

Turkey

Two countries and two cultures in one holiday! We have selected two contrasting areas of Turkey's Aegean coast which combine easily with certain Greek islands to give an intriguing holiday experience. Do go prepared for an early morning wake-up 'call to prayer' from the local mosque though! Please enquire for twin centre prices.

Kusadasi is a large vibrant town which is today a thriving tourist centre. The big attraction here is Ephesus. This world class site is some 20 kms out of Kusadasi and is a must-see.

But there is much more to explore. Kusadasi is a great centre from which to discover the cultural and archaeological riches of western Turkey, including ancient Christian sites such as the House of the Virgin Mary, Roman Pamukkale with its calcified bathing pools, ancient Priene and nearby Miletus and Didyma.

For a break from all the culture try Dilek National Park (also called Milli) with its hiking trails, beautiful forests, wild boar and beaches, a half-hour dolmus ride from Kusadasi (a dolmus is the wonderful Turkish public minibus service - frequent, efficient and very inexpensive).

Kusadasi itself has everything you would expect - sandy beaches, many hotels, restaurant and cafes, shopping and a bustling bazaar. An excellent dolmus service runs just about everywhere, making getting out and about easy and cheap. You will certainly not run out of things to do!

Akyaka at the head of Gokova Bay 184 kms to the south could hardly be more different. With steep pine clad hills to one side and a vast plain to the other, it is a lush natural paradise, small and peaceful for much of the year (it does get busy in season with domestic tourism).

The buildings are in the attractive Mugla architectural style. But Akyaka's distinctive feature is the fast flowing Azmak river which runs to one side. Restaurants here are a good place from which to observe not only the fast-moving (in one direction!) ducks but also kingfishers and terrapins. Small riverboat trips are a big attraction here, and there is good walking to be had in the area (local walking guidebook/map available). Boat trips also run to Cleopatra's island and the ancient city of Cedrae to be found there. Akyaka is also known for kite-surfing.

The village has a Blue Flag sandy beach, organised with sunbeds, and a very shallow sea. The beach does get busy in peak so it is worth finding alternatives such as lovely Cinar, a 45 minute walk through a forest of eucalyptus.

Akyaka has some 20 restaurants and a fair number of small hotels, but retains its laid back village atmosphere. A really relaxing and charming little spot, authentically Turkish and untouched by overseas mass tourism.



TURKEY INFORMATION

Getting to Turkey

KUSADASI

Either via Samos (90 mins ferry & short onward transfer) or with direct flights to Izmir (Adnan) Airport (1 hour transfer)

AKYAKA

Either via Rhodes (90 mins ferry to Marmaris & 1 hour onward transfer) or with direct flights to Dalaman Airport (1 hour transfer)

Representative

We have a local agent in each area who will meet and transfer you, book cars/trips and give local information.

Car Hire

Please ask for details.

Multi-Centre Options

Kusadasi with Samos, Patmos or Ikaria. Akyaka with any Dodecanese island served (via Rhodes).

Visas and Port Taxes

All UK (British Citizen) passport holders visiting Turkey must have a passport validity of at least 6 months remaining and are required to purchase an entry visa (90 days multiple entry validity). This has to be done electronically in advance via www.evisa.gov.tr/en/ - it can no longer be done at your arrival airport or port. The cost (at the time of printing) is \$20. Those arriving and departing by sea must also pay a port tax of €10-€15 each time (so €20-€30 total). These charges are payable locally and not included in the holiday cost. We will also need to pass on your basic passport details to the authorities in order to book your ferry tickets - passport no., nationality and date of birth.



Ephesus

Villa Konak Kusadasi

A quiet oasis in the heart of old Kusadasi, this lovely little hotel offers charm, comfort and great hospitality, all within a five minute walk up the hill from the bustling centre and harbour.

The modest entrance belies what you will find inside. The design is from a traditional inn, built around a spacious and beautiful garden. The 17 rooms here are mostly double-bedded and very cosily furnished in the Ottoman style. All possess both AC and a ceiling fan, sat TV, fridge and a modern shower room. Safes are available at reception.



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Junior Suites/Family Rooms have a living room area and sofa-bed. There are no balconies but you are spoilt for choice in the shaded garden, on the sunterrace or under the cool arches by reception with seating, deck chairs and even a hammock.

To the rear is a 50 sq m pool and covered terrace with snacks, complimentary coffee and an honesty bar. Here the family, who speak excellent English, invite all guests to afternoon tea with home made cakes every afternoon - free of charge.

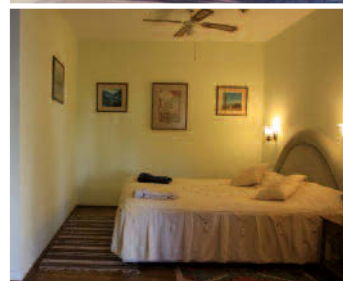
Really a home from home.

Note: the hotel does not accept children under 6 years of age.

The Hotel: Traditional Hotel
Bed & Breakfast
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi



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Ottoman Konak

Ottoman Palace & Ottoman Konak Akyaka

These sister-hotels have lawns leading down to the river. Both are traditionally designed (lots of wood) and richly furnished.

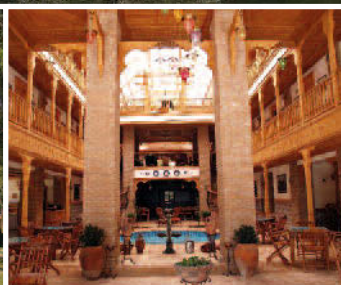
The Palace's 40 rooms lead off an internal courtyard. Standard double rooms all possess AC plus a fan, sat TV, mini-bar, tea-making facility, hairdryer, room safe (local charge), shower room, and balcony with garden, mountain or river views. Please note the hotel has no lift.

The ground floor houses restaurant, lounge and bar, and opens onto the large pool area to the front (towels provided). Garden furniture is placed on the lawns above the river.

The Konak is similar in nearly all respects but, with just 18 rooms, smaller and more intimate. It is a higher category and beautifully done, with antiques, rugs and traditional tiles much in evidence.

The hotels are 400m to 600m from the beach, have their own boat for river trips and offer a daily free bus to Cinar beach.

The Hotels: 3 Star & 4 Star
Boutique Hotels
Bed & Breakfast
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi



Ottoman Palace

TURKEY		Guide prices shown are in £'s per person departing on or between dates shown						
ACCOMMODATION	PERSONS BASIS	May/Oct		Jun/Sep		Jul/Aug		
		1 wk	2 wks	1 wk	2 wks	1 wk	2 wks	
Ottoman Konak	Standard Mountain View	2 BB	787	1173	925	1326	1072	1488
	Standard River View	2 BB	861	1317	991	1457	1138	1623
	Suite Mountain View	2 BB	937	1467	1078	1632	1221	1788
	Suite River View	2 BB	1027	1649	1166	1807	1312	1972
Ottoman Palace	Standard Mountain View	2 BB	755	985	763	1091	885	1124
	Standard River View	2 BB	807	1090	849	1262	944	1257
	Deluxe River View	2 BB	873	1221	914	1393	1009	1388
Villa Konak Hotel	Deluxe Room	2 BB	603	821	652	870	820	1038
	Suite of Family Room	2 BB	749	1112	798	1161	966	1329
		3 BB	612	857	661	906	829	1074
		4 BB	545	730	594	779	762	947

Payment by Credit or Charge Card will incur a 2% processing charge (note: should this change due to the credit card companies increasing their charges to us, you will be advised at the time of booking). Departure date determines basic holiday cost. Prices include all airport/fuel charges & taxes known at the time of printing – for surcharge policy see booking conditions. To add: room & board supplements (see text – single room prices on request), Travel Insurance. **Prices are based on Gatwick flight costs as sourced from EasyJet in November 2016. Regional flight supplements on request. Please note, prices shown are guideline prices only and may vary according to the cost of flights which we buy in on an individual basis for these holidays. A firm price will be quoted on enquiry.**