

— THINGS TO DO IN —



● ANTALYA ●

Antalya being one of Turkey's most popular holiday destinations is hardly a surprise, thanks to its luxurious hotels, stunning beaches and an impressive collection of significant historical attractions to go with it. With hot, sunny summers and mild winters, it's a year-round destination, so there's never a bad time to visit this charming city on the country's breathtaking Turquoise Coast.

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HADRIAN'S GATE

Easily one of the most iconic spots in the whole city, the unmistakable Hadrian's Gate is the main entrance into Kaleiçi, Antalya's picturesque Old Town. Offering the perfect Instagram photo opportunity, this historical landmark was built in AD 130 to commemorate the visit of Emperor Hadrian to the city. The gate is part of the best-preserved Hellenistic and Roman town walls in the world and features 3 marble arches and 3 imposing towers. You'll notice some intricately detailed sculptures on the gateway, but take a closer look up at the ceiling as you walk under to see some of the most impressive carvings.

LARA BEACH

Sitting pretty, just to the east of Antalya, is the bustling and glamorous resort of Lara Beach. Often likened to Las Vegas, thanks to its extravagant hotels and non-stop entertainment, the biggest draw to this area is actually – you've guessed it – the beach.

KALEIÇİ

Without a doubt one of Antalya's biggest attractions, the city's Old Town (Kaleiçi) is fascinatingly historic and unfalteringly charming. Allow yourself to get lost in the narrow, cobbled streets and take in the unique Ottoman houses as you go. You'll find an array of shops, galleries, restaurants and boutique hotels among the sea of white-washed buildings and distinctive terracotta roofs.

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OLD CITY MARINA



There can be no better place in the city to watch the sunset and enjoy a drink or 2 than down at the Old City Marina. Immerse yourself in the surroundings of luxurious yachts, traditional fishing boats and the charming backdrop of quaint terracotta-roofed houses.



REPUBLIC SQUARE

The perfect starting point for your explorations around Antalya, Republic Square is at the very heart of the city. This is the place where any big public events and celebrations take place and, on regular days, it's just as good for sitting back and people watching, too. The main focal point of the square is the striking Ataturk Monument, honouring Kemal Ataturk, the founder of Turkey.

THE LYCIAN WAY



Running the full distance of the coast, from Antalya to Ölü Deniz near Fethiye, the popular Lycian Way is an adventurer's dream. Spanning 540 km in total, you won't be expected to complete the entire length of the picturesque trail (although many people head here to do just that!), but you can always head out for a hike or a bike ride along part of the way.

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DÜDEN WATERFALLS

Located just outside the city of Antalya, the Düden Waterfalls showcase Turkey's stunning natural beauty and are a mesmerising sight to be seen. There are 2 parts to the falls, the Upper Düden Falls, which you'll find further inland, and the Lower Düden Falls. The latter of the 2 cascades over the clifftop, crashing into the sea below, not far from Lara Beach.

ANTALYA TOY MUSEUM

Step back in time and see how children's toys have changed over the centuries at the fascinating Antalya Toy Museum. It opened in 2011, but the museum already houses about 3,000 antique toys, some of which you can hold for yourself. The toys on display date as far back as the 1800s, right up to more modern times, with plenty of familiar characters that your little ones will recognise.

KOPRULU CANYON

Koprulu Canyon offers plenty of adventure in the great Turkish outdoors. You can go for its most popular activity – white-water rafting in the national park along Köprü River, passing magnificent greenery of the cypress-forested crags and under the ancient Oluk Bridge.

There are plenty of challenges that most family members can take on at Koprulu Canyon, including ziplining and canyoning, though rafting remains the main attraction. You'll come across a series of narrow courses featuring a mix of otherworldly geological formations as well as ancient ruins – all along a course that spans around 25 km.

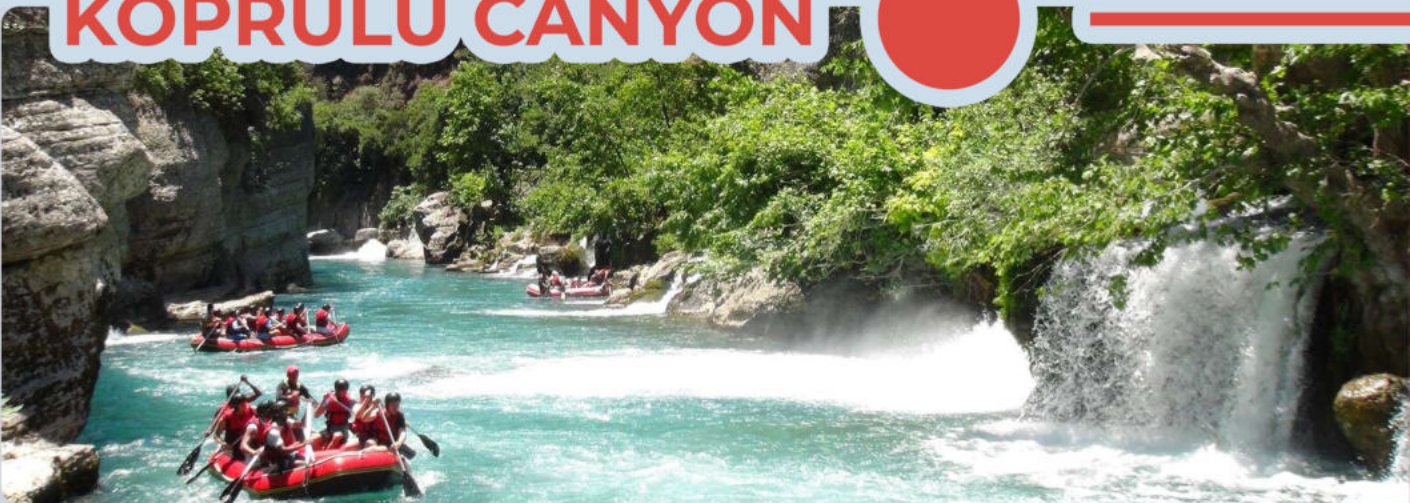
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ANTALYA AQUARIUM

Antalya Aquarium is the largest aquarium in the world and has a width of 3 meters and a length of 131 meters. Another special feature of this facility, which has a total of 40 thematic aquariums, is that it holds the title of the largest tunnel aquarium. Besides the aquarium, you can walk in tropical environments, have fun with real snow and participate in activities such as the cinema. You can make your trip even more enjoyable by eating delicious food and visiting souvenir stores in the complex, which is home to many well-known brands. The place called Snow World covers an area of 1500 square meters and is one of the places where the most entertaining snow events in Turkey are held. In the complex there are igloos, a Santa Nicholas house and cafes. In the city, which has a hot climate, the outside temperature in the Snow World is 40 degrees, while inside it is -5 degrees.

The specially designed Wild Park caves and deserts and the air of tropical forests are tried to be reflected in the aquarium. The most remarkable thing is that the sound effects are reproduced to the visitors according to the environment as they walk through this unique place. These effects include rain sounds, rolling of stones, monkey, bird or wind sounds. In addition, there are wild animals in enclosed areas called terrariums. Similar to aquariums, these are equipped with soil or materials that reflect the natural environment of the creatures. In the terrarium, which is quite remarkable, you can easily walk around, observing the safety measures for dangerous animals.

THE INVERTED HOUSE

The inverted house, located in the Antalya Muratpaşa district, was built in 2014 according to the grand design of three entrepreneurs, one of whom is Russian. The inverted house, which has a different architectural structure from all other houses, is 85 square meters in size and stands on a 300 square meter plot. This house, which opened in 2016, attracts a lot of attention. You will experience a little shock when you enter the one-story action house. Everything from kitchen furniture to home appliances, toilet and bathroom cabinets, bedrooms and seating areas hang upside down from the ceiling. The decor of the house, which attracts the attention of young to old, is changed every six months.

KONYAALTI BEACH

One of the most popular beaches in Turkey, Konyaaltı Beach, is located within the boundaries of Konyaaltı Municipality, which is located in the westernmost part of Antalya. This beach, which is preferred by everyone, local and foreigners, is one of the most important natural symbols of the city. There are two different claims about where the name comes from. First; It is the use of the word Konyaaltı in the sense of "we went to under Konya" when those who came to Antalya from Konya during the Ottoman period saw the beach. Second; Due to the fact that Antalya is located on the cliffs, this region is called Koyaaltı and the word has changed into Konyaaltı over time.

PATARA BEACH

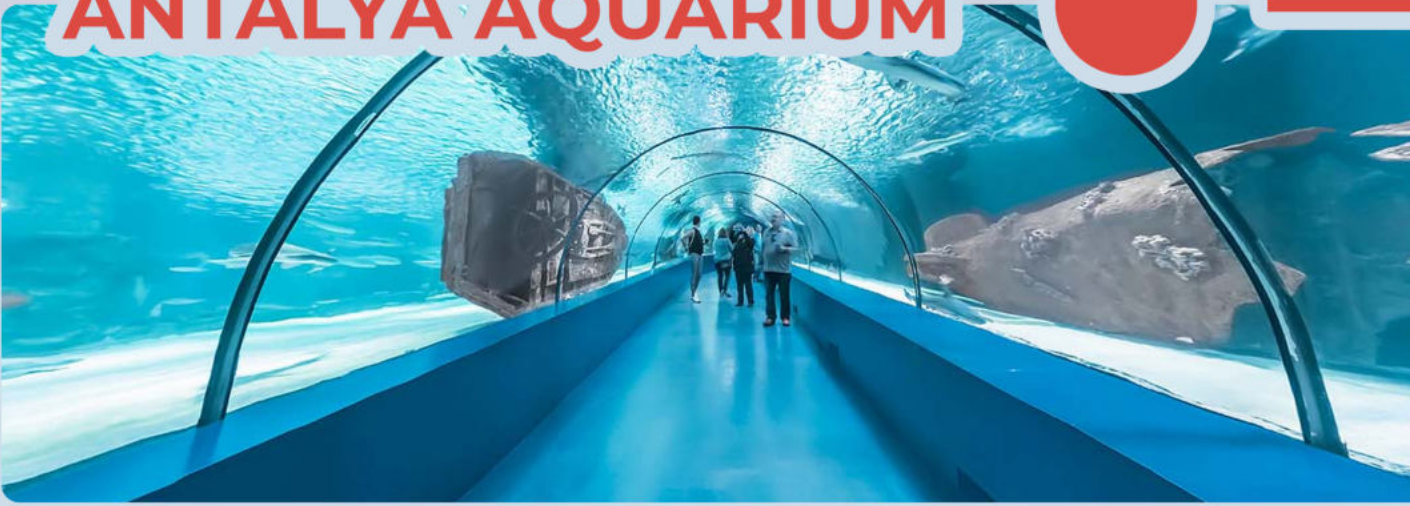
Patara beach, the second longest beach in Turkey, has a width of 280 meters to 1500 meters and a total length of 14 kilometers. Patara Beach, which has been declared a special environmental protection area, is one of the most important breeding areas of Caretta Caretta sea turtles in our country. The beach is used alternately by humans and sea turtles between May 15 and September 15. Between 08:00 and 20:00 people use it and between 20:00 and 08:00 Caretta Caretta use it. During this time, people are not allowed to enter the beach or even turn on lights.

PARAGLIDING

Research has shown that the Kaş district of Antalya is one of the most suitable places in Turkey for paragliding in terms of landforms and climatic structure. The number of visitors who want to see the beauty of this natural gift from the air is increasing day by day. Depending on the weather conditions, the runways on the slopes of Asas Mountain and Kirdavlı Hill are used for flights organized with modern equipment and experienced pilots at any time of the year.

For paragliding, not only Kaş but also Kemer coastline, the area up to Tahtalı Mountain, which is located in Beydağları Beach National Park and is one of the highest peaks of the Taurus Mountains with an altitude of 2365 meters, can be used. Also, it is possible to take the cable car from Olympos to observe the beautiful harmony of green and blue, and parachute down from the summit to Tekirova Coast.

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