Designed to a high degree throughout, she has two outdoor dining areas, comfortable saloon, en-suite bathrooms and air-conditioning. She is spacious with great facilities and ideal for large groups.



SUNWORLD IX - 8 CABINS

4 double, 4 triple Up to 20 guests Built 1999 Length: 30m (98ft)

A gorgeous gulet that is perfectly suited to host large or small groups on all of our Turkish and Greek tours. She is elegant, spacious and of classic design with beautiful mahogany fittings and stylish furnishings.



SULTAN A - 8 CABINS

6 double, 2 twin Up to 16 guests Built 1995 Length: 28m (92ft)

Hand-crafted from mulberry, mahogany and teak, this beautiful gulet unites traditional character with modern conveniences. One of our most popular gulets for private charters, she is frequently requested by name by guests who return year after year.



OĞUZ BEY - 8 CABINS

2 master, 2 double Up to 20 guests Refit 2014 Length: 32m (105ft)
4 twin

A classical, traditional gulet beautifully refitted in 2014 with elegant interiors, contemporary decor and comfortable cabins. She is spacious with plenty of room for relaxing on deck and ideal for exploring the Greek Islands or coast of Turkey.



SUNWORLD 8 - 8 CABINS

5 double, 2 twin Up to 17 guests Refit 2009 Length: 30m (98.5ft)
1 triple

Virtually identical to her sister ship (the Sunworld IX) this is a splendid gulet with gorgeous mahogany woodwork. She provides ample space above and below decks where you can relax in comfort while cruising or at anchor.



KAYA GÜNERİ 3 - 8 CABINS

4 double, 4 twin Up to 16 guests Built 2001 Length: 29m (95ft)

A spacious and pretty gulet, Kaya Güneri 3 offers air-conditioned comfort with a saloon and bar. She has a spacious and comfortable aft deck with cushions, outdoor dining facilities and sun deck. Elegant and full of character she is perfectly designed for private charters for smaller groups and families.



MATINA - 8 CABINS

2 double, 4 twin Up to 18 guests Refit 2018 Length: 38m (124ft)
2 triple

Matina is one of the very few Greek owned and operated gulets and one of the absolute top of the range gulets in all Greece. She is a luxurious traditional wooden gulet and one of the largest and most spacious. She is fully equipped, stylish and beautifully designed.



QUEEN OF SALMAKIS - 8 CABINS

2 masters, 4 double Up to 18 guests Built 2019 Length: 39m (128ft)
2 triple

The Queen of Salmakis is a luxury class gulet offering modern and spacious accommodation. Each cabin also has a large modern en suite bathroom. She is fully equipped with all amenities and has the added luxury of a jacuzzi on deck as well as an assortment of water toys.

OUR GULETS

GREECE & TURKEY



FLAS VII - 8 CABINS

2 master, 4 double Up to 17 guests Refit 2014 Length: 33.5m (110ft)
2 twin

Flas VII is ideal for large families or groups of friends. She has spacious fore, side and aft decks, outdoor dining space, cushioned lounging areas and sun mattresses. The elegant interior and cabins have high ceilings, generous storage space, and roomy en suite bathrooms. The interior also has a lounge, cushioned seating areas and indoor dining.



NORTHWIND - 8 CABINS

4 double, 4 twin Up to 16 guests Refit 2018 Length: 33.5m (110ft)

Northwind is a classically styled Turkish gulet based in Rhodes and sails under the Greek flag. She is a great choice for family groups who want to cruise in style and comfort in the Greek Islands. She is well equipped with en-suite bathrooms, air-conditioning and plenty of deck space for sunbathing and relaxing.



ATHEN.A - 8 CABINS

6 double, 2 twin Up to 16 guests Built 2013 Length: 32m (105ft)

Athen.A is a high-quality Greek flagged gulet. All cabins are air-conditioned. There are generous indoor and outdoor dining areas, and the air-conditioned saloon has TV, DVD and a music system. There is also a large sun deck with mats as well as a covered seating area in the stern. She is full of character and is fitted out with all standard mod cons.



PRENSES LILA - 8 CABINS

6 double, 2 twin Up to 16 guests Refit 2012 Length: 36m (118ft)

Prenses lila is a popular 8 cabin gulet, ideal for large groups and families on our expert led cruises. She can accommodate 16 guests in 6 double and two twin cabins, all en-suite, generous in size and fitted with all mod cons. On deck there are two dining tables, fore and aft, and plenty of comfortable seating for relaxing, reading and enjoying drinks at sunset.



KAYA GÜNERI 1 - 7 CABINS

2 double, 2 twin Up to 14 guests Built 1997 Length: 26m (85ft)
3 triple

Spacious and comfortable, Kaya Güneri 1 is air-conditioned, with saloon and bar, outdoor dining facilities and sun deck. Full of character she is perfectly designed for private charters for smaller groups and families.



KAYA GÜNERI V - 6 CABINS

2 master, 2 double Up to 12 guests Built 2009 Length: 39.5m (130ft)
2 twin

A high-class gulet, the Kaya Güneri V is elegant and very stylish. She is beautifully crafted with spacious cabins made from mahogany and her crew will ensure that your time on board is truly memorable.



LA REINE - 6 CABINS

2 double, 4 twin Up to 12 guests Refit 2019 Length: 24m (79ft)

La Reine is a classical gulet perfect for private charters in the Greek Islands. She has a great lounge area with large windows, spacious decks with shaded areas, en suite bathrooms and air-conditioning. She is fully equipped with a range of water toys.



CEVRI HASAN 4 - 6 CABINS

4 double, 2 twin Up to 12 guests Refit 2015 Length: 25m (82ft)

Stylish and comfortable Cevri Hasan 4 has ample seating areas and a sun deck at the front and dining space at the back, she is a great choice for families and groups of friends.



GEMIBAŞI - 4 CABINS

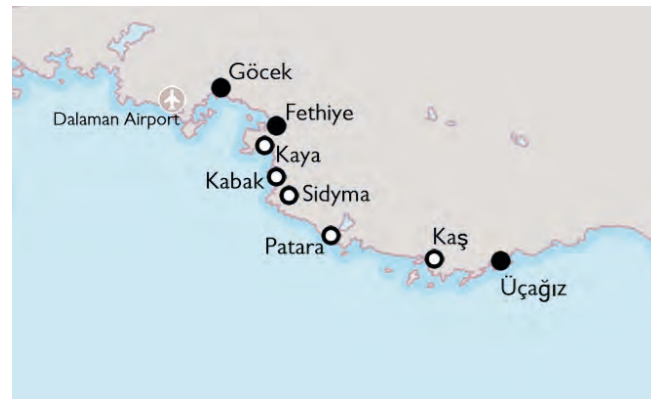
1 master, 3 double Up to 8 guests Refit 2008 Length: 23m (75ft)

This elegant gulet has 1 master cabin and 3 doubles (1 with an upper bunk). The en suite bathrooms have electric toilets, wash basin and shower and all modern conveniences. She is stylish, characterful and perfect for a relaxing tailor-made private gulet charter for a family or small group accompanied by an expert guide.



DISCOVER TURKEY





WALKING AND CRUISING:

WESTERN LYCIA

“An excellent and well organised trip, that, uniquely, catered for all tastes - walking, cruising, touring, architecture and history - in a happy and inclusive atmosphere. One felt as if one had been invited to cruise on their private yacht by old friends who were determined to cater for your every whim!”
Memo & Maria Spathis, UK

There is no better way to enjoy the superb landscapes and fascinating history of this area than to do so on foot.



CRUISING THE LYCIAN SHORE

“The perfect combination of relaxation and learning. We swam off the boat, visited ancient sites and enjoyed some very good food. We had never been on any other type of organised tour before our first trip with Peter Sommer Travels in 2013. We have now done seven and are already thinking about where to go next year. That probably says more than any review we could give.”
Simon Tompsett & Alison Ledgerwood, UK

This tour explores the virtually undeveloped shore of ancient Lycia, on Turkey's breathtaking turquoise coast.



CRUISING TO EPHEBUS

“The cruise was all we hoped it would be - with visits to archaeological sites that would have been difficult for us to see any other way. And all in the excellent company of a small group of like-minded fellow passengers from around the world. It was an enriching experience that we will not forget...”
Stephen & Joan Weighell, UK

Beginning in Bodrum, ancient Halicarnassus and following the shores of the ancient regions of Caria and Ionia, this cruise makes for an ideal introduction to the glories of Turkey's archaeological heritage.



A GASTRONOMIC GULET CRUISE

“Serdar shared his epicurean and archaeological expertise with us. He was a fountain of knowledge and a considerate and valuable leader. It was a pleasure to spend a memorable week with him on the Turquoise Coast! Thank you so much.”
Don & Kathy Mercereau, CAN

This is a journey to treat your taste buds, a voyage of discovery through Turkish Mediterranean cuisine.



CRUISING THE CARIAN COAST

“We had been recommended to take this trip and it is one of the more memorable in our extensive travels. The food, scenery, our tour leader and guide plus the company of our fellow guests made it a wonderful week. The visits to the sites each day were a highlight made even better with a swim before and on returning to the gulet.”

Carole Ferrier & Jim Harvey, AUS

Enjoy magnificent scenery, clear blue waters and landscapes of unforgettable beauty. A perfect combination of cultural experience and quality time.



A TURKISH ODYSSEY

“This trip will stay with us forever. A wonderful combination of cruising and visits to historic sites with an expert guide who communicated so well made it quite magical. The cook on board produced a vast spread at every meal and the crew were professional and friendly. Would we go on another voyage of discovery with Peter Sommer Travel? YES!”

Ian & Alison Robertson, AUS

A tour for those who want to get to know the history, culture and unforgettable food of Turkey rather than just go there.



FROM HALICARNASSUS TO EPHEBUS

“This is the trip you always dreamed about but never imagined could happen. Seeing the Classical treasures of the Ionian coast in Turkey by sea with knowledgeable guides, an expert crew, and terrific fellow passengers was the adventure of a lifetime.”
Dana Cameron, USA

A chance to visit some of the biggest and best preserved classical cities in the world, travelling by traditional wooden gulet on the Aegean coast of Turkey.



MAPS

TURKEY

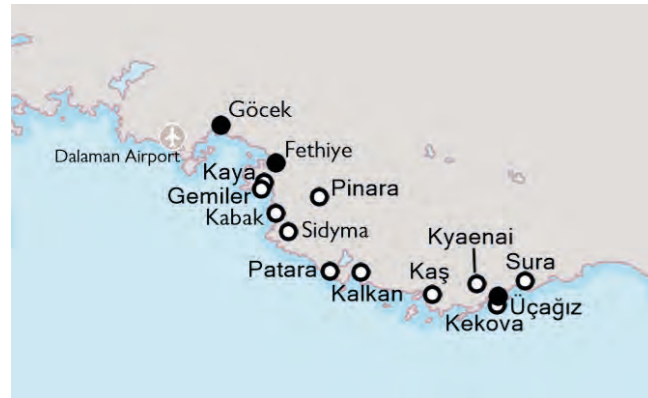


WALKING AND CRUISING:

THE CARIAN COAST

“The combination of cruising, walking through fascinating archaeological sites, meeting friendly Turkish villagers, swimming in warm clear waters and being fed delicious healthy Turkish food in good company - is just a winner!”
Suzie Allman, AUS

A fantastic walking and hiking tour that combines a cruise along this beautiful and undeveloped coast with walks along the Carian Trail, one of Turkey’s most spectacular footpaths.



WALKING AND CRUISING:

THE LYCIAN SHORE

“Peter and Cem make you discover and love Turkey: its culture, its hidden treasures, and its people. Truly, it is a unique, unforgettable, magical experience.”
Sophie Lasserre, FRA

Exploring on foot offers a uniquely profound and enjoyable engagement with this strikingly beautiful landscape and its history.



CRUISING WESTERN LYCIA

“From start to finish this was a fabulous experience- the scenery was breathtaking, the intellectual stimulation and greater appreciation for Turkey’s history was exciting and the food-oh how we looked forward to each meal! The pace was perfect.”
Barbara Fouhy, USA

Explore a magnificent stretch of coastline behind which developed an extraordinary culture and a fiercely independent people – the Lycians.



WALKING AND CRUISING: WESTERN LYCIA

MAY 12- MAY 19



OCT 6 - OCT 13

TOUR GUIDE MAY: PETER SOMMER OR DR. RICHARD BAYLISS - £2,895 PER PERSON / SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: £875

TOUR GUIDE OCT: DR. RICHARD BAYLISS - £2,925 PER PERSON / SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: £895



This is a dream trip for walkers and sailors alike, with fabulous swims and stunning archaeology thrown in for good measure.

The Lycian Way, rated by The Sunday Times (UK) as one of the ten best walks in the world, follows over 300 miles of ancient roadways, mule tracks and shepherds' paths along one of Turkey's most remote and untouched coastlines.

On this week-long cruise, we follow a selection of its finest sections, each remarkable for its beauty and interest. On average, we hike about 5-6 miles (8-10km) per day. Our floating home is an elegant hand-built gulet, moving us along the shore and treating us to perfect relaxation and delightful meals each day.

Like the explorers of old, you will have unique access to the ancient sites within their natural settings. The tour includes samples of Lycia's most celebrated cultural and archaeological 'must-sees', such as Kayaköy/Levissa, an incredibly atmospheric ghost town abandoned by its Greek inhabitants after the First World War, Simena, an age-old citadel surrounded by a jumble of Lycian sarcophagi and vastly monumental Patara, capital of Roman Lycia.

Hiking on ancient and historic roads and footpaths, following the course of a 2,000-year-old aqueduct and hearing the tales of those who strolled here before us, from Greeks and Romans to modern shepherds, witnessing the breathtaking wealth of scenery from azure shores via fertile and cultivated valleys to craggy mountains, makes for an immensely memorable experience. The combination of exhilarating hikes, expert-guided site visits, wonderful swims and mellow moments of sheer relaxation, plus of course the gulet's superb cooking, will make this trip refreshing and relaxing, a tour like no other.



WALKING AND CRUISING: WESTERN LYCIA

- Day 1:** Our gulet is about 30 minutes from Dalaman airport at Göcek, a pretty harbour beneath mountains at the head of the Bay of Fethiye, on Turkey's Mediterranean coast. Welcome dinner aboard.
- Day 2:** We set out eastwards. Our first hike is from Faralya to Kabak through beautiful woodland and with wondrous views out across the mountains of Lycia to the sea.
- Day 3:** We drive inland to the impressive ancient ruins of Sidyma, a 2,500 year old Lycian city that surrounds a modern farming village. We hike down from the ancient site, enjoy a delicious picnic, then back to our gulet for a swim.
- Day 4:** We cruise by Kekova Island, then walk through the pretty village of Üçağız and its ancient Lycian burial grounds to the Ottoman castle at Kale. One of the most romantic stops of the holiday.
- Day 5:** A wondrous hike retracing the route of the Roman aqueduct to the grandiose ruins of ancient Patara. A sunset dip offers a refreshing finale. Overnight in the pretty harbour at Kalkan.
- Day 6:** A glorious trek from Ovacık across the shoulder of Babadağ (Father Mountain) to Faralya. Breath-taking vistas all day long culminating with a view from on high down into Butterfly Valley.
- Day 7:** West to explore the ghost town of Levissi/Kaya, abandoned by its Greek inhabitants in 1923. Hike back to the gulet near Gemiler Island, an area perfect for swimming, before cruising to the harbour of Fethiye.
- Day 8:** Transfer from our gulet to Dalaman airport, about 60 minutes away



HOW TO BOOK

GO BACK TO BACK

A GASTRONOMIC CRUISE IN TURKEY
MAY 19- MAY 24

WALKING AND CRUISING THE
CARIAN COAST
SEP 29 - OCT 6

SOMETHING SIMILAR

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A GASTRONOMIC GULET CRUISE

MAY 19- MAY 26
BODRUM TO GÖCEK



SEP 22 - SEP 29
GÖCEK TO BODRUM

MAY - TOUR GUIDE: SERDAR AKERDEM - £2,895 PER PERSON / SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: £875
SEP - TOUR GUIDE: SERDAR AKERDEM - £2,925 PER PERSON / SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: £895



So many of our guests have raved about the food served on our gulet cruises in Turkey and asked for recipes, that we decided to create a trip with an even more gastronomic flavour.

Not only will you enjoy all the usual dishes served up by the on-board cook, on this trip you will see demonstrations in small traditional restaurants and get involved in the cooking, conjuring up some of the excellent Turkish dishes you'll eat. You'll cook with local Turkish people and prepare regional delicacies.

This is a journey to treat your taste buds, a voyage of discovery through Turkish Mediterranean cuisine. But you won't miss out on the history. Your expert guide, Serdar, is an archaeologist who has been excavating in Turkey for many years. He also happens to be a foodie, a man with a great passion for Turkish cuisine. He will lead you on a culinary and cultural adventure through one of the least developed and most stunning areas of natural beauty in Turkey.

You'll explore some of Turkey's most impressive ancient sites, including monumental wonders like Kaunos (where Serdar has been excavating for more than 30 years) with its exquisite rock-cut temple tombs, and beautifully preserved Knidos, a stunning marbled city arranged around a double harbour. You'll also enjoy some wonderful walks in magnificent scenery and visit ancient towns like Lydae, set in remote and beautiful locations, which remain as yet completely unexcavated.



Sanctuary of Dionysos, Knidos



A GASTRONOMIC GULET CRUISE

BODRUM TO GÖCEK - MAY 19 TO MAY 26

Day 1: Our boat is about 40 minutes from Bodrum airport in the harbour.

Day 2: We cruise east along the Carian coast, with stops to swim and relax, before a demonstration of a special local dish in a small family run restaurant. Our very first local feast!

Day 3: We head south trying some Turkish recipes which we'll later have the chance to savour. In the afternoon we reach the spectacular Greek and Roman city of Knidos, on the tip of a long and sinewy peninsula to the south of Bodrum. With a double harbour offering shelter to ships plying north and south, Knidos made its mark on Greek history and grew rich from its stunning natural position, and we'll see the results in the grand and ordered city rising in tier upon opulent tier. Like many a classical predecessor, we'll anchor in the eastern harbour, the heart of the ancient city rising above us. Decades of excavation have freed a beautifully planned city from the soil, allowing us to wander through its streets and along terraces festooned with temples to be met with a magnificent view across the Aegean.

Day 4: East along the Datça peninsula to the main county town, Datça. We head inland to visit a small local winery producing a range of lovely wines from vines which thrive in the region. Wine production has been at the heart of the local economy for well over 2,000 years. Knidos, the ancient city we visited yesterday, produced huge quantities of wine from vineyards stretching throughout the peninsula, transported in locally made amphorae all over the Mediterranean. We'll savour a variety of wines in a delightful setting and then head into town to have lunch at a traditional lokanta, where you'll sample a number of classic Turkish dishes. You then have some free time to wander in town before we cruise on for another wonderful swimming opportunity

Day 5: We skirt the Greek island of Symi, travelling south-east preparing some classic local dishes as we go. We drop anchor below the magnificent walls of the fortress at Loryma. Rhodes, the great island sometimes visible off to the south-east, made sustained efforts to control this whole coast, and the catapults once positioned in Loryma's squat towers provided a powerful means to dominate the fine bay below, then noted for its strategic value, now peaceful enough to provide a glorious spot for a swim. A short walk allows us to explore the spectacular site before dinner when we have the chance to try delicious bread freshly baked in a traditional oven.

Day 6: We take to a flat-bottomed river boat and make our way up the reed-walled Dalyan River to a small hamlet where we cook and eat with one of the village ladies who prepares food each summer for the archaeological team that works here. We then continue to the ancient city of Kaunos, spread between two great rocky outcrops, some set with tombs cut into the rock. A theatre and opulent public buildings, a late antique church and a castle high above them all strain to gaze ever more steeply over an ancient harbour doomed by silting to pass from busy activity to sit green and silent in testimony to the city's passing.

Day 7: We cruise east and drop anchor in the beautiful inlet of Ağılmanı and make our ascent by an ancient track. A slow and steady pace is all that is needed to crest the ridge and see monumental tombs standing nearly complete overlooking the Mediterranean Sea below. We've arrived at the isolated ancient settlement of Lydae, its ruins a diffusion of sculpture and inscriptions in the bowl of a valley silent but for the occasional tinkle of goat bells. We break bread and have wild sage tea with a local goatherd and see the traditional olive press where he and his family produce the most delicious olive oil. A last chance to swim then on to Göcek, a pretty harbour on the Bay of Fethiye for our final farewell dinner.

Day 8: Transfer to Dalaman airport about 30 minutes away.



A GASTRONOMIC GULET CRUISE

GÖCEK TO BODRUM - SEP 22 TO SEP 29

- Day 1:** Our boat is about 30 minutes from Dalaman airport at Göçek, a pretty harbour on the Bay of Fethiye. Welcome dinner on board.
- Day 2:** We cruise and drop anchor in the beautiful inlet of Ağılımanı and make our ascent by an ancient track. A slow and steady pace is all that is needed to crest the ridge and see monumental tombs standing nearly complete overlooking the Mediterranean Sea below. We've arrived at the isolated ancient settlement of Lydae, its ruins a diffusion of sculpture and inscriptions in the bowl of a valley silent but for the occasional tinkle of goat bells. We break bread and have wild sage tea with a local goatherd and see the traditional olive press where he and his family produce the most delicious olive oil.
- Day 3:** We take to a flat-bottomed river boat and make our way up the reed-walled Dalyan River to a small hamlet where we cook and eat with one of the village ladies who prepares food each summer for the archaeological team that works here. We then continue to the ancient city of Kaunos, spread between two great rocky outcrops, some set with tombs cut into the rock. A theatre and opulent public buildings, a late antique church and a castle high above them all strain to gaze ever more steeply over an ancient harbour doomed by silting to pass from busy activity to sit green and silent in testimony to the city's passing.
- Day 4:** We skirt the Greek island of Symi, travelling south-east preparing some classic local dishes as we go. We drop anchor below the magnificent walls of the fortress at Loryma. Rhodes, the great island sometimes visible off to the south-east, made sustained efforts to control this whole coast, and the catapults once positioned in Loryma's squat towers provided a powerful means to dominate the fine bay below, then noted for its strategic value, now peaceful enough to provide a glorious spot for a swim. A short walk allows us to explore the spectacular site before dinner when we have the chance to try delicious bread freshly baked in a traditional oven.
- Day 5:** Along the Datça peninsula to the main county town, Datça. We head inland to visit a small local winery producing a range of lovely wines from vines which thrive in the region. Wine production has been at the heart of the local economy for well over 2,000 years. Knidos, the ancient city we visited yesterday, produced huge quantities of wine from vineyards stretching throughout the peninsula, transported in locally made amphorae all over the Mediterranean. We'll savour a variety of wines in a delightful setting and then head into town to have lunch at a traditional lokanta, where you'll sample a number of classic Turkish dishes. You then have some free time to wander in town before we cruise on for another wonderful swimming opportunity.
- Day 6:** We head north trying some Turkish recipes which we'll later have the chance to savour. In the afternoon we reach the spectacular Greek and Roman city of Knidos, on the tip of a long and sinewy peninsula to the south of Bodrum. With a double harbour offering shelter to ships plying north and south, Knidos made its mark on Greek history and grew rich from its stunning natural position, and we'll see the results in the grand and ordered city rising in tier upon opulent tier. Like many a classical predecessor, we'll anchor in the eastern harbour, the heart of the ancient city rising above us. Decades of excavation have freed a beautifully planned city from the soil, allowing us to wander through its streets and along terraces festooned with temples to be met with a magnificent view across the Aegean.
- Day 7:** We cruise along the Carian coast, with stops to swim and relax, before a demonstration of a special local dish in a small family run restaurant. A last chance to swim then on to Bodrum, ancient Halicarnassus, for our final farewell dinner.
- Day 8:** Transfer to Bodrum airport about 40 minutes away.

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CRUISING THE LYCIAN SHORE

MAY 19 - JUNE 2



SEP 8 - SEP 22

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TOUR GUIDE SEP: DR. RICHARD BAYLISS - £5,125 PER PERSON / SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: £1,395



INTERMEDIATE

This gulet cruise explores the virtually untouched coastline of ancient Lycia, on Turkey's breath-taking turquoise coast. The tour includes well-known highlights like the marble-clad city of Perge, where archaeologists are unearthing a site to rival Ephesus, Myra, with some of the finest rock-cut tombs, and Xanthos, a vast fortified citadel city that dominated the region for centuries.

These famous sights are complemented by a whole series of "hidden gems": ancient settlements, shrines and cemeteries set within the region's wonderful landscapes, waiting to be discovered and explored. Examples include magnificent Arykanda, surrounded by lovely natural scenery on the edge of a mountain, beautiful Phaselis, famed in antiquity for its rascally merchants and three fine harbours, now swathed in pine trees, and unforgettably picturesque Kale, where the cottages of a traditional Turkish village rub shoulders with a medieval castle, an ancient fortification and a vast necropolis. The cruise also includes a visit to the award-winning museum of Antalya, housing a remarkable collection of Roman sculpture, a tour of the islet of Gemiler, with the remains of an unusually elaborate Byzantine pilgrimage centre, and an opportunity to see Patara, where a huge and monumental Roman city is emerging from sand dunes.

Travelling below the soaring Taurus Mountains, we will discover the extraordinary heritage of one of antiquity's most mysterious peoples: the Lycians. Their enduring sense of identity prevailed for centuries, even as they adopted and adapted Persian, Greek and Roman cultural influences. It found expression especially in their unique funerary architecture, unlike anything else in the world, their tombs and sarcophagi still scattered around their once prosperous ports. We find many of them lying in rugged settings, seemingly untouched by human hands. Others are set within modern settlements, such as the lovely resort of Kaş, where rock-cut tombs, shaded by vibrant red bougainvillea, stand silent witness to the ancient city of Antiphellos.

Each day we will take you back in time, guiding you through the fascinating story of how the region evolved from Classical antiquity through Byzantine, Seljuk and Ottoman times to the present day. Each visit is an archaeological adventure, part of a historical puzzle that reveals a remarkable story of civilisation. The enigmatic history of the ancient sites, their often astonishingly fine preservation and their stunning settings make this tour a very special treat for anyone seeking inspiration from past human achievement.

The spirit of discovery, finding new sites, new beauties and new mysteries day by day, is balanced by the time we spend cruising on a beautifully hand-crafted Turkish gulet, the ideal way to explore the maritime region of Lycia. Of course, there are frequent opportunities to swim in the crystal waters of the Turquoise coast, to kayak, to go for a hike and admire the local flora or simply relax on deck. Naturally, delicious Turkish food, freshly prepared aboard or in selected local restaurants is a vital component of this. This balance of fascinating historical narrative, immense natural beauty and time spent unwinding aboard, distinguishes Cruising the Lycian Shore, a holiday designed to relax and inspire in equal measure.



Ottoman Castle, Kale



CRUISING THE LYCIAN SHORE

- Day 1:** Our boat is about 30 minutes from Dalaman airport in the pretty harbour of Göcek. Welcome dinner on board.
- Day 2:** A chance to unwind in the Bay of Fethiye.
- Day 3:** We cruise through the stupendous Bay of Fethiye, with ample time to swim, relax and admire the scenery of sea and mountains, before visiting Gemiler Island, where Japanese archaeologists have revealed an extraordinary Byzantine pilgrimage centre, perhaps connected with St. Nicholas of Myra, with multiple chapels and churches linked by a most unusual long vaulted corridor that ascends towards the island's summit.
- Day 4:** On to Kaş, a beautiful town of whitewashed houses shaded with lush purple bougainvillea. Scattered among and around the modern settlement are the remains of the ancient city, Antiphellos: some remarkably fine sarcophagi and rock-cut tombs, a temple and a well-preserved theatre with a magnificent sea view.
- Day 5:** East to the picturesque village of Üçağız, old Teimiussa, one of the most evocative of all Lycian burial sites. A jumble of ancient sarcophagi, cut from the area's craggy limestone, lines the shore, overlooked by a tiny fortification. Many of them bear fine relief decoration.
- Day 6:** We travel into the mountainous interior to visit Arykanda. Here, Turkish archaeologists are uncovering a large Greek and Roman city in a spectacular setting of slope and forest, often likened to Delphi. The monumental baths, the perfect little Greek theatre and adjacent stadium, and the unusual series of tombs make Arykanda a highly memorable place to explore.
- Day 7:** We continue to Phaselis, at times the seat of pirates who terrorised the region's rich trade routes. Its three harbours now lie serene amid pine trees and there is much to see of the ancient city's centre with its impressive public buildings.
- Day 8:** On to Antalya, the south's most vibrant city. We visit its super archaeological museum, a treasury of Roman sculpture. We'll also explore Roman Perge, a vast and stunningly monumental Greek and Roman city. We stroll through colonnades and markets, marble-clad bathhouses and a pristine stadium, all overlooked by massive fortifications.
- Day 9:** We turn back southwards to Olympos, an ancient city in a most unusual setting along the banks of a river in a canyon. We follow an ancient sacred route to visit the Chimaera, a natural phenomenon where flames burst from the ground, giving rise to the legend that the mythical beast of that name lies buried beneath the earth.
- Day 10:** We visit Myra, home of St Nicholas, famed for its near-complete Roman theatre and superb rock-hewn tombs. Walking through its port, Andriake, we discover a giant cistern and granary built by the Emperor Hadrian, as well as an ancient synagogue and a huge purple-dye workshop.
- Day 11:** We return westwards, to Üçağız a tiny fishing village built upon the ruins of ancient Simena and surrounded by its cemeteries of sarcophagi and rock-cut tombs. The Ottoman castle, built upon an ancient citadel, offers superb views across the region.
- Day 12:** We cruise along the shore of the sunken ancient city on Kekova island then set off for the picturesque harbour tour of Kalkan. From here, we travel inland to Xanthos, occasional capital of ancient Lycia, where archaeologists have been digging for half a century. Great fortifications surround a vast ancient city, unusually also including part of its cemeteries, with some of the finest of all Lycian tombs. Among them are the extraordinarily elaborate and unusual pillar tombs and some beautifully sculptured sarcophagi.
- Day 13:** We travel to Patara, initially a harbour town dependent on Xanthos, later the Roman capital of Lycia. Here, the sand dunes that have protected the ruins for centuries have been gradually shifted to uncover an astonishingly rich ancient city, with an enormous theatre, a vast granary, column-lined streets and its stunning Roman lighthouse, one of the oldest extant examples in the world. A unique highlight here is the bouleterion, the plenary chamber of the Lycian confederation, an ancient political entity that helped inspire the United States Constitution.
- Day 14:** After a leisurely morning given over to swimming and relaxation, we moor at Fethiye, ancient Telmessos, where we explore the monumental Temple Tombs, probably the resting places of local royalty, before ending the tour with a sumptuous farewell meal on board the boat.
- Day 15:** Transfer to Dalaman airport, about an hour away.



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CRUISING THE CARIAN COAST:

FROM MEDITERRANEAN TO AEGEAN

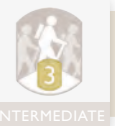
MAY 26 - JUNE 2



SEP 1 - SEP 8

TOUR GUIDE: DR. FILIP BUDIĆ - £2,895 PER PERSON / SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: £875

TOUR GUIDE: PETER SOMMER - £2,925 PER PERSON / SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: £895



a marvellous combination of superb archaeological sites and a remarkably beautiful maritime landscape – a stretch of Turkey's Turquoise Coast that so far remains mostly untouched by mass tourism and other modern developments.

Starting in Göcek, a quiet small town in a lovely setting on the Gulf of Fethiye this cruise follows the convoluted shoreline of Caria, made up of deep inlets and long peninsulas forming a complex and diverse geography where land and sea constantly embrace one another. It ends at the lively harbour of Bodrum, ancient Halicarnassus and the birthplace of Herodotus.

Along the way, we visit a series of fascinating archaeological sites, each of them with its own story to tell about the past of Caria, a region that often found itself at the intersection of different cultural and political realms, adopting and adapting features from all of them. They include famous ancient cities like Knidos, in a stunningly beautiful peninsular location overlooking twin harbours, and spectacular Kaunos, overlooked by uniquely elaborate rock-cut tombs. We also get to explore more remote spots, such as the mighty Rhodian fortification at Loryma, one of the best examples of defensive architecture to survive from antiquity, the virtually unknown town, surrounded by evocative grave monuments, and long-forgotten Lydae, hidden away on a wild promontory far away from roads, towns and modern life.

And it's not all archaeology. We aim for all of our trips to be gastronomic adventures where you can enjoy the local food and wine. Near the lovely little town of Datça, you'll visit a small winery to try a few bottles and then have lunch at a traditional lokanta, where you'll be able to sample a variety of delicious, freshly cooked home-style Turkish dishes.

Along with this engrossing narrative about the fate and deeds of humankind throughout time, this gulet cruise also offers many opportunities to just sit back and enjoy the magnificent scenery, dip into the clear blue waters of the Mediterranean, or stroll through landscapes of unforgettable beauty – a perfect combination of cultural experience and quality time.



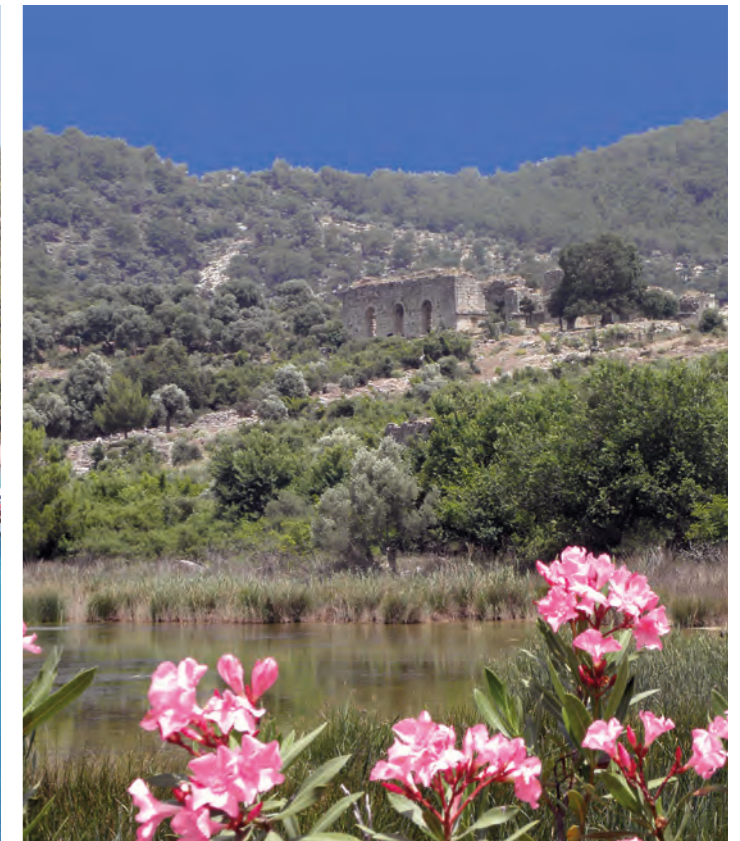
Cliff Tombs, Dalyan



CRUISING THE CARIAN COAST:

FROM MEDITERRANEAN TO AEGEAN

- Day 1:** Your gulet awaits you in the marina at Göcek, about 30 minutes from Dalaman airport. Welcome drinks and dinner on board.
- Day 2:** We cruise towards the gulf of Fethiye today, where a choice of marvels lies open to us. We drop anchor in the beautiful inlet of Ađlımanı and make our ascent by an ancient track, steep in places, but a slow and steady pace is all that is needed to crest the ridge and see monumental tombs standing nearly complete overlooking the Mediterranean Sea below. We've arrived at the isolated ancient settlement of Lydae, its ruins a diffusion of sculpture and inscriptions in the bowl of a valley silent but for the occasional tinkle of goat bells. Two thousand years ago, a settlement flourished here, now it lies beautifully desolate at the hand of earthquakes, leaving mounds of sculpted rubble, a scatter of ancient buildings and, strewn between, a profusion of ancient sculptures and inscriptions, columns and capitals, lying as if they'd never before been found.
- Day 3:** We head west and treat you to a fantastic site that will nevertheless contend with the uniqueness of the journey to reveal it as the greatest memory of a superb day. We drop anchor in a bay and taking to a flat-bottomed river boat, we enter a lagoon filled with turtles and make our way up the reed-walled Dalyan River. Our route twists and turns through narrow waterways, other channels appearing and disappearing, until we glimpse the great slab-sided horn of rock that tells us we're close to our destination, the ancient city of Kaunos. We disembark at this striking site, spread between two great rocky outcrops, with others marching into the screens of distant hills, some set with tombs cut into the rock. A theatre and opulent public buildings, a late antique church and a castle high above them all strain to gaze ever more steeply over an ancient harbour doomed by silting to pass from busy activity to sit green and silent in testimony to the city's passing.
- Day 4:** Heading west may bring us wonderful views of the Greek islands of Rhodes and Symi as we cruise along the forest covered slopes of the Bozburun peninsula, studded with coves and bays. One of these is watched over by the magnificent fortress of Loryma, built around 300 BC by the people of Rhodes, once the major naval power in the region, which made sustained efforts to control this entire coast. The catapults once positioned in the squat towers of Loryma's gleaming walls provided a powerful means to dominate the fine bay below, then noted for its strategic value, now peaceful enough to provide a glorious spot for a swim. A lovely walk across rugged ground allows us to explore the walls and shrines that fortified the soldiers before returning to this natural night-time anchorage.
- Day 5:** North-west to the Datça peninsula and the main county town, Datça. We head inland to visit a small local winery producing a range of lovely wines from vines which thrive in the region. Wine production has been at the heart of the local economy for well over 2,000 years. Knidos, the ancient city we visit tomorrow, produced huge quantities of wine from vineyards stretching throughout the peninsula, transported in locally made amphorae all over the Mediterranean. We'll savour a variety of wines in a delightful setting and then head into town to have lunch at a traditional lokanta, where you'll sample a number of classic Turkish dishes. You then have some free time to wander in town before we cruise on for another wonderful swimming opportunity.
- Day 6:** Our voyage brings us to the spectacular Greek and Roman city of Knidos, on the tip of long and sinewy Datça peninsula north of Bozburun. With a double harbour offering shelter to ships plying north and south, Knidos made its mark on Greek history and grew rich from its stunning natural position, and we'll see the results in the grand and ordered city rising in tier upon opulent tier. Like many a classical predecessor, we'll anchor in the eastern harbour, the heart of the ancient city rising above us. Decades of excavation have freed a beautifully planned city from the soil, allowing us to wander through its streets and along terraces festooned with temples to be met with a magnificent view across the Aegean.
- Day 7:** A last chance to swim as we cruise north to Bodrum. In the late afternoon we visit the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and Bodrum's magnificent Crusader castle, which houses one of the finest museums of underwater archaeology in the world. A final opportunity to shop.
- Day 8:** Transfer to Bodrum airport, about 40 minutes away.



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A GASTRONOMIC GULET CRUISE

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CRUISING TO EPHEBUS

JUNE 2 - JUNE 9



SEP 8 - SEP 15



SEP 15 - SEP 22

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A classic gulet cruise that takes in a series of the country's most important and interesting archaeological sites, including the stunning ruins of Ephesus.

Beginning in Bodrum and following the shores of the ancient regions of Caria and Ionia, this cruise makes for an ideal introduction to the glories of Turkey's archaeological heritage. It takes in some of the most impressive and best-understood sites in the country, a veritable succession of "must-see" highlights, as well as a number of more intimate "off the beaten track" remains and includes a visit to the astoundingly monumental ruins of Ephesus.

Cruising to Ephesus opens up a panorama of the ancient world, presenting a great variety of extraordinary visits, ranging from prehistory via Classical Greek and Roman antiquity to the Middle Ages and beyond. Every day will bring new insights and new beauties to behold.

Ancient cities and sanctuaries are the central themes of this cruise. From ancient Iasos, where the remains of a once-vibrant port town are scattered among olive groves to the mysterious mountaintop sanctuary of Zeus at Labraunda and the beautiful Temple of Zeus at Euromos. A major highlight of this tour is Ephesus, capital of Roman Asia and one of the most magnificent ancient sites in the world, with its vast theatre, ornate library and wonderfully decorated Roman mansions. At Miletus, we explore the vast ruins of a "lost" city that was a major centre of culture in Greek and Roman days, as well as its main shrine, the huge oracular Temple of Apollo at Didyma. Priene, in its remarkably beautiful wooded setting, is the most clearly accessible and comprehensible of all Greek cities, its private homes and public buildings there to see.

Archaeology apart, Cruising to Ephesus also includes much time for swimming, sunbathing, admiring the scenery or simply relaxing on our beautiful gulet.



Temple of Apollo, Didyma



CRUISING TO EPHEBUS

Day 1: Your gulet awaits you in the harbour of historic Bodrum, about 40 minutes from Bodrum airport. Home to an impressive Crusader castle and the site of the ancient Mausoleum of Halicarnassus it is a truly appropriate place to begin!

Day 2: A gentle cruise north-east, with plentiful swimming opportunities on the way, before mooring in the late afternoon in the pretty harbour of ancient Iasos where archaeological excavations are revealing a vital and beautiful classical city. Long-lived, though often beset by dangers, its remains range across the millennia from a Bronze Age settlement, through the classical and Hellenistic city and its Roman successor with their theatre, council building and temples right through to the Middle Ages, with the city crowned by a medieval fort, and a lonely Byzantine tower standing sentinel over the port in the midst of the sea.

Day 3: Our journeying today takes us inland, into an olive grove where we are suddenly met by the sixteen standing columns of a well-preserved temple, once the chief holy place of the city of Euromus, dedicated to its local version of Zeus. Unusually, the columns bear inscribed panels recording the lavish gifts of notable benefactors, gifts which don't seem – however – to have been enough to complete the temple, as the unfinished fluting of those triumphantly standing columns testifies.

From one Zeus, we visit another, Zeus Labraundus or Stratios in his great oracular shrine at Labraunda at a steep and vertiginous site in the mountains, site of a Carian last-stand against the Persians. The sublime location in which the temple sits, and the unusual structures built on the shoulders of its lofty terraces by the Carian kings makes this a truly unique site.

In the afternoon, a chance to swim, kayak, snorkel and relax as you cruise westwards.

Day 4: After breakfast, we have a short drive to the great ancient city of Miletus. One of the most significant of all ancient Greek sites, she was a powerhouse of early Ionia, a centre of colonisation and precocious producer of philosophers. Now that the sea has long withdrawn its favour, the city sprawls over an extensive inland site with a brooding atmosphere, a vast theatre, spacious agoras and impressive Roman baths remaining to witness the city's ancient greatness and its turbulent history. After a break, we'll then make another short journey to one of the most impressive classical sites in the Aegean: Didyma. In ancient times this was an oracle-temple of the god Apollo, and one with a roller-coaster history of highs and lows: of guardianship by the renowned Branchidae and destruction, and then of rich patronage from kings and emperors for a temple famed for its secure guidance alternating with periods of inexplicable oracular silence.

What this has left us is one of the greatest, and most unusual, temples of the Greco-Roman world, huge in size and intricately carved from the iconic Medusa with its deeply-knotted brow right down to the ornate detailing even of the column bases, making them beautiful for the god. Inside the temple, past a spill of cogwheel-like column drums, its walls marked with curious signs whose meaning is debated, you'll come to the breath-taking central space, a vast quadrangle laid out below and hear what we can tell of this leading oracle. In the afternoon, we leave behind the Branchidae and have a glorious cruise north to an area famous from Greek history, with the island of Samos on our left and Mount Mycale, where the Greeks won the Ionians freedom from Persia, dead ahead. We anchor off the southern coast of what is now the Dilek peninsula, a National Park whose rugged hills are smoothed over with a ruffled green carpet of trees and where herds of wild horses roam free.

Day 5: We head north to Kuşadası. From there, we travel a short distance to the town of Selçuk, where we visit the Archaeological Museum as an appetiser for our visit to the great city nearby. This is a richly-filled repository of Ephesus' story, replete with ornate detailing from the city's great buildings, baroque Roman sculpture, tense classical lions, images of Roman notables and fine ivory carvings, and the iconic statue of Ephesian Artemis. We'll be more than ready to see the home of these marvels, and we'll enter the great city, the Metropolis of Roman Asia, just as the main crowds are leaving, ready to explore the vast site at leisure. We'll walk in awe through street after street of one of the greatest cities of the ancient world, through its monumental squares and along marble-paved roads stretching into the distance, whether towards the expanse of the 25,000-seat theatre, or the lovingly-decorated storeys of the Library of Celsus dominating the viewer as they strain for height. From these outstanding public buildings, we'll turn to the remarkable Terrace Houses, a huddle of fine residences filled with room upon room, space upon space, from open courtyards where the owners displayed their public face to an impressed world, to the intricate warren of more private rooms, lavishly bedecked in mosaics, wall paintings and marble inlay. It stands in the first rank of sites where we can get a real feel for the lived life of the Roman era.

Day 6: Heading south overland, we come to Priene, an almost perfectly preserved Greek city fanning out beneath a towering perpendicular brow of gnarled rock which gives this special site an aesthetic appeal to match its archaeological importance. Here we have an important city of middling rank, filled with Classical and Hellenistic remains, crucially without much of the overwhelming overlay of titanic Roman structures. This allows us a fine impression of the Greek world of the city-state and the kings after Alexander, before that Roman imprint. We'll walk its extensive streets and houses, admire the beauty of the Greek theatre and the deft sculpting of its most prestigious seats. Awed, we'll come to the bouleuterion, the ancient council building with its tiers waiting for the city's leaders and be rapt by the perfect vista of the standing columns of the temple of Athena framing the sheer rugged bluff of Priene's great rock rising behind them.

We then return to the coast for a swim in waters where history was made.



Day 7: After a leisurely day cruising around the Bodrum peninsula, we put in at Bodrum itself, the ancient city of Halicarnassus. As Halicarnassus, it has fascinating historical connections. These come not merely in terms of the history itself, though these are extensive enough: a Greek city with a strong Carian element in its population, its name is intimately linked to the great Carian rulers Artemisia and Mausolus (whose 'Mausoleum' was one of the Seven Wonders), and to that of the Macedonian conqueror, Alexander, who subjected it to a siege, relayed to us with dramatic interludes, in 334. The historical connection also comes with the development of the idea itself, Halicarnassus being the birthplace of Herodotus, the 'father of history', and one of the most engaging writers of the ancient world.

In the late afternoon we visit the site of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus and the magnificent Crusader castle impressively sited on a peninsula stretching out into the blue waters of Bodrum's expansive harbour. Fascinating in its own right, bearing warnings to spies and the arms of Henry VII of England, the castle's story is further enriched by housing one of the finest museums of underwater archaeology in the world. We'll discover finds from two Bronze Age wrecks of unsurpassed significance, viewing across a gap of nearly three thousand years remains of the Mycenaean era in a site of the Crusader and Turkish periods which rests on a Classical city. A superb way to bring our encounters with the long story of this coast to a close, leaving us plenty to talk about at our farewell meal.

Day 8: Transfer to Bodrum airport.

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A TURKISH ODYSSEY:

ARCHAEOLOGY, FOOD AND WINE



SEP 15 - SEP 29



TOUR GUIDE SEP: : FILIP BUDIĆ - £5,125 PER PERSON / SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: £1,395



Here is a tour that brings the delicious and the sublime together to a level of rare perfection. In this odyssey you'll reap the rewards of our decades of experience on this most wonderful Turkish coast: all our years of familiarity with some of the finest and most inspiring sites of the ancient world, of contacts – and friendships – made with some of the greatest artisans and cooks of a region famed for its production of fine foods, and for superbly rich fields and waters offering the freshest and most delicious ingredients.

This is a tour for those who want to get to know the history, culture and unforgettable food of Turkey rather than just go there. Our deep knowledge of the history of this region, drawn from the years of personal research or excavation experience of our expert guides, makes its long and intricate history clear and vivid, unwrapping the story of the many civilisations that have made their mark here. We know intimately the finest sites to tell that story – from the famous world heritage sites to lesser known but awe-inspiring sites so well-hidden that they're a revelation even to professionals in the field. As for the food and wine, we've taken our time sampling the best restaurants and wineries to be found in the entire region – and that's a pretty high bar when you consider its renown.

Here you'll experience our award-winning approach to sharing our love and knowledge of Turkey with you, in one of the regions we know best. Relaxing on the deck of a gulet, you'll watch one of the most beautiful coasts in the Mediterranean glide by, knowing all the hard work's been done for you, just waiting for the next image-perfect bay to come around, or for a fascinating trip to one of the world's finest ancient Greek temples.



A TURKISH ODYSSEY:

ARCHAEOLOGY, FOOD AND WINE

- Day 1:** Our boat is about 40 minutes from Bodrum airport, in the town's beautiful and historic harbour, site of the famed ancient city of Halicarnassus. Welcome drinks and dinner aboard.
- Day 2:** We cruise east and take a short drive inland to the rustic village of Etrim where we will prepare some classic Turkish dishes, enjoy a delicious lunch and see how Turkish carpets are traditionally made by skilled hands which have been doing it for half a century. We then head further east to swim and spend the night moored up in a beautiful bay.
- Day 3:** We head inland to Milas, home to a wonderfully colourful market with all manner of produce pouring in from the surrounding countryside and lots of locals coming to shop. We'll have a chance to stroll around and soak up the vibrant atmosphere before we have lunch.
- Day 4:** In the pretty hills to the east of Bodrum is a family run winery, perfectly situated to cultivate wine grapes including a number of indigenous white wine varieties. We'll explore the vineyards, production facilities and cellars to find out about their sophisticated processing and fermentation techniques before enjoying a splendid lunch and sampling a variety of their wines and award-winning olive oil. In the afternoon we cruise east.
- Day 5:** Today we set out on a journey inland to the little-visited but hugely important site of Stratonikeia. Excavated intensively over the last decades by a brilliant Turkish team, an entire ancient city is slowly being revealed and restored within the charming embrace of a rich Ottoman trading town that was mostly abandoned after an earthquake in the 20th century. From the lovingly restored mosque and Seljuk bathhouse to evocative ruined townhouses of the glorious marble city of Roman and Hellenistic times, Stratonikeia is a feast for the eyes which is growing grander every year. This is a site that has the potential to revolutionise our knowledge of this part of the ancient world. From here, we travel a little way further inland to the beautiful sanctuary site of Lagina, dedicated to the Goddess Hecate, and site of some of the most important festivals in the land of the Stratonikeians. Many of the buildings here have been wrenched and twisted by seismic activity, and the result is a photographer's dream.
- Day 6:** Kedreai, a small island charmingly located at the head of the Ceramic gulf, is our destination today. Erroneously associated with the famed Egyptian Queen Cleopatra, who won the hearts of both Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, this island is also renowned for a beautiful beach that is like nothing else in the area, with distant hills fading to blue and purple at the further shore across the waters. Blessed with a theatre, sanctuaries, residential quarters, and harbour, this is also a lovely ancient city to explore by wending our way on paths through the trees. We then cruise southwest for an afternoon of swimming and relaxing.
- Day 7:** Our voyage brings us to the spectacular Greek and Roman city of Knidos, draped along the tip of the long and sinewy Datça peninsula. With a double harbour offering shelter to ships plying their way north and south, Knidos made a deep mark on Greek history and grew rich from its stunning natural position. We'll be awed by the result: a grand and ordered city rising in tier upon opulent tier. Like many a classical predecessor on this route, we'll anchor in the eastern harbour, with the heart of the ancient city rising above us. Decades of excavation have freed a beautifully-planned city from the soil, allowing us to make our way through its streets and along terraces festooned with temples to be met with a magnificent view across the Aegean.
- Day 8:** East along the Datça peninsula to the main county town, also Datça. We head inland to visit a small local winery producing a range of delectable wines from the vines which thrive in the region. Wine production has been at the heart of the local economy for well over 2,000 years. Knidos, the ancient city we visited yesterday, produced huge quantities of wine from vineyards stretching throughout the peninsula, transported in locally made amphorae all over the Mediterranean. We'll savour a variety of them in a delightful setting and then head into town to have lunch at a traditional lokanta, where you'll sample a number of classic Turkish dishes. You then have some free time to wander in town before we cruise east to the Bozburun peninsula for another wonderful swimming opportunity.
- Day 9:** We make our way inland along the gorgeous Resadiye peninsula to see how olive oil has been produced both in the past and today in the scenic village of Bayir where an old friend has laboured to conserve and restore his grandfather's historic mill. Just downhill, we find the main working olive oil mill in the region, family-run for other locals and small farmers. We'll enjoy a wonderful lunch, including a very special cold-pressed extra virgin olive and traditionally-produced herb oils. We spend the night in another beautiful bay.



A TURKISH ODYSSEY:

ARCHAEOLOGY, FOOD AND WINE

Day 10: We journey south to one of our favourite restaurants, right by the sea in the hamlet of Söğüt. After a fabulous seafood lunch and plenty of time to savour the sublime seascapes, we take a scenic drive to the tiny inlet of Serçe Limani, an idyllic narrow cove whose waters once covered the shipwreck of a Byzantine vessel filled with a delicate cargo of glass, revealed in a ground-breaking American excavation. More finds from other ancient shipwrecks remain in the sea's grip beneath. En route we drive through the territory of Phoenix, a wild and remote citadel city and discover the remarkable ancient pyramidal stones found only in this peninsula, whose purpose remains something of a mystery.

Day 11: Heading south we have wonderful views of the Greek island of Symi as we cruise along the forest covered slopes of the Bozburun peninsula, studded with coves and bays. One of these is watched over by the magnificent fortress of Loryma, built around 300 BC by the Rhodians, then the major naval power in the region, which made sustained efforts to control this entire coast. The deadly catapults once mounted in the squat towers of Loryma's gleaming walls ensured domination of the splendid bay below, then treasured for its strategic value, now peaceful enough to provide a glorious spot for a swim. A fine walk across rugged ground allows us to explore the walls and shrines that protected the soldiers before returning to this natural overnight anchorage.

Day 12: We head east and treat you to a day where you may have trouble deciding if it's the fantastic site or the uniqueness of the journey that makes for the greatest memory. We'll drop anchor in a bay and take to a flat-bottomed river boat, pass through a lagoon filled with turtles and make our way up the reed-walled Dalyan River, so remote-seeming that all trace of busy civilisation seems blotted-out. Our route twists and turns through narrow waterways, other channels appearing and disappearing. At a small hamlet, we cook and eat with one of the village ladies who prepares food each summer for the archaeological team that works here. We then continue to the ancient city of Kaunos, spread between two great rocky outcrops, some set with tombs cut into the rock. A theatre and opulent public buildings, a late antique church and a castle high above them all strain to gaze ever more steeply over an ancient harbour doomed by silting to pass from busy activity to sit green and silent in testimony to the city's passing.

Day 13: We cruise to the mouth of the shimmering gulf of Fethiye, where we have a remote and hidden marvel to visit, known by only a few. We drop anchor in the beautiful inlet of Ađlımanı and make our ascent by an ancient track, fringed by shady trees and steep in places. A slow and steady pace with magnificent views over the deep turquoise of the water soon sees us crest the ridge and reveals a magnificent sight: monumental tombs standing nearly complete in a secluded and dramatic landscape, veiled from most eyes by a cinematically-perfect curtain of hills. We've arrived at the isolated ancient settlement of Lydae, its ruins a spray of sculpture and inscriptions in the bowl of a valley utterly detached and silent but for the occasional tinkle of goat bells. Two thousand years ago, a settlement flourished here, now it lies beautifully desolate: mounds of sculptured rubble, a scatter of ancient buildings and, strewn between, tumbles of ancient statues and inscriptions, columns, and capitals, lying as if they'd never been seen over the long centuries since falling into ruin. We break bread and have wild sage tea and local honey with the goatherd who still lives amid the ancient ruins tending his animals and beehives, producing olive oil and collecting wild herbs like sage, oregano and thyme in a lifestyle that feels timeless and a privilege to encounter.

Day 14: We continue into the Gulf of Fethiye for a day given over to pure relaxation. As we make our way to Göcek, at the head of a beautiful bay with impossibly ultramarine waters thronged with islands, sublime views accompany swimming and sunbathing in the morning, cruising or sailing in the afternoon.

Day 15: Transfer to Dalaman airport, about 30 minutes away.



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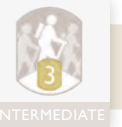
FROM HALICARNASSUS TO EPHEBUS



SEP 22 - OCT 6



TOUR GUIDE: TBC - £5,125 PER PERSON / SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: £1,395



A chance to visit some of the biggest and best preserved classical cities in the world, travelling by traditional wooden gulet on the Aegean coast of Turkey.

Herodotus, a local, claimed that the climate of Ionia was the finest in the world. South-west Turkey's autumn climate remains splendid indeed. We'll cruise on a warm sea and under a balmy sun along a coast which developed a civilisation of quite exceptional brilliance.

In the centuries before Alexander the Great, the dynamic cities of Ionia helped lay the foundations of Greek literature, science, and philosophy.

Under Rome, these cities became ever more rich, prosperous, and beautiful – full of the finest temples, theatres and markets that money could buy. Combined with the elegance of sailing, beautiful swimming stops, and heavenly food, this archaeological cruise is the perfect way to explore this remarkable area.

Setting out from Bodrum, ancient Halicarnassus, you will cruise north upon the turquoise waters of the Aegean, mostly anchoring in coves and bays plus the occasional small port town. Every day you'll explore the rich archaeological heritage that makes these shores a living museum, where prehistoric, Greek and Roman remains rub shoulders with Byzantine, Seljuk and Ottoman ones.

Well-known and monumental ancient super-cities are complemented by sites off the beaten track that have yet to see any excavation. The highlights are plentiful: from the small harbour of Myndos, where Cassius anchored after murdering Julius Caesar; to the marvellously preserved Hellenistic city of Priene, where the houses, streets and public buildings are laid out in a perfect grid across a hillside.

We'll visit beautiful Herakleia, nestling under the mighty Latmus Mountains; Labraunda, a mountain sanctuary to Zeus; and of course, Ephesus, capital of Roman Asia. One of the very first cities to have street lighting, the site is magnificent – marble streets, agoras, villas, a theatre for 28,000 and an extraordinary library.



FROM HALICARNASSUS TO EPHEBUS

- Day 1:** Our gulet is about 40 minutes from Bodrum airport, in the city's great amphitheatre style harbour, on Turkey's south west coast. Welcome drink and dinner.
- Day 2:** A chance to unwind as we set sail west around the Bodrum Peninsula past the Greek island of Kos, to the secluded harbour of Yalikavak.
- Day 3:** We cruise east to visit the lonely ruins of Bargylia, now marooned beside marshes and old salt pans. Its unroofed temple was once renowned, for neither rain nor snow ever fell inside on the cult statue of Artemis.
- Day 4:** Inland to Milas, once the capital of Mausolus and his dynasty, where a magnificent tomb has recently been discovered: a prototype for the Mausoleum, and possible resting place of Mausolus' father, Hecatomnus.
- Day 5:** On the shores of Lake Bafa lies a city stupendously set beneath the Latmus mountains - Herakleia. The circuit of city walls built by a Hellenistic king nearly 3,300 years ago are 6.5 km long, and still rise mighty and majestic.
- Day 6:** To one of the very finest Ionian sites: Miletus, one of the most significant ancient Greek sites with its brooding atmosphere, a vast theatre, baths and spacious agoras.
- Day 7:** Inland from Kuşadası lies one of the most celebrated ancient sites in the world: Ephesus. After seeing its glorious museum we have ample time to explore the spectacular remains.
- Day 8:** North past the beautiful beaches of the Dilek national park, and the island of Samos. We visit the attractive Greek hilltop city of Notion, still standing sentinel over the sea, and Claros with its sanctuary of Apollo.
- Day 9:** Heading back south, we walk the ancient roads of Priene, an almost perfectly preserved Hellenistic city overlooking the Meander river twisting and turning below on its way to the sea.
- Day 10:** Cruising south we anchor off Altinkum's golden beach to visit the colossal and awe-inspiring oracular temple of Apollo at Didyma.
- Day 11:** Into the mountains to Labraunda, Caria's most sacred sanctuary, site of the great oracular shrine to Zeus Labraundus. Then into an olive grove to the temple of Zeus at Euromus, one of the best preserved in Asia Minor.
- Day 12:** Having overnighted in its harbour, we explore ancient Iasos, where excavations are revealing a vital and beautiful classical city.
- Day 13:** A gentle cruise southwest to the pretty coastal village of Gümüşlük, ancient Myndos. The scant ruins offer a glimpse of this once bustling fortified harbour.
- Day 14:** After a final swim we cruise east to Bodrum, to explore Mausolus's great capital city, with time for any last minute shopping.
- Day 15:** Transfer back to Bodrum airport about 40 minutes away.

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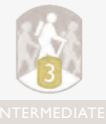
CRUISING WESTERN LYCIA



SEP 28 - OCT 5



TOUR GUIDE: DR. NIGEL SPIVEY - £2,925 PER PERSON / SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: £895



INTERMEDIATE

This cultural tour and gulet cruise in Turkey explores a magnificent stretch of coastline behind which developed an extraordinary culture and a fiercely independent people – the Lycians.

Travelling aboard a beautiful Turkish gulet there are plenty of opportunities to swim in the crystal waters of the turquoise coast. Mooring in secluded bays, we set out on foot to walk on paths lined with wild herbs, or stroll through olive groves strewn with rock cut tombs.

Once a day we visit one of the ancient cities that adorn this timeless coast. Highlights include Xanthos, the great capital of ancient Lycia, whose great treasures caused an extraordinary stir when they were brought to the British Museum; and Gemiler, where a small town clings to the slopes of a rocky island. It blossomed for just a couple of centuries in Byzantine times, decked out with houses and resplendent with a processional way and five churches.

We also have the opportunity to see Patara where archaeologists are uncovering a massive and monumental site, birthplace of St. Nicholas (Santa Claus), besieged by Brutus (the murderer of Julius Caesar) and visited by St. Paul.

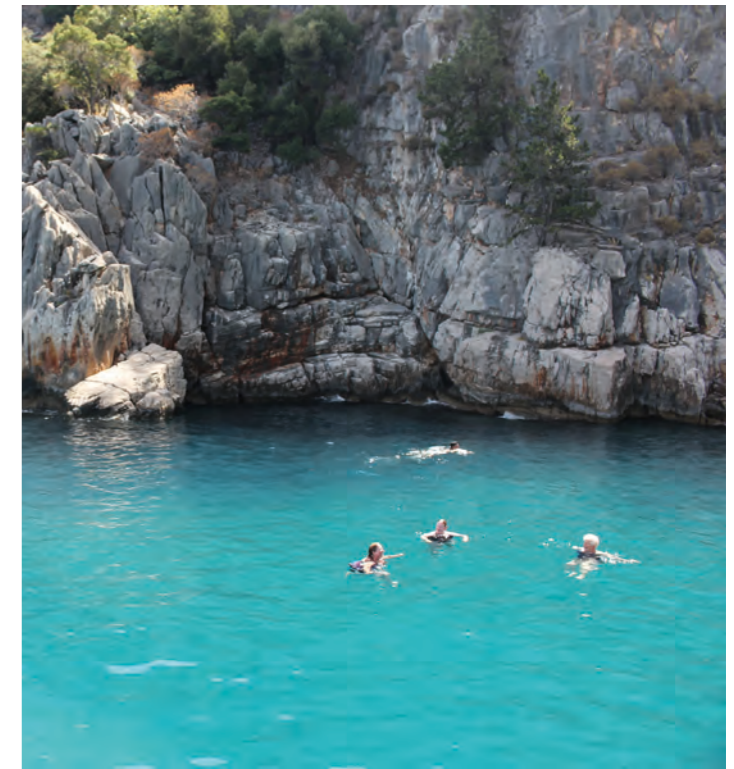


Pillar Tomb, Xanthos



CRUISING WESTERN LYCIA

- Day 1:** Our gulet is 30 minutes from Dalaman airport, at the charming marina village of Göcek, overlooked by the steep mountains at the head of the Bay of Fethiye, on Turkey's Mediterranean coast. From its sparkling ultramarine waters, we'll look out at a story-book bay filled with islands, and enjoy our welcome dinner on board.
- Day 2:** The journey out of the bay is a thing of beauty in itself, and about the prettiest curtain raiser we could wish for. We take the route east, like venturesome sailors for millennia, though we're seeking different reaches. We come to the island of Gemiler. Close to shore it provides protection for boats within a myriad of inlets, coves and anchorages, all framed by green wooded hills and studded with islets that look like droplets in the shimmer from their heights. On the island's shoulders we see tiers of ruins, the first of a complex of early Byzantine churches that clamber up the spine of the island to a peak with stunning views. This pilgrimage centre to St Nicholas has a history that spans the end of the ancient world and the beginning of the mediaeval, ending when the seas brought dangers from afar. Now the water is perfect for swimming and snorkelling.
- Day 3:** We cruise on to Kaş, a beautiful harbour town of white-washed houses covered with purple bougainvillea. Deep green hills and rounded islands are matched as if by an artist against an underlying bedrock that reddens beautifully in the afternoon light. The ancient city, Antiphellos, is threaded through the modern town: Lycian sarcophagi can be found within the streets, and rock-cut tombs dot the hillsides. Past its terracotta-coloured Greek temple, we come to a gleaming theatre on a rise with a magnificent sea view, the arms of the surrounding bay stretching out to each other to offer the spectator a natural lyrical masterpiece.
- Day 4:** Our course takes us east to the picturesque village of Üçağız, another of the havens that ancient sailors relied on so heavily on the Lycian coast. A little place of rough stones, it lies on top of ancient Teimiussa, which here and there reveals itself – a fine Roman doorway here, a Lycian sarcophagus amid a riot of flowerpots there. As the lanes peter out, ancient walls stand amid the scrub near one of the most evocative Lycian burial sites: threaded along the shore, an absolute forest of tombs, some with their ancient Greek inscriptions to memorialise their long-gone owners. Then to nearby Kale, something of a fantasy destination where perched above a jumble of Lycian sarcophagi lies a crusader and Ottoman castle crowning the hill with its distinctive crenellations. One of the most romantic settings of the holiday.
- Day 5:** We set off west for Kalkan, to be found in the dictionary under 'beautiful', an archetype for a pretty beach coast. Then it's inland, up a famously fertile valley to the great ancient city of Xanthos, the centrepiece of ancient Lycia, from which powerful lords dominated the region, and in whose famous and picturesque tombs they found their rest. One of antiquity's most notable sites, attacked in turn by Persians and Brutus, the slayer of Caesar, its importance is reflected in the scale and impressiveness of the remains, with more still being revealed by archaeologists. The vast theatre, expansive Roman structures and the great Xanthian Obelisk, with its long inscription in the characteristic angular, half-recognisable alphabet of the Lycians make this a real highlight.
- Day 6:** We head to Patara, birthplace of St. Nicholas (Father Christmas) and a major naval and trading port of ancient Lycia, making it a way-station for saints Paul and Luke on their travels. Once again we come to a sprawling and outstanding complex of remains scattered over a wide area, its pretensions announced by a formidably impressive monumental arch dedicated to a Roman governor. Within are extensive and well-preserved remains, brought out of the sand-dunes by excavation, from the massive platform of a pharos-lighthouse (the oldest standing) to the column-lined arcaded streets to its historically most important gem. This is the imposing parliament building of the Lycian League, still standing in serene and imposing grandeur, once capital of a federal state of Lycia whose constitution was a formative influence on that of the United States.
- Day 7:** A last dip before cruising into Fethiye's welcoming embrace. But we're not yet finished: we make a visit to the rock-cut tombs of ancient Telmessus, the greatest of them with huge temple-facades, all rising in tier upon tier up the massive russet cliff-face. A magnificent, piercingly memorable final site before we descend for a last chance to shop and wander before our final meal together. A rousing finale for this inspirational Turkish odyssey.
- Day 8:** Transfer from our gulet back to Dalaman airport.



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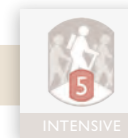
WALKING AND CRUISING THE CARIAN COAST



SEP 29 - OCT 6



TOUR GUIDE: DR. RICHARD BAYLISS - £2,925 PER PERSON / SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: £895



Walking to Knidos

A fantastic walking and hiking tour that combines a cruise along this beautiful and undeveloped coast with walks along the Carian Trail, one of Turkey's most spectacular footpaths. With its herb-lined paths, atmospheric ruins and hills swathed in pine and olive, this epic hiking route, some 500 miles long, will give you a real sense of remote, undiscovered Turkey. You'll follow some of its very best stretches, averaging about 5-6 miles walking a day with a traditional gulet ever present offshore, providing elegant transport, dining and accommodation.

Aboard our traditional and stylish Turkish gulet, our ever changing horizon is a wild, remote and mountainous landscape cut into long peninsulas, deep inlets, and secluded coves, perfect places for swimming, snorkelling or kayaking.

On foot we will be able to discover many remote archaeological sites and wonders, like Amos an ancient town perched on a splendid headland; the ghost village of Karamaka, abandoned by its Greek inhabitants during the exchange of populations in 1923; and Loryma, one of the most romantic and picturesque areas on the Turkish coast. From shepherds' trails to forest tracks, goat paths to ancient roads, we'll be walking back through time with beautiful views at every turn.

You'll come across seemingly lost Byzantine churches in dramatic settings, Ottoman cisterns in forgotten valleys, and a myriad of ancient tombs. This stretch of coast has been a vital and strategic thoroughfare throughout history and the wealth of archaeological sites is testament to its importance. You'll explore beautifully preserved Knidos, a monumental marbled city arranged around a double harbour, one of the greatest archaeological gems on Turkey's southwest coast. You'll also encounter a great many sites like Lydae and Phoenix that have yet to be properly studied, yet to receive any excavation or detailed survey. More often than not we'll be the only people exploring the historic ruins on our journey.

This tour weaves together a cornucopia of simple pleasures: magnificent sites, quiet coves, wondrous hikes and glorious swims. As with all our gulet cruises food is a key component. We'll enjoy beautiful lunches and dinners freshly prepared on-board by the gulet's cook, delicious picnics amongst ancient ruins and sumptuous meals at traditional local restaurants.

From rocky coastal paths and wooded paths cushioned with pine needles to stepped roads cut into the bedrock by ancient hands, this is a trip packed full of fascinating antiquities, superb swim stops and breath-taking panoramas.



WALKING AND CRUISING THE CARIAN COAST

- Day 1:** Your gulet awaits you in the harbour of historic Bodrum, about 40 minutes from Bodrum airport. Home to an impressive Crusader castle and the site of the ancient Mausoleum of Halicarnassus it is a truly appropriate place to begin.
- Day 2:** Our first voyage takes us to a beautiful bay to the south of Bodrum, where we head ashore and hike through splendid landscapes, ancient ruins and magnificent seascapes aplenty, to the spectacular Greek and Roman city of Knidos. Set at the tip of a long and sinewy peninsula, with a double harbour offering shelter to ships plying north and south, Knidos made its mark on Greek history and grew rich from its stunning natural position, and we'll see the results in the grand and ordered city rising in tier upon opulent tier. Decades of excavation have freed a beautifully planned city from the soil, allowing us to wander through its streets and along terraces festooned with temples. We re-join our gulet, anchored in the Knidos's eastern harbour, like many a classical predecessor, with the ancient city all around us.
- Day 3:** We head east through the necropolis of Knidos, one of the most extensive of antiquity, stretching some 7km beyond the city gates. Hiking along the hills, with gorgeous views out towards several of Greece's Dodecanese islands, we reach the famed Lion tomb of Knidos, perched atop a small headland jutting out to sea. Excavated by Sir Charles Newton in 1858, the colossal marble lion that once graced the apex of the tomb is now one of the highlights of the British Museum. In the afternoon we cruise east for splendid swimming opportunities.
- Day 4:** We go ashore in a remote bay and walk up to the seemingly lost village of Karamaka, occupied by Greeks until the extraordinary population swap of Christians and Moslems between Greece and Turkey following the First World War. On a hill gazing out to sea and the island of Symi, stand the ruins of windmill, churches and houses. We then hike through wild and beautiful terrain to the ancient harbour of Loryma, a very strategic bay in ancient times, ringed with ruins, where we overnight.
- Day 5:** This morning we head a short way inland to Phoenix, from an idyllic narrow cove whose waters once covered the shipwreck of a Byzantine vessel filled with glass, revealed in a ground-breaking American excavation. More vessels remain in the sea's grip beneath. Phoenix itself is a wild and remote citadel city, with beautiful landscapes and grand vistas all around, almost untouched by archaeologists. We hike from Phoenix along roads cut into the bedrock over 2,000 years ago, discovering remarkable pyramidal stones and all manner of ancient ruins as well as abandoned modern houses that utilised ancient inscriptions, statue bases and doorways within their walls. In the afternoon, we cruise north to relax and swim in a delightful bay.
- Day 6:** In the morning we hike through pine clad hills and past an ancient standing stone to the ancient city of Amos perched on a rocky headland, with wondrous views all around. Ongoing archaeological excavations are revealing Amos, with its lovely little theatre and impressive fortifications, to have been considerably larger than originally thought. In the afternoon we cruise east to the beautiful inlet of Ađlımani, a perfect place to unwind and swim.
- Day 7:** We hike up an ancient track, with part of the original road surfacing visible in places, to crest a ridge crowned with monumental tombs. These majestic mausolea, look out towards the Mediterranean Sea and also look over the isolated ancient settlement of Lydae, its ruins a diffusion of sculpture and inscriptions in the bowl of a valley silent but for the occasional tinkle of goat bells. Two thousand years ago, a city flourished here, now it lies beautifully desolate at the hand of earthquakes, leaving mounds of sculpted rubble, a scatter of ancient buildings and, strewn between, a profusion of ancient sculptures and inscriptions, columns and capitals, lying as if they'd never before been found. We hike past olive presses and a profusion of tombs, down a splendid track to a picturesque bay, popularly referred to as Cleopatra's, which lies on one side of a narrow isthmus that was completely walled off probably some 1,500 years ago. Here we re-join our gulet and enjoy a final swim before heading to our final port of call, the lovely little town of G6cek.
- Day 8:** Transfer from your gulet to Dalaman airport, about 30 minutes away.

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OCT 6 - OCT 13

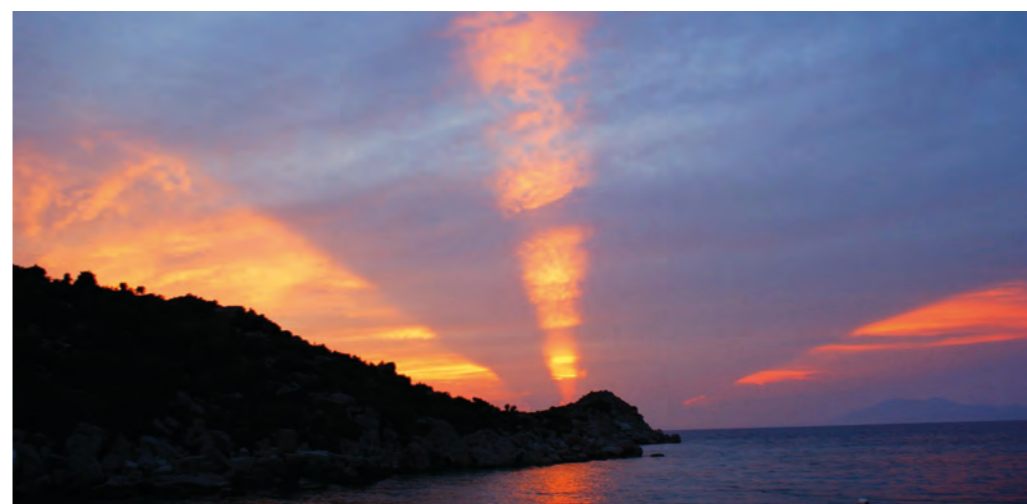
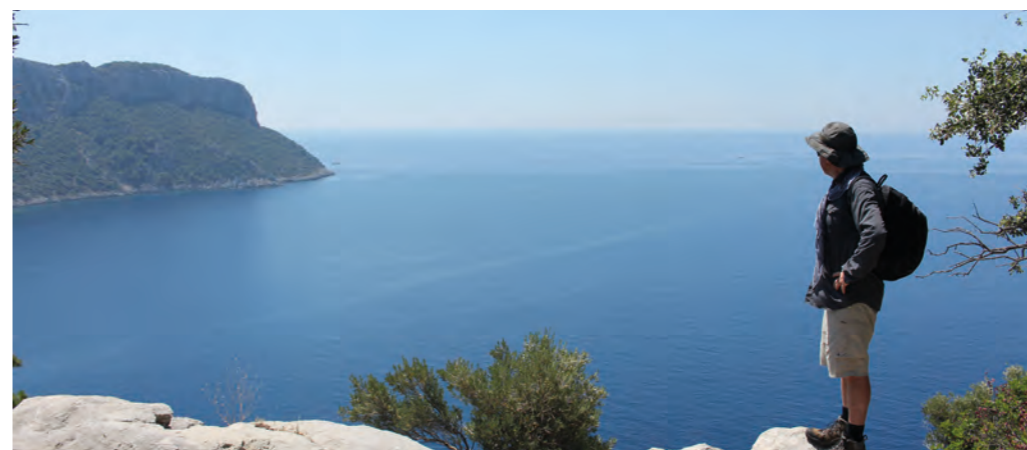
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WALKING AND CRUISING THE LYCIAN SHORE



SEP 29 - OCT 13



TOUR GUIDE: PETER SOMMER - £5,125 PER PERSON / SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: £1,395



Over the years, many guests travelling on our "Cruising the Lycian Shore" trip found themselves fascinated and enchanted by the occasional strolls we took on the Lycian Way, Turkey's very first long-distance hiking trail. Their frequent inquiries inspired us to create an archaeological tour in Turkey that combines more hiking with historical adventures and the pleasure of a gulet cruise. Thanks to your inspiration, back in 2006, Walking and Cruising the Lycian Shore became the first of our walking holidays.

Rated by The Sunday Times (UK) as one of the ten best walks in the world, the Lycian Way follows over 540km (335 miles) of ancient roadways, mule tracks and shepherds' paths along one of Turkey's most remote and untouched coastlines. On this cruise, we follow some of its very best stretches, chosen for their beauty and interest, averaging about 9km (5-6 miles) of hiking per day. Our travelling offshore base is a beautiful traditional Turkish gulet, offering us elegant transport, delicious dining, comfortable accommodation and welcome leisure throughout the voyage.

An ideal tour for hikers and for lovers of the sea alike, the cruise also provides the cultural and archaeological experience that is the trademark of Peter Sommer Travels. Escorted by Peter Sommer himself, you will visit a whole series of ancient sites, stroll along Roman roads, trace the routes of 2,000 year-old aqueducts and follow in the footsteps of characters from the mysterious Lycians of antiquity via Alexander the Great to the nomadic herders of recent centuries.

Exploring on foot offers a uniquely profound and enjoyable engagement with the landscape and its history, including the opportunity to discover truly remote archaeological sites that cannot be easily reached otherwise. You will be able to hike through magnificent scenery high above the Mediterranean Sea, and see sites like wild and ancient Apollonia, with its grand necropolis and romantic theatre, or the extensive ruins of mountain-top Kyaneai, one of the most important cities of ancient Lycia.

Of course, we also visit Lycia's famous archaeological highlights, such as the regional Lycian capital at Pinara with its "royal" tombs, the monumental Roman port city of Patara and the Ottoman castle of Kale, ancient Simena, surrounded by age-old Lycian sarcophagus graves.

The combination of hikes through a succession of beautiful landscapes, expert-led visits to fascinating archaeological sites, cruising in pristine waters and delicious meals on board or in selected local restaurants, in addition to plenty of time to swim and relax, make this tour a perfect choice for the active and curious traveller. From footpaths by the coast to goat tracks high up in the hills, from age-old cemeteries to monumental ruined cities, this Lycian Way tour offers you stimulation and relaxation for mind, body and soul.



View from Ottoman Castle, Kale



WALKING AND CRUISING THE LYCIAN SHORE

- Day 1:** The start of our tour walking the Lycian Way. Our gulet is about 30 minutes from Dalaman airport at Göcek, a pretty harbour beneath mountains at the head of the Bay of Fethiye, on Turkey's Mediterranean coast. Welcome dinner aboard.
- Day 2:** An easy first day spent in the Bay of Fethiye, with plenty of time for swimming, relaxing and admiring the scenery of sea and mountains.
- Day 3:** We set out eastwards to explore the atmospheric ghost town of Kaya/Levissi, abandoned by its Greek inhabitants in 1923. Later we hike back downhill to meet the gulet near Gemiler Island, an area perfect for swimming.
- Day 4:** We drive inland to Sidyma, to ramble the extensive 2,500 year-old cemeteries of an ancient city. After admiring its elaborate tombs and sarcophagi we hike down a hillside to the neighbouring village of Boğaziçi before returning to the boat for a swim.
- Day 5:** We drive the fertile Xanthus valley to ancient Pinara, where a mighty cliff riddled with tombs stands guard over one of the most striking and spectacularly situated archaeological sites in Turkey. Highlights include the great theatre and the "royal tomb", its fine reliefs depicting Lycian cities.
- Day 6:** East to investigate remote Apollonia, where an ancient Greek theatre stands amid the remains of a Byzantine fortress and basilica church, in turn surrounded by a vast and elaborate necropolis. We hike back through a wild landscape of karstic limestone and stubborn maquis to return back to the sea at ancient Aperlai, Apollonia's harbour.
- Day 7:** We cruise by Kekova Island to gaze at the Late Roman/Early Byzantine "sunken city" of Dolichiste. Later, we disembark at Üçağız, ancient Teimioussa, to explore its ancient cemetery, looking like so many sarcophagi scattered along the seashore by a passing giant. From here, we walk to Kale, ancient Simena, where another row of sarcophagi crowns the ridge leading up to an Ottoman castle built upon Byzantine and Hellenistic predecessors. One of the most romantic stops of the holiday.
- Day 8:** We visit Sura, site of a famous fish oracle dedicated to Apollo in a lush coastal valley, its main temple substantially preserved, then trek along a beautiful stretch of coast to the ancient city of Istlada, with various public buildings and more Lycian tombs, to reach our waiting boat.
- Day 9:** Inland to one of the most remarkable and significant city-states of ancient Lycia, mountain-top Kyaenai. Its theatre, market, baths and vast cemeteries (with over 300 sarcophagi!) stand witness to great affluence that has given way to a wild and inspiring nature. We overnight near Kaş, ancient Antiphellos, where a picturesque seaside town incorporates many ancient remains.
- Day 10:** One of the longest and most challenging days of hiking but well worth the effort. We trek along old migration routes and ancient ways with wonderful unforgettable views both inland and out to sea, discovering a wide variety of ancient Lycian ruins and then descend from on high on a remote and remarkable stretch of Roman road.
- Day 11:** We cruise west to the pretty harbour of Kalkan and then head inland. Starting at Delikkemer, the ingenious inverted-syphon bridge of a Roman aqueduct, we enjoy a medium length hike to the city it served, ancient Patara, where archaeologists are revealing the remains of a vast and monumental Roman city, one-time capital of the Lycian Confederation.
- Day 12:** After cruising north, we hike from Faralya to Kabak through a peaceful and remote landscape of cyclamen-filled woods and busy beehives with grand vistas of mountains and seascapes.
- Day 13:** The second-longest hike of the trip is the glorious final trek across the shoulder of Babadağ (Father Mountain), taking us from the coastal slopes high into the foothills of a wild mountainous landscape and down to cliffs overlooking the stupendous "Butterfly Valley".
- Day 14:** A day of total leisure aboard our elegant gulet, sailing and swimming. We moor in Fethiye, ancient Telmessos, for a final chance to shop.
- Day 15:** The end of our guided tour on the Lycian way. Transfer to Dalaman airport, about 60 minutes away.



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