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The Ultimate in Luxury travel? It might be a Turkish Luxury Gulet Cruise



What's a Gulet cruise? No, it's not a cruise with an all-you-can-eat buffet where you can stuff food down your gullet. A "Gulet" is a traditional two or three-masted sailing vessel from the southwestern coast of Turkey. It is also the ultimate in luxury travel.

My cousin Michael is in the luxury cruise business. Egyptian football star Mohammed Salah was the latest celebrity he hosted on his yacht. But it's not just celebrities that book cruises on luxury cruises. On our recent trip to Turkey we found out that **Turkish luxury gulets** are one of the best ways of discovering the beautiful coastline of

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A few of the highlights of the Turkish Riviera (also known as the Turquoise Coast)



Above: Ölüdeniz



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The Turkish Riviera is one of the most beautiful coastal waters anywhere in the world. Discovering it is the primary reason people book gulets.

The flexibility of building your own itinerary

Many people book a luxury gulet cruise because of the flexibility. Whatever your itinerary they'll cater to what you want. **Have a look at this article covering the most beautiful beaches in Turkey for itinerary ideas.** Most people book a week with their friends and family. But the possibilities are endless – some people hire a gulet for a month and add the Greek islands to their itinerary. The size of the gulets also vary: you can book one that accommodates 8 people or one that accommodates up to 20.

The Ultimate in Luxury?

Have a look below.





Above: The "Double Eagle". 5 Cabins, 12 guests, 5 cabin crew





Above: The "All about U". 6 cabins, 12 guests, and a crew of 8.

But the best? Gulets have a crew taking care of you. There can be as many as 8 crew members on the larger vessels. That includes a personal chef. Do your favorite foods include prawns, charcoal-cook fresh fish, or grilled lamb chops? No problem, your chef will cook you anything you want. You want a pizza before you go to bed? He'll make that for you too. Want him to tuck you in? I don't know if he'll do that but chances are he might. Before you

go on your cruise you tell him what you like to eat and drink – the boat is going to be fully stocked with everything you could ever wish for.



Activities

So what to do while you're on your gulet cruise? That's up to you. Most people plan their itineraries around the secluded bays and islands of the Turkish Riviera and indulge in water activities like snorkling, kayaking, fishing or even jet skiing. If you're interested in history and sightseeing your crew will arrange a sightseeing tour of some of the many sights in the region (Roman ruins for example. There are many in the region). The whole reason that people book a luxury gulet is for the flexibility of doing whatever they want.

So how much does it Cost ?

The average luxury gulet will come out to about 12,000 Euros for a week. Most will accommodate 10 to 12 passengers, making the cost approximately 1,100 Euros per person per week. Food is extra, starting at about 310 Euros per person. So you're looking at a total of close to 1,500 Euros per person per week based on the maximum occupancy of a gulet (which depends on the gulet in question and the time of year). But look at it this way: how much would you pay for a fancy villa where you have the same view every day? And how much extra would you pay for food and activities?

Is booking a gulet something you would ever consider?

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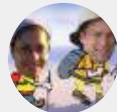
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**Paula**

July 16, 2019 at 3:11 pm

Holy crap, now you caught my attention! The coastline looks remarkable – I had no idea Turkey is so beautiful and what a fantastic way to discover onboard a gulet.

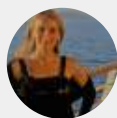
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**Frank (bbqboy)**

July 16, 2019 at 8:26 pm

It IS beautiful Paula. Don't know if you saw my recent post on Antalya? There were things we didn't like about the city – but as far as natural beauty goes it is spectacular.

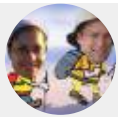
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**Gilda Baxter**

July 16, 2019 at 3:29 pm

The “Gulet” cruise boat looks amazing. I have cruised few times, but just the more budget friendly version. I think it would be an excellent idea for a large family reunion or a group of friends. The 12,000 Euros price tag is steep, but if sharing with a group of friends it could be fantastic. The Turkish Riviera is stunning, I am tempted to go back there in the future.

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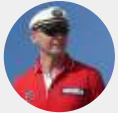


Frank (bbqboy)

July 16, 2019 at 8:24 pm

Wouldn't it be nice to be a millionaire? I'd get the really expensive one (they go up to 150,000 Euros/week) and lounge around the yacht in a Hugh Hefner dressing down all day, smoking cigars and drinking whiskey.

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Victor

July 21, 2019 at 9:14 am

Sea cruises are always so romantic. The "Double Eagle" super!

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