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# TRAVEL EXPERIENCES 2019



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## WELCOME TO DIAMOND SKY HOLIDAYS

Dear guest,

Welcome to Diamond Sky's 2019 Travel Experience magazine. This is a special edition for me as I am celebrating my 30th year in the Travel Industry. Looking back over three decades, we (Turkey and me) have both come a long way in the UK but I can comfortably say that a few things have never changed since day one, namely: my passion for Turkey and the travel industry; my belief in offering personal service to our guests; promoting authentic experiences with exceptional value for money.

If you ask me where is the best authentic place to visit in Turkey, I would say it is definitely

**Cappadocia.** It is a very unique place, a fairytale-like land that offers visitors an unforgettable experience. I would particularly recommend watching the sun rise from a hot-air balloon, enjoying the otherworldly landscape from above. Today Cappadocia offers many luxurious, top quality cave hotels, like nowhere else in Turkey. Cappadocia really is a place that you must visit in your life to experience the unique cave hotels and an early morning hot-air balloon ride. Cappadocia is still not so well-known in the UK, so before it gets too crowded you should visit. To find out more, please visit our website: [www.diamondskyholidays.com/cappadocia](http://www.diamondskyholidays.com/cappadocia)

My passion for **traditional gulet cruises** remains strong and we still offer unforgettable luxury gulet cruise experiences full of authentic character. This is a great way to explore the region's many hidden treasures and sleepy backwaters, enjoying the perfect serenity of the Mediterranean coastline.

Please feel free to call me on my direct number 0121 794 26 24 or on 0330 390 0999. I am always happy to talk to you personally and recommend the ideal holiday to suit your requirements and ensure that you and your companions get the perfect holiday you deserve.

Yours,



Akin Koc  
Founder & Managing Director



*"During my 30 years in the travel industry I have experienced many happy moments & received many awards at the Travel Oscars, thanks to our core principles of customer care and our passion and dedication to what we do."*



## WHY BOOK WITH DIAMOND SKY?

Whatever we say about our holidays you may still have room for doubt - so don't just take our word for it, read what our guests say:

*Dear Mr. Koc,*

*I've been meaning to write to you for some time, so say thank you for arranging such a wonderful holiday for us. We had 4 nights B&B at the Empire Palace Hotel in Istanbul, which was wonderfully central, with friendly, helpful staff, and then flew to Cappadocia, staying at the MDC Cave Hotel in Urgup, which was delightful. The location was outstanding and the hotel quite unique. We have travelled all over the world and I can safely say that this holiday was one of the best - full of new experiences including a trip in a hot air balloon, visiting underground cities, ancient cave dwellings with amazing frescoes and fabulous landscapes. It was fun and exciting. For the first 2 days of tours in Cappadocia we went with the local representative, who were excellent and our guide, Mustafa Sahin was outstanding.*

*Thank you again for a brilliant trip and we will recommend your company. We may be interested in Croatia next year.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Barbara Lewis 30.7.2018*

For more guest reviews please visit our website:

[www.diamondskyholidays.com/reviews](http://www.diamondskyholidays.com/reviews)

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## BOOK EARLY!

### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LOW-COST FLIGHTS

Booking your Holidays early can save you a huge amount of money on the price of your airfare. There are fantastic low priced airfares available if you book in December 2018 or early in January 2019. The earlier you book the more savings you will make!

TAILOR-MADE & MULTI-CENTRE  
HOLIDAY SPECIALIST

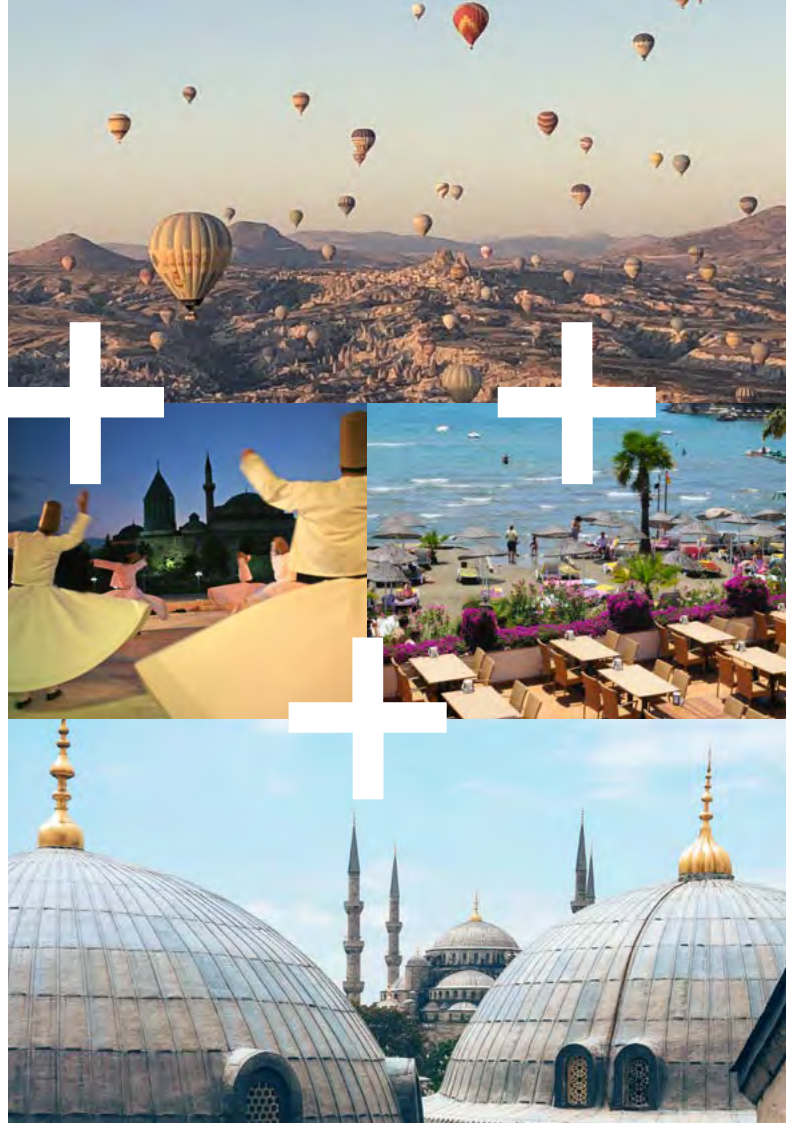


# TAILOR-MADE & MULTI-CENTRE HOLIDAY SPECIALIST

## Turkey Experts

For those who want to make the most of their Turkish holiday, a two or three-centre holiday is the perfect option. Turkey has so much to offer the holiday-maker and is such a diverse destination, boasting an incomparable history, that you may well find that spending all of your time in one place simply isn't enough: take a hot air balloon tour in Cappadocia to view the magical lunar landscape; luxuriate in the waters of the thermal pools at Pamukkale; walk in the footsteps of St. Paul at Ephesus; discover the ancient legends in Troy; pay tribute to the many that lost their lives in Gallipoli and let your head spin whilst watching the whirling Dervishes in Konya.

We know Turkey very well - our Managing Director is himself Turkish. If you are planning to visit Turkey therefore, it makes sense to take some expert advice. You can benefit from our specialist Turkey holiday knowledge in choosing the most interesting sights and planning your route correctly. We can also recommend suitable hotels and design a holiday to Turkey just for you.







## OTHER DESTINATIONS & OPTIONS

We also have extensive knowledge and experience of other countries and holiday options such as Greece & the Greek Islands, Croatia, her Islands and Adriatic Cruises, Montenegro, Slovenia, Egypt – Nile Cruises, Morocco and Jordan.

We can put together the most amazing places and highlights of these countries, visit their most interesting ancient sites and natural wonders; or combine stays in historical cities with stunning islands; or explore these islands on a small ship cruise. Whatever you can imagine, please share your thoughts with us and we will make your dream comes true.

For full details and inspiration, please take time to browse through the Tailor-made section of our website: [www.diamondskyholidays.com/tailor-made-cruises](http://www.diamondskyholidays.com/tailor-made-cruises)

*"We returned from our lovely Turkish holiday last night and I just wanted to tell you that we were so pleased with the arrangements you made. They worked perfectly, without any hitch at all. The hotels, though totally different from each other, were absolutely super, as were the outings and their guides. So, well done, you - and very many thanks from us both."*

*- Mr & Mrs Graham*

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BALLOON TOURS  
FROM £125 PER  
PERSON**

## CAPPADOCIA SPECIALIST

Our tailor-made Cappadocia holidays take you to a visually stunning region of Turkey; its haunting landscape is best seen from the air. We highly recommend you take a hot air balloon ride during your tailored Cappadocia holiday; it is the most popular way to enjoy the amazing scenery. The area resembles a moonscape with soft volcanic rock which has sculpted caves, clefts and magical 'fairy chimneys'. Cappadocia's landscape was formed around 30 million years ago when volcanic activity left the region blanketed with ash. The ash solidified into what is known as 'volcanic tuff', this is an easily eroded material and as it has worn away over the years, has left the distinctive rock formations seen in Cappadocia today.

### Cave Hotels

We offer a choice of luxury cave hotels (built from original Caves) to experience authentic Cappadocia and also enjoy the luxury comforts. We automatically include 3 one-day regular small group tours of Cappadocia (Private Tours available on request) which cover most parts of the region.

Talk to us today about your ideas for a tailor made holiday to Cappadocia or take a look at our Cappadocia multi centre holidays: [www.diamondskyholidays.com/cappadocia](http://www.diamondskyholidays.com/cappadocia)



## MDC CAVE HOTEL

URGUP | 4\* B&B

The MDC Cave Hotel is located in a quiet and charming area within walking distance of the town centre of picturesque Urgup and is surrounded by extraordinarily beautiful valleys and fairy chimneys - a truly stunning location. The hotel's rooms were once private homes that have been thoughtfully restored under the guidance of UNESCO Heritage controls. All 46 rooms are different in size and design; each has their own little story; rooms could at one time have been kitchens, sleeping areas or even stables! Decor features a mix of valuable antiques and original artworks to create a traditional style with a modern twist. On the top floor there is a delightful terrace from where guests can enjoy the wonderful views.

Facilities include: Marble bathrooms, jacuzzi/whirlpools, sunny seating areas, under-floor heating, air-conditioning and glorious cave rooms!

**Prices from £825pp**

*includes: flights, private transfers, 3 Cappadocia day tours*



## ARGOS CAVE HOTEL

UCHISAR | DELUXE 5\* B&B

Located in the heart of this historic region, the Argos Cave Hotel in Cappadocia was born of the careful restoration of a dwelling that dates back thousands of years and offers its guests a unique lodging experience. With its exquisite hillside location, accommodation is spread gracefully over the slope, delightful landscaping connecting the living areas to one another. The ambience is faithful to the spirit of the original settlement and with exquisite interior decorating and a philosophy of superior service this establishment is certainly distinct. Its doors are open to anyone who dreams of getting lost in a fairytale land or hearing the whispers of history in the underground tunnels that connect the hotel residences.

The Argos Cave Hotel consists of 7 different mansions, all different in style and offers a great variety of guest rooms and suites.

**Prices from £1,199pp**

*includes: flights, private transfers, 3 Cappadocia day tours*

**'BEST  
HERITAGE  
HOTEL'  
IN TURKEY**



2 CENTRE HOLIDAY

## ISTANBUL + CAPPADOCIA

*Cappadocia & Istanbul twin centre holidays are the perfect combination for an amazing holiday in Turkey. Combining historic Istanbul with fairytale Cappadocia guarantees a fabulous experience.*



### SAMPLE ITINERARY

#### 3 nights in Istanbul + 4 nights in Cappadocia

**Day 1: UK to Istanbul.** Fly to Istanbul and meet our representative in Istanbul airport, private transfer to your chosen hotel.

**Day 2 - 3: Istanbul.** Choose to explore the city independently or book a sightseeing tour through our representative.

**Day 4: Istanbul to Cappadocia.** Private transfer to Istanbul airport to fly to Cappadocia and private transfer to your hotel.

**Day 5: Fairy Chimneys & Göreme Tour.** Full day small group tour including the Devrent Valley, Pashabagi, the Göreme Open Air Museum and the natural castle of Üçhisar.

**Day 6: Rose Valley and Kaymakli Underground City Tour.** A full day small group tour to the Red Valley (with a 5km hike through the Gulludere Valley); Cavusin, Pigeon Valley, the underground city of Kaymakli and the natural castle of Ortahisar.

**Day 7: Ihlara Valley and Derinkuyu Underground City Tour.** A third small group tour, this time visiting the underground city of Derinkuyu, the beautiful Ihlara Valley where you will hike 4km exploring the hidden churches; finish at Selime Monastery.

**Day 8: Cappadocia to UK.** Pick up from your hotel and private transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK via Istanbul.

#### Prices from £999 per person

*Price includes; return flights with Turkish Airlines from the UK to Istanbul (with in-flight meal), return internal flights, private transfers in both resorts, 4\* Hotels on B&B basis. For more details please visit: [www.diamondskyholidays.com/istanbul-cappadocia](http://www.diamondskyholidays.com/istanbul-cappadocia)*



3 CENTRE HOLIDAY

## ISTANBUL + CAPPADOCIA + COAST

*Our most popular 3 centre holiday: combine Cappadocia, truly one of Turkey's most fascinating and scenic regions, with imperious Istanbul and a relaxing coastal resort.*



### SAMPLE ITINERARY

**14 nights: 3 nights in Istanbul + 4 nights in Cappadocia + 7 nights at your choice of coastal resort.**

**Day 1: UK to Istanbul.** Fly to Istanbul and meet our representative in Istanbul airport, private transfer to your chosen hotel.

**Day 2 - 3: Istanbul.** Choose to explore the city independently or book a sightseeing tour through our representative.

**Day 4: Istanbul to Cappadocia.** Hotel pick up and private transfer to Istanbul for your flight to Cappadocia. Private transfer to hotel.

**Day 5: Fairy Chimneys & Göreme Tour.** Full day small group tour to Devrent Valley, Pashabagi, Göreme Open Air Museum & Üçhisar.

**Day 6: Rose Valley & Kaymakli Underground City Tour.** Full day small group tour to Red Valley (with a 5km hike via Gulludere Valley); Cavusin, Pigeon Valley, Kaymakli (underground city) & Ortahisar.

**Day 7: Ihlara Valley and Derinkuyu Underground City Tour.** Small group tour visiting the underground city of Derinkuyu, the hidden churches of the Ihlara Valley (4km hike), Selime Monastery.

**Day 8: Cappadocia to your chosen coastal resort (via Istanbul).**

**Days 9 - 14: Resort.** Relax and enjoy the beauty of the Turkish coast at your chosen authentic resort.

**Day 15: Resort to the UK.** Pick up and private transfer to the airport to return to the UK. You may choose to fly directly with different airlines or remain with Turkish Airlines and fly via Istanbul.

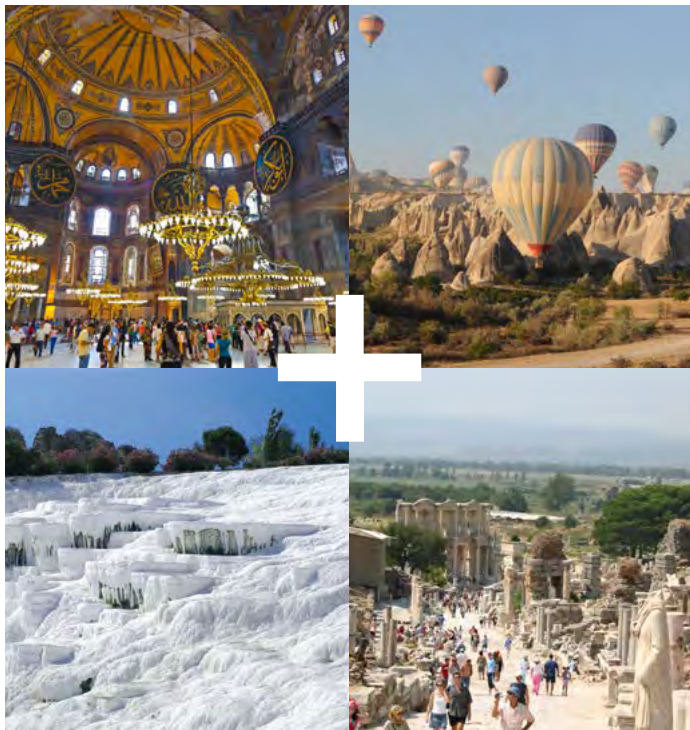
**Prices from: £1,499 per person**

*Includes return flights with Turkish Airlines from the UK to Istanbul (with in-flight meal), all internal flights, private transfers in all resorts, 4\* Hotels on B&B. [www.diamondskyholidays.com/highlights-of-turkey](http://www.diamondskyholidays.com/highlights-of-turkey).*

TAILOR-MADE

## THE HIGHLIGHTS OF TURKEY

*One of our most recommended Turkey holiday experiences that really captures the historical and natural majesty of this beautiful country: 3 nights in Istanbul + 4 nights in Cappadocia + 1 night in Ephesus + 1 night in Pamukkale + 5 nights at your choice of coastal resort.*



### SAMPLE ITINERARY

**Day 1: UK to Istanbul.** Fly to Istanbul and meet our representative in Istanbul airport, private transfer to your chosen hotel.

**Day 2 - 3: Istanbul.** Choose to explore the city independently or book a sightseeing tour through our representative.

**Day 4: Istanbul to Cappadocia.** Private transfer to Istanbul airport to fly to Cappadocia and private transfer to your hotel.

**Day 5: Fairy Chimneys & Göreme Tour.** Please refer to the itinerary on page 8 for details of the tours on days 5,6 and 7.

**Day 6: Rose Valley and Kaymakli Underground City Tour.**

**Day 7: Ihlara Valley and Derinkuyu Underground City Tour.**

**Day 8: Cappadocia to Ephesus.** Private transfer to the airport for your direct flight to Izmir where our basic English-speaking driver will escort you to Ephesus to explore. Overnight in Ephesus.

**Day 9: Ephesus to Pamukkale.** Our driver will pick you up and drive to Pamukkale for the day. Overnight in Pamukkale.

**Days 10 - 14: Resort.** After breakfast our driver will pick you up from your hotel and drive you to your chosen authentic resort. Relax and spend a week enjoying the beautiful Turkish coast at your leisure.

**Day 15: Resort to the UK.** Pick up and private transfer to the airport to return to the UK. You may choose to fly directly with different airlines or remain with Turkish Airlines and fly via Istanbul.

### Prices from £1,799 per person

*Price includes; return UK flights with Turkish Airlines to Istanbul (with in-flight meal), all internal flights, private transfers in all resorts, basic English-speaking driver in Ephesus and Pamukkale, 4\* Hotels on B&B basis. [www.diamondskyholidays.com/highlights-of-turkey](http://www.diamondskyholidays.com/highlights-of-turkey).*

3 CENTRE HOLIDAY

## ISTANBUL + CAPPADOCIA + GULET

One of our most popular 3 centre holidays sandwiching Cappadocia, between historic Istanbul and a relaxing gulet cruise. Connections between resorts are made using internal flights.



### SAMPLE ITINERARY

**14 night holiday: 3 nights in Istanbul + 4 nights in Cappadocia + 7 nights on a gulet cruise.**

**Day 1: UK to Istanbul.** Fly to Istanbul, private transfer to your hotel.

**Day 2 - 3: Istanbul.** Choose to explore the city independently or book a sightseeing tour through your representative.

**Day 4: Istanbul to Cappadocia.** Pick up and private transfer to the airport and fly to Cappadocia and private transfer to your hotel.

**Day 5: Fairy Chimneys & Göreme Tour.** Please refer to the itinerary on page 8 for details of the tours on days 5,6 and 7.

**Day 6: Rose Valley and Kaymakli Underground City Tour.**

**Day 7: Ihlara Valley and Derinkuyu Underground City Tour.**

**Day 8: Cappadocia to gulet cruise.** Fly to Dalaman (or Bodrum for Greek Islands cruises) via Istanbul for your private transfer to your chosen gulet cruise.

**Day 9 - 14: Gulet Cruise.** Relax and enjoy the beauty of the Turkish Coast or Greek Islands. We recommend our luxury, deluxe gulet, the Semercioglu IV, which operates on an all-inclusive basis including breakfast, lunch, dinner, tea, coffee, all soft drinks and unlimited alcoholic drinks. Itineraries vary depending on the week you book.

**Day 15: Gulet to the UK.** Private transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. You may choose to fly directly with different airlines.

### Prices from £1,829 per person

*Price includes; return flights with Turkish Airlines from the UK to Istanbul (with in-flight meal), all internal flights, private transfers in all resorts, 4\* Hotels and Semercioglu IV gulet on all-inclusive basis.*



# ISTANBUL

Istanbul guards the precious remains of the empires of which she has been capital from the Byzantine to the Ottoman; a unique link between East and West, past and present. There is the continual bustle and movement of the crowds along old cobbled streets with everybody going about their everyday business in this lively city. Hear the cries of the street sellers mingling with the sounds of busy port or enjoy one of the many restaurants, cafes and bars, sampling the delicious Turkish cuisine. However long you stay, your time in this unforgettable city will be a unique experience.

## Flights to Istanbul

We offer daily scheduled flights with Turkish Airlines from London Heathrow, Gatwick, Birmingham, Manchester, Edinburgh and Dublin

### Don't miss:

[Sultanahmet Mosque](#) (Blue Mosque): built for Sultan Ahmet I between 1609-1616.

[Topkapi Palace](#): the opulent home of the Ottoman Sultans from the 15th-19th centuries.

[Hagia Sophia](#): one of the world's most important architectural monuments due to its astonishing free-standing dome. Originally a church, then a mosque, it is now a museum.

[Grand Bazaar](#): One of the oldest and largest covered markets in the world, housing over 4000 shops - perfect for your souvenirs!

[The Bosphorus](#): Take a cruise along the strait that separates Europe and Asia passing stunning buildings such as [Dolmabahçe Palace](#) (the last Ottoman Sultan's palace), as you head towards the Black Sea.







## EMPIRE PALACE HOTEL

SULTANAHMET | 4\* B&B

An authentic and comfortable hotel in a convenient location. This historical Ottoman house, built in the 17th century and situated in the old town of Istanbul, has been faithfully restored. The hotel also boasts a Turkish Bath, which is perfect for a bit of relaxation after a full days sightseeing. The hotel is located very close and within easy walking distance of Topkapi Palace, once home to the Ottoman Sultans, and also the Blue Mosque (Ayasofya Mosque) both amongst Istanbul's most interesting historic attractions.

Total rooms: 33 Standard rooms, 2 Suites. All rooms benefit from air-conditioning, double glazing, mini bar, telephone, Internet access, Satellite TV, en suite bath or shower, WC and hairdryer. Hotel facilities include a coffee shop in the lobby (breakfast only); lobby bar; Turkish bath and sauna, lift.

### From £499 per person

*Includes: return flights with Turkish Airlines (including in-flight meals), private return transfers, 4 nights accommodation, bed & breakfast*



## LEGACY OTTOMAN HOTEL

EMINÖNÜ | 5\* B&B

This 5\* hotel located in the heart of Istanbul's historical old city was designed and built in the early 1900s as part of a complex belonging to Sutan Abdulhamid I. Although renovated it certainly lives up to its name with echoes of its grand and illustrious past throughout. The hotel's main restaurant boasts views across the Bosphorous and the rooftop bar allows panoramas over the city's historic and dramatic skyline. The central location allows for easy access to many of the most historic sites.

178 luxury boutique guest rooms with air-conditioning and satellite TV. Facilities include indoor pool, Turkish bath, sauna, spa and massage facilities, complimentary wifi internet in rooms and lobby, minibar (chargeable), hairdryer, safe, 24 hour room service, health centre with male and female locker rooms.

### From £575 per person

*Includes: return flights with Turkish Airlines (including in-flight meals), private return transfers, 4 nights accommodation, bed & breakfast*



2 CENTRE HOLIDAY

## ISTANBUL + RESORT

*One of the best ways to experience Turkey is to combine a short break in Istanbul with a relaxing stay in a coastal resort.*

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

The total duration of your holiday will be 10 nights, however, you can stay longer or shorter, this type of holiday offers great flexibility.

**Option 1: Istanbul + Kalkan.** 3 nights at the Empire Palace Hotel in Istanbul (4\* B&B) & 7 nights in Kalkan at the Rhapsody Hotel in a Superior room (4\* B&B). **10 Nights from £899 per person.**

**Option 2: Istanbul + Fethiye.** 3 nights at the Empire Palace Hotel in Istanbul (4\* B&B) & 7 nights in Fethiye at the Ece Saray Hotel (5\* B&B). **10 Nights from £999 per person.**

**Option 3: Istanbul + Oludeniz.** 3 nights at the Empire Palace Hotel in Istanbul (4\* B&B) & 7 nights in Oludeniz at La Boutique Maya (4\* B&B). **10 Nights from £799 per person.**



2 CENTRE HOLIDAY

## ISTANBUL + GULET CRUISE

*Sightseeing can be tiring - unwind by spending the following 7 nights on board a relaxing, authentic, full-board gulet cruise.*

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

**10 nights: 3 nights in Istanbul + 7 nights on a gulet cruise.**

**Days 1-3: Istanbul.** Fly from the UK to Istanbul where you will be met by our representative for your private transfer to your hotel. Choose to spend your time exploring the city independently or book a sightseeing tour through our representative.

**Days 4-10: Gulet Cruise.** Private transfer back to the airport for your internal flight to Dalaman for your chosen gulet cruise. Private transfer and embarkation on board your chosen gulet for a 7 night cruise.

**Prices from £1,099 per person.**

*Price includes return flights with Turkish Airlines from the UK to Istanbul (with in-flight meal), all internal flights, private transfers in all resorts, 4\* Hotels and Semercioglu IV gulet on all-inclusive basis. For full details of our gulet cruise options please see pages 16-23.*



TAILOR-MADE

## THE HERITAGE OF TURKEY

Experience Turkey's cultural heritage including the Ottoman capitals of Bursa or Edirne, the battlefields of Gallipoli, ancient Troy and Ephesus. Self-drive or privately escorted tour options available.



### SAMPLE ITINERARY

7 night Self-drive or Privately escorted tour: Istanbul - Bursa/Edirne - Gallipoli - Troy - Ephesus - Izmir

**Day 1: UK to Istanbul.** Fly to Istanbul and transfer to hotel for overnight in Istanbul.

**Day 2 & 3: Istanbul.** Spend the days exploring on your own or book a sight-seeing tour through our representative. 2 nights in Istanbul.

**Day 4: Bursa or Edirne.** Drive to Bursa, the first capital of the Ottoman Empire with its famous tombs, mosques and silk bazaar which was at the heart of the ancient silk trade. Overnight in Bursa. Alternatively, depart from Istanbul to Edirne to explore the grand Selimiye Mosque and its many museums and overnight in Edirne).

**Day 5: Gallipoli.** Visit the profoundly moving WWI memorial and battlefields. Visit the Anzac Cemetery. Overnight in Canakkale.

**Day 6: Troy.** Visit the evocative site of the ancient city of Troy, a World Heritage Site, and the scene of the famous legend. Continue on to Pergamum's impressive ancient ruins. Overnight in Bergama.

**Day 7 and 8: Ephesus.** Move on to Ephesus, Selçuk and the charming Ottoman town of Sirince. Visit the ancient Roman city of Ephesus, one of the best preserved in the world and once home to one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. 2 nights in Selçuk.

**Day 9: Izmir to UK.** Return your hire car/transfer to Izmir Airport and fly back to the UK (via Istanbul). (You can extend for another 2 days to visit Pamukkale before returning back to the UK).

8 Nights Self-drive from £999 per person.

8 nights with English-speaking driver from £1,699 per person.



# GULET CRUISES

## Turkey Gulet Cruises

Gulet cruises in Turkey are a fabulous experience in a beautiful region of the world. Turkey's coastline is the longest in the Mediterranean; taking an authentic gulet cruise is the perfect way to explore it, meandering at a slow pace and stopping off en route. This is a great way to explore the region's many hidden treasures and sleepy backwaters, enjoying perfect serenity at sea and making friends along the way. We offer a range of carefully selected itineraries which visit the most unspoilt parts of the region, allowing you to experience the local culture and explore ancient ruins.

Food on board is a highlight and you will enjoy traditional Turkish cuisine with seasonal vegetables and fruits, as well as on-board barbecues with fresh fish and meat. Our gulets all have a large sundeck area for relaxation and dining areas for informal meals and drinks on deck. Some of our gulets are of a luxury category and built to a high standard - the Semercioglu IV is a good example. Each cabin has en-suite facilities and air conditioning

## Cruise & stay combinations

We offer cruise and stay combinations of some of our most popular resorts and itineraries with convenient transfers between the gulet and your chosen hotel. Our most popular cruise & stay is one week's gulet cruise + one week in one of our traditional resorts including Fethiye/Oludeniz, Kalkan, Selimiye (depending on the week where the gulet itinerary finishes).







## SEMERCIOGLU IV - LUXURY CATEGORY

The Semercioglu IV was completely refurbished to the highest standard in 2016 and major improvements were made to the decks and the cabins. The Semercioglu IV is truly a family-run operation; Captain Mehmet, his wife and daughter will welcome you on board and provide delicious homemade cooking. Traditional home-made Turkish meals will be served with seasonal fresh fruit and vegetables. Please note, the Semercioglu IV will be operating on all-inclusive basis in 2019. Prices will include: breakfast, lunch, dinner, soft drinks and unlimited alcoholic drinks, tea and coffee.

The Semercioglu IV was built using the best hardwood materials in a traditional style. The 10 cabins (9 double, 1 twin) have teak floors, ceilings and fittings with mahogany walls. Bathrooms are tastefully designed and have a WC, hand basin and fitted shower. Each cabin has 220V electricity. The saloon is air-conditioned and furnished to a high standard. Air conditioning is in operation between 7pm-12am in the cabins and the lobby. Amenities include: Wi-fi (limited and subject to surcharge of £10 per week).

### 1 week package prices from £1,199 per person

*includes flights, private transfer, breakfast, lunch, dinner, unlimited soft & alcoholic drinks, tea & coffee.*

### WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY:

*"We just spent a week aboard the Semercioglu IV and had a fantastic time. This is probably one of the best holidays we have ever had. The organisation and communication by Diamond Sky Holidays was faultless. We were welcomed onto the gulet in Fethiye harbour by Captain Mehmet and his crew who looked after us brilliantly all week. The boat is absolutely beautiful, varnished to within an inch of its life! This must be the most graceful, well-appointed gulet sailing the Mediterranean...."*

*- Mike and Linda Willshare*

## SEMERCIOGLU IV ITINERARIES



### BLUE VOYAGE CRUISE

Operated by Semercioglu IV. Monday departures for 2019.  
Fethiye - Gocek - Cleopatra's Bay - Dalyan - Marmaris.

**Day 1: Arrival, boarding and overnight in Fethiye.**

**Day 2: Fethiye - Çiglik Bay - Yassica Island.** Breakfast then depart for Çiglik Bay for swimming and lunch, then Yassica Adasi (Flat Island), for dinner and overnight.

**Day 3: Yassica island - Gocek - Boynuzbükü Bay.** After breakfast visit the charming yachting resort of Gocek. Lunch, then to Boynuzbükü bay for swimming, later dinner and overnight.

**Day 4: Boynuzbükü Bay - Bedri Rahmi Bay - Cleopatra's Bay.** Leave for Bedri Rahmi Bay for lunch. Depart for Cleopatra's Bay to visit Cleopatra's Baths and for dinner and overnight.

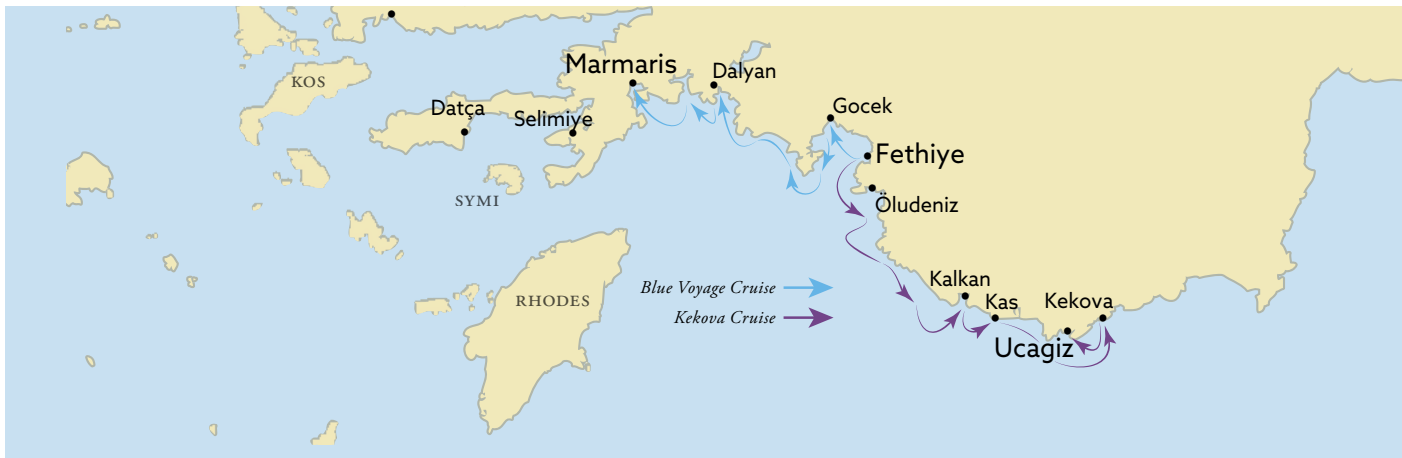
**Day 5: Cleopatra's Bay - Binlik Island - A Harbour.** After breakfast depart for Binlik Island for lunch before heading to A harbour for dinner and overnight.

**Day 6: Harbour - Ekincik – Dalyan.** After breakfast depart for Ekincik - optional boat trip to Dalyan and its mudbaths (payable locally). Dinner and overnight in Ekincik Bay.

**Day 7: Ekincik - Paradise Island – Marmaris.** Leave Ekincik for Paradise Island for your last chance for Swimming and lunch before travelling to Marmaris for your overnight stay.

**Day 8: Disembark in Marmaris and return to UK.**

*This itinerary also operates in reverse from Marmaris - Fethiye. In reverse the first night will be in Marmaris; second night in Kadirga Bay and final night in Fethiye, otherwise the itinerary is the same but in reverse.*



## KEKOVA CRUISE

Operated by Semercioglu IV. Fethiye - Gemiler - Kalkan - Kas - Gokkaya - Kekova - Uçagiz.

**Day 1: Arrival, boarding and overnight Fethiye.**

**Day 2: Fethiye - Turunc Bay.** After breakfast depart for Pine Tree Bay for lunch and then on to Turunc Bay for an afternoon of swimming and overnight.

**Day 3: Turunc - Gemiler.** After breakfast depart for idyllic Pirates' Bay for swimming and lunch and then to Gemiler for overnight stay.

**Day 4: Gemiler - Kalkan.** Leave for Firmaz Bay for swimming. After lunch moor in Kalkan harbour if possible - if not anchor nearby and use service boat. Explore the winding streets of this charming resort. Dinner and overnight, in the harbour if possible, otherwise a nearby bay.

**Day 5: Kalkan - Kas - Limangaz.** Depart after breakfast for Kas to enjoy lunch in this picturesque town and overnight in Limangazi.

**Day 6: Limangazi - Kekova - Gokkaya.** After breakfast depart for Kekova, for lunch and swimming in Aquarium Bay. Dinner and overnight in Gokkaya.

**Day 7: Gokkaya - Kekova - Uçagizlar.** Visit the ancient sunken city of Kekova, overlooked by the village of Kale Köy and the ruins of Simena Castle. Visit Alman Bay for lunch and swimming before heading to Uçagizlar harbour for your final night on board.

**Day 8: Uçagiz.** After breakfast disembark in Uçagiz for your return journey. There is some free time before your transfer to Dalaman Airport for your flight back to the UK.

*This itinerary also operates in reverse from Uçagiz to Fethiye.*

# GREEK ISLAND GULET ITINERARIES



**Prices from £1,049  
per person.**

*Includes flights, private  
transfers, Full Board-on  
standard gulet.*

*"We both much enjoyed our cruise on  
the gulet round the Greek islands. The  
crew were extremely helpful, the food  
excellent. Possibly the highlight of the  
trip was visiting the great monastery  
of St John the Divine on Patmos; and  
Leros was charming."*

*- Mrs & Mr Brook*



## NORTH DODECANESE ISLANDS CRUISE

### Bodrum - Kos - Leros - Patmos - Lipsi - Kalymnos - Bodrum

**Day 1: Bodrum.** Transfer to Bodrum harbour for boarding. Free time to explore the town's highlights. Dinner onboard and overnight.

**Day 2: Kos.** After breakfast you will be taken through the cruise itinerary and explore your boat. Cruise to Kos once customs formalities are completed. Dinner & overnight in Kos.

**Day 3: Pserimos - Leros.** Early start to Pserimos for breakfast and a swim. Then to beautiful Leros, a rugged green island of high cliffs, small bays and villages. Lunch and a swim in Xerakampas, then anchor at Lakki Harbor or Agia Marina Port located in the east.

**Day 4: Patmos.** Early morning cruise to Patmos island, taking a swim break on the way. Patmos is best known for being the location of the exile of St. John. You may join the optional Patmos Monastery and Cave of St. John Tour. Dinner and overnight stay in Patmos..

**Day 5: Lipsi.** Sail to Lipsi, with its typical Greek fishing village, with a swimming break on one of the nearby islands. Lipsi has beautiful sandy beaches with crystal green waters. Dinner and overnight.

**Day 6: Kalymnos.** Swimming break around Kalymnos then enter Pothia Harbour, the island's capital. The islanders have ensured their livelihood with sponge diving for centuries. There are nice beaches such as Massouri, Mirties and Vlyhadia around the island.

**Day 7: Akvaryum - Bodrum.** Re-enter the port in Turkey for customs formalities and enjoy a swimming break in the beautiful waters of Akvaryum (Aquarium) Bay. Stay in Bodrum harbour for dinner and our final overnight stay.

**Day 8: Bodrum.** Leave the boat by 10:30 after breakfast and transfer to the airport for the return journey.





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Greek Island Gulet Cruise  
options visit our website:  
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We also offer luxury Small Ship  
Cruises to the Greek islands  
See pages 27-29 for details.



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per person.**

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transfers, Full Board-on  
standard gulet.*

## SOUTH DODECANESE ISLANDS CRUISE

### Bodrum - Kos - Leros - Patmos - Lipsi - Kalymnos - Bodrum

**Day 1: Bodrum.** Transfer to Bodrum harbour for boarding. Free time to explore the town's highlights. Dinner onboard and overnight.

**Day 2: Kos.** After your breakfast, time for orientation and customs formalities. Cruise to Kos for dinner and overnight in Kos harbour. (Optional guided Asclepion & city tour).

**Day 3: Giali - Nisyros - Symi.** Early morning swim on the way to Nisyros. Nikea village, located on the side of an active volcanic crater is charming. Optional bus tour to the crater. Anchor at Symi with time to explore before dinner and overnight in Symi harbour.

**Day 4: Rhodes.** Early start to Rhodes, home to unique history, harmony and beauty. Optional old city tour. After dinner, we recommend you enjoy a night out in Rhodes Town.

**Day 5: Datca - Kargi.** Return to Turkey (Datca) for customs formalities. While your boat is being restocked you can enjoy lovely Datca Harbour. Then on to Kargi Bay for dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 6: Inceburun - Palamatbuku - Knidos.** Sail to Inceburun for breakfast and a swim. Cruise to Palamatbuku for lunch and a walk in the village before heading to the famous ancient city of Knidos. You may visit the open air museum after a swimming break.

**Day 7: Black Island - Poyraz Harbour - Bodrum.** Early depart for Karaada (Black Island). Breakfast and a swim in Poyraz Bay, a lovely bay with turquoise-blue waters on the northern side of the island. We will dock in Bodrum Harbour for dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 8: Bodrum.** Guests are requested to leave the boat by 10:30am after breakfast for transfer to the airport and your return flight.



## SEYHAN JAN - STANDARD CATEGORY GULET

This gulet has been built using the best teak and mahogany materials available in a traditional style. Seyhan Jan is one of our popular standard category gulets. Seyhan Jan was refurbished in 2016 and improvements were made to the decks and the cabins. The large decks have been designed with space, comfort and relaxation in mind.

Total Cabins: 9 cabins (7 Double cabins, 2 Twin cabins). The Cabins have teak floors, ceilings and fittings with mahogany walls. The bathrooms are tastefully designed and have a WC, hand basin and a fitted shower. The saloon is air-conditioned and tastefully furnished. Air conditioning is in operation for approximately 5 hours a day (between 6-10pm and 11-midnight).

### Food & Drink

Full board basis: breakfast, lunch, dinner, afternoon tea plus complimentary soft drinks. Alcoholic drinks can be purchased on board. There are limited and unlimited alcoholic packages available which are payable on board. Limited alcoholic drinks packages are £170 and unlimited drinks packages are £210 per person for the week.

For more details and itineraries please visit our website:  
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### Prices from £999 per person

*Includes flights, private transfer, Full board & soft drinks*



## PRIVATE GULET HIRE

For the ultimate gulet cruise, hire an entire gulet for your own private cruise. It may well work out to be more cost effective than you think! There is nothing more relaxing than a gulet holiday. You can simply lie back, soak up the sun and enjoy the views, knowing that the captain and crew are taking care of all your needs.

Our gulet holidays are so popular that many people return year after year. Although for lots of our guests, making new friends is all part of the fun, we find that others are drawn to the concept of private hire. What this means is that you decide to book the entire gulet, and all of the cabins on our gulets range from 4-10 cabins and available for private hire in Turkey, Greek Islands and Croatia so simply by combining a few families or getting together with a group of friends, you may well find that it is not only more fun but also better value for money if you hire the entire gulet for the week. The only other people on board will be the captain and crew, so you will have more freedom and flexibility.

### Wide selection of gulets

We have a variety of different sized gulets that you can choose to hire - please visit our website for more details: [www.diamondskyholidays.com/gulet-cruises](http://www.diamondskyholidays.com/gulet-cruises)

### Seyhan Jan Private Hire

Standard Gulet category

**1 week from £6,395**

*Price includes Full Board & Soft drinks*

### Semercioglu IV Private Hire

Deluxe Gulet category

**1 week from £8,999**

*Price includes board on all-inclusive basis  
(breakfast, lunch, dinner, unlimited soft &  
alcoholic drinks, tea & coffee)*

# TURKEY BEACH HOLIDAYS/ GULET & STAY OPTIONS

In Turkey you will find a welcome is accompanied by a friendly smile from the heart. We hope that Diamond Sky will become like a warm and trusted friend, our local knowledge and expertise guiding you towards your next wonderful holiday experience in Turkey. We are Turkey holiday specialists and are passionate about the country, the resorts and the hotels we choose. Why not benefit from our expertise and specialist knowledge of Turkey to make your next holiday truly unforgettable.

## Handpicked Boutique Selection

We have handpicked our highest quality boutique hotels in traditional Turkish resorts, ideal for relaxing beach holidays or combining with a gulet cruise as the second week of a cruise and stay holiday. They are all furnished to the highest standards, are set in very attractive locations and offer personal service. We have a much wider selection of resorts and hotels on our website, for more information please visit: [www.diamondskyholidays.com/turkey-holidays-overview](http://www.diamondskyholidays.com/turkey-holidays-overview)

## Let us tailor your perfect Turkey holiday

If you have specific holiday ideas or requirements and would like to discuss anything, please do not hesitate to call us on 0330 390 09 99. We will be happy to talk through your plans and find the best option for you.



## ECE SARAY HOTEL

FETHIYE | 5\* B&B

This grand hotel sits in a stunning harbour-front location with its own marina and is in an idyllic setting which is nonetheless only a few minutes' walk from the centre of Fethiye. The architecture is styled on a grand Ottoman summer residence throughout with rich crimsons, golds and beautiful flower motifs. All rooms were completely refurbished to the highest standards in 2017. The hotel is set in beautiful gardens and has a wealth of facilities ensuring complete relaxation including a large pool, as well as a children's pool, jacuzzi section, poolside bar, spa with beauty treatments and massage, fitness room, sauna and authentic Turkish bath.

Total rooms: 34 Standard rooms, 14 Suites. Room Facilities: air-conditioning, mini-bar, tea/coffee making facilities, safety deposit box, free wi-fi Internet, satellite TV, phone, French balcony with sea view, en suite bath with shower attachment, WC, hairdryer.

**Beach Holiday package: 7 nights from £899 per person**

**Gulet Cruise & Stay package: 14 nts from £1,649pp.**

*(All-inclusive cruise on Semercioglu IV)*





## RHAPSODY HOTEL

KALKAN | 4\* B&B

The Rhapsody Hotel is set in an excellent location with fantastic views. Completely refurbished in 2015, rooms are now decorated in chic contemporary style. The pool and surrounding area have also been completely refurbished and there is a stylish new restaurant and atmospheric bar. Laze around the pool with a drink, enjoy a meal at the a la carte terrace restaurant, or relax in the Turkish bath and sauna. If you can bear to drag yourself away, then the charms of Kalkan is a short stroll away.

Total rooms: 27 rooms, 11 Superior rooms, 13 Premium rooms and suites. Rooms have: balcony with sea view, air-conditioning, mini-bar, TV, phone, safety deposit box, tea and coffee-making facilities, en suite shower, WC, hairdryer and wi-fi internet. Hotel facilities include pool (towels provided), restaurant, big screen satellite TV, bar, sauna, Turkish bath and Wellbeing Centre.

**Beach Holiday package: 7 nights from £779 per person**

**Gulet Cruise & Stay package: 14 nts from £1,549pp.**

*(All-inclusive cruise on Semercioglu IV)*



## LA BOUTIQUE MAYA

ÖLÜDENİZ | 4\* B&B

This friendly yet stylish boutique hotel offers an excellent standard of accommodation close to the renowned beach of Oludeniz. It is in a relatively quiet spot, just 5 minutes' walk from the beach. The restaurant serves a delicious choice of Turkish and Mediterranean dishes and light lunch-time snacks. Interiors are light and airy in cool, natural shades. The focal point is the attractive swimming pool with swim-up rooms on the ground floor, superior rooms above, and spacious penthouse suites on the top floor.

Total rooms: 30 rooms (swim-up, superior & penthouse suites) with air-conditioning, safety deposit box, TV, minibar, en suite shower and WC. Suites and penthouse suites have additional facilities - please see website for details. Hotel Facilities: Swimming pool (towels provided free of charge), children's pool, Restaurant, Pool bar

**Beach Holiday package: 7 nights from £779 per person**

**Gulet Cruise & Stay package: 14 nts from £1,549pp.**

*(All-inclusive cruise on Semercioglu IV)*

# GREECE & THE GREEK ISLANDS

Greece lies at the heart of the Mediterranean, surrounded by clear seas bejewelled with small islands, each boasting their own individual character. Greece has long been a favoured holiday destination, offering a warm welcome, delicious cuisine, made from the freshest of local ingredients, beautiful beaches and a treasure trove of fascinating history to explore. We believe that we have brought together a truly enticing collection of the most attractive of her islands, the most charming boutique and family hotels and the most interesting historic and cultural sites.

## **Tailor-made Greece**

Diamond Sky is different from other tour operators - we have the flexibility and ability to use our knowledge and experience to tailor a holiday to suit your individual requirements and budget: combine Athens with stays on the Greek Islands or with a classical tour, or even with a tour followed by a cruise. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination!

## **Combine Greece with Turkey**

Why not combine a stay in one of Turkey's beautiful resorts with one of the charming Greek islands? Using the convenient ferry services which link the Turkish mainland with the Greek islands, we can help you put together your own individual tailor-made itinerary.





## GREEK ISLAND CRUISES DEPARTING FROM ATHENS

The Greek Islands, steeped in myth, with their rich history and breath-taking scenery, call to mind the romanticism of Homer and the bravery of the ancient heroes. The only quest which you will be undertaking is the search for absolute relaxation, whether that is reading a book on deck, soaking up the sun, or exploring ancient history on shore.

### **A very personal cruise experience**

You will enjoy a high standard of personal service combined with excellent cuisine. A typical small ship cruise in the Greek Islands has around 25 cabins and employs 20 crew including a professional ship manager, service managers and a tour guide.

Your itinerary is planned by your expert tour guide, who every evening will provide the following day's itinerary and give you an insight into the culture and history of the places you will be exploring.

## LUXURY SMALL SHIP CRUISES

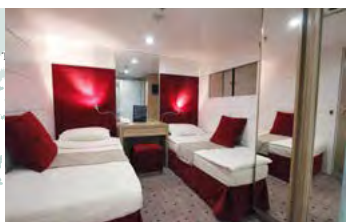
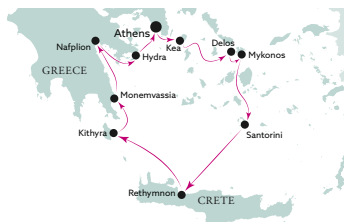
Please note that Diamond Sky Holidays offers two types of Greek Island Cruises: as well as our **Greek Island gulet cruises** (see pages 20-21) we also offer luxury **Greek Island small ship cruises**.

Our luxury Greek Island small ship cruises set sail from Athens and include stops on the most famous of the Greek islands including Santorini and Mykonos as well as small, picturesque islands such as Naxos and Paros.

This type of cruise is a good alternative to the big cruise lines; they offer similar professional service and luxury but with a small group of people. The cruises are operated by small boats which only have around 20 to 30 cabins.

# CLASSICAL GREEK ISLANDS CRUISE

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## 8-DAY CRUISE DEPARTING FRIDAYS FROM ATHENS

Highlights include: Santorini · Mykonos · Delos · Crete · Hydra · Nafplion · Monemvassia · Kea · Kythira

**Day 1: Athens - Kea.** Embarkation at Marina Zea in Athens. Enjoy a welcome drink and meet your crew and fellow passengers. Depart via Cape Sounion to Kea. Explore Kea's tiny port, Korrisia after dinner. Departure in the early hours for Delos. Overnight at sea.

**Day 2: Delos - Mykonos.** Optional tour to Delos, antiquity's most sacred island. On to Mykonos, with a swim on the way. Free time to enjoy the island's cosmopolitan lifestyle. Overnight in Mykonos.

**Day 3: Santorini.** Noon arrival in Santorini. Experience the stunning natural drama of the volcanic caldera. Optional tour to archaeological sites and typical villages. Overnight sailing to Crete.

**Day 4: Rethymnon.** Morning arrival at Crete's famous and lively port of Rethymnon. Optional tour to the ancient city of Knossos near Heraklion. Late departure for Kythira. Overnight at sea.

**Day 5: Kythira - Crete.** Late morning swim stop and afternoon arrival to Kythira, a less known island gem now fast becoming a favourite among visitors to Greece. Overnight in Kythira.

**Day 6: Monemvassia - Nafplion.** Early morning to Monemvassia, a remarkable medieval fortified town in a beautiful setting. Depart for Nafplion with a swim stop on the way. Overnight in Nafplion.

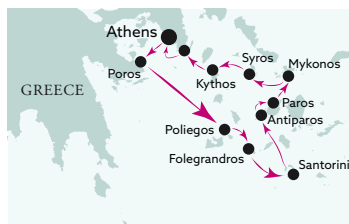
**Day 7 Thursday: Hydra.** Optional tour to Mycenae, the walled palace of Agamemnon. Afternoon departure for Hydra. Time at leisure to explore this picturesque port town. Overnight in port.

**Day 8 Friday: Marina Zea - Athens.** Departure in the early hours for Marina Zea, Piraeus. Arrival and disembarkation after breakfast.



# JEWELS OF THE CYCLADES CRUISE

*Discover the authentic, whitewashed islands of the Cyclades. Uncover their rich history, incomparable light, translucent water, heavenly beaches and iconic white & blue buildings.*



Prices from £1,845  
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## 8-DAY CRUISE DEPARTING FRIDAYS FROM ATHENS

Highlights include: Santorini · Mykonos · Folegandros · Poliegos · Delos · Paros · Syros · Kythnos · Poros.

**Day 1: Athens - Poros.** Transfer and embarkation in Athens. Enjoy a welcome drink and meet your crew and fellow passengers. Sail for Poros for a short visit, before sailing to Poliegos. Overnight at sea.

**Day 2: Poliegos - Folegandros.** Arrival in Poliegos, a very small island known for its amazing beaches. Morning swim and BBQ on deck. Sail to Folegandros, one of the most amazing and lesser known islands in the Aegean Sea. Overnight in Folegandros.

**Day 3: Santorini.** Morning arrival at Santorini's unique capital Fira. Optional Excursion to Akrotiti excavations/villages including Oia, known for its breathtaking view. Overnight in Santorini.

**Day 4: Antiparos - Paros.** Swim in an enchanting bay of Antiparos. Arrival in Paros. Visit Parikia and the quaint village of Naooussa. Time to show us your dancing skills during our famous Greek Night!

**Day 5: Delos - Mykonos.** Optional morning tour to Delos, antiquity's most sacred island. Swim before sailing into Mykonos. The jet-setter's island is yours to explore and the night is young!

**Day 6: Syros.** After a morning swim we will arrive in Syros, the capital of the Cycladic islands - enjoy one of its beautiful beaches or enjoy the unique architecture of the buildings. Overnight in Syros.

**Day 7: Kythnos - Cape Sounion - Athens.** Enjoy a swim in Kythnos' Kolones Bay. Afternoon arrival in Marina Zea via Cape Sounion, the temple of Poseidon. Captain's Farewell Dinner and overnight in Marina Zea.

**Day 8: Athens.** Disembarkation after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your return journey.

# CROATIA & THE ADRIATIC

Croatia combines fascinating history with beautiful architecture and a stunning coastline. A Croatia holiday can offer so many different experiences, combining ancient walled cities with unspoilt natural beauty; picturesque bays and rocky coves with lush, green forests.

For 2019, Diamond Sky Holidays have only selected the finest cruise holidays, tailor made and two centre holidays, and relaxing family/couples' beach holidays. However you choose to spend your time, we can help you experience the Croatia holiday of your dreams.

## **Our Croatia tailor-made holidays**

Please see some of our sample itineraries for inspiration to create your own tailor-made holiday. You can choose to drive yourself, or have your own private car with chauffeur and much more.

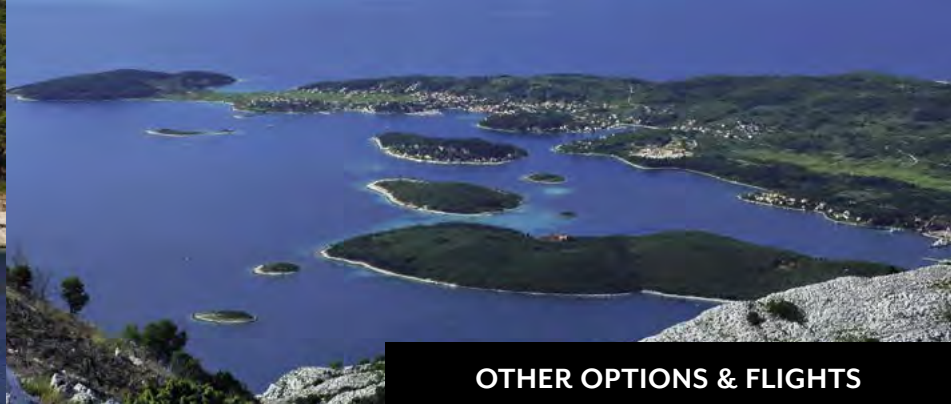
## **Escorted coach tour – guaranteed departures**

We offer a choice of escorted coach tours of the Western Balkans for those who prefer to travel in a small group. These group tours operate on set dates and with guaranteed departures.

## **Land Tours combined with Adriatic Cruise**

We offer an unbeatable combination of overland tours covering the Western Balkan countries and joining one of our luxury ships for a relaxing Adriatic Cruise. Please contact us for full details.





## ADRIATIC ISLAND CRUISES

The Croatian coastline is home to countless beautiful islands and historic cities, foremost amongst these are Dubrovnik and Split, where most of our Adriatic cruises start or end. During your cruise, you will drop anchor on a different island each evening. The choice of islands on your itinerary provides an enticing mix of history, natural beauty and sparkling Adriatic glamour.

You can extend your holiday, either at the beginning or end of your cruise. If you need assistance planning your holiday or would like to discuss the available options please do not hesitate to call us.

### Adriatic Cruise Vessels

We have a wide range of luxury small ships, each traditionally built with attractive features. Most are run by family-owned businesses, with local captains at the helm. You will benefit from personal service and enjoy excellent local cuisine on board. There are usually around 19 cabins (including one cabin for the ship manager) and each has well appointed sun decks and a restaurant. All the cabins are of an equivalent standard to a 4\* plus or 5\* hotel room, and have en suite shower, WC and air conditioning.

## OTHER OPTIONS & FLIGHTS

### Adriatic Cruise & Stay Holidays

Spend as long as you want in Croatia before or after your cruise - our most popular cruise and stay holidays combine three nights in either Dubrovnik or Split, with a seven night Adriatic cruise. Please call for more details.

### BOOK EARLY! TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LOW COST FLIGHTS

Booking your holiday to Croatia early can save you a huge amount of money on the price of your airfare. There are fantastic low priced fares available if you book in December 2018 or early in January 2019. The earlier you book the more savings you will make!



# LUXURY SMALL SHIP ADRIATIC ISLAND ITINERARIES



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## ADRIATIC PARADISE CRUISE

### Split - Hvar - Korčula - Slano - Dubrovnik - Montenegro - Split

**Day 1: Split.** Embarkation from 14:00. Enjoy a welcome drink and meet your Cruise Director and the crew. Overnight in Split.

**Day 2: Split - Hvar - Korčula.** Optional Split guided walking tour. Next, Hvar, a town of immense beauty that buzzes with energy. Arrive in Korčula late afternoon. Dinner and overnight.

**Day 3: Korčula - Mljet - Slano.** Leave the stunning beauty of Vela Luka, continue to Pomena on the island of Mljet, known for its immense natural beauty. Afternoon depart to Slano. Overnight in Slano.

**Day 4: Slano - Dubrovnik.** Optional guided tour then Lopud island for a swim and on to Dubrovnik to cruise beneath the city walls. Afternoon guided tour of Dubrovnik. Overnight in Dubrovnik.

**Day 5: Dubrovnik - Montenegro.** Less than an hour's drive away, Montenegro offers an unforgettable experience - mountains that descend almost directly into the sea creating a surreal atmosphere.

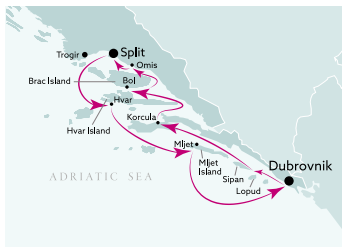
**Day 6: Dubrovnik - Elaphite Islands - Korčula.** Morning departure from Dubrovnik to Korčula. Stop for a swim at one of the beautiful Elafiti Islands. Lunch on board before arrival in Korčula, the alleged birthplace of Marco Polo. Guided walk\* around the town of Korčula.

**Day 7: Korčula - Brac - Omis.** Sail to Brac with a swim on the way. Dock at Pucisca; visit a stonemasonry school\* & learn about Brac's famous limestone. Continue to Omis and the Cetina river. Optional river trip. Dinner on board (if on full board). Overnight in Omis.

**Day 8: Omis - Split.** Early morning departure from Omis to Split. Disembarkation after breakfast.

*\*please note: some optional excursions may be subject to charge*





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## DALMATIAN HIGHLIGHTS

### Dubrovnik - Korcula - Brač - Split - Hvar - Mljet - Dubrovnik.

**Day 1: Embarkation.** Embark from 14:00. Welcome drink with your Cruise Director and crew. Captain's orders and safety measures will be explained; dinner on board. Overnight in Dubrovnik.

**Day 2: Dubrovnik - Korcula.** After breakfast transfer to the Old Town to join a guided tour of Dubrovnik. Afternoon departure for the island of Korcula. En route we will stop for a swim and to relax on one of the beautiful Elafiti Islands. Overnight in Korcula.

**Day 3: Korcula - Pucisca (Island of Brač).** After breakfast you will set sail towards the Island of Brač, passing the scenic Peljesac peninsula and the the Island of Hvar. Continue to Omiš for the night.

**Day 4: Omis - Split.** After breakfast join our excursion to Skradin and Trogir with free time to visit the main attractions. Finally we will arrive in Split's Old Town. Dinner on board and overnight in Split.

**Day 5: Split - Hvar - Vela Luka (Korcula).** Today you will be sailing towards Hvar, the sunniest island in Croatia, famous for its endless fields of lavender and rosemary. Arrival in Vela Luka (Korcula) in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Vela Luka.

**Day 6: Vela Luka - Mljet - Slano.** Depart beautiful Vela Luka. The captain will hand-pick a bay and drop anchor so you can swim in the crystal-clear Adriatic, surrounded by pine trees and the sound of crickets. Afternoon departure and overnight in Slano.

**Day 7: Slano - Dubrovnik.** After breakfast you are free to take an optional guided tour called 'A Taste of Dalmatia.' Later, we set sail to Dubrovnik and cruise beneath the city walls. Overnight in Dubrovnik.

**Day 8: Dubrovnik.** After your last breakfast on board disembarkation follows by 09:00am.



2 CENTRE HOLIDAY

## DUBROVNIK + KORCULA

A two centre holiday combining Dubrovnik with Korcula allows you to experience two of Croatia's finest walled cities.

3 NIGHTS IN DUBROVNIK + 7 NIGHTS IN KORCULA

**Dubrovnik** is sure to take your breath away - the pale stone of the ancient city walls and ornate piers stretching above the red roofs, surrounded by the sparkling waters of the Adriatic. It is no surprise that it is known as 'the pearl of the Adriatic'

**Korcula** is much quieter and more relaxed than Dubrovnik yet equally impressive in its own, low-key fashion. Soak up the island's atmosphere and history, knowing that a swim in the clear waters of the Adriatic is never far away.

**10 nights from £1,299 per person**

*Prices include: Return flights, private transfers at arrival and departure airport, boat tickets (ferries, catamarans etc.) and all transfers wherever needed.*



2 CENTRE HOLIDAY

## SPLIT + HVAR/BRAC

Combining the historic city of Split with the glitzy island of Hvar brings together two of Croatia's highlights in one fantastic holiday

3 NIGHTS IN SPLIT + 4 NIGHTS IN HVAR

**Split is a great place to begin your Croatian adventure.** Bursting with energy and full of experiences to enjoy, the old town is a lesson in history, with Roman and Medieval architecture and monuments. After a few days' sightseeing you may well find the nearby islands calling to you from across the clear waters of the Adriatic.

**Hvar is easily reached by a convenient ferry service.** It has developed a reputation as the most glitzy of the islands, and draws a stylish crowd with its upmarket bars and restaurants. Venetian in influence, Hvar's ornate buildings are grand and beautiful.

**7 nights from £1,099 per person**

*Prices include: Return flights, private transfers at arrival and departure airport, boat tickets (ferries, catamarans etc.) and all transfers wherever needed.*



2 CENTRE HOLIDAY

## DUBROVNIK + MONTENEGRO

*This fantastic two country combination offers a winning blend of history and stunning scenery; beaches and crystal-clear waters.*

3 NIGHTS IN DUBROVNIK + 7 NIGHTS IN MONTENEGRO

After a few days' sightseeing in **Dubrovnik**, what could be finer than to be driven south to the charming resort of **Budva in Montenegro**. It is just two hours away from Dubrovnik, and is one of the oldest Adriatic settlements. Budva's main beach, Mogren, is reached from the old town of Stari Grad. As you swim you can admire the views of the ancient city, with its backdrop of stunning mountain scenery. Those who want to escape the crowds can find quieter spots to sunbathe on the bays outside the town.

**10 nights from £1,279 per person**

*Prices include: 3 nights in a STD room on B&B basis at the 4\* Uvala Hotel in Dubrovnik; 7 nights in a STD room on B&B basis at the 4\* Avala Hotel in Budva; return flights, arrival and departure airport transfers, resort transfer between Dubrovnik to Montenegro.*

2 CENTRE HOLIDAY

## DUBROVNIK + ISLAND OF SIPAN

*Combining the island of Sipan with Dubrovnik gives you the perfect blend of relaxation and sightseeing; history and beautiful scenery.*

3 NIGHTS IN DUBROVNIK + 7 NIGHTS ON SIPAN

You will be following in the footsteps of the wealthy merchants of **Dubrovnik**, who made their money trading in the city and then retired to their summer residences on **Sipan** during the height of the summer. It is easy to see why these merchants chose fertile Sipan, the largest of the Elaphite islands, and it is no less attractive to city-dwellers today. After spending some time in bustling Dubrovnik, its beautiful scenery, lush vegetation, rich architecture and clean sea will be just as welcome as they were to the merchants of yesteryear.

**10 nights from £1,149 per person**

*Includes: 3 nts B&B in a STD room at the 4\* Uvala Hotel in Dubrovnik; 7 nts B&B in a STD room the at 4\* Hotel Bozica on Budva; return flights, arrival and departure airport transfers, all transfers and boat tickets where needed and assistance with boat tickets during the holiday.*



## NILE CRUISES

The Nile is widely considered to be the longest river in the world, flowing north through the deserts of Sudan through Egypt to end its journey in the Mediterranean Sea. The Nile is at Egypt's very heart - the fertile river valley giving sustenance to her people, most of whom live on the shores of the Nile. It was as important in ancient times as it is today and its banks are home to many of ancient Egypt's most fascinating treasures.

### **Cruise through history in style**

There is no better way to explore the treasures of ancient Egypt than by taking a cruise on the Nile. With luxurious accommodation and impeccable service Nile cruises allow guests to soak up the breathtaking sights, sounds and landscapes of this ancient country. There are so many highlights of a Nile cruise holiday including: Luxor, the Valley of the Kings, the Valley of the Queens, the Temple of Horus in Edfu, the Temple of Kom Ombo, Aswan, Cairo - the list of amazing places you will visit on a Nile cruise holiday is impressive.

## MS NILE PREMIUM 5\* LUXURY CRUISE - FULL BOARD

The M/S Nile Premium launched in November 2008 and it was totally renovated during July 2017. It is considered as one of the newest and most luxurious floating hotels on the River Nile; a combination of luxury, taste, elegance and comfort.

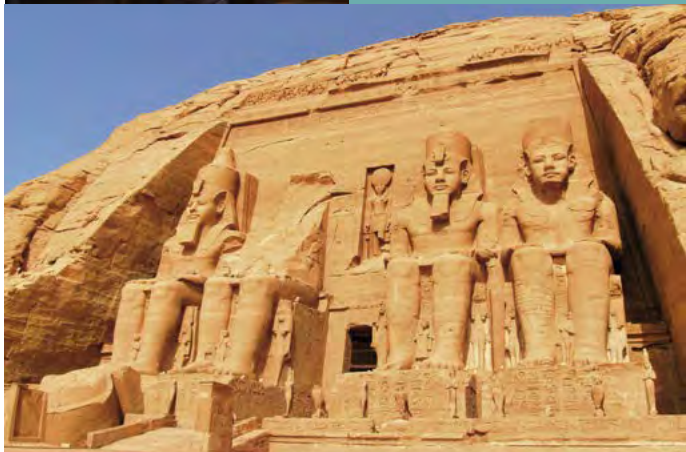
The 5\* Super Deluxe category M/S Nile Premium's ambience is sophisticated and chic - it's interiors are decorated very stylishly, looking modern whilst retaining warmth and character. The M/S Nile Premium offers its guests a truly elegant cruising experience, with all of the latest features to ensure the safety and comfort of those aboard.

With a total of 60 cabins, M/S Nile Premium consists of 56 well furnished standard cabins, 2 Ambassador Suites and 2 Presidential Suites. All cabins are equipped with all the essentials: bathtub, mini-bar, plasma LCD screen, safe box, phone, hair-dryer, and much more.





The most popular of the Nile Cruises - an itinerary which allows you to explore the treasures of ancient Egypt with enough time to admire the views and soak up the atmosphere.



## CLASSICAL NILE CRUISE

POPULAR!

7 nights / 8 days cruise from Luxor - Aswan - Luxor

**Day 1: Luxor.** Embarkation. Dinner & Overnight.

**Day 2: The West Bank.** Visit the Valley of the Kings, the Valley of the Queens, the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. Sail for Edfu. Relax with five o'clock tea on the sun deck or the Captain's Cocktail Party before dinner. Overnight in Edfu.

**Day 3: Temple of Horus at Edfu.** Visit the Temple of Horus. Lunch on board. Sail to Aswan. Relax with five o'clock tea on the sun deck or the lounge bar. Dinner Galabeya Party. Overnight in Aswan.

**Day 4: Aswan & Philae.** Visit the High Dam and Lake Nasser, the world's largest reservoir. See the ancient granite quarries, the Unfinished Obelisk and the Temple of Isis. Sail on a traditional felucca. Nubian Show, Dinner & Overnight.

**Day 5: Optional trip to Abu Simbel.** Optional excursion to Abu Simbel's magnificent temples dedicated to Ramses II and Queen Nefertari. Lunch and dinner on board. Optional excursion to Sound & Light Show at the Temple of Isis at Philae. Dinner & Overnight.

**Day 6: Kom Ombo.** Sail to Kom Ombo to visit the temple dedicated to Haroeris and Sobek, the crocodile Nile god. Sail to Edfu. Lunch & dinner on board. Continue on to Esna. Dinner & Overnight.

**Day 7: Karnak & Luxor.** Visit the most magnificent of the Nile temples, the stunning Temple of Karnak. Lunch & farewell dinner on board. Sound & Light Show at Karnak Temple (optional).

**Day 8: Disembark at Luxor.** Breakfast followed by disembarkation.

### Prices from £1,349 per person

*Included: Return flights • Accommodation on full board basis (incl. afternoon tea). Excursions with Egyptologist. Private return transfer.*

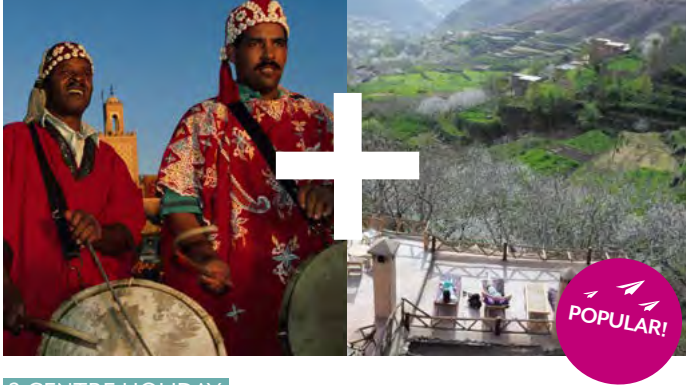
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2 CENTRE HOLIDAY

## MARRAKECH + HIGH ATLAS MTS.

Combine the hustle and bustle of this majestic city, with the serene and tranquil beauty of the High Atlas Mountains.

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

3 nights in Marrakech + 4 nights in the High Atlas Mountains.

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**7 Days from £949 per person**

*Includes: 3 nights B&B in a 4\* riad hotel in Marrakech; 4 nights B&B in a 4\* hotel in the High Atlas Mts; all private transfers including between resorts.*



2 CENTRE HOLIDAY

## MARRAKECH + THE ATLANTIC COAST

After a busy time sightseeing in Marrakech, kick back and relax in one of the resorts of the beautiful Atlantic Coast.

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

3 nights in Marrakech + 7 nights on the Atlantic coast.

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**10 Days from £1,099 per person**

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