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### HISARONU GULF LUXURY GULET TURKEY CRUISE

The coastlines of the Aegean Sea are home to some of the most pristine and beautiful bays and coves, truly idyllic vacation spots. The Blue Voyage was first made famous here where cross winds are excellent for sailing, the bays are secluded and merge with dramatic pine forested coast lines. The Dodecanese islands, including Simi, are a loose collection in the Aegean Sea, situated off the west coast of Turkey, and offer a tranquil, picturesque charm that has almost vanished from many of the better-known Greek island resorts. The footprints of cultures from the Greeks and Romans to crusading medieval knights, and from Byzantine and Ottoman potentates to 20th-century Italian bureaucrats, are all found here along this rich coastline of Turkey and the shores of the Greek Dodecanese Islands. Wake up on board to the warm Aegean sun and crystal clear waters each morning, relax into the rhythm of life on the sea, and enjoy some wonderful sailing between the islands. Disembark to explore the picturesque towns and harbors, boutique shopping, fabulous culinary experiences, and to soak up the unique atmosphere of Aegean Turkey and the ambience of the Greek Islands. While away your time on board relaxing, dining with your friends and group, reading, pulling anchor to explore some of the stunning bays for swimming whenever the mood takes you. Throughout your trip you will be wonderfully looked after by our excellent crew.



#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 - SATURDAY - BODRUM

Take a transfer to the charming Bodrum harbor and board your luxurious sailing yacht in the afternoon. Your captain and crew will be waiting for you on board. Spend the first night on board in a bay close by harbour if arrive before dinner time.

DAY 2 - SUNDAY - KNIDOS

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Leave Bodrum sailing across the Gulf of Gokova to the site of Knidos, the meeting point of the Mediterranean and Aegean seas. Knidos is famous in antiquity for the cult of Aphrodite started there. Situated at the end of the Datca peninsula, this Dorian city was built on terraces rising to the acropolis. Straddling the peninsula, it had a harbour on either side, and flourished during the Archaic, Classical, Hellenistic and Roman periods. The site was excavated in 1857 by C. T. Newton and from 1967 by Iris Love. Famous as a center of art and culture in the fourth century BC, Knidos was established at the same time that Halicarnassus was, as one of the six Dorian colonies in Asia Minor. It seems to have kept a purer Greek character, no doubt because it set its sights seaward and had little contact with the interior. Around 360 BC, the city was rebuilt at the windblown tip of the peninsula, banking on the fact that a good harbor at the outer corner of Asia Minor would become a popular callingport for ships on the Aegean - East Mediterranean transit routes. The rocky island facing the shore at the new site was joined to the mainland with a causeway, creating two deep harbors on either side of the isthmus: one on the Aegean and the other on the Mediterranean. The island section held the residential quarters, a series of colonnaded walkways rose in tiers on the land. Two large theaters, an odeon and three temples completed what must have been a striking ensemble in the midst of a desolate crag. The remains of a circular temple dedicated to the goddess of love Aphrodite overlook remains of the two harbors: the arcaded way was built of white marble heart-shaped columns. The legendary Aphrodite of Praxiteles statue, reputedly one of the most beautiful sculptures of the antiquity, once graced this temple. The city was renowned as one of the most beautiful in ancient

Greece. In the early evening moor near the idyllic Kargi Bay.

### DAY 3 - MONDAY - ESKI DATCA

Early morning set sail to picturesque resort of Datça. Enjoy a stroll through town, offering some lovely shopping and cafes. Renowned for its natural beauty and climate, this town provides a window into the life of rural Turkey of 50 to 100 years ago. Village life is still based on agriculture, fishing, and the building of the gulet (the traditional 2-masted Turkish wooden sailing vessel). Pine, oak, and myrtle filled mountains plunge down to a serene beach and two natural harbors. Sail into the Gulf of Hisaronu with a mountainous coastline that offers numerous anchorages within. Stretching for 30 nautical miles into the Aegean Sea between the Greek Islands of Kos and Rhodes, this gulf provides a sailing paradise with late morning winds and deep blue seas with secluded coves, rugged mountains as a backdrop, and small tranquil villages. The crosswinds in this region are excellent for sailing. Cruise to Ciftlik Bay, a hidden cove with a small sandy beach, half way up the Datca peninsula. Bencik Bay resembles a miniature fjord. The inlet extends inland about 1.5 nautical miles and has steep wooded slopes on either side. Bencik is located at the narrowest part of the peninsula that divides the Hisaronu Gulf from the Gokova Gulf.

### DAY 4 - TUESDAY - SELIMIYE & BOZBURUN

Today cruise into the wide Bay of Selimiye, one of the safest natural harbors in the Gulf of Hisaronu. Surrounded by magnificent scenery and largely unspoiled, Selimiye village

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seems as though it was frozen in time. You have a chance to walk around before cruising to Bozburun, a quiet little fishing village. It is used to be the center of sponge diving along the Turkish coast, but nowadays locals here earn their living in a much less dangerous way by building the typical broad-beamed wooden gulets.

### DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY - BOZUKKALE

Depart for the Bay of Bozukkale, which means 'broken castle' as one side of the castle is missing. The entrance to the bay is guarded by an ancient citadel 350 meters long and 30 meters wide. In ancient times it was known as the city of Loryma and throughout history this port was used by the Greek navy forces during Peloponnese Sea. The Colossus, at nearby Rhodes, was built to celebrate the defeat of Antigonos' invasion force in 305 B.C. It was in Bozukkale Bay that the invasion fleet was assembled. Hike up to the ruins for some spectacular views of the Greek Islands of Simi and Rhodes.

### DAY 6 - THURSDAY - PALAMUTBUKU & MERSINCIK

Cruise to this, the most western anchorage in the Gulf of Hisaronu. Palamutbuku is well known for its sparkling clean sea, fresh fish, and delicious locally grown almonds which are produced locally. From here, sail to Mersincik in the Gulf of Gokova; a stunning bay ringed with high mountains and woods, its clear waters and seclusion make it a favorite spot for spending the night.

### DAY 7 - FRIDAY - KISEBUKU BAY

This morning cross the Gulf of Gokova to the pine-clad Bay of Kesibuku. Take advantage of the calm morning hours, sailing smoothly along the Gokova shores. Opt for a stop at Orak Island. Late afternoon come into the Bodrum harbor, enjoy city of Bodrum for today and overnight in harbour.

### DAY 8 - SATURDAY

Departure after breakfast for Bodrum airport and flights back to Istanbul, or transfers to your next destination.

#### Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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## YOUR SHIP: MYRA

**YOUR SHIP:**

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**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

Luxury sailing gulet Myra's antique design is integrated with spacious fore, side and aft decks, up-to-date nautical equipment, outdoor dining facilities, cushioned lounging areas, sun mattresses, tenting to protect from the sun, plus other contemporary comforts. The interior features elegant living quarters with high ceilings and wide corridors. The salon includes a stocked bar, cushioned seating, and a table for indoor dining. Accommodations consist of 4 airy cabins and 1 master cabin. Swimming from the yacht is certainly one of the most enjoyable experiences of your voyage. Additionally, you can sail, water ski, snorkel, kayak, fish, play board games, cards, or even go on moderate to strenuous hikes with the captain. Other activities can also be arranged, such as parasailing, jet skiing, scuba diving, paragliding, plus numerous additional water sports (at extra cost). Naturally, relaxation is a key part of the voyage, and we offer a library of magazines and books to peruse. A DVD library and DVD player is also on board stocked with film classics, children's, and foreign films. The stereo system has indoor and outdoor speakers and iPod connections for even more personalized listening pleasure. Shore excursions along the Aegean and Mediterranean coasts

are fantastic opportunities to experience sights and sites otherwise not so easily accessed. We will make the most of some lively resorts, traditional sleepy villages, authentic local cuisine, sightseeing, shopping, nightlife, and ancient site explorations. Cuisine A skilled chef, whose expertise ranges from haute cuisine to regional specialties, guarantees satisfaction for even the most discriminating palate. Seafood is served Mediterranean style, and organically grown fresh herbs, vegetables, and fruits of the season ensure the finest flavour. 5-star luxury standards Uniformed, English-speaking crew including chef Optimized for sailing as guests wish Adjustable a/c throughout 2 generators & inverters En suite bathrooms with flush w/c & enclosed shower Spacious cabins Flat screen TV, DVD hook up & movie library Free WiFi Stereo system/ ipod dock Orthopaedic beds & pillows 100% fine cotton linen and fluffy towels Zodiac dinghy with H/P motor water ski, wakeboard and ringo Paddle board Snorkel &

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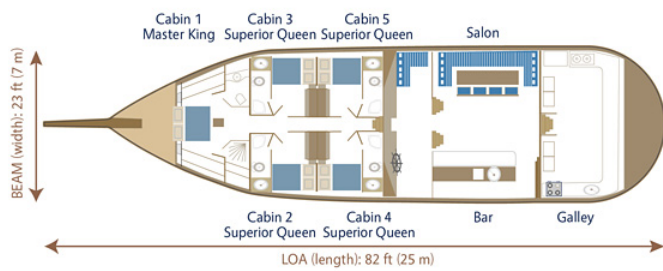
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