



# Hiking in Aegean Turkey

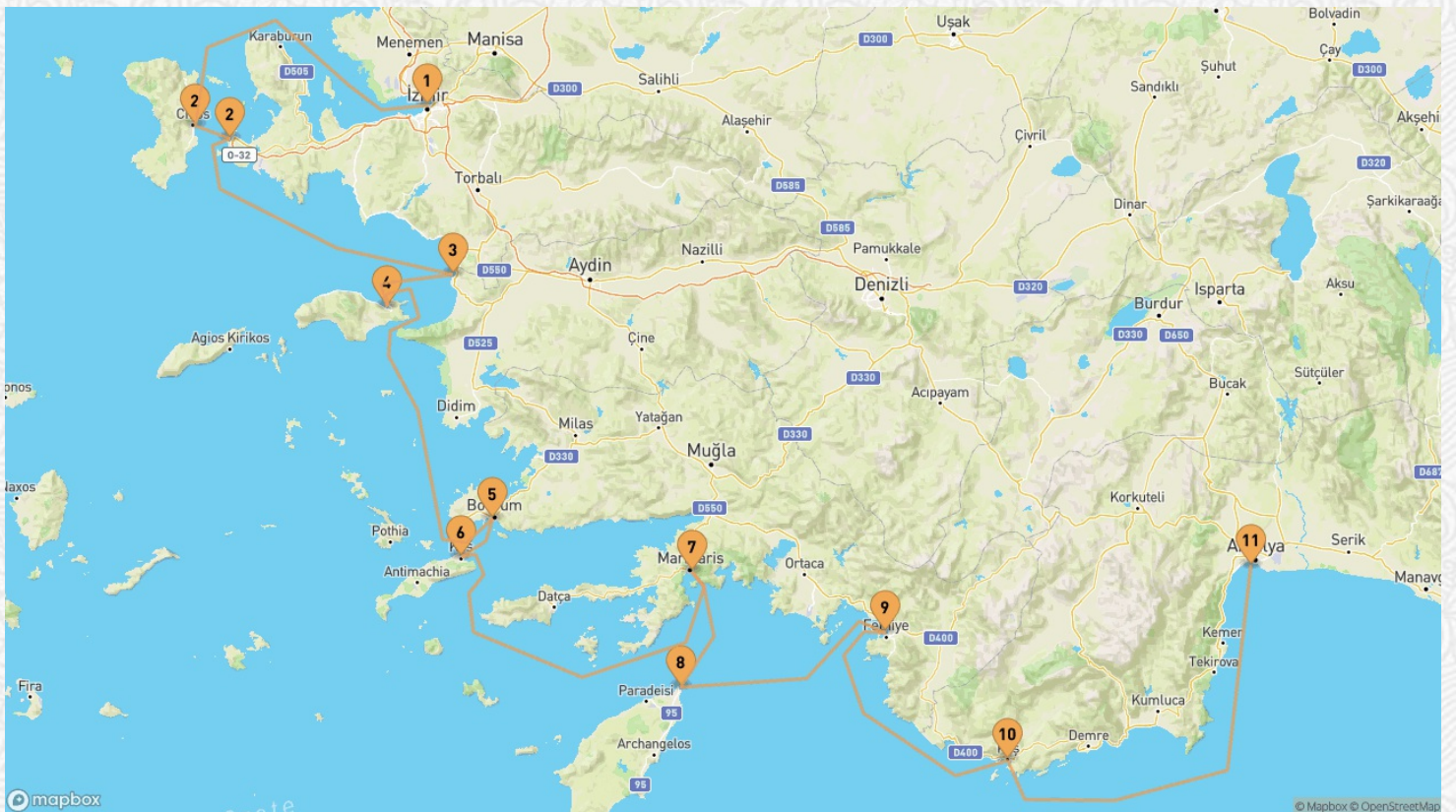
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Hop to the coastlines which are famous for natural reserves and trekking paths used by ancient heroes.

⦿ TAGS: Mainland port, Popular, Nightlife, Island, Town, City

⦿ REGIONS / COUNTRIES: 🇹🇷 Turkey 🇬🇷 Greece

⦿ DURATION: 11 Days / 10 Nights



# Day 1



## Turkey / Izmir

◆ Mainland port, Popular, Nightlife

Turkey's third largest city, Izmir was an important stop on the Silk Road. The Pamukkale pools of the region have been in use for thousands of years. Known itself in ancient history as an important city, Smyrna, Izmir encompasses the area of the former capital of the Attalid Dynasty and the capital of the Roman Province of Asia, Pergamon, as well as the mighty ancient Ephesus.



## IZMIR AGORA

◆ Historic, Architecture

Take a trip Inside the Agora grounds in Izmir, built by Alexander the Great and finished by the Roman Empire, that now functions as an open air museum.

## KADIFEKALE

Historic, Architecture, Castle

Observe the city's castle built for the ancient Greek city of Smyrna, Kadifekale.



## ANCIENT EPHEBUS

Historic, Architecture

Get astonishing pictures at the gates of the wide site of ancient Ephesus near Selcuk.

# Day 2



## Greece / Chios

📍 Island

Island that flourished and received favors from other islands and cities thanks to its main symbol - mastic oil, that is available only on Chios. Mastic trees get enough love only here. Chios forests inspired many big authors and composers.



## CHIOS CASTLE

📍 Castle, Historic, Architecture

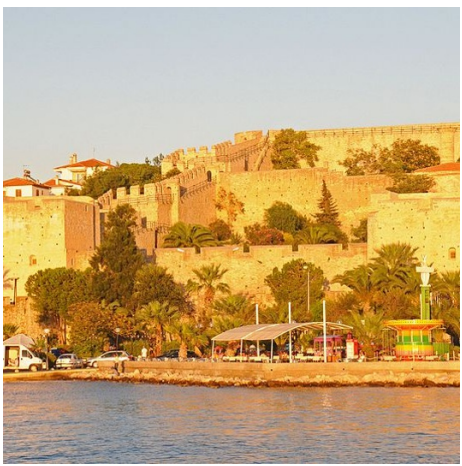
Transcend through all historical periods in the byzantine castle in the island's capital, also named Chios



## Turkey / Cesme-Alacati

📍 Mainland port, Town

Endless beaches, including the most beautiful one in Turkey within close reach. The province filled up with ancient sites in each direction.



### CESME CASTLE

📍 Castle, Historic, Museum, Architecture

Restored in modern days and home to the Archaeology Museum

## CESME OLD TOWN

Traditional, Historic, Architecture

Feels just like a traditional Greek village



# Day 3



## Turkey / Kusadasy

◆ Mainland port, Popular

Plethora of ancient sites and big destinations in the vicinity. Big opportunity to add together best locations and form a complex tour.



## DILEK PENINSULA

◆ Nature, Beach

Explore the giant national park area with many beaches for swimming and sunbathing

# Day 4



## Greece / Samos

📍 Island

Samos is the birthplace of the Greek philosopher and mathematician Pythagoras, after whom the Pythagorean theorem is named, the philosopher Epicurus, and the astronomer Aristarchus of Samos, who proposed that the Earth revolves around the sun. The fabulist Aesop lived here as a slave.



## SAMOS MOUNTAINS

📍 Nature

Go hiking in the mountains of Ambelos, Karvouni and Kerkis for panoramic views



# Day 5



## Turkey / Bodrum

◆ Mainland port, Popular, City

One of the biggest resorts in Turkey with city vibes and activities for the whole day.



## BODRUM FORTRESS

◆ Historic, Architecture

Castle of St Peter the Liberator of the Order of the Knights of the Hospital of St John of Rhodes

# PEDASA ANTIQUE CITY

Traditional



# Day 6



## Greece / Kos

📍 Island

Kos is referred to as the garden island among the Greek due to its geography, which allows enough rain. It is spacious and accommodates towns and mountains, flatlands and wetlands, lakes and long beaches. Kos was also home of Hippocrates, the "Father of Modern Western Medicine".



## ASCLEPION OF KOS

📍 Historic, Architecture

Where Hippocrates founded his medical school and the largest hospital in Ancient Greece

# Day 7



## Turkey / Marmaris

📍 Nightlife, Mainland port, Popular

Marmaris is famous for its beaches, being part of Turkish Riviera and famous Blue Voyage Route. Outstanding nightlife, countless resort facilities and many hiking routes with landmarks.



## MARMARIS CASTLE

📍 Castle, Museum, Historic

Castle houses a museum with discoveries from surrounding archaeological sites, like Knidos and Datca

## BELDIBI PANORAMA VIEWPOINT

Enjoy the stunning panoramic views of Beldibi from the top of the Beldibi Panorama Viewpoint, offering breathtaking vistas of the Mediterranean Sea and the surrounding mountains.



# Day 8



## Greece / Rhodes

📍 Island, Popular

The largest and historically the most important of the Dodecanese islands. Rhodes owes its name to the fragrant roses which grow across its plains.



### RHODES CASTLE

📍 Castle, Historic, Architecture

Jump right away to the top attraction of Rhodes town, the Rhodes castle.

# Day 9



## Turkey / Fethiye

📍 Town, Popular, Mainland port

Rock tombs in the area, which date back over 3,000 years, are on UNESCO's World Heritage Tentative List.



## LYCIAN WAY TRAIL

📍 Nature

Hike along the scenic Lycian Way trail, a 500-kilometer route through rugged mountains and coastal paths, showcasing some of Turkey's most stunning landscapes.

# Day 10



## Turkey / Kas

📍 Mainland port, Town

A quiet pleasant town with turquoise blue sea and narrow streets scented with jasmine flowers. Arts festival, jazz concerts in the Hellenistic theatre, ceramics exhibitions and a vast variety of underwater cultural heritage.



## LYCIAN WAY

📍 Nature, Historic

Enjoy one of the best and the lengthiest trekking paths in Turkey, the Lycian Way, that connects cities of Fethiye and Antalya and lies close to the sea coast.



# Day 11



## Turkey / Antalya

📍 Mainland port, Popular, City

Antalya Port, Turkey is a stunning city that offers endless attractions and activities. With its picturesque harbor, ancient ruins, and beautiful beaches, it's no wonder why this city has become a popular tourist destination. From the bustling markets of Kaleiçi to the breathtaking views from the top of Yivli Minare, there's something for everyone to enjoy. From the archaeological sites of the ancient city of Perge to the stunning waterfalls of Duden, Antalya Port is an ideal place for an unforgettable vacation.

