



Coastal and Maritime Tourism in Turkey



First of all, I would like to say it's actually not possible to tell you about all coastals and maritimes in Turkey because we have so many of them :) So, I am going to tell you the most famous ones. Turkey is one of the most famous countries for tourists especially from Europe, Balkans, Russia because Turkey has very warm and clean seas, hot and sunny weather and beaches which are famed for their golden sands. So, the tourists who come to Turkey for coastal and maritime tourism are leaving with nothing but satisfaction.



Now let's see a few famous coast of Turkey:

Antalya

Antalya, the main city of this region is the largest city on the Mediterranean coast of Turkey with its charming harbour. It is typical of Turkey, a thriving modern city, with a historic heart in the centre of Kaleici, within the old city walls. Antalya has a backdrop of stunning mountain scenery, and the city is set high on cliffs, with many of its grandest hotels overlooking the sea on the outskirts of the town. The beach area of Lara, approximately 12 kms to the east is home to the best beach in the area, known for its golden sand, which is rapidly becoming a resort in its own right.

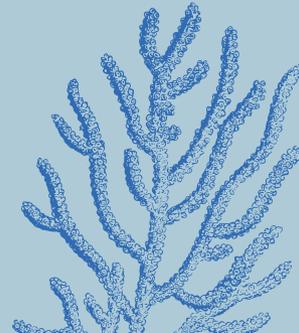


To the west, the long pebble beach of Konyaalti is also popular. Heading up into the mountains, you can make the most of the beautiful scenery by visiting the spectacular Duden or Kursunlu Waterfalls to see a completely different side to the Turkish landscape.



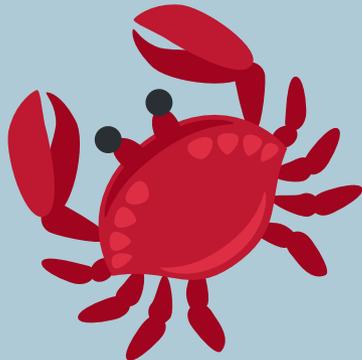
Belek

Belek is Turkey's premier golf resort. The setting is spectacular with long, golden sandy beaches, and a backdrop of mountains. It has won awards for environmentally friendly development and there are many rare species of plant and wildlife indigenous to the area.



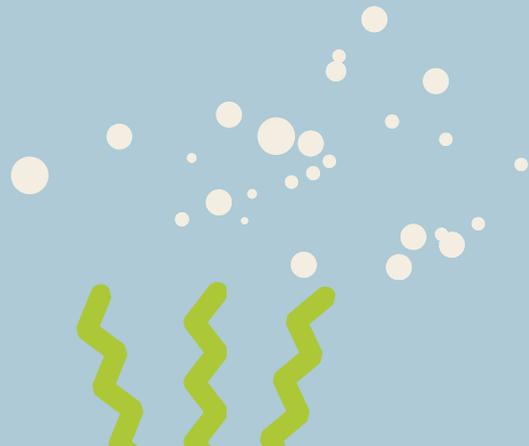
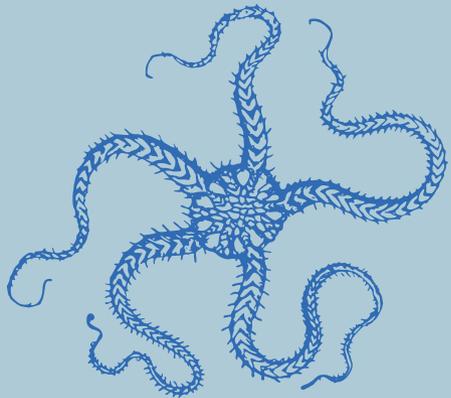
Alanya

Alanya is a modern holiday resort, famed for its beautiful sandy beaches. It's harbour was dominated by the Red Tower, which protected the dockyards in Seljuk times, the remains of which can still be seen in the waters. Alanya has lots of blue flag beaches, unusual sights, options for accommodation, good shops, restaurants and lively nightlife.



Kemer

Kemer is one of Turkey's first multipurpose resorts, carefully planned to blend in with the surrounding scenery. At its heart is the attractive marina, a stopping off point for gulets on the blue cruise. Surrounded by pine forests, Kemer offers a full range of accommodation including five star hotels, all designed to blend into the natural environment.



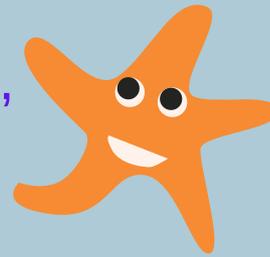
Kas

Kas is a relaxed and lovely harbour town. It is a favourite destination for those seeking a taste of adventure, as it is a big centre for scuba diving and also offers activities such as trekking, canoeing, canyoning and horse riding. Wooden Ottoman houses, their balconies bright with bougainvillea, overhang the narrow streets, home to shops, bars and restaurants. As you wander, you may come across the ancient sarcophagus, which is a remnant of the ancient city of Antiphellos, whose well preserved theatre has also survived to the present day.

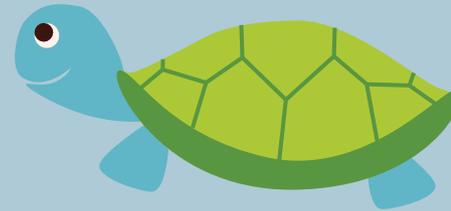
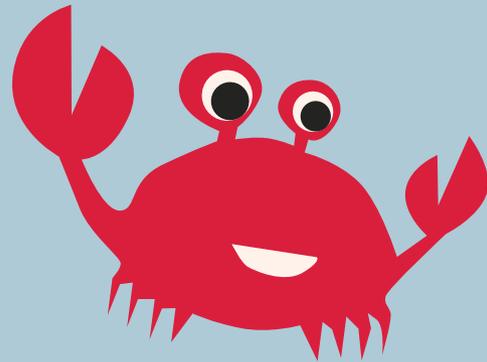
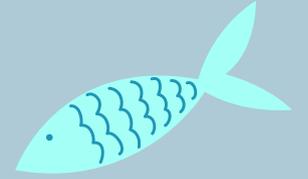


Kalkan

Kalkan is one of the most sophisticated resorts of Turkey, with its unique ambience. In recent years, Kalkan has become a spot for upmarket couples seeking a taste of authentic Turkey. It is a pretty village of stone houses set on a hillside around the attractive harbour. Narrow streets lead down to the seafront, packed with shops, sophisticated bars and restaurants, mostly serving traditional Turkish food, with some excellent seafood and fish restaurants on the harbour.



As I said before it's not possible to tell about all Turkey's coastals and maritimes, but those are the many of most famous ones and every one of each offers unique and heavenly experience for their visitors. So I strongly recommend you to go each of them at least once.



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