

## Full Itinerary & Trip Details

# Daily Bodrum City Tour

Welcome to our Daily Sightseeing Tours in Bodrum!



**PRICE STARTING FROM**

€0 €0

**DURATION**

1 days

**TOUR ID**

1351

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : DAILY BODRUM CITY TOUR

#### St Peters Castle

Visit the Castle of St. Peter, the symbol of Bodrum. The Crusader castle was built by the Knights of St. John between 1402 and 1409. After being defeated in Smyrna (The ancient name of Izmir), the Knights came to Halikarnassos and began the construction of the castle. Unknowingly, they used many stones

from the great tomb of Mausolus. Today on the walls of the castle, you can see lots of stones from Mausoleum, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

The fortifications of the castle consisted of walls to which ramparts and central towers were added. Also there are four towers; The French, Italian, German and English. The French Tower stands at the highest point of the complex, 48 meters above sea level.

Today, the castle's rooms are used as a museum where objects from the Bronze Age, Mycenaean, Archaic, and Classical, Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine period are exhibited. The castle also houses the largest underwater archeological museum in Turkey. It is one of the few of its kind in the world. With a reconstruction of a ship-wreck, the museum itself is worth a visit.

#### Mausoleum

See what is left of one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Mausoleum. The Mausoleum, King Mausolus' tomb, is at the origin of the funerary monuments of great dimensions and sumptuous architecture. Mausolus was the ruler of the Caria Kingdom between 377 and 353 BC; he made Halikarnassos a capital. Then, he enclosed his new capital with a huge wall. He also adorned the city with splendid edifices, the most famous of which was the Mausoleum that he designed as a great Carian shrine, dedicated to himself.

His sister-wife Artemisia completed it after he died during his own reign. It was so beautiful that it became one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. (The other six wonders were the Pyramids of Egypt, the Lighthouse at Alexandria, the Colossus of Rhodes, and the Hanging gardens of Babylon, the Statue of Zeus at Olympia and the Artemis Temple at Ephesus.)

The architects of the monumental tomb were Pythius and Satyrus. From south to North, it was 63 feet wide and it was surrounded by 36 columns. The funeral chamber itself was 8 by 9 meters and about 2 meters high.

Today, you can see the cleared platform and some of the finds from the magnificent Mausoleum. The stones were used for the construction of the castle and some parts of the tomb are exhibited at the British Museum in London, England.

#### The Amphitheatre

Visit the ancient theater. The Theatre is located on the hillside, overlooking Bodrum. Built in the time of Mausolus, it is one of the very few surviving pre-Hellenistic theaters in Asia Minor and thus one of the oldest. It had a seating capacity of about 13.000 spectators. The hillside theater that dates back the 4th century BC that was built to seat 5.000 people. When rediscovered, it was not in very good condition and therefore has been recently restored. The view of the town from there is beautiful.

## Includes

- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Pick up transfer from your hotel in Bodrum
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned coach
- Return transfer to your hotel

## Excludes

- International flights

- Insurance: All types
- Personal expenses: Lunches, extras at hotel or additional meals
- Tipping: Tips for guides and drivers

## **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

23 April, 2020 - 1 April, 2021    Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday