

Highlights of the Lycian Coast

Hotel-to-hotel  independent walking

- Wonderful Turquoise Coast, pretty seafront villages, wide sandy beaches
- Legendary coastal walking; trails of antiquity
- Stunning archaeological sites that tourists rarely visit
- Honey stone ruins, crystal clear lagoons, deserted ghost villages
- Delightful family-run hotels - swimming pools at each one



Ancient Lycia is in southwest Turkey, whose Aegean shore is known as the Turquoise Coast. In this stunning region, craggy limestone mountains plunge into azure seas, and evidence of the Greek, Lycian and Roman empires are strewn around like half buried treasures, linked together by coastal trails that used to be the trade routes of antiquity. These routes now comprise one of the finest long distance footpaths in the world – the Lycian Way, and on this holiday you'll walk from north to south through some of Turkey's finest coastal scenery, stopping to swim in the clear seas en route to, and from, the finest hotels available. (And where hotels are not en route, we include short transfers where necessary).

You begin in the orchards of pretty Kayakoy village for two nights, enjoying walks through ghost villages down to clear coastal lagoons, before joining the Lycian Way at nearby Ovacik. Your route then takes you through pine forests and past ancient carved sarcophagi to the tiny village of Faralya, perfect for panoramic sea views. After two nights here with the Sevilmis Family, you continue south through oregano and thyme scented mountain scenery to Alinca, from where we transfer you to the Roman ruins of Patara at the mouth of the fertile Xanthos Valley. After a free day to explore these romantic palm tree and sand dune fringed remains, you walk on to the delightful resort of Kalkan for your final night.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LYCIAN COAST | DAY BY DAY

Day 1 Arrive in Kayakoy

We meet you at the airport and take you to your hotel in Kayakoy (70mins). Time for a swim in the pool before dinner.

Day 2 Ruins and Lagoons of Kayakoy 8km/5mi/3.5hr

Walk from the door through the adjacent ghost village of Kayakoy, whose original Greek inhabitants were expelled in 1923. An eerie climb past abandoned schools and frescoed churches takes you high above the village for shimmering views of Aegean bays below. After a panoramic picnic, descend through pines to a ruined C7 church on the shore of a crystal lagoon – a perfect swimming spot - before a taxi back (pay locally).

Day 3 Kayakoy/Ovacik to Faralya 15km/9mi/5hr

Your first steps on the Lycian Way take you above perfect beaches past holly oak and strawberry trees. After cresting a saddle, you wind through scented pine forest alive to the drone of honeybees, before picnicking by poplar and plane trees under Baba Dag – “Father Mountain”. A steady descent through villages laced with vineyards brings you to your hotel in Faralya in time for a swim and a chilled drink.

Day 4 At Faralya

Faralya village is set on ancient terraces above Turkey's famous Butterfly Valley. Today you have the possibility of an optional 2-3 hour walk down to the shores and to a place where you can swim in the sea. Or relax at the hotel, an environment which has been created with tranquility and relaxation very much in mind - lovely pool too.

Day 5 Faralya to Alınca/Patara 13km/8mi/4.5hr

You follow the Lycian Way winding south from Faralya through thyme and oleander rich terraces to Kabak Gorge on the flank of Baba Dag mountain. A beautiful pine-shaded route leads you through this spectacular chasm, before a hillside picnic gives turquoise bay views far below. On reaching Alınca – a veritable eagle's eyrie - relax with a drink before your transfer to Patara, where you'll enjoy dinner in the village.

Day 6 In Patara

Patara was a giant among Roman trading ports, as big as Ephesus, though today only partially excavated. Half buried by giant sand dunes, you can see broken mosaics, pottery shards and columns scattered between bath houses, theatres and marble streets. Just beyond the ruins is an amazing 18km/11mi long beach, perfect for picnics and swimming.

Day 7 Patara to Akbel/Kalkan 13km/8mi/4.5hr

From Patara, you rejoin the Lycian Way skirting the fertile Xanthos Valley on an easy red earth track through daphne bushes, leading to a fabulously preserved Roman aqueduct with views of Kalkan Bay. After a picnic under shady olive trees, continue through maquis and pines with bee-eaters and cicadas for company, before a descent to a village café and a transfer to Kalkan. Lots of choices for restaurants in this pretty resort for dinner.

Day 8 Leave Kalkan

We drive you back to the airport (2 hours) for your flight home.



“Have had many wonderful holidays... The Lycian Way ranks as the best for fabulous scenery, wonderful food and perfect weather.”

Mrs H Baillie

Dates and Prices

Departs selected Mondays	Tour Only
2012 departures	
Oct 8, 15	\$2,365
May 14, 21, Oct 1	\$2,415
Sep 10, 17, 24	\$2,451
May 7, 28	\$2,437

Singles: Add \$53 per night for sole occupancy of a double room. Please note we do not accept solo travelers on this holiday.

Child: This holiday is unsuitable for children under 12.

Room upgrade: Prices from \$68 per person, per night, based on 2 sharing.

Holiday type: Independent walking, hotel-to-hotel, no minimum group size, however airport and luggage transfers are subject to at least 2 people (in total) booked on each departure.

Departs: Selected Mondays from May 7 to Oct 15.

Duration: 8 days (7 nights).

Meals: Continental breakfast and 6 evening meals.

Other details: For “What your holiday price includes,” see “Holiday Planning” section pp 48-51.

Tailor-made travel choices

Nearest Arrival Airport: Dalaman Airport

Flights can be arranged from most US/CANADA airports, with connecting transfers as required, prices and details on request.

The above prices include our standard transfers: Dalaman Airport at 13:55, (transfer to hotel, 1hr 10mins, provided). **Return:** Dalaman Airport by 13:10 (transfer to the airport 2hrs, provided).

Tour only: Transfers included from Dalaman airport at 13:55, and back to Dalaman airport departing hotel at 10:45.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LYCIAN COAST | WHERE YOU STAY



Villa Rhapsody



Kayakoy



Hotel Faralya



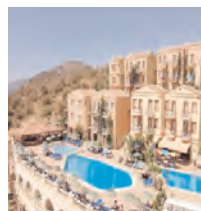
Faralya



Hotel Delfin



Patara



Hotel Pirat



Kalkan

Days 1+2

Day 3+4

Days 5+6

Day 7

For extra nights we recommend Kayakoy.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LYCIAN COAST | WALKING DETAILS



Walks are on dirt or rocky paths and tracks. Some sections of day 7 are loose and rocky underfoot. Walkers should be fit and sure footed. Some walks pass beehives - the threat of being stung is very remote, however, if you are severely allergic to stings, we suggest you choose a different holiday. Walking boots are essential, walking poles are recommended.



Average daytime temperature (°C):

24 28 29 26
MAY JUN SEP OCT



Average monthly rainfall (mm):

28 8 13 71
MAY JUN SEP OCT

Further details at www.breakaway-adventures.com