



Antalya & the Turquoise Coast

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Why Go?

Turkey's Turquoise Coast is a huge 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 a surfeit of ancient ruins strewn through the aromatic scrub, pine forests, and a large selection of sports and activities, and you've hit pay dirt.

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 Eat

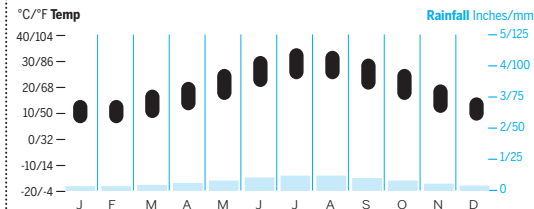
- » İkbal (p345)
- » Dalyan La Vie (p316)
- » Levissi Garden (p331)
- » Reis (p324)
- » Çiftlik (p341)

Best Places to Stay

- » Hoyran Wedre Country House (p350)
- » Hotel Villa Mahal (p337)
- » Tuvana Hotel (p356)
- » Happy Caretta (p314)
- » Myland Nature (p352)

When to Go

Antalya



Mar & Apr See the hills come alive with colourful spring bulb flowers.

Jul & Aug It's peak season and packed, but there's lots of fun to be had, especially for families.

Dec & Jan Cool but mostly bright, sunny days are perfect for walking in the hills.

Antalya & the Turquoise Coast Highlights

- 1 Potter around the ruins of **Patara** (p335) before diving into the Mediterranean from its 20km-long beach
- 2 Kayak over the sunken city of **Üçağız** (p347) in Kekova
- 3 Experience 'instant Greece' in **Meis** (p346) just a shortboat ride from Kaş
- 4 Sample a stage of the Lycian Way long-distance
- 5 View the Ottoman splendour of **Kaleiçi** (p354), Antalya's historic quarter, and stroll through a world-class museum
- 6 Dine in **Kalkan** (p338) an epi(curean)-centre of Mediterranean and Modern Turkish cooking
- 7 Marvel at the timeless **Chimaera** (p352), still ablaze after on the slopes of Mt. Olympus
- 8 Chill and centre yourself while lux-camping at **Kabak** (p329)

