

MTB & BOAT

# Greek Aegean MTB-Special · Greece

#### **Route**

from Bodrum / to Bodrum

#### **Duration**

8 days / 7 nights

#### **Distance**

ca. 170 km ca. 4,300 hm

Level 2

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#### MTB adventure and epic trail experiences in the island paradise

The islands are a magical world, and each island offers its own unique character, history and spectacular nature. Explore the islands of Kos, Leros, Tilos and Nissyros by bike. No off-road adventure will be left unexplored. The tours are physically demanding, and the number of trails explored depends on the technical level of the tours offered. After the tours your boat anchors in idyllic bays for refreshing swim stops. In the evening you are free to explore the quaint harbour towns by foot or to relax in the comfort of a local tavern. Sometimes a night is spent on anchor giving everyone the opportunity to swim in the moonlight or with the rising sun at dawn. This tour is operated as an exclusive MTB tour.

To meet the different requirements of the guests, each trip is usually accompanied by two MTB guides who, wherever possible, offer two tour of differing performance levels. Level A includes trails up to S3 of the German single trail scale; Level B trails S0 to S2, if not otherwise possible short sections of S3 may have to be ridden. Trips with less than 10 participants are accompanied by one guide only, and in this case only one MTB level can be offered.



## **Itinerary**

#### 1st DayBodrum (Embarkation)

Individual arrival to Bodrum harbour. A collective transfer from Bodrum Airport to the harbour is available for an extra cost on request. Check in begins on the Gullet at 2 pm. Use the afternoon hours to enjoy the lively atmosphere in the city of Bodrum and relax with a typical Turkish tea. In the evening a shared dinner on board can be enjoyed in the company of your travel companions and tour guides.

# 2nd Day Bodrum – Yalıçiftlik – Kos A: aprx. 22 km, aprx. 580 m of elevation B: aprx. 19 km, aprx. 460 m of elevation

The first bike tour of the week takes us to Kızılağaç, famous for its local farmer's market. After a break we continue cycling. Once we have arrived in Yalıçiftlik we board the boat for lunch and a cruise to Kos town. A wealth of cultural sights in Kos town provide an insight into the town's turbulent historical past including the Roman Forum, the Crusader fortress, and the mosques from the time when Kos was part of the Ottoman Empire. The evening can be spent in one of the numerous bars or cafes in the town.

# 3rd Day Kos Island/Kos Town - Tilos Island A: aprx. 30 km, aprx. 720 m of elevation B: aprx. 23 km, aprx. 780 m of elevation

We bike through town before cycling on through fragrant pine forests on a gradually ascending natural trail to the peak of the backyard mountain of Kos. While riding along the island's ridge, we can enjoy plenty of breath-taking panoramic views. Our descent takes us along diverse trails back in the direction of Kos town. Technical sections combined with flowy corners and berms will offer all riders a multifaceted experience. In the afternoon, a relaxing cruise takes us to Tilos Island.

#### 4th Day Tilos Island - Nissyros Island A + B: aprx. 26 km, 730 m of elevation

Today an exceptional trail cocktail takes you to the abandoned village of Mikrochorio, who's unique charm will leave a lasting impression on all who visit. A long coastal trail, rated amongst the top ten best coastal trails in Europe by BIKE magazine in Germany, brings you back to the boat. After a delicious lunch you can relax on board and enjoy the sea breeze during the approx. two hour boats crossing to Mandraki on the island of Nissyros.

#### 5th Day Nissyros Island – Kalymnos Island A + B: aprx. 26 km, 770 m of elevation

Today's bike tour starts by taking us on tar sealed roads (saving our energy) from Mandraki to Nikia, a mountain village built directly on the edge of the volcanic crater at 1,400 ft./430 m above sea level. From here we can enjoy a spectacular view into the crater of the volcano. The volcano, white houses, and numerous pebble mosaics are a truly special highlight of this tour. From here we cycle on, close to the crater with its steaming sulphur springs, before heading back along diverse trails to our ship in the small port town of Mandraki. Once back at the harbour we board the boat for a four-hour cruise to an anchorage on the island of Kalymnos for the night.

# 6th Day Leros Island – Pserimos Island A: aprx. 5 km, aprx. 3,000 m of elevation B: aprx. 26 km, aprx. 680 m of elevation

Early morning crossing to the scenic Island of Leros. Today's ride leads us to the fort of the Knights of St. John of

Jerusalem in Agia Marina and down an epic flight of stairs to the small alleyways of the town. Passing the picturesque town harbour, we cycle on to the seaside chapel of Agios Isidoros, a popular place to get married on the island. Following the coastline, we reach a beautiful sandy beach where we can stop for a swim and a coffee. The highlight of the day is the newly constructed Kalamari Trail, which merges directly with the Lighthouse Trail. After cycling these, we continue along the coastline back to the boat. On board we enjoy a three-hour cruise to the island of Pserimos.

#### 7th Day Kos Island - Bodrum A: aprx. 30 km, aprx. 700 m of elevation B: aprx. 24 km, aprx. 300 m of elevation

In the morning we cross over to the town of Kos. The last bike ride of our tour begins here, leading us either once more along a myriad of trails to the backyard mountain of Kos or on a more leisurely route to one of the lovely beaches. After having lunch ashore, we enjoy our last cruise to Bodrum. Once back in Bodrum, there will be plenty of time for another walk through the bustling old town. Here there is plenty to see including the impressive castle of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem and the remains of the famous Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. An final evening meal is enjoyed together in the company of guides and guests.

#### 8th Day Bodrum (Disembarkation)

Disembarkation after breakfast. Collective transfers to Bodrum Airport on request.



### Love Boat · Premium

#### **Port of Embarkation**

from Bodrum (Turkey)

#### Size

37 m x 10 m

#### Capacity

15 cabins, 30+ beds



#### Year of construction

2013

#### Cabin size

12 - 14 m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Cabin features**

A/C, tiled bathrooms with a mirror, shower, washbasin and WC

#### **Beds**

double 200 x 140 cm, <br/>br>single and twin: 200 x 80 cm

#### Service

cabin service, mid-week towel change

#### **Extras**

access via the stern, two large decks with upholstered furniture, recliners, large tables with chairs on deck

#### **Love Boat**

The Love Boat is an exquisite Turkish gullet built of wood following traditional construction methods. A truly elegant motor yacht with great attention to detail.

In contrast to most Turkish gullets, the Love Boat has six generous cabins on deck. A further nine large cabins can be found below deck. The saloon and decks are spacious and furnished tastefully. Good weather allows for true indulgence as mealtimes are served out in the open on deck.

The professional and experienced crew run a tight but friendly ship and cater to your safety and wellbeing throughout your stay on board.





### Osman Kurt · Premium

#### **Port of Embarkation**

from Bodrum

#### Size

32 m x 7.20 m

#### **Capacity**

7 cabins, 14 beds



#### Year of construction

2000, reconstructed in 2013

#### **Cabins size**

8 - 9 m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Cabin features**

A/C, tiled bathroom with a mirror, shower, washbasin and WC

#### **Beds**

double 200 x 140 cm, single and twin 200 x 80 cm

#### Service

cabin service, mid-week towel change

#### **Extras**

two masts with sails, stern access, upholstered area at the stern and benches at the prow, sunning mats on the sundeck, large table with chairs on deck in the shade, swimming ladder

#### Osman Kurt

The Osman Kurt is an elegant, wooden Turkish gullet which has been navigating the Mediterranean since 2000 and was completely overhauled in 2013.

Seven stylish cabins provide our guests with comfortable lodgings and the spacious saloon offers a great communal space for everyone on board. Comfortable sunning mats on the sundeck are great for making the most of the good weather during a cruise from one island to the next. Enjoy the incredible landscapes pass on by.

The friendly and experienced crew tent to all your needs and provide professional assistance for a care-free experience. The creative culinary dishes from the galley on board are served outdoors on the large table on deck in the shade. A truly unique holiday environment.





### Elara-1 · Deluxe

#### **Port of Embarkation**

from Bodrum (Turkey)

#### Size

42 m x 10.50 m

#### Capacity

11 cabins, 22 beds



#### Year of construction

2010

#### Cabin size

14 m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Cabin features**

A/C, tiled bathroom with a mirror, shower, washbasin and WC

#### **Beds**

double beds 200 x 140 cm, <br/>br>twin and single beds 200 x 80 cm

#### Service

cabin service, mid-week towel change

#### **Extras**

access via the stern, two large decks with upholstered seats and recliners, two large tables on deck in the shade

#### Elara-1

The Turkish gullet, Elara 1, offers spacious and air conditioned cabins with tiled bathrooms including a shower, washbasin and WC.

The Elara 1 also has a very spacious saloon, half of which is the on board restaurant and the other half a lounge. A great place to gather for meals, to laugh, to play, and to lose yourself in conversation with fellow travelers.

The main deck and top deck provide enough space for everyone to find a relaxing space for themselves. A number of comfortable seats and recliners are at your disposal. The top deck is partly shaded and is the perfect place to enjoy the cruise from.



## **Dates, Prices & Services**

#### **Included services**

- 8-day trip on a premium gulet with crew
- 7 nights in a twin cabin below deck with shower/toilet
- 7 x half board
- Guided bike tours and sightseeing as described in the itinerary
- Overview-maps for the daily bike tours (on board)
- Entrance fee to museums and archaeological sites (group visit only)
- Bed linen and towels
- English speaking tour guide

#### Not included in the basic tour price

- Journey to Bodrum
- Beverages on board (tally sheet; to be paid to the captain)
- Flat rate for bottled water: 20 euro/person/week
- Meals and beverages ashore
- Entrance fee for sights not included in the tour price
- Beach towel for off the boat (if needed)
- Tips for tour guides and crew

#### **Additional Optional Services**

Shared twin cabin (limited)	Available on request
Surcharge for a cabin above deck	150 euro/person (Love Boat only)
Surcharge for a double cabin for single use below deck (limited)	500 euro
Surcharge for a double cabin for single use above deck (limited)	700 euro
Rental bike with Ortlieb pannier	Full suspension MTB (fully): 180 euro/week Full suspension e-MTB (E-fully): 240 euro/week (limited)
Insurance against theft and damage of the rental bike (not insured: grossly negligent damages)	Fully: 20 euro/week
Transfers between Bodrum airport and Bodrum port (available on embarkation or disembarkation days only)	30 euro per person/direction Additional fees may apply for the transfer of private bicycles.
Exclusive transfers	Prices on request
Additional nights in Bodrum	Prices see 'Additional Nights'



#### **Discounts**

- Children up to age 16 receive a discount of 25 % on the basic tour price (not combinable with any other discount).
- If you place your booking for a tour in 2022 by the 31.01.2022, you will receive a 5% Early-Bird discount on the tour base price (can be used in combination with the SEA-YOU-AGAIN discount).
- If this is your third or more Islandhopping tour booked directly with us, you will receive our 5% SEA-YOU-AGAIN discount for a tour in 2022 if you book it before the 31.01.2022 (can be used in combination with the Early-Bird discount).

## **Dates**

Date	Accommodation	Start City	End City	Base Price
23.04.2022 - 30.04.2022	Osman Kurt	Bodrum	Bodrum	1.390,00€
14.05.2022 – 21.05.2022	Osman Kurt	Bodrum	Bodrum	1.390,00€
21.05.2022 - 28.05.2022	Osman Kurt	Bodrum	Bodrum	1.390,00€
10.09.2022 - 17.09.2022	Osman Kurt	Bodrum	Bodrum	1.490,00€
24.09.2022 - 01.10.2022	Osman Kurt	Bodrum	Bodrum	1.490,00€
08.10.2022 - 15.10.2022	Osman Kurt	Bodrum	Bodrum	1.390,00€

## **Arrival**

#### Port of embarkation Bodrum

This tour begins and ends in Bodrum harbour, Turkey, easily reached by airplane via Bodrum Airport. In order to avoid any travel complications whilst crossing the borders, we request that all guests obtain the appropriate travel documentation and visas before arrival on site. Check in begins at 2 pm. The Boat will leave from Bodrum at 4 pm.

Bodrum harbour is very large. Therefore, we recommend booking a transfer with us to save yourself the time looking for the Islandhopping-boat.

#### How to find our boats in the harbour

Should you wish to make your own way to the boat, you will find our boats Love Boat and Elara 1 in the Halikarnas Marina (when looking out to sea, on the left-hand side of the fortress of St. Peter). The Osman Kurt will be located in the big yacht harbour (when looking out to sea, on the right-hand side of the fortress of St. Peter). Most commonly she will be moored next to the Datca Ferry dock, however in the height of summer it is possible that she will be moored directly below the fortress of St. Peter in the vicinity of the customs office. In order to locate the boat as quickly as possible, please contact our regional manager. You will find his mobile phone number in your travel documents.

#### **Arrival by plane**

A flight is the fastest, easiest, and most economical way to get to Turkey.

The closest airport is Bodrum (BJV). Most flights go to Izmir airport (ADB), which is situated about three hours from Bodrum. During the high season it is also possible to fly directly to Bodrum Airport.

#### From the airport to the harbour

You can prebook an exclusive airport transfer from Bodrum Airport to Bodrum Harbour for 15 euro/person/way (day of embarkation/disembarkation only).

If you prefer an exclusive airport transfer, please contact our office by email or phone:

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