



Antalya & the Western Mediterranean

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Why Go?

Turkey's Western Mediterranean coast is a region of endless azure sea lined with kilometres of sandy beaches and backed by mountains rising up to almost 3000m. It's a winning combination no matter how you look at it, but add to that an embarrassment of ancient ruins strewn through the aromatic scrub and pine forests and a sophisticated menu of sports and activities on offer and you've struck gold.

Indeed, the so-called Turquoise Coast's seamless mix of history and holiday inspires and excites from every direction. But by far the most dramatic way to see this stretch of coastline is by skimming through the crystal waters aboard a *gület* (traditional wooden yacht) or by following sections of the 500km-long Lycian Way on foot high above what the Turks call the Akdeniz (literally, 'White Sea').

Best Places to Stay

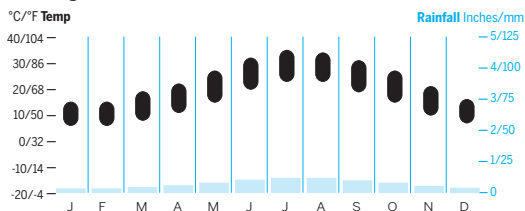
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Best Places to Eat

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When to Go

Antalya



March & April The hills are alive with technicolour spring bulb flowers (which actually originated in Turkey).

July & August It's peak season and everywhere is packed – as well as open and full of fun.

December & January Cool(er) but mostly bright and sunny days are perfect for walking in the hills.

