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Visit A Sailing Paradise In Turkey For Your Next Holiday Or Vacation

By Gurhan Ebren

If you like sunshine, the smell of the sea air, water sports, Mediterranean cuisine, and a chance to visit important historical sites, then you should set your sites on Turkey. It is here where you can explore one of civilization's great crossroads, choosing from a variety of sailing options.

You don't have to be a sailor to enjoy a sea holiday in Turkey. One of the popular choices of tourists in Turkey is to hire a crewed yacht. On a crewed yacht, a professional crew takes care of the boating and you can turn your attention to snorkeling, soaking in the sun, visiting quaint villages, historical sites and enjoying the dishes prepared by the onboard chef.

If you fancy travelling on a vessel that is reminiscent of a romantic galleon or old pirate ship, then a cruise on a Gulet (or Gullet) is in order. Gulets are traditional wooden and handmade Turkish boats, usually equipped with a crew of three comprising of the captain, the cook, and a sailor. The boats have a motor as well as sails. The route can be fixed, or arranged to the preferences of the group, and the group shares the expenses.

Although Gulets are traditional vessels, the modern touring Gulets are fully equipped with the comfort of the tourist in mind. They usually contain four to ten cabins, equipped with en-suite showers, WCs and hot water facilities. Turkish Gulets also have music systems, navigational, electronic, fishing and diving equipment. Spacious and light sitting-space provided at the back of the boat is one of the distinguishing characteristics and advantages of this type of vessel. Sitting at the large table in this section, you can have your meals under the sunshade, you can get a sun tan or you may watch stars at night.

For those who want more freedom and enjoy doing their own sailing, then the best choice is a "bareboat" vacation. "Bareboating" is the term given to a chartered holiday where you hire a whole vessel for a fixed period. You will be fully responsible for the boat and can sail her yourself, if you have a licensed captain in your group, or hire a professional to do it for you.

Along the Aegean and Mediterranean coasts of Turkey there are a number of scenic routes that you can choose from touching a rich array of historical sites including the ancient cities of Pergamon,

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Ephesus, Miletus, Knidos, Xanthos, Myra, Perge, Aspendos and Side. There are also dozens of other, smaller sites dating back many thousands of years, the remains of which are equally as interesting. If you are on a Gulet cruise with a full crew, then you will benefit from an experienced guide with a deep knowledge of the area.

The Mediterranean is also renowned for its great cuisine and a cruise holiday in Turkey will give you a chance to get acquainted with Turkish hospitality and the colorful and tasty dishes of this region

Sunshine, the sea, historical sites, sailing, swimming and fine cuisine: add it all up and you have the makings of an unforgettable holiday or vacation.

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holidays in Turkey.

Enjoy Luxury Vacations With Greece Yacht Charters

By Carla McNamara

The history, culture and beauty of Greece Yacht Charters attract tourists throughout the year, most of whom stay in a variety of villas or other mainstream accommodations. Those who wish to truly enjoy the fullest experience of life in the Aegean, however, do so by way of sailboat, bareboat, yacht or other form of water craft that enables them to combine the pleasures of the land and the sea.

Personal and Vacation Yacht Chartering

- Alpha Yachting - Available for viewing at alphayachting.com, this facility offers a wide variety of models of motor yachts, sailing yachts, bareboats and motor sailing yachts. Crewed charter rentals can be acquired that are bound for destinations which include Greece, Italy, Spain, Croatia, Turkey and France. Choose from among at least five itineraries that have been artfully designed for you by the experts at Alpha Yachting, for a holiday cruise that you'll not soon forget.

- Yachting Power - Famous for their luxurious bareboat yachting charters in Greece, they offer a full fleet of breathtaking vessels that will appeal to the multitudes. Located near the Kalamaki Marina in Athens, they own some of the finest sea-going vessels that can be found today, including high performance boats such as the Sun Odyssey 54 DS and the Oceanis 473 - large boats of breathtaking design and luxury. Visit their website at yachtingpower.gr for a look at their line of vessels and to obtain information regarding a vacation package.

- Poseidon Charters - This worldwide operation has an office that's based in Athens, Greece, in

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addition to their main base of operations in the Mediterranean. With a total of 350 yachts and 15 bases, Poseidon Charters offers various charter opportunities, servicing guests with novice to expert level sailing skills. Whether you prefer to charter your own private yacht to visit Greece and the surrounding areas or sign on to an archeological adventure cruise, you'll have the time of your life on one of the many top-of-the-line yachts that are made available to you through the folks at Poseidon Charters. For more information, visit their website at poseidoncharters.com.

· Odyssey Sailing - Officially registered and bonded with the Greek National Tourist Organization and a member of the Hellenic Yacht Brokers Association, this facility provides a comprehensive line of yacht charters and vacation packages throughout the Aegean territory. Specialized vacations include those which offer bareboat yachts, crewed sailing yachts, luxury cruises, flotilla holidays, fully crewed motor sailers, luxury crewed sailing yachts, luxury crewed motor yachts and one-way yacht charters, in addition to special offers and discounts on specialized sailing holidays. Odyssey Sailing, found at odysseysailing.gr, along with their sister site, at sailing-yacht-charter-greece.com, can meet the needs of any traveler, with their extensive fleet and full-service vacation accommodations.

· Top Yacht - Whether you're looking for a crewed, skippered, gulet or bareboat experience, this facility can cater to your every whim. This UK based organization offers chartered yachts to Greece and its surrounding areas, as well as a variety of special offers that can be found throughout the year by visiting their online website at top-yacht.com. Choose your own vessel, according to the number of berths, cabins and length of water craft that you prefer, enabling you to customize your excursion to meet your particular needs. As specialists in state-of-the-art yachting equipment, the folks at Top Yacht offer a fully informational website that will help you to plan your Greek vacation.

For about the same price as an exotic vacation with luxury hotel accommodations, you can treat yourself and family or friends to an outstanding vacation in Greece, and enjoy adventures on both land and sea - effectively offering two vacations for the price of one.

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