

MARMARIS

Situated on a bay surrounded with pine trees the lovely town of Marmaris is an ideal destination for water sports and sailing.

Marmaris is one of Turkey's most popular resorts, which attracts lots of holidaymakers, many of whom return year after year. It is a favorite spot for families and young couples alike. It makes an excellent starting point for the "Blue Voyage"; tour of the Aegean coastline.



History

Marmaris, which connected the trade roads of Rhodes and Egypt to Anatolia in the ancient ages, was an important trade centre. It is believed that the first settlement in Marmaris, which was known as Pyhskos, began in Asartepe region after the Carians immigrated to the area. After the immigration, the city was named Caria, meaning the country of Carians.

The beautiful and magnificent Marmaris dates back to 3000 B.C.

You can see the civilizations of Caria, Rhodes and other islands and traces of civilizations such as Egypt, Assyria, Ionia, Persia, Macedonia, Rome, Byzantine, Seljuk and Ottoman during a visit to the region.

The town was called Mimarar during the Ottoman period and then it was known as Mermeris and finally Marmaris.

Marmaris, being an important settlement where many civilizations ruled, has made the region attractive and is the fruitful lands of Aegean and Mediterranean coasts.





GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Marmaris, with its magnificent bays covered with pine forests, blue flag beaches, crystal clear waters, blue voyage tours, modern marinas national park and a bay that offers all types of water sports is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Turkey.



MAIN ATTRACTIONS

MARMARİS CASTLE AND MUSEUM

The most important written document regarding the castle belongs to Evliya Çelebi who travelled in the region in the 17th century. In his book called *Seyahatname*, the travel book, Evliya Çelebi mentions that Suleiman the Magnificent ordered to build a castle before his campaign to Rhodes. The epigraph above the door has the date 1522 and Suleiman the Magnificent conquered Rhodes on December 26, 1522. The Archaeology Museum is located within the castle. The castle offers a magnificent panoramic view of the town.



CITY CENTER

If you haven't joined a daily tour, there are plenty of things to do in city centre. Either you sit at one the cafes and restaurants and enjoy the scenery, shop at the colourful covered bazaar or do water sports.



NATIONAL PARK

The park is located within the borders of Marmaris. The national park that occupies an area of 29.206 hectares was declared as a national park in 1996.

The sweet gum and red pine trees are abundant in the area. There are sycamore trees in places where water is abundant and oak trees in the south. Oleanders bloom in the summer and add beauty to the landscape. Wild goats, boars, hares and other mammals, birds and reptiles live in the park.

Günnücek, Yalancı Boğaz and Cennet Island

If you ever want to cool during the summer, you can pass Netsel Marina, turn to Yalancı Boğaz road and reach Günnücek picnic area.



A large bronze mermaid statue is the central focus, sitting on a rock in front of a multi-tiered waterfall. The mermaid has long, flowing hair and is holding a small object in her hands. The waterfall is composed of several cascades over large, reddish-brown rocks. The water is clear and greenish-blue. The statue is positioned on the left side of the frame, with the waterfall behind it. The overall scene is serene and scenic.

CENNET ISLAND

Although it is referred to as an island, it is actually a peninsula. The peninsula called Nimara is covered with forests. Located at the entrance of Marmaris bay, Cennet Island is a popular stop for daily boat tours.









Places to see

LORYMA

Located near Bozukkale the ancient city of Loryma was a small fortified town and harbour on the coast of Caria opposite to Rhodes Island. The ruins of towers, ramparts are worth seeing.



AMOS

Amos located near the modern town of Turunç is one of the places one can visit while in Marmaris. The archaeological excavations reveal that the city was inhabited in the 2nd century B.C. The theatre, the Hellenistic towers, the remains of temple and the necropolis are worth seeing. From theatre one can get the panoramic view of the gulf of Marmaris.



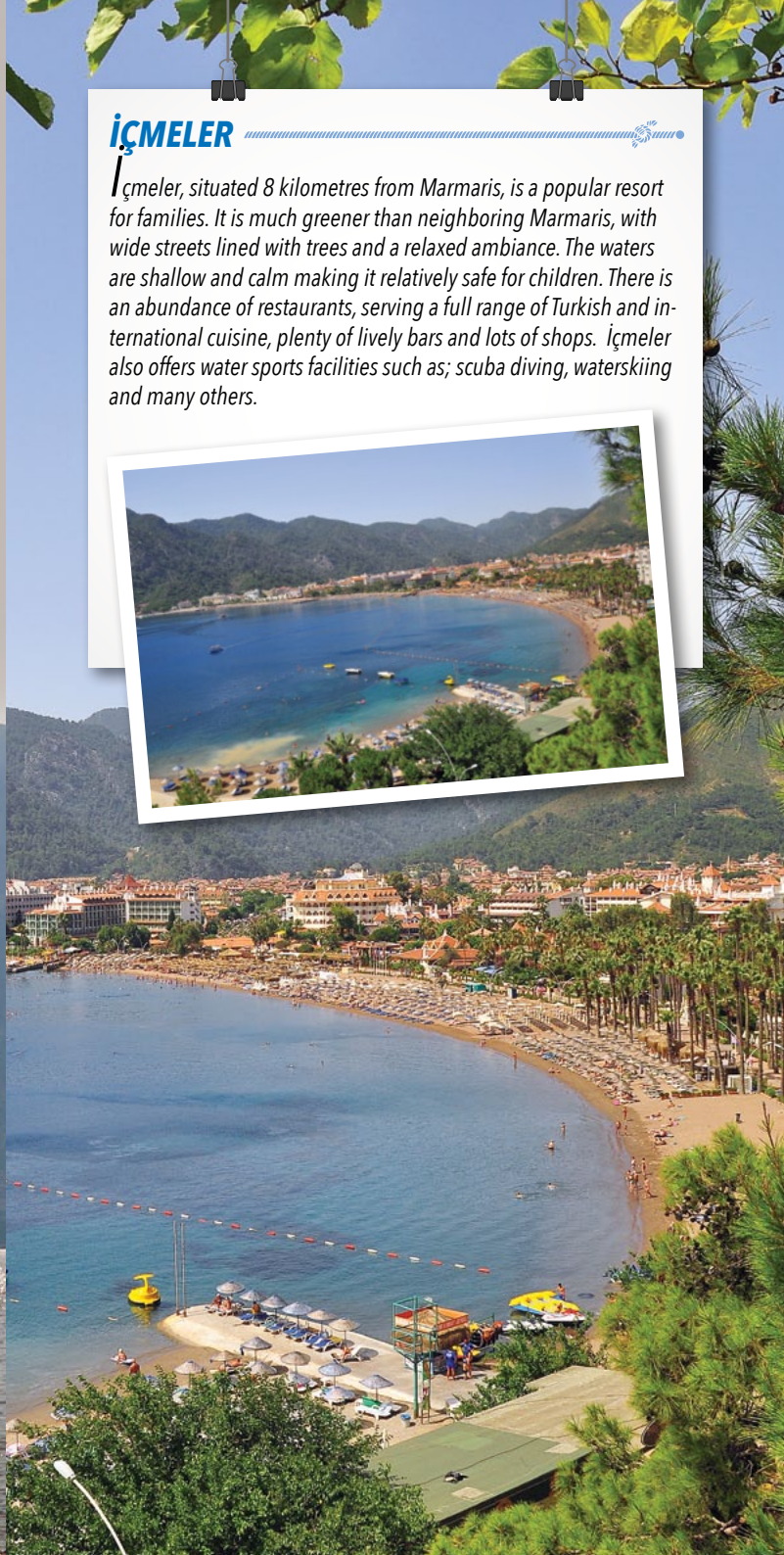
THE ROCK OF GOODNESS

The Rock of Goodness, a settlement of ancient period, is located at the town centre, behind the Cumhuriyet Square on 95th Street. It was revealed that the area was one of the acropolises of the ancient city of Pyhskos.



İÇMELER

İçmeler, situated 8 kilometres from Marmaris, is a popular resort for families. It is much greener than neighboring Marmaris, with wide streets lined with trees and a relaxed ambiance. The waters are shallow and calm making it relatively safe for children. There is an abundance of restaurants, serving a full range of Turkish and international cuisine, plenty of lively bars and lots of shops. İçmeler also offers water sports facilities such as; scuba diving, waterskiing and many others.



TURUNÇ

Situated 20 km south of Marmaris Turunç, a former fishing village is one of the most beautiful bays in the South Aegean. Turunç boasts with its islets of all shapes and sizes, sandalwood trees, olive orchards and pine forests. The waterfront features restaurants, shops and bars.



HİSARÖNÜ

Hisarönü village is located in the southwest of the town. It is an ideal address for a calm and serene vacation. It is believed that the clean air and water of the village is good for patients suffering from asthma and heart diseases.



ORHANIYE AND THE STORY OF KIZKUMU

Orhaniye is the most important touristic and yacht docking spot in the Hisarönü Bay. It has a beautiful beach named Kizkumu Beach which stretches towards the sea like a 600 meter tongue and has an amazing red coloured panorama. It is one of the favourite places for tourists with its beauty and the fact that one can walk all the way across the shore.

THE STORY OF KIZKUMU (literally "Maiden's Sand")

The legend is that a young lady trying to escape from pirates filled her skirt with the sand and started to spill it to fill the sea but when her sand ran out in order not to be caught by the pirates chasing her; she committed suicide by jumping into the water. At the beginning point of the shallow water, there is a sculpture of this girl. Kizkumu's length is about 1 km, and the sand is only one ankle under the water surface all along the road.



BAYIR

It is both a lovely resort town in the southwest of Marmaris and a popular spot for jeep safari tours.



OSMANIYE

It is an amazingly beautiful geography surrounded by pine trees where the famous pine honey of Marmaris is produced.

Marmaris has an important place in the pine honey production of Muğla. 92% of the world's pine honey production takes place in the Aegean Region and 30% of that is covered in Marmaris. The Honey House, which has the shape of a honeycomb, is worth visiting.



TURGUT WATERFALL

It is located in the southwest of Marmaris and is ideal for hiking and jeep safari. The waterfall, located in the village of Turgut, consists of 5 waterfalls one next another and the biggest one falls from 10 meters. The area is a piece of heaven with the merging of the water and the forest.



ÇİFTLİK

The lovely village of Çiftlik located in the southwest of Marmaris is also worth visiting. Its beach, totally covered with sand, is very famous.



SÖĞÜT VE SARANDA

Söğüt village is located 60 kilometres to the southwest of Marmaris and at the tip of Bozburun Peninsula. Saranda Bay, which is the village's gateway to the sea, has an impressive panorama. There are many islets just half an hour away from the shore. There is a different kind of geography in Taşlıca such as steep cliffs covered in rocks, giant olive trees, abandoned stone houses and herds of goats.



BOZBURUN

Its economy is entirely dependent upon yachting and tourism and partly fishing. It is famous all around the world with yacht construction and master craftsmen in yacht building.



SELİMİYE

It is one of the untouched areas in Marmaris. It is an ideal vacation spot with its great climate, nature, shore, sea, restaurants, boutique hotels and serenity.



SEDİR ISLAND

Located in the north of Marmaris in the Gulf of Gökova, Sedir Island, known in ancient times as Kedraee, has some Hellenistic and Roman ruins including an ancient theatre. Yet its fame comes from Cleopatra Beach with its golden sands virtually non-existent anywhere else in the Eastern Mediterranean, accompanied by turquoise waters. The legend is that Marcus Antonius had this sand brought from Egypt for his lover, Cleopatra.

This sand, which burns in fire and reproduces in soda water and moves when under a microscope, can only be found in two places on earth.



DAILY BOAT TOURS

It is another kind of pleasure seeing Marmaris from the sea. You can experience that by joining daily boat tours that depart from the pier every morning.



BLUE VOYAGE

Marmaris is also one of the starting points of the Blue Voyage tours in Turkey. You can discover plenty of untouched bays, historical places and matchless natural beauties. If you are looking for a holiday far from the meddling crowd, blue voyage is just for you.



KOYCEĞİZ-DALYAN AND TOURS TO OTHER LOCATIONS

Tours to Dalyan are available from the pier of Marmaris. Besides, travel agencies organize tours of Dalyan by bus.

MARMARIS BEACHES

Marmaris Public Beach

Marmaris Public Beach starts at the centre of the town and then joins with Uzunyalı Beach. The beach is very easy to access so you can enjoy swimming all day long in Marmaris.

Uzunyalı Beach

Uzunyalı Beach begins right after the public beach and continues along the 10 km coast until İçmeler. There are restaurants and cafes along the beach.

İçmeler Beach

İçmeler is a settlement preferred by many since it has plenty of accommodation facilities suitable for every pocket and taste. Marmaris and İçmeler are virtually inseparable. İçmeler is 8 km from Marmaris and there are minibuses running all day long. Other beaches near Marmaris are; Turunç beach, Sedir Island (Cleopatra) beach, Kumlubük beach, Orhaniye Kızkumu beach, Cennet Island beach, Günnücek beach, Çiftlik beach, Boncuk Bay beach.

Çubucak and İnbükü Forest Camps

You can spend time in nature at İnbükü shore which is located at the 20th kilometre of the Marmaris- Datça road, inside Çubucak Forest.



MARMARIS YACHT FESTIVAL

Every May, the International Yacht Club (MIYC) organizes a Yacht Festival in Marmaris. It is amazingly beautiful to see all the yachts stand next to each other at the marina.

Marmaris Yacht Competitions

Marmaris International Yacht Competitions, organized by the Marmaris International Yacht Club (MIYC) every November, jazzes up the town.



THINGS TO DO

Water sports and diving.

All types of extreme sports are available at Marmaris centre and water sports centres at the beaches. Diving schools advertise the underwater riches of Marmaris with diving boats and diving tours and enchant tourists who dive. Jeep safari, horse safari, atv and quad are also available.



ENTERTAINMENT

Marmaris offers a wide range of entertainment choices to its visitors such as cafes, restaurants, pubs and discos. Barlar Caddesi (the Bars Street) is famous with its bars situated along the both sides of the street. Entertainment life starts at night and continues until the morning.

Uzunyalı is the second entertainment centre of the borough. It has many cafes, bars, restaurants and discos. Restaurants, stands where handicrafts are sold, discos, cafes and bars along Uzunyalı Avenue will create the perfect atmosphere for a night on the town. You can take a moonlight boat ride with boats that depart from Marmaris centre towards midnight.



HANDICRAFTS

Needle lace is a traditional handicraft in Marmaris. They have rich motifs and colours and each one has a different name. In the past, they were mainly made with silk but now cotton and synthetic fibres are used. Motifs represent feelings such as love, pain, regret and happiness.



LA ROMA
OKALİPTUS
PRAPOLİS
DENİZ TUZU

SİĞLA YAĞI
KRALİÇESÜTÜ
KRAL PİENİ
PRAPOLİS
KESİNLİKLE
İLAC DEYİL

DON'T RETURN BEFORE

- Visiting Marmaris Castle and Marmaris Museum
- Taking a Blue Voyage
- Stopping at Marmaris Bar Street
- Scuba Diving
- Visiting Cleopatra Island
- Visiting İçmeler Beach



TRANSPORTATION

By road: There are bus rides to and from all over Turkey from the bus terminal that is 2 kilometres to the city centre.

By sea: There are daily boat rides from Marmaris to Rhodes during the summer season. In the winter, there are rides twice a week depending on the weather.

By air: The closest airport to Marmaris is Dalaman Airport which is 95 kilometres away. Milas/Bodrum Airport is 140 kilometres away as well.

Intercity: Hourly bus rides to neighbourhoods and beautiful bays that depart from city terminal are available throughout the year.



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