



About Marmaris

A Short Journey into History

The story of Marmaris didn't begin yesterday... In fact, it dates back as far as **12,000 BC!** Excavations in the **Nimara Cave on Bedir Island** prove that this region has been home to humans for thousands of years.


Known as **Caria** in ancient times, these lands have always attracted attention thanks to their fertile location where the **Aegean and Mediterranean** meet. As one of the most important gateways to **Rhodes and the Aegean Islands**, Marmaris carries traces of countless civilizations—from **Egyptians and Romans to Byzantines and Ottomans**.

The city's first name was **Physkos (Fiskos)**. Today, the remains of this ancient city can be seen at **Asartepe**. According to legend, when **Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent** saw the castle, he exclaimed "*Mimar as!*" ("Hang the architect!"). Over time, this phrase supposedly evolved into *Marmaris*. Legend or truth? Who knows 😊

Geographical Location

Marmaris is surrounded by the **Reşadiye Peninsula** to the west, **Ula** to the north, **Balan Mountain** to the east, and the deep blue **Mediterranean Sea** to the south. The islands lining the gulf—**Adaköy, Bedir Island, Keçi Island, and Güvercin Island**—turn the scenery into a postcard.

 **Dalaman Airport:** just 1 hour away

 **Rhodes Island:** only 45 minutes away

Climate

Marmaris has a typical **Mediterranean climate**:

- Summers are hot and sunny ☀️
- Winters are mild and rainy 🌧️

Although it is one of the rainiest regions in Turkey, **May to September** is almost rain-free. Snow? Only on high mountains... Seeing it on the coast is nearly a miracle ❄️

General Overview

Located at the meeting point of the Aegean and the Mediterranean, Marmaris enchants hundreds of thousands of visitors every year with its:

- Long coastline
- Pine-covered hills
- Turquoise bays
- Ancient cities
- Marinas and blue cruise routes

💙 Marmaris is one of Turkey's first destinations that comes to mind when it comes to **yachting and blue cruises**. It also stands out with its endemic **sweetgum (liquidambar) trees**, natural harbor, and yacht maintenance workshops.

Ancient Cities & Historical Stops

- **Physkos (Fiskos):** The ancient heart of Marmaris
- **Amos:** Famous for its well-preserved theater and stunning views
- **Loryma (Bozukkale):** A must-stop on blue cruise routes
- **Kedrai (Sedir Island):** Legendary **Cleopatra Beach** with golden sands
- **Hydas (Selimiye):** Quiet, peaceful, and full of history
- **Phoenix, Thyssanos, Bybassos, Amnistos...**

For history lovers, Marmaris is truly an **open-air museum** 🏺

Bays & Beaches

Swimming in Marmaris is not a choice—it's a dilemma 😊

- **Boncuk Bay:** Crystal-clear water, palm trees, and even sharks 🦈
 - **Kumlubük:** Long sandy beach and delicious fish restaurants
 - **Orhaniye – Kızıkkumu:** The feeling of walking on water
 - **Bördübet Bay:** Nature, silence, and peace
 - **Çubucak & İnükü:** Favorites among camping lovers
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Marinas & Piers

- **Netsel Marina:** 750-yacht capacity, the heart of Marmaris
 - **Municipal Pier:** Gulets, evening walks, and entertainment
 - **Albatros & Martı Marinas:** Ideal for charter boats and yacht owners
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Festivals & Races

 **International Marmaris Yacht Festival (May)**

 **Marmaris Yacht Racing Week (November)**

Music, fun, races, and the sea... This is how the season opens in Marmaris!

Diving Tourism

Marmaris and its surroundings offer **more than 50 diving spots**. With daily diving tours, it's possible to explore the fascinating underwater world.

Marmaris Honey

Marmaris is famous not only for its sea but also for its **honey**!

Especially **pine honey** is one of the region's most valuable natural products. **Flower honey** and **carob honey** are also widely produced.