

Turkish Gulets

What Is A Gulet?

The singular design of Turkey's indigenous sea-going vessel, the gulet, blend practicality and tradition in a relaxed style that embodies the Blue Voyage. Over the years gulets have evolved from traditional fishing and cargo vessels into their present profile of a broad beam and wide deck. Constructed mainly in the shipyards of Bodrum, Marmaris, Bozburun and Istanbul, and along the Black Sea Coast, the boats are equipped with motors as well as fully functional rigging.

The number of passengers a gulet carries depends on the boat's size, although most of them accommodate between eight and twelve people. These vessels offer passengers separate accommodations, and chartering one includes services and entertainment.

Modern gulets are comfortably equipped with of the amenities of home and encourage an environment in which you are expected to do nothing but enjoy yourself. The closeness of the entourage on board promotes an atmosphere of friendship and sharing; relations between passengers and crew tend to be relaxed and casual.

Travel agencies which have responsibility can arrange charters and fixed tours for a specific group or for you individually. Unlike cruises on large ocean liners, on a gulet you can explore the secluded and often deserted bays and coves of the coastline. The small harbors and settlements offer an intimate view of coastal life which large ships simply can not. In many ways a gulet is like a full-service hotel where every room has a sea view and the scenery changes constantly.

Life onboard

It is hard to imagine a more totally relaxing holiday than one aboard a traditional Turkish gulet as it sails or motors along the heart-stoppingly beautiful Turquoise coast. Days are spent in unashamed indolence and indulgence as the crew take care of the sailing and navigation and present you with three delicious meals and as many drinks as you care to order each day from the reasonably priced bar. The major daily decisions are whether to swim, snorkel or windsurf, go ashore and visit an inviting archaeological site or pretty beachside village or just drift and dream on your comfortable deck mattress.

With vessels ranging from 3 to 12 cabins, we can cater for groups of between 6 and 24 people. Most of the cabins have double berths, but some have two singles for floor plans and technical data of the individual gulets, please refer each different gulet on our fleet.

In addition, each gulet has a communal lounge with TV, a dining area and a galley where your crew will prepare your meals, using fresh fish and seafood amongst other local produce (if you have any special dietary requirements, please advise us at the time of booking). Naturally, most guests choose to spend most of their time on deck, relaxing on comfortable mattresses and watching the beautiful coastline slowly drifting past.

When you are anchored in one of the countless bays, you can make use of the boat's fishing equipment, enjoy a spot of wind-surfing, or be chauffeured to the shore by dinghy, whilst those wishing to occasionally up the pace a little can choose to incorporate one of the larger ports in their itinerary for some serious shopping, a spot of sightseeing or maybe even to sample the local nightlife. Whatever your interests, a cruise on a traditional gulet allows you to enjoy them at the most leisurely and relaxing of paces.