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A gem of the Turkish Riviera, Antalya is a vibrant city that doubles as a paradise for vacationing families from all over Europe. The coast is sprinkled with enticing beaches, a myriad of budget-friendly and upscale hotels, and restaurants aplenty. And for those wanting a break from the all-inclusive poolside days, a wealth of intriguing ancient sites awaits nearby.

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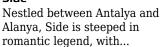


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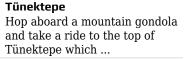






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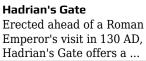


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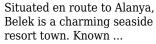
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THE CITY



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A 14th-century explorer Ibn Battuta, often dubbed the Muslim Marco Polo, declared Antalya to be one of the most beautiful cities he'd ever seen. Modern day visitors would find it hard to dispute his claim. Nestled on the eastern edge of the Mediterranean, Antalya rests on a fertile plain, framed by towering, often snow-dusted mountains.

For those looking to add some cultural depth to their beach holiday, Antalya offers a dive into its ancient history. Just north of the city, the Karain cavern houses remnants of Turkey's oldest known settlement. The city's diverse past is vividly on display, bearing the marks of the Romans, Byzantines and Seljuks.

Present-day Antalya marries the charm of a modern metropolis with the quaint appeal of an old-world town. Wander into Kaleiçi to discover the authentic Antalya — an enchanting blend of petite mosques, and a mishmash of both revamped and time-worn Ottoman wooden houses. The harbour, Yat Liman, is a haven of cosy cafés and bars, where you can unwind while taking in the lively boat life in the nearby bay.

DO & SEE



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Antalya boasts must-see attractions to cater to every age and taste. History enthusiasts can step back in time with sites like the Hadrianus Triumphal Arch, Hierapolis and Yivli Minareli. Families with children will delight in the thrilling Waterhill, Atlantis, Park Aqua and Dolphinarium, or explore the fascinating marine life at Antalya Aquarium. Don't limit yourself to the city limits — adventurous spots like Side and Belek await outside Antalya. The only task left is picking your favourite attractions.

Antalya Archeology Museum



The Antalya Archaeology Museum hosts a remarkable array of exhibits, from perfectly preserved Roman statues and impressive

sarcophagi to remnants of the theatre in Perge. Nestled amongst the icons, discover a jawbone alleged to belong to Santa Claus, born in Patara and buried in Demre. The Museum also showcases a captivating collection of traditional folk costumes and exquisite rugs, further enriching your cultural exploration.

Photo: Engin_Akyurt/pixabay Address: Antalya Müzesi, Konyaaltı Caddesi 88, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-8pm

Phone: +90 242 238 56 88 Internet: muze.gov.tr/muze-detay?SectionId=ANT01&DistId=ANT

Yivliminare Mosque



The fluted minaret Yivliminare Mosque was built by the Sultan Ala ad-Din Kay Qubadh I in the 13th century. Decorated with dark blue

tiles, is a landmark and symbol of the city. Just a stone's throw away lies the bustling city centre, along with an evocative equestrian statue of Kemal Atatürk, adding to the location's vibrant appeal.

Photo: eFesenko/Shutterstock.com Address: Yivliminare Camii, Selçuk Mahalle, Muratpaşa/Antalya Phone: +90 242 244 75 50 Internet: whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/6119 More Info: Also known as the Alaaddin Mosque or simply Grand Mosque

Hadrian's Gate



Erected ahead of a Roman Emperor's visit in 130 AD, Hadrian's Gate offers a grand entry to Antalya's historic district. As the sole surviving

gateway of the city's ancient protective walls, this triumphal arch embodies the rich past of Antalya, once known as Attaleia. Today, the gate stands on Atatürk Caddesi, bridging the bustling modern city and the charming old town of Kaleiçi, a testament to Antalya's long history and architectural prowess.

Photo: Igor Zh/Shutterstock.com Address: Hadrian Kapısı, Atatürk Caddesi, Kaleiçi, Muratpaşa/Antalya Internet: antalya.com.tr/en/discovery/kaleici/hadrians-gate

Ancient City of Perge



Situated approximately 18 kilometres east of Antalya, Perge (also known as Perga) was once home to the Hittites around 1500 BC, before

falling under Greek colonisation post the Trojan War. The extensive ruins showcase a Roman theatre, a vast stadium, and column-lined streets harking back to the era when the Apostle Paul is believed to have made a stopover during one of his missions. Immerse yourself in the timeless tales this historic site whispers.

Photo: Oquzum/Shutterstock.com Address: Perge Antik Kenti Public Transport: Take a local bus or dolmuş Internet: muze.gov.tr/muze-detay?sectionId=PRG01&distId=PRG

Belek



Situated en route to Alanya, Belek is a charming seaside resort town. Known for its premium golf courses, it offers a perfect getaway

for those keen on tee times. Beyond golf, Belek boasts a host of upscale hotels and restaurants to explore.

Photo: Encal Media/unsplash Internet: www.visitbelek.com/en

Aspendos



Located about 19 kilometres east of Antalya, you'll find Aspendos. This remarkable theatre is the only one from antiquity that still has its stage structure intact. Originally capable of accommodating 20,000 spectators, its survival is credited to the Seljuks, who repurposed it as a residence.

In the 1920s, Kemal Atatürk, revered as the 'Father of the Turks', decided to restore the theatre. Today, Aspendos plays host to major musical events, perpetuating its legacy as a cultural epicentre.

Photo: Mick Haupt/unsplash

Address: Aspendos, Antalya

Public Transport: An excursion bus or dolmuş is the best way to get to Aspendos.

Side



Nestled between Antalya and Alanya, Side is steeped in romantic legend, with claims of a tryst between Cleopatra and Mark Antony. Here,

you'll find history quite literally underfoot, with ruins at every turn. Its ancient theatre, capable of holding 25,000 spectators, is fortified by sturdy walls and perched on a flat expanse of land. Neighbouring the theatre, a striking Roman bath has been repurposed into an archaeological museum.

Photo: Dosseman/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia (cropped)(image cropped) Public Transport: Local buses run regularly to Side

Manavgat



Nestled just 72 km from Antalya, the sun-drenched town of Manavgat awaits. Here, golden sandy beaches meet intriguing historical sites, while a picturesque waterfall and mysterious caves beckon explorers. A wealth of restaurants, accommodation options, and shops promise to make your visit to Manavgat both comfortable and enjoyable.

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Beşkonak & Köprülü Canyon



North of Antalya and Alanya, the Köprülü canyon and Beşkonak is a delight for all senses. It hosts ancient ruins, trout farms, and offers a

welcome retreat from the coastal heat. If you're game for an adrenaline rush, why not experience the thrill of white water rafting in this lush landscape?

Photo: Serj Malomuzh/Shutterstock.com Address: Bozyaka, Manavgat/Antalya Internet: nationalparksofturkey.com/koprulu-canyon-national-park

Hierapolis & Pamukkale



Perched atop the stark white cliffs of Pamukkale lies Hierapolis — an ancient city that's as rich in history as it is in thermal springs. Once a

Phrygian cult centre and later a flourishing Greek city, Hierapolis boasts a well-preserved amphitheatre, an array of atmospheric ruins, and the famed Sacred Pool — a thermally heated delight where you can immerse yourself amidst submerged Roman columns, scattered by an ancient earthquake.

Just a stone's throw away, the terraces of Pamukkale steal the show. These gleaming white

formations, made of travertine — a sedimentary rock deposited by the mineral-rich hot waters give the town its name, meaning 'Cotton Castle'. With temperatures ranging from 35°C to a steamy 100°C, these hot springs have been creating an expanding landscape of terraces for centuries, as calcium carbonate from the waters crystallises into the soft gel of travertine.

Awarded UNESCO World Heritage status, Hierapolis and Pamukkale offer a unique fusion of cultural history and natural wonder that should not be missed.

Photo: isa_ozdere/Shutterstock.com Address: Pamukkale Travertenleri, Pamukkale/Denizli

Antalya Aquarium



Antalya Aquarium offers a chance to explore the underwater world, with thousands of different marine species on display. Feeling

adventurous? You can even swim with sharks and rays. Fancy a spot of winter in the middle of summer? Visit 'Snow World' and make snowballs from real snow. The highlight of the visit is the world's largest underwater tunnel — 131 metres long and 3 metres wide.

Photo: Kot Kot/Shutterstock.com Address: Arapsuyu, Dumlupinar Bulvari 502, Konyaalti/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm Phone: +90 242 245 65 65 Internet: www.antalyaaquarium.com Email: info@antalyaaquarium.com

Raftingo – River Rafting



For those seeking a dash of thrill and adventure, Raftingo has just the ticket. This Antalya-based adventure company organises heart-pounding

activities including river rafting, canyoning, and river kayaking. Backed by a team of professionals who provide guidance and information, you're sure to have a memorable, adrenaline-fuelled experience.

Photo: francesco de marco/Shutterstock.com Address: Atatürk Bulvarı, Tasarım Plaza, Konyaaltı/Antalya Phone: +90 534 820 11 69 Internet: www.raftingo.com Email: info@novaraft.com

Rixos Anjana Spa



Immerse yourself in the tranquil ambiance of Anjana spa, a stunning oasis steeped in traditional Turkish culture. Inspired by tales

of "Arabian Nights", the Turkish bath segment invites you to partake in a time-honoured ritual or unwind with a massage. You can also indulge in a variety of other treatments like a soothing chocolate or Thai massage, or a meticulous manicure. Here, your only task is to relax and let the pampering revive your senses.

Photo: ALF Sniper/Shutterstock.com Address: Rixos Downtown Antalya, Meltem, Sakıp Sabancı Bulvarı, Muratpaşa/Antalya Phone: +90 850 755 1 797 Internet: www.rixos.com/en/anjana-spa

Termessos Ruins



About 30 km northeast of Antalya, accessible via hiking trails, lies the ancient Pisidian city of Termessos, enveloped in the Mount

Güllük-Termessos National Park. Besides breathtaking views and a rare flora and fauna, you'll find the remains of once great temples, forts and city walls. A walk along the mountain fortress will lead you across impressive sights such as the Necropole or the Odeion Theater.

Photo: SABANCANPHOTOGRAPHY/Shutterstock.com Address: Güllük Dağı-Termessos Milli Parkı,

Dağı/Korkuteli/Antalya

Internet: nationalparksofturkey.com/gulluk-mountain-termess os-national-park

More Info: You can reach Termessos through Burdur or Korkuteli (D350/E87) highways. Alternatively, there are day excursions from Antalya.

Tünektepe



Hop aboard a mountain gondola and take a ride to the top of Tünektepe which lies 618 metres above sea level. From there, you can catch

stunning views over the Gulf of Antalya, city skyline and peaks of the Taurus range. After a meal at the hotel restaurant up top, hike back down to the city, enjoying fresh mountain air and sea breeze.

Photo: Igor Zh/Shutterstock.com Address: Tünektepe Teleferik Tesisleri, Liman Konyaaltı, Konyaaltı/Antalya Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon closed Phone: +90 242 259 46 46 Internet: tunektepeteleferik.com

Karaalioğlu Park



One of the city's biggest parks provides the ideal rest in the shadow on a hot day. As you stroll through Karaalioğlu Park, you can take in major

sights such as the mayor's office, a city theatre and also the old tower — Hıdırlık Kulesi — is nearby.

Photo: Anton_Ivanov/Shutterstock.com Address: Karaalioğlu Parkı, Park Sokak, Muratpasa, Muratpaşa/Antalya

Karain Cave



The Karain Cave is located 400 metres above sea level and has 3 chambers that were reportedly inhabited approximately 400,000

years ago — several finds support the assumption, among them artefacts like ceramics and animal bones. Located 27 km northwest of Antalya, the cave offers a glimpse into our distant ancestors living.

Photo: eFesenko/Shutterstock.com Address: Karain Mağarası, Yağca, Merkez/Antalya Opening hours: Daily from 8am Internet: muze.gov.tr/muze-detay?sectionId=KRM01&distId=MRK

BEACH LIFE



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The best way to navigate between different beaches is by dolmuş — the minibuses run often, stop frequently and are a cheap way to travel. Most beaches in the region are very family friendly and offer sport activities, such as surfing and water skiing.

Kemer



The seaside resort town of Kemer has two beaches. Moonlight beach on one side of the marina, nestled in a small bay surrounded by green

hills. On the other side, there's Kemer's public beach, where sun loungers with mattresses are free, there are large umbrellas and clean white sand.

Other fine beaches are located north of Kemer in Göynük, Beldibi and Kızıltepe, or towards the south in Çamyuva and Tekirova.

Photo: Viktor Hladchenko/Shutterstock.com Address: Kemer, Antalya Public Transport: From the marina, boats will take you to the different beaches, but you can also take the dolmuş.

Mermerli



Mermerli beach is a small sandy beach close to Antalya's harbour — a lovely place to spend your afternoon after exploring the Old Town. Plenty of

restaurants and cafes spread around offering the best view towards the sea. An area close by is the Adalar Swimming Area next to the cliffs of Karaalioğlu Park. There is an entrance fee to both these places.

Photo: ThomasJe/Shutterstock.com Address: Mermerli Plajı, Antalya

Lara Beach



Lara beach, about 9 km east of Antalya's old town, is a nice sand beach with shallow warm waters. It's one of the two best-known beaches of

Antalya, complete with chairs, umbrellas, snacks and showers plus blue-flag status for its clean water.

Photo: JelenaG74/Shutterstock.com Address: Lara Plajı, Antalya

Side Beach



The small town of Side has wide sand beaches and an impressive harbour. To the east, you will find the resorts of Sorgun, Kızılağaç and

Titreyen Göl, a beach with a blue EU flag, as well as hotels and bars. Towards the west, you will find Kumköy and Çolaklı with many bars and cafés.

Photo: Ridvan Ozdemir/Shutterstock.com Address: Side, Antalya

Büyük Çaltıcak & Küçük Çaltıcak



About 11 km west of the town you'll find real sandy beaches: Bükyü Çaltıcak and Küçük Çaltıcak. Here you can enjoy a sunny day at the

sea or take a hike in one of the many pine forests. Perfect for a day trip!

Photo: leventparlak/Shutterstock.com Address: Bükyü Calticak, Liman, Antalya

Konyaaltı Beach



Konyaaltı Beach is one of the two main beaches of Antalya. The beach is on the western side of the city, stretching 13 km fine pebbles and sand as

far as the eye can see. The water is beautifully clear. While there is a great offer for kids to play in the waterpark, it promises a fun experience for the whole family. Relax in a beach chair with a drink in hand or drop in the Migros MMM shopping centre nearby. The Konyaaltı neighbourhood is worth a visit.

Photo: Igor Zh/Shutterstock.com Address: Konyaaltı Plajları, Antalya Internet:

antalyatouristinformation.com/things-to-do/beach/konyaalti More Info: Bus 600 runs from Otogar to Konyaalti Beach

DINING



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The Turkish cuisine — a wonderful mixture of simple nomadic foods, Byzantine luxury and fresh raw ingredients — is considered to be one of the best in the world. Turkish speciality is the small starters known as meze, together with grape-distilled rakı. Unlike the stuff you get abroad, a kebab is always meat cut into pieces or minced meat. Another minced meat course is köfte (meatballs) which, just like kebabs, are served in dedicated köfte restaurants. The most popular soup is iskembe. It is made of cow stomach and served with vinegar. Seafood is very popular on the Turkish Riviera, too.

Seraser Fine Dining



Nestled in a 300-year-old mansion, Seraser Fine Dining restaurant presents a lush garden terrace that pleases all senses. This enchanting

backdrop perfectly enhances the artistry of their culinary masterpieces, creating an overall dining experience that's hard to forget.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com Address: Selçuk, Paşa Cami Sokak 14, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm Phone: +90 242 247 60 15 Internet: www.instagram.com/seraserrestaurant

Vanilla Restaurant



The family-run Vanilla Restaurant is situated in Antalya's old city known as Kaleiçi and boasts elegant Ottoman architecture in a

contemporary setting. Their modern menu revolves around Italian cuisine. The burrata salad comes highly recommended.

Photo: Sebastian Coman Photography/unsplash Address: Barbaros, Hesapçı Sokak 33, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Daily noon-10:15pm Phone: +90 242 247 60 13 Internet: vanillaantalya.com Email: info@vanillaantalya.com

Leman Kultur



Leman Kultur is a hotspot for young locals, offering a diverse menu of international dishes. The welcoming atmosphere is amplified by authentic

music playing throughout the day. To top it off, the restaurant also features a cosy outdoor garden, creating a truly inviting dining experience.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: Barbaros, Atatürk Caddesi 44, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 10am-midnight Phone: +90 242 243 74 74 Internet: www.instagram.com/lemankulturantalya

Restaurants at the Ramada Plaza Hotel



Get a taste of the sea at Ramada Plaza Antalya. Panoramic view of the sea and the Taurus Mountains level up the culinary prowess of Mood's Restaurant, which serves up international menu throughout the day. Book a table at the Verona A La Carte Restaurant for a romantic evening with Mediterranean and Italian cuisine.

Photo: Ekaterina Pokrovsky/Shutterstock.com Address: Ramada Plaza Hotel, Fevzi Çakmak Caddesi 22, Muratpaşa/Antalya Phone: +90 242 249 11 11 Internet: www.wyndhamhotels.com/ramada/antalya-turkey/ra mada-plaza-antalya/overview

Paçacı Şemsi



Navigating through the Turkish language menu might pose a challenge, yet it's a small price to pay for a taste of the city's best local soups.

From an array of vegetable-based dishes to unique creations like tripe soup or goat milk specials, there's a soup for every palate. The generous portions are meal-sized, ensuring you'll leave satiated and eager to return to try more of their diverse offerings.

Photo: pixshots/Shutterstock.com Address: Tahılpazarı, Şehit Binbaşı Cengiz Toytunç Caddesi, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Always open Phone: +90 242 247 50 73 More Info: Paçacı Şemsi is a chain with locations in Konyaaltı, Kırcami and Lara

Anis



Satisfy your carnivorous cravings at Anis, where charcoal-grilled dishes exude a tantalising smoky aroma that pairs perfectly with their homemade pita

bread. For a full experience, order the traditional

Iskender Kebab and pair it with a refreshing Ayran — a salty dairy drink, deliciously refreshing on hot days.

Photo: RDNE Stock project/pexels

Address: Tuzcular, İmaret Sokak 20, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-2am, Sun 10:30am-3:30am Phone: +90 552 317 51 18 Internet: restaurantguru.com/Anis-Antalya

Macha Cafe Bistro



Boasting a warm ambiance that effortlessly invites you in, Macha serves as both a restaurant and bar, offering a selection of

dishes inspired by modern international cuisine. Whether you're in the mood for a leisurely lunch, a sumptuous weekend brunch, or a fulfilling dinner, this venue ensures an enjoyable mealtime experience, any day of the week. Live music almost every evening.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com Address: Kılınçarslan, Hesapçı Sokak 50, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Daily noon-1am Phone: +90 242 243 81 92 Internet: restaurantguru.com/Macha-Antalya

Il Vicino



Il Vicino provides a delightful taste of Italy in the heart of Antalya. Indulge in Italian classics, such as their notably thin and crunchy pizza topped

with Parma ham. This charming restaurant offers a relaxed, tasteful atmosphere, making it an excellent choice for a casual lunch or a warming family dinner. Address: Tuzcular, Paşa Cami Sokak 8, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm Phone: +90 242 244 40 53 Internet: www.ilvicinopizzeria.com Email: info@ilvicinopizzeria.com

Nar Beach & Bistro



Located at Konyaaltı, Nar Beach Bistro provides a great setting to enjoy a warm Turkish night out. Enjoy the view of the sea and the green hills

around you. Turkish and international dishes are on offer.

Photo: KieferPix/Shutterstock.com Address: Bahçelievler, Konyaaltı Caddesi, Atatürk Parkı 25/4, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 9am-1am Phone: +90 242 247 68 68 Internet: www.instagram.com/narbeachbistro Email: narbistro@narbeachbistro.com.tr

Kral Sofrasi



The harbor's upscale restaurants offer fairly similar experiences to that of Antalya proper. For instance, consider dining at the picturesque

Kral Sofrasi — a place where the somewhat higher price range is a testament to its consistent reliability. This spot offers a dining experience you can always count on for quality and service — just what you need for a special night out.

Photo: Suad Kamardeen/unsplash

Address: Oba, Mesut Caddesi, Şelale Sitesi 1, Alanya/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-10pm Phone: +90 242 514 46 34 Internet: www.kralsofrasioba.com

CAFES



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The Turks like to frequent garden cafés, where they drink tea or coffee, spend time together and just relax. Turkish pastries are sweetened with a great amount of honey, which, as a matter of fact, also quenches your thirst. Tea is made of mint, apples and different herbs.

Caffeine aficionados will get a chance to taste the rich, dark Turkish coffee. Brewed in a traditional pot known as a 'cezve', it's enjoyed slowly, allowing time for conversation and relaxation, and a game of Tawula (Turkish Backgammon). A symbol of hospitality and friendship, this potent brew often concludes meals and is usually accompanied by a piece of Turkish delight or a square of dark chocolate, creating a perfect harmony of strong and sweet flavours.

Akdeniz Cicek Pasaji



Centrally located, Akdeniz Cicek Pasaji is a café and bar that boasts a beautiful terrace, perfect for savouring a cup of tea or coffee. Later in the

day, it's the ideal spot for unwinding with a drink after a day of shopping and swimming.

Address: Selçuk, Uzun Çarşı Sokak 14, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 10am-1am Phone: +90 242 243 43 03 Internet: akdeniz-cicek-pasaj.business.site

Sade Patisserie



Sade Patisserie produce a wide variety of high quality pastries, rich with butter, almond and hazelnut flour, fresh and frozen fruits, the finest

Belgian chocolate, cheese, milk, cream. Enjoy a bit of sweetness on their cosy terrace.

Photo: Nicolas J Leclercq/unsplash Address: Yeşilbahçe, Çınarlı Caddesi 47/A, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm Phone: +90 552 896 30 26 Internet: www.sadepatisserie.com

The Big Man



The Big Man has a pleasant atmosphere, an incredible sea view and great food with plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables. The menu

contains Italian specialities as well as tasty coffee and Turkish tea.

Photo: Lepneva Darya/Shutterstock.com Address: Konyaaltı Caddesi Atatürk Parkı İçi, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 8am-midnight Phone: +90 242 244 46 36 Internet: www.thebigman.com.tr

Hayyam Pub



Hayyam is a traditional café and pub that is an longstanding institution in Antalya. With its reasonable prices and high quality, it is a good

place to go for the budget-conscious traveller.

Photo: Zeynep Sümer/unsplash

Address: Çağlayan, 2052 Sokak 11/A, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Mon-Sat 2pm-1am, Sun 2pm-midnight Phone: +90 242 324 48 32

Internet: https://restaurantguru.com/Hayyam-Pub-Antalya-3/r eviews/facebook

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Antalya truly comes alive at night, offering an array of experiences to suit all tastes. From nightclubs featuring thrilling belly dancing performances and local entertainment commonly housed within the luxury hotels and welcoming to all — to lively city centre bars that transform into pulsating discos, a good time is practically guaranteed.

Seek out Hesapçı Sokak, a narrow street brimming with music, restaurants and garden bars serving refreshing beers. You can choose to follow the loudest music for a vibrant evening, or, if you're seeking a more serene night, explore and find a tranquil cafe that keeps its doors open until late. Either way, Antalya's nightlife promises memorable experiences.

The Tudors Arena



Since its opening in 2011, Tudors Arena has been a go-to entertainment spot for both locals and tourists. This venue truly comes alive on warm

nights, offering refreshing drinks in its garden and an inviting open-air area to chill out. For music enthusiasts, this place is a dream come true, with live music performances every day of the week.

Photo: Nik Shuliahin/unsplash Address: Selçuk, Balıkpazarı Sokak 18, Muratpaşa/Antalya Phone: +90 537 700 86 07 Internet: www.instagram.com/arenaantalya

Sponge Pub



Nestled within Antalya's old town, Sponge Pub offers a lively atmosphere complete with beer, cocktails and regular live music acts. From Turkish

renditions of classic tunes to original performances, the music is sure to entertain. Enjoy the cosy seating, free popcorn, and an ambience framed by ancient walls. While drink prices are a bit above average, the experience is well worth the cost.

Photo: ELEVATE/pexels Address: Selçuk, İzmirli Ali Efendi Sokak 26, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Daily noon-4am Phone: +90 541 522 07 07 Internet: www.instagram.com/spongepubkonyaalti More Info: There's also and Sponge Pub in Konyaaltı and Lara

Çello Cafe Bar



Over in Alanya, Çello Cafe Bar provides a relaxed, local experience. Known for its live Turkish music and quality shisha, it's a spot where young

locals and travellers alike gather to savour the night. Outside, tables buzz with conversation beneath the starlit sky, while inside, the pleasing ambiance continues with a nice neon-lit interior. Expect spontaneous dancing and an array of folk songs from a live band daily. It's an ideal setting to truly soak up the local vibe, away from the typical tourist hustle.

Photo: Maksim Goncharenok/pexels Address: İskele Caddesi 36, Alanya/Alanya Phone: +90 539 204 72 72 Internet: www.instagram.com/cellocafebar

Çöplük Cafe & Bar



Buzzing with an electric vibe, Çöplük Cafe & Bar is regarded by locals as the best nightspot in Antalya. Off the typical tourist trail, it guarantees

an authentic, fun-filled experience. This vibrant venue has it all: a wide array of cocktails and beers, great food (don't miss the seafood pasta!), and friendly staff. Move to the energizing live music, or relax outdoors if you'd like a quieter evening. Whether you're out with friends or just hopping around, this place promises an enigmatic atmosphere and a memorable night.

Photo: Michael Discenza/unsplash

Address: Tuzcular, Paşa Cami Sokak 40, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 11am-4am Phone: +90 541 107 50 10 Internet: çöplükkaleiçi.com

SHOPPING



İlayda Sürücü/unsplash

Turkey has an old tradition of manufacturing rugs and tapestry. The values of the rugs are decided by the density of the knots: the more knots, the higher the cost. Rugs made of silk are more expensive than cotton rugs. Avoid the big department stores and people who sell to tourists. They usually sell inferior quality at exorbitant prices.

The exclusive brand name shopping in Antalya is located along Konyaaltı Caddesi. More everyday ready-made clothing is sold along Atatürk Caddesi and Işıklar Caddesi. In the old district of Kaleiçi, you will find souvenirs, leather products and rugs.

Old Bazaar



Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of the old bazaar, located just opposite the clock tower. A popular spot for locals, it offers an intriguing

blend of everyday items and glittering gold. Here, not only can you shop for local and international textiles, gold and silver jewellery, and carpets, but you also get to participate in Turkey's rich tradition of bargaining. Remember, negotiation is expected, even encouraged.

Take the time to explore: amidst the variety of leather goods, clothes, and other treasures, you'll be offered apple tea — a delightful Turkish custom. The charm of this bustling market, open even on holidays, goes beyond shopping; it's a window into the Turkish way of life.

Photo: eFesenko/Shutterstock.com Address: Balbey, 403 Sokak, Muratpaşa/Antalya Internet:

www.gpsmycity.com/attractions/old-bazaar-20331.html More Info: Located opposite the Clock Tower

5M Migros — Antalya Migros Shopping Center



Antalya Migros Shopping Center stands as one of the largest malls in the region, boasting an impressive selection of over 128 high-quality

boutiques and stores. From brand-name clothing and sparkling jewellery to intriguing books — the centre caters to diverse tastes. Enhance your shopping journey by catching a movie at the onsite cinema or take a break to savour a meal at the expansive food court.

Photo: Andresr/Shutterstock.com

Address: Arapsuyu, Atatürk Bulvarı 3, Konyaaltı/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm (until 11pm in the summer) Phone: +90 242 230 11 11

Internet: www.antalyamigros.com/en

Özdilek Park



Özdilek Park presents a shopper's paradise spread across four spacious floors. From fashion to technology, the mall offers something for

every visitor. Designed as a comprehensive entertainment hub, the mall provides an array of leisure options. Take a breather at one of the numerous cafes or restaurants, immerse yourself in a multidimensional movie experience, go bowling, or partake in the regular events hosted here.

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fabrikalar, Fikri Erten Caddesi 2, Kepez/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm (until 11pm in the summer) Phone: +90 242 334 33 99

Internet: www.ozdilekparkantalya.com.tr

Deepo Outlet Center



Since its opening in 2004, the Deepo Outlet Center has grown to be one of the largest malls in the Mediterranean region. Spanning 38,000 square

meters, this shopping hub invites you to indulge in retail therapy, enjoy food and drink, or catch a movie throughout the year. What sets Deepo apart is its array of outlet stores offering exclusive deals that draw both tourists and locals alike.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com Address: Altınova Sinan, Serik Caddesi 309, Kepez/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 10am-10:30pm Phone: +90 242 340 54 70 Internet: www.deepo.com.tr Email: info@deepo.com.tr

TerraCity



TerraCity is more than just a shopping centre; it's a hub of entertainment, fun and retail indulgence. The mall boasts over 180

stores that cater to a wide range of needs and interests. Here, you can explore everything from

gift shops and exclusive brand outlets to bookstores and children's stores. Amidst shopping, take a breather and savour a meal at one of the 30 on-site restaurants, or grab a quick coffee to recharge. And if you're visiting with children, the mall's dedicated entertainment area will keep them happily occupied.

Photo: Elwynn/Shutterstock.com Address: Tekelioglu Caddesi, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 10am-11pm Phone: +90 242 318 18 18 Internet: www.terracity.com.tr/en Email: info@terracity.com.tr

Doğu Garajı Market



Immerse yourself in the vibrant local culture of Turkey at Doğu Garajı ('Eastern Bus depot') market, a traditional marketplace pulsating

with energy and bustling with local shoppers. This market presents an authentic taste of the local lifestyle, complemented by inviting cafes and restaurants. As a visitor, you'll be delighted by the bountiful assortment of fresh fruits, vegetables, and aromatic spices, as well as the intricate hand-made ceramics and diverse crafts from all over the country. More than just a shopping destination, Doğu Garajı Market offers a vivid slice of Turkish life.

Photo: Anna Cinaroglu/Shutterstock.com Address: Yüksekalan, Ali Çetinkaya Caddesi, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 8am-6pm

Selekler Çarşısı



Positioned conveniently in the heart of Antalya, Selekler Çarşısı is a perfect pit stop for a shopping spree in your busy sightseeing

itinerary. It's a treasure trove offering a wide range of items from stylish apparel and memorable souvenirs to practical kitchenware. Following your shopping adventure, you can unwind in the tranquil green parks located just a stone's throw away.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: Kışla Mah, Anafartalar Caddesi 117/1, Muratpaşa/Antalya

More Info: The mall is located across the street from Yavuz Ozcan Park, with the "I love Antalya" sign right by the entrance

Atatürk Street



Atatürk Street is the go-to destination for those in search of items that add a touch of sparkle. This busy avenue is home to skilled goldsmiths,

abundant jewellery shops, and a wide array of leather goods. From timeless pieces of jewellery to exquisite leather products, there's something for everyone's taste and wallet size. Indulge yourself with a delightful keepsake, then rest your feet in one of the numerous cafes along the street.

Photo: bikeriderlondon/Shutterstock.com Address: Atatürk Caddesi, Muratpaşa/Antalya More Info: The shopping street curves above Kaleici (the Old Town), and becomes Işıklar Caddesi next to Ataturk House & Museum

Shemall Shopping Center



Shemall Shopping Center, positioned in the upscale Lara area, caters to both discerning travellers and luxury aficionados. This

multi-storied mall seamlessly blends a wide array of shops and services, a generous food court, and an impressive cinema complex.

For those with a bit more time on their hands, consider unwinding at Cinemapink, where a selection of the latest movie releases awaits.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: Fener, Tekelioğlu Caddesi 3, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm Phone: +90 242 323 47 47 Internet: www.instagram.com/shemallavm Email: info@shemall.com.tr

Antalium Premium Mall



A premier shopping destination, Antalium Premium Mall is the epitome of luxury retail. Here, you'll encounter an array of high-end brands

and upscale boutiques, promising an elevated shopping experience. Be prepared for some indulgence as the price tags can be steep — it's best to verify your credit card limits before stepping through its lavish portals.

Photo: Kamil Macniak/Shutterstock.com Address: Kemerağzı, Lara Kundu, Lara Turizm Yolu, Aksu/Antalya Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm Phone: +90 242 352 29 76 Internet: antaliumavm.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Best Time to Visit



The optimum time to visit Antalya tends to be between April and September, when the Mediterranean Sea is deliciously warm. Peak

summer months of July and August can get quite toasty. Yet, Antalya is blessed with great weather all year round. A trip slightly off-peak can prove rewarding, offering more beach elbow-room and potentially lower hotel rates.

Photo: Igor Sporynin/unsplash

Antalya Airport (AYT)



Antalya International Airport (AYT) is located 13 km (8 miles) northeast of Antalya city centre, and is used both for regular and charter

flights. You will find the taxi stands in front of the arrival exits of all terminals.

There is also a number of buses from the airport to central Antalya. The public shuttle bus runs every 30 minutes between Antalya Airport and Antalya bus terminal (Otogar). The trip to central Antalya takes about 15 minutes depending on the traffic situation.

Photo: Gunnar Richter/cc by-sa 3.0/wikimedia (cropped)(image cropped) Address: Antalya Havalimanı, Muratpaşa/Antalya Phone: +90 242 444 74 23 Internet: www.antalya-airport.aero/homepage

Public Transport



Taking a 'dolmuş' is the best way to get around in Antalya. These are minibuses — or large taxis — that depart when they're full and stop

where required.

There are also ordinary city buses, but they are more expensive and stop only at the regular places. Buses depart from the bus station Otogar to various parts of Turkey. Different companies offer transportation along the same routes. Make your seat reservation in advance.

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Taxi



Taxi cabs are yellow with taxi signs on the roof. They have meters with two different rates: from midnight until 6 am it can be up to 50% more

expensive than during daytime.

Photo: Ali Yasar isgoren/unsplash

Post



The Turkish post offices can be recognized through the PTT-symbol. The main post office is called Merkez Postanesi.

Photo: Simona Sergi/unsplash Address: Ptt Baş Müdürlüğü, Deniz, Anafartalar Caddesi 5, Muratpaşa/Antalya Phone: +90 242 244 01 70 Internet: www.ptt.gov.tr

Pharmacy



You will find a few pharmacies along The Lara Beach strip and in the city centre. There is always an on-call pharmacy open at night.

The local drugstores are called 'Eczane' in Turkish and often have a sign with a red cross on a white background.

A sign on the pharmacy's front door indicates the address and telephone number of the closest pharmacy on duty.

Photo: Mika Baumeister/unsplash Address: Anadolu Eczanesi, Şirinyalı, 1515 Sokak 6, Muratpaşa/Antalya Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-6pm, Sun closed Phone: +90 242 316 30 26

Telephone



Country code: +90 Area code: 0242 Photo: Saad Salim/unsplash

Electricity



Turkey operates on 220 volts, 50 Hz, with round-prong European-style plugs that fit into recessed wall sockets.

Photo: Neven Krcmarek/unsplash

Population Urban: 1.3 million Metro: 2.6 million

Currency Turkish Lira, TL1 = 100 kuruş

Opening hours

Banks are normally open on weekdays from 8:30 am to noon. In tourist areas, they reopen after lunch, from 1:30 pm until about 5 pm. ATMs are plentiful.

Shops are open from Monday to Saturday from 9:30 am until 1 pm, and again from 2 pm until 7 pm.

Internet

www.antalya.bel.tr www.antalya.gov.tr

Newspapers

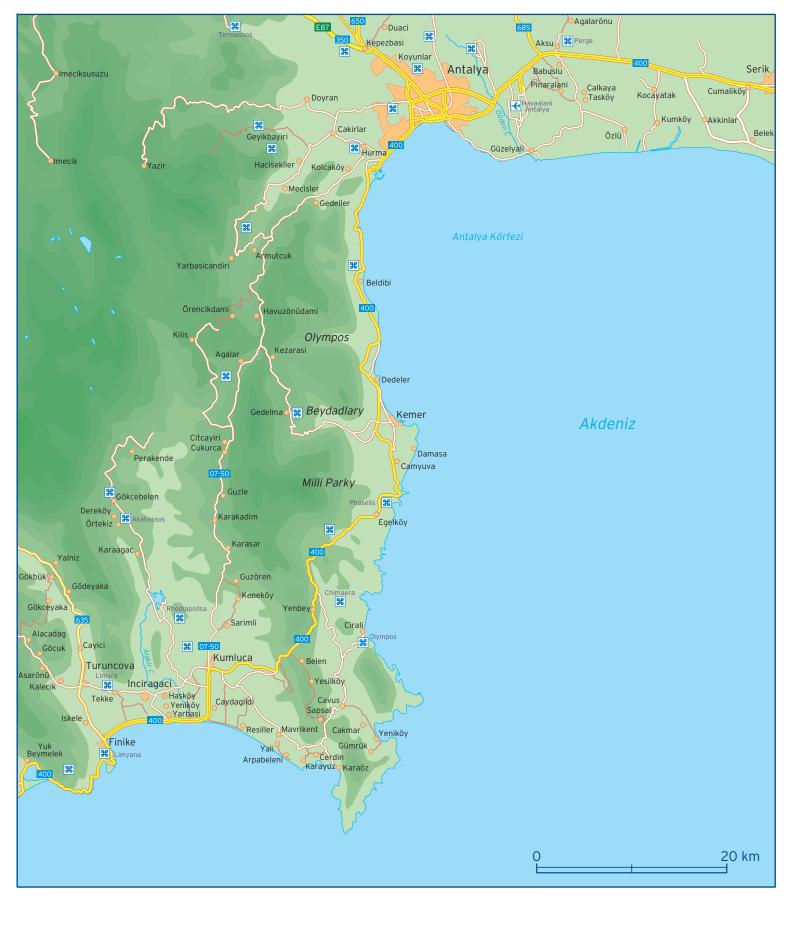
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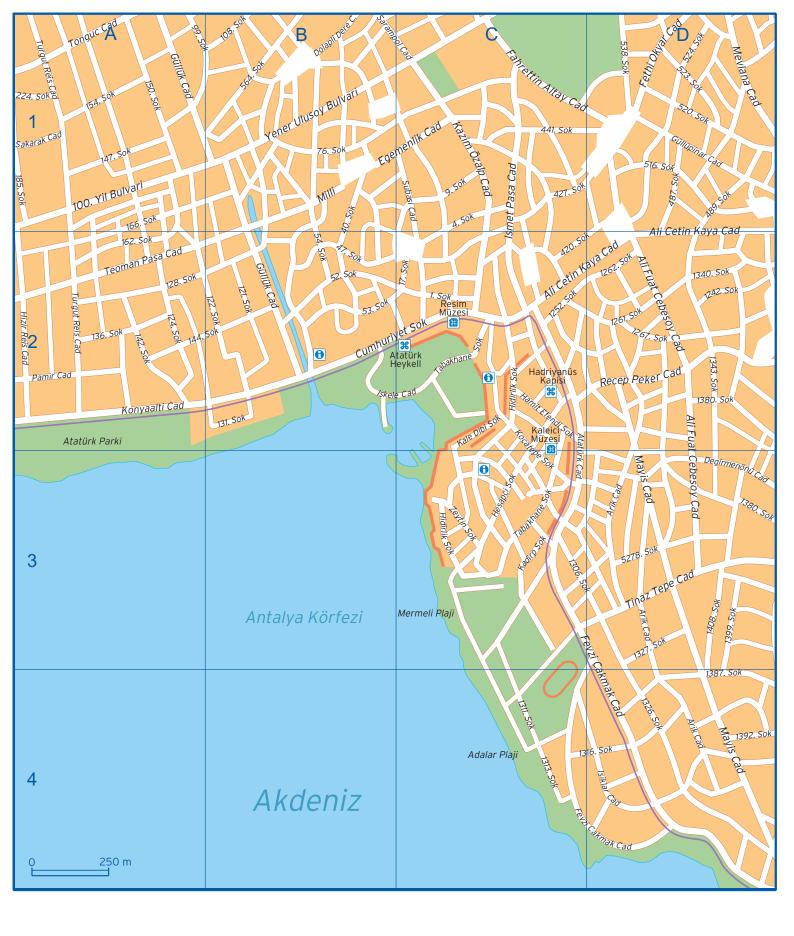
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