

## **Full Itinerary & Trip Details**

# **15 Day Lycian Way Trekking Tour Turkey**

Welcome to Turkey! We trek in the most beautiful coastal areas of the Turkish Mediterranean, a region lying between Marmaris and Antalya. Known to the ancients as Lycia, this fabled coast of clear turquoise blue water is rich with archaeological sites. Fragrant pine forests tumble down a backdrop of mountain slopes to end abruptly in red cliffs, secret coves and sandy beaches. We visit splendid Greco Roman ruins of the Lycian period: Caunos, Letoon, Pinar. This program gives a unique opportunity to experience authentic Turkish village life, with several nights spent in remote mountain villages, where will you stay as guests. A cruising day to Kekova Island will complete your journey before joining Istanbul a city linking two continents. With its excellent climate and guaranteed sunshine, this delightful coastal experience offers a unique trekking adventure in a cultural-historic combination.

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**PRICE STARTING FROM**

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**DURATION**

15 days

**TOUR ID**

407

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Dalaman - Arrival Day

Dinner Included

Meet at the Dalaman airport and transfer to hotel. Overnight in Dalaman.

## **Day 2 : Dalaman - Ekincik - Dalyan**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, drive to Ekincik village and the winding mountainous back-country. We see the old Lycian city of Caunos (400BC) with magnificent rock tombs carved into the rock before making our way through a pine forest to Dalyan. Arrival to the hot spring by waterway, and enjoy the opportunity to swim in the natural hot water swimming pools. 5 / 6 hours walking time. Dinner and overnight in Dalyan.

## **Day 3 : Dalyan - Kayakoy - Oludeniz**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Drive to Fethiye, the ancient Telmessos. Walk up to Kayakoy, the largest Greek ghost town in Asia Minor. This was a prosperous village from timber export until 1923, date when Greek people left the area according to the Lausanne populations exchange treaty. The walk down to Oludeniz, and idyllic sea bay and a quiet lagoon set against a wild mountain backdrop of dense forest. Chance to swim. 5 hours trekking time. Dinner and overnight in Oludeniz.

## **Day 4 : Oludeniz - Pinara**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

We hike a footpath, through a fragrant pine forest along the Mediterranean coast up to Dokuz Gol plateau (1200m). We stop en route to enjoy spectacular views of the snow-covered top of Babadaglari (1976m). Descent to Dip village through a low maquis. Arrive in guesthouse but first stop to enjoy a coffee at the little teahouse just beyond in Minare village. 6 hours walk. Dinner and overnight camp in Pinara.

## **Day 5 : Mynare Izzettin**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Sometimes our walks are combined with sightseeing as when we explore the old ruined city of Pinara - reputedly 1200 rock tombs in various shapes and sizes. In the afternoon we will trek on a foothill to Izzettin village, crossing isolated villages in the forested hills and olive groves before stopping on the summit of Akdag ridge (3016m). 6 hours walk. Dinner and overnight camp in Saklikent.

## **Day 6 : Saklikent Gorge - Arsakoy**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Today we will visit Saklikent gorge, walking along the river and climb out to Arsakoy. We mostly follow mule tracks and can take the opportunity to visit some of the isolated local houses. We can expect to be invited in one of the primitive houses and be offered some traditional tea. We visit then the ruined Lycian city of Letoon before driving to Arsakoy village. 5 hours trekking time. Dinner and overnight camp in Arsakoy.

## **Day 7 : Mount Akdag (3016m)**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Early in the morning we will take the opportunity to trek to the top of Mount Akdag (meaning White Mount. 3016m). As we ascend we can breathe in the refreshing mountain air. From the summit a great panoramic view is available until Antalya. Return back to Arsakoy. 8 hours trekking time. Dinner and overnight camp in Arsakoy.

### **Day 8 : Arsakoy - Sutlegen**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Departing from the Arsakoy village, we will then follow our mountain trail into the wild scenery of the cypress forest. En route we will probably meet some shepherds and get into contact with them. Arrive in the isolated Sutlegen village. 5 hours trekking time. Dinner and overnight camp in Sutlegen.

### **Day 9 : Sutlegen - Kap**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, we trek to pemsı village. 4 hours trekking time. Upon Arrival, our drive to Kap takes us long a rough road with spectacular views of the area. Arrive to kap, a lovely spot surrounded on three sides by forested mountains. Dinner and overnight camp in Kap.

### **Day 10 : Kap - Yaylakuzudere**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

This will be an opportunity for a half day cruising to Kekova. Make a visit of the Simena Castle offering a bird's eye view of the breathtaking bays. Drive to Altinkaya village, our departure point for a 3 hours' trek to Yaylakuzudere. Dinner and overnight camp in Yaylakuzudere.

### **Day 11 : Yaylakuzudere - Beycik**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Today we will trek in the direction of the Mount Tahtali, via the yayla of Duvyeli, the most beautiful spot on the mountain. Weather permitting, you'll have magnificent panoramas west to the Beydaglari, a real " living map" of Eastern Lycia. Through cedar forests, the trail leads us to Beycik village, where we have our Dinner and overnight camp in Beycik. 6 hours trekking time.

### **Day 12 : Beycik - Olympos**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Trek to Yanartas (Chimerae); at 250m up a hillside, there is a perennial natural flame which has burned since antiquity. 3 hours walking. Transfer to Antalya, an attractive city, with shady palm-lined boulevards, the loveliest marinas in Turkey. Dinner and overnight in Olympos.

### **Day 13 : Olympos**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Free day. Olympos situated two hours south west of Antalya on the Mediterranean coast, was once a powerful city holding an out numbered three seats in the 17th Century six seat federation. Cradled in the rugged peninsula of the Lycian mountains, the successful port town was an attractive haven for piracy which ultimately brought about the city's downfall. Olympos today however, is a hub of water activity and the destination for those seeking tranquillity in aesthetically pleasing surroundings.

Whether its salt water swimming in the translucent glittering sea or a splash in the fresh water stream that flows from the mountains through the Lycian ruins to the Mediterranean sea, that takes your fancy, this water culture dominates the past time of most visitors. The walk to the beach is lined with ancient ruins and you will even find the sarcophagus of Captain Eudomos. The area is rich in flora and fauna you'll find pomegranates, wild figs and grape vines, oranges, bay trees and flowering oleanders as you meander along the all but dry river bed in the summer months.

In Spring and summertime you may even be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of the stunning loggerhead turtles nesting on the beach, which is one of few breeding grounds. These eggs incubate for 31 to 65 days and usually hatch in August each year. Overnight in Olympos.

#### **Day 14 : Olympos - Antalya**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Free day for sightseeing and shopping before departing to Antalya. Overnight in Antalya.

#### **Day 15 : Antalya - End of Tour**

Breakfast Included

End of your tour, transfer to Antalya airport. We hope you had a memorable tour and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another Turkey Tour. Have a safe trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

## **Includes**

- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Arrival airport transfer Dalaman Airport
- VAT and Hotel Taxes
- Return airport transfer to Antalya Airport
- All transfer services to and from bus service
- 2 nights in Dalaman
- 1 night in Dalyan
- 1 night in Oludeniz
- 1 night in Pinara
- 1 night in Saklikent
- 2 nights in Arsakoy
- 1 night in Sutlegen
- 1 night in Kap
- 1 night in Yaylakuzudere
- 2 nights in Olympos
- 1 night in Antalya
- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 14 dinners

- Guided Ekincik village, Caunos, and Dalyan city tour
- Guided Fethiye, Telmessos, Kayakoy, and Oludeniz tour
- Guided Dokuz Gol plateau trekking tour
- Guided Pinara, Izzettin village, and Akdag ridge trekking tour
- Guided Saklikent gorge, Letoon, and Arsakoy village trekking tour
- Guided Mount Akdag trekking tour
- Guided Sutlegen village trekking tour
- Guided Pemsı village and Kap trekking tour
- Guided Altinkaya village and Yaylakuzudere trekking tour
- Guided Mount Tahtali, Duvelyeli, and Beycik village trekking tour
- Guided Yanartas trekking tour
- Climbing ropes, safety equipment

## Excludes

## Routes

## Available On Dates

24 August, 2020 - 1 April, 2022    Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## Hotels

SILVER TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS Dalaman Lykia Resort Hotel Central Park Hotel & Bistro Dorian Hotel Hotel Nerissa 4 Star Best Western Khan Hotel GOLD TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS Dalaman Lykia Resort Hotel Dalyan Resort Hotel Club Belcek?z Beach Hotel Arcadia Hotel 5 star Porto Bello Hotel ( All Inclusive)