

An aerial photograph of a traditional wooden boat on clear, turquoise water. A person is sitting on the boat, and another person is swimming in the water nearby, leaving a white wake. The water is so clear that the seabed is visible.

ETERNAL BLUE

ENTER A WORLD OF DAZZLING SUNSETS,
SILVERY MOONLIT BAYS, GASTRONOMY,
ADVENTURE AND SHOPPING ON THE
SUN-BAKED TURKISH RIVIERA

The crossroads between Europe and Asia, where the colour of the seas is as capricious as the skies, Türkiye is a land of stupendous natural beauty, history and culture. Running across 1,000 kilometres of rugged coastline, protected by the Taurus mountains and with near year-round sunshine, the picturesque Turkish Riviera is the archetypal lazy hazy summer destination.

Carpeted in lush forests of pine and cedar, olive groves and framed by golden sands and turquoise bays home to bobbing traditional gullet boats, this sun-baked region is the stuff of legends. Dubbed 'the land of eternal blue', in recent years the Turkish Riviera has become one of the most sought-after hangouts in the Mediterranean. Ancient history, a thriving dining and cultural scene and charming traditional traditional villages – many whitewashed with bright pink bougainvillea – have made it a must-visit Mediterranean destination.

Just a short flight from the Gulf, the Turkish Riviera is home to some of the country's finest accommodation – where a roster of leading luxury global brands hide amongst its rugged bays and in its port towns – both the glitzy and peaceful.

Awe-inspiring accommodation

Thanks to its kilometres of coastline, rugged inlands landscape and charming coastal towns and ports, the Turkish Riviera is bursting with sublime summer accommodation. Travellers can book a secluded resort at the heat of nature where



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forests spill out into the sea or a world-leading luxury hotel, cut into the cliffs leading down onto polished decking over deep blue waters. Hotels boast concierge teams to help perfect your Turkish Riviera journey, from guided tours to historical wonders and boat excursions to hidden coves, to personal shopping trips and private fishing tours finished with sunset dines of fresh fish and local grape.

Gastronomic adventures are key in the Turkish Riviera, a region blessed with rich soil, salty air and warm golden sun. The earth produces the finest fresh fruits and vegetables, notably its rich, ruby red tomatoes, and the Mediterranean cuisine comprises simple, healthy and fresh dishes prepared with extra virgin olive oil. Throughout the region, traditional restaurants offer delicious meze dishes such as such as aubergine purée, salted bonito, and shell beans cooked in olive oil accompanying fresh fish.

Enticing experiences

While known as a summer destination, the Turkish Riviera is actually home to year-round festivals and events. In the region’s main cities of Antalya and Mersin, numerous live music performances take place, with Antalya hosting the acclaimed Golden Orange Film Festival – drawing cinema stars and aficionados to the region. In Mersin, the International Music Festival welcomes world-famous musicians, whilst the highly-acclaimed jazz festival in Ka complements the town’s famous diving sights. However, the most exquisite experience awaits you at Aspendos International Opera and Ballet Festival, held in the two-thousand-year-old wondrous Aspendos Theatre showing modern adaptations of opera and ballet shows.

Heir to many civilisations and a key player in the antiquity, the region is also home to endless archaeological sites – many of which discoverable via the crystal-clear turquoise waters. Travellers can take a boat out to admire

the ancient cities of Side, Patara, Olympos and Phaselis, or enjoy a tailor-made boating experience of their own. The Turquoise Coast, as it’s known, is renowned for its sailing routes, most notable the Blue Voyage on the traditional Turkish gulet boat. Enjoy week-long excursions, island-hopping picnics and romantic sunset cruises. Boat is the best way to take in the Turkish Riviera’s spellbinding coastline, its fine beaches and coves where pine forests scent the air. On land, the best way to explore is by scenic hiking trails and biking routes, or taking in the sights during a round of golf on a manicured course.

Relaxing days on the Turkish Riviera are also some of the most rewarding, be it exploring the many shopping districts or enjoying the region’s hotels wellness facilities and packages, many offering mindfulness programmes, personal training and group activities to relax and rebalance the body and soul. There’s something for everyone on the beautiful Turkish Riviera. goturkiye.com