ARTISAN TRAVEL

Turkey - Mediterranean Activity Week



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Turkey

BROCHURE CODE: 4016
DURATION: 7 nights

In Brief

With its long hot summers, inviting local culture, Mediterranean coastline and mountain backdrop, Kaş is an ideal location for a family activity holiday. The water provides a playground for activities such as our lazy boat day and sea kayaking, whilst on dry land, you can enjoy hiking and mountain biking. Both come together in the guided walk through splendid Saklikent Gorge, which also features a session of tubing.

Our Opinion

"Kas is a wonderful harbour town, combining a genuine Turkish ambience with a cosmopolitan feel. The first time I heard the call to prayer at sunset, the hairs stood up on the back of my neck. The fusion of cultures from the east and west is fascinating to observe and during your time in Kas, you will learn to appreciate and understand that culture, whilst enjoying superb activities, run by an exceptional team."

Graham Hughes





What's included?

- **Travel worry-free** - fully organised and run by a trusted, fully regulated UK operator. Read more about our bonding and the types of financial protection that we offer
- **Transfers:** grouped airport and activity transfers
- **Accommodation:** 7 nights' hotel accommodation in double/twin/triple rooms
- **Meals:** 7 breakfasts and 4 lunches (with all activities except tubing)
- **The following activities are included in the holiday**: Lazy boat day, sea kayaking, picnic hike, mountain biking, Saklikent Gorge walk and tubing (order of activities is subject to change)
- All equipment, tuition and supervision from fully qualified instructors
- The services of our local representatives or guides

* Local Tourist Tax of 2% Accommodation rate is included in our package price and not payable locally

Trip Overview

Kaş is a great base for families who want an energetic way to enjoy sun, sea, and sand. There is something for all the family on this holiday: mountain biking, hiking, our famous lazy boat day, sea kayaking, and tubing. There is also time to relax, enjoy the Mediterranean sunshine, and take in the vibrant local culture with its excellent food.

The old town of Kaş is an ideal destination for an activity holiday with its impressive coastline complemented by a wonderful warm climate, cosmopolitan culture, and friendly locals. During the activity schedule, we also explore the nearby mountain range as well as the Mediterranean coastline, allowing you to actively enjoy the area's highlights.

Kaş is one of the few towns along the coast which has not been dominated by mass tourism. As a result, it still retains its fascinating heritage, reflected in the produce sold in the shops, the cuisine served in the restaurants and the architectural history of the attractive old town.

Please be aware that flight availability can be limited during the summer and we therefore strongly recommend booking early.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY 1 FLIGHTS, ARRIVAL AND INTRODUCTION

You will be greeted at Dalaman Airport for the transfer to your accommodation. Transfers will be grouped within an hour of other arrivals/departures. Upon arrival in Kas, you will check into your rooms, following which our local guides will host a welcome meeting to introduce you to the area and discuss the upcoming activities that you will be enjoying throughout the week.

Included Meals: None

DAY 2 LAZY BOAT DAY

We start with the universally popular lazy boat day which has become a firm favourite with families over the years.

You will board the boat at Kas and spend the day exploring the beautiful coastline, small islands, bays and inlets. As you make your way steadily around this scenic region, there will be the opportunity for swimming, snorkelling, sunbathing and plenty of relaxation with a delicious lunch served on board. The seas surrounding Kas are known for their rich marine life as well as their underwater cultural heritage which includes several submerged shipwrecks. The boat day will last around six hours in total.

This evening after you have disembarked, why not take a stroll down to the seafront and sample some delicious local cuisine?

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3 SEA KAYAKING

To get the best from today's activity it does normally involve an early start from the hotel for the 45-minute drive to the Kekova national park area. Upon arrival at the base here, there will be a full safety briefing before setting out on the first section of sea kayaking. The day is split into three sections of kayaking which each takes around 45 minutes to an hour depending on the speed of the group and the weather conditions.

Today's activity requires slightly more effort than yesterday but you are rewarded with beautiful views from your kayak as you make your way along the coast.

You will paddle over one of Turkey's most famous sites, the sunken city near the island of Kekova which dates back to the second century when an earthquake partly submerged the city. The clear water allows you to see deep into the water to see the ancient buildings below, which adds further to this enjoyable activity.

For lunch, there's a stop at a traditional local village which can only be reached by boat. Due to the early start, the group is normally back at the hotel around 3.30 which leaves plenty of time to enjoy the swimming pool and water slide for anyone with any extra energy!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 4 PICNIC HIKE

By now you will have become very familiar with Kas' coastline, so today you will see a very different side to this part of Turkey by heading inland for a walk amongst the towering mountains which surround the old town. As you follow the route with your guide you will enjoy some excellent views of the coast and surrounding countryside.

The group will stop for a picnic lunch along the route on a highland pasture, giving you the chance to rest and appreciate your surroundings. The hike normally lasts between 2.5 – 3 hours depending on the group and the majority of the trail is downhill in a shaded forested area. Following the hike, there will be some free time at a secluded beach area to enjoy a refreshing swim before heading back to the hotel.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 5 FREE DAY

Today is free for you to try additional activities such as scuba diving or horse riding (you can arrange these and pay for them locally). Alternatively, you can just relax on the beach - the choice is yours!

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 MOUNTAIN BIKING

Discover the stunning natural beauty of Turkey from the comfort of your own saddle, as you escape into the spectacular countryside around Kaş. This is a fun half-day family mountain biking adventure, and you will ride along peaceful forest tracks and trails suitable for all abilities. There are plenty of opportunities to enjoy breathtaking coastal views over the sparkling Mediterranean. Using quality mountain bikes, available in sizes for both adults and children, it is easy for the whole family to

explore together - discovering hidden villages, scenic paths and amazing scenery - creating unforgettable memories.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 7 SAKLIKENT GORGE WALK AND TUBING

On your final full day in Turkey, you will first explore the dramatic scenery of the Saklikent Gorge, the second-longest gorge in Europe, where the river rushes between steep-sided cliffs. The transfer to the spectacular gorge takes just over an hour and then the walk to explore properly will take approximately two hours and on reaching the bottom of the gorge your next activity will begin – tubing!

You will be given a paddle, your tube and safety equipment before setting off, spinning and twisting your way downstream. The group will stop for a therapeutic mud bath/fight along the way. The tubing lasts for around 45 minutes depending on local conditions.

This evening is free to enjoy at your leisure.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8 DEPARTURE

Today, it's time to bid farewell to Turkey. You will be transferred back to Dalaman airport in time for your return flight. If you are tempted to extend your stay, please speak to our Family Travel Experts.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Included Accommodation

Hotel Ekici (Nights: 1-3,5-8)





Nestled in the heart of Kaş, Turkey, Ekici Hotel offers guests a harmonious blend of modern comfort and Mediterranean charm. With its prime central location, visitors can easily explore the vibrant local attractions, while also enjoying the convenience of on-site amenities designed for relaxation and leisure.

Hotel Facilities:

- Outdoor swimming pool
- Close to beaches (3-minute walk)
- On-site restaurant and bar
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- 24-hour front desk service
- Laundry service
- Room service
- Free parking

Room Type

Standard Room

The standard rooms at Ekici Hotel are thoughtfully designed to provide a restful retreat after a day of exploration. Each room features air conditioning to ensure a comfortable stay, a private balcony offering views of the surrounding area, and a well-appointed bathroom equipped with a shower and hairdryer. Guests can unwind with satellite TV entertainment and enjoy refreshments from the in-room minibar. Additional amenities include a direct-dial telephone and access to the hotel's complimentary Wi-Fi, ensuring connectivity throughout your stay.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 4 people and maximum 28 (approximately)

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

Minimum Numbers Required For A Holiday To Operate

Our full booking terms and conditions can be found on our website: https://www.artisantravel.co.uk/booking-conditions

Minimum and maximum age

If a specific minimum age applies to this holiday, it can be found in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page.

Unless otherwise stated in the in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Artisan holiday is typically 8 years old (there may be younger children in some destinations who have booked with other companies). If an adult-only environment is important to you, then please contact our Travel Experts and they will advise on the best dates and destinations for you. If you are looking for a holiday designed specifically for families then please see our sister company www.activitiesabroad.com

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

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