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Bodrum — with its picturesque crescents and white-washed houses — is a year-round travel haven. This port city, nestled on the western coast of Turkey, has earned its reputation as 'Turkey's Saint-Tropez', and lives up to it with flair. But there's more to Bodrum than just sun, sand and sea. Today, it stands as a key centre of trade, art and entertainment. This coastal gem effortlessly weaves the traditional and the modern, crafting a harmony that is quintessentially Bodrum.



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# THE CITY



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Bodrum's name has evolved over the centuries. Originally known as Halikarnassus, ruled by the satrap (provincial governor) Mausollos, the city took on a new identity after his death in 352 BC. He was interred in a magnificent tomb, counted as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. So pivotal was this architectural marvel, it coined a new term — Mausoleum.

As time wore on, Halikarnassus transformed into Petronion, which then became Bodrum in Turkish. By the 1920s, Bodrum's remoteness saw it serve as a place of exile. Perhaps it's this isolation that lured artists and bohemians. By the 1970s, Bodrum had blossomed into 'Turkey's Saint-Tropez', buzzing with vibrant entertainment and nightlife. Today, many Turkish celebrities own holiday homes in the city.

Bodrum's city centre is compact and easily navigable, with most attractions within strolling distance. The main street hugs the coastline, keeping the sea always within reach.

While Bodrum has matured into a jet-set favourite, it still welcomes any tourist with open arms. Wander through the stunning natural landscapes, discover popular city sights, and marvel at the rich tapestry of history on display

— it's an experience that's hard to resist.

# DO & SEE



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Bodrum is a captivating holiday destination, offering a rich blend of intriguing historical sites and idyllic beachfront relaxation spots for the sun-seekers. Its close proximity to the Aegean Sea opens up a world of exploration — from the shimmering waters to the hidden reefs and caves. Meanwhile, the fascinating ruins of the ancient city of Halikarnassus continue to enchant travellers, casting a spell with their rich history and timeless charm.

#### **Bodrum Ancient Theatre**



Testament to the grandeur of ancient Halikarnassus — present-day Bodrum — the amphitheatre dates back to the 4th century

BC and boasts a breathtaking view over the Aegean Sea. This Bodrum landmark, among the best-preserved structures of its bygone era, is conveniently within walking distance from the city centre.

Photo: COSPV/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bodrum Antik Tiyatrosu, Çevre Yolu Kıbrıs Şehitleri,

Bodrum

Internet: www.bodrumantiktiyatro.com.tr More Info: Located near the mausoleum

### Mausoleum at Halicarnassus



The Mausoleum at Halicarnassis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, still stands today, albeit in remnants. Its true

appearance remains a mystery to many, but it's believed that the renowned sculptor, Skopas, lent his talent to parts of its decoration — and it was undoubtedly extravagant. Nowadays, visitors can only gaze upon the remains of the once majestic building's walls, the rest having been claimed by earthquakes and the passage of millennia.

Photo: EvrenKalinbacak/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tepecik, Turgut Reis Caddesi 93, Bodrum Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8:30am-6:30pm, Mon closed

Phone: +90 252 316 12 19

### **Bodrum Castle**



Home to the Museum of Underwater Archaeology, the castle stands as one of Bodrum's most recognisable landmarks. Constructed by the

German knight-architect Heinrich Schlegelholt in 1404, it boasts a majestic presence with its impressive stone facades.

Photo: Mile Atanasov/Shutterstock.com Address: Bodrum Kalesi, Çarşı, Bodrum

Internet: whc.unesco.org/en/tentative lists/6121

More Info: The castle was built by the Knights of St John (Knights Hospitaller), so it is sometimes referred to as as the

Castle of St Peter or Petronium.

# **Museum of Underwater Archeology**



Located in within the Bodrum Castle walls, the Museum of Underwater Archaeology is an acclaimed, dynamic institution, well worth

dedicating a few hours to. Its exhibits feature unique ancient artefacts, including a shipwreck from 1400 BC and a large collection of glass. Be sure not to miss the exquisite collection of amphorae.

Photo: LenoraA/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bodrum Sualtı Arkeoloji Müzesi, Bodrum Kalesi,

Bodrum

Phone: +90 252 316 2516

Internet:

muze.gov.tr/muze-detay?sectionId=BSA01&distId=MRK Email: bodrumsualtiarkeolojimuzesi@kultur.gov.tr

# Temple of Apollo at Didyma



Even if ancient ruins aren't your cup of tea, a trip to an archaeological site is worth the detour.

The journey will take you through the quaint

countryside, threading through small towns and villages that might otherwise escape your notice.

Just a few kilometres from the holiday resort of Altinkum, in Yenihisar, you'll find Didyma — home to a grand temple dedicated to Apollo. Didyma was more than a religious site; its oracle rivalled the fame of Delphi's. While the original temple was destroyed by the Persians around 400 BC, the existing ruins hail from the Roman times. The remnants of 120 columns stand as testament to the temple's once monumental size.

Photo: Koraysa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Didyma, Yenihisar Mahalle, Didim



Public Transport: Dolmuş or local bus, sometimes also boat from  $\operatorname{Bodrum}$ 

Internet: www.worldhistory.org/article/640/the-temple-of-apollo-at-didyma

# Bardakçı Turkish Bath



A tradition that dates back to centuries before the Turks reached Anatolia, the Hamam (Turkish Bath) has become a ritual tightly

bound to Islam and deeply ingrained in Turkish culture. Like everywhere else in the country, Bodrum boasts a variety of Hamams, most of which are located within hotels. The Tarihi Bardakci Hamam stands as the oldest bath in town, offering a truly authentic Hamam experience.

Photo: Rido/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tarihi Bardakçı Hamamı, 32 Kumbahçe Mahallesi,

Dere Sokak, Bodrum Phone: +90 534 494 16 93

Internet: tarihi-bardakc-hamam.business.site

# **Ancient City of Milas**



Located about 50 km northeast of Bodrum, Milas holds a notable reputation as a carpet-making centre, boasting a long history in

crafting carpets with a distinctive weave in soft tobacco hues. It's a charming town to meander through, offering romantic shopping bazaars and a variety of archaeological sites. Plus, you'll find the prices here are pleasantly lower than in Bodrum.

Photo: Nejdet Duzen/Shutterstock.com

# Ancient City of Ephesus & Selçuk



This excavation rivals the famous sites of Pompeii.
Once home to around 400,000 residents, ancient Ephesus was built around the temple of

Artemis — another marvel among the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The ruins we see today primarily hail from the Roman era.

The remnants of the Temple of Artemis stand outside the main ruin area, while the hill above is graced with the cathedral of Saint John, said to be the final resting place of the evangelist.

Legend holds that Saint John lived in Ephesus alongside the Virgin Mary.

Photo: Bhumil Chheda/unsplash

Address: Efes, Selçuk

Public Transport: Local bus to Selçuk or tour bus

Internet: ephesus.us

# **Boat Trips**



Bodrum harbour is a bustling hub for 'gulets' — traditional boats that whisk visitors away on tours of the stunning coastline. These

comfortable vessels feature spacious rear decks and cosy cabins. Whether you prefer a short ride, a day trip or something longer, you'll often find the captain doubling as the cook. If you're after a more exclusive experience, you could rent a sailing boat complete with a crew, or hop on a bathing boat to one of the picture-perfect beaches. And all around the peninsula, you'll stumble upon quaint, shady bays.

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### **Beach Life**



The beaches around the Bodrum peninsula provide excellent opportunities for diving and snorkelling. With bathing boats or dolmuş,

reaching them is a breeze. Bagla, located 14 km from Bodrum on the south coast, boasts fine sandy beaches, while Gümbet — just about 3 km west of Bodrum — is often the go-to for windsurfers.

On the west coast, you'll discover inviting beaches at Akyar, Turgutreis, Gümüşlük and Yalıkavak. Each of these are quaint villages brimming with charming fish restaurants and popular anchorages for sailors. Don't miss Kara Ada (Black Island) Bay either, where you'll find caves hiding hot water springs.

Photo: Zach/unsplash Address: Gümbet, Bodrum

### **Bitez Beach**



Just a 6 km jaunt from Bodrum city centre, this 7 km stretch of coastline is beautifully framed by atmospheric mosques. Bitez Beach, with its

sandy shores and shallow waters, is perfect for water sports or simply bathing. It's a bustling hub that pulses with life, making it an ideal gathering point.

Photo: monticello/Shutterstock.com Address: Bitez Plaji, Bodrum

### **Camel Beach**



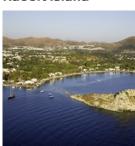
Camel Beach — a favourite among both tourists and locals — is a little hidden gem nestled between Ortakent and Yahşi. Known for its

crystal-clear waters and the resident camels that lend the beach its name, it also boasts an array of great eateries.

The ideal way to reach this oasis is by boat, as navigating there might be tricky if you're not familiar with the area.

Photo: iusubov nizami/Shutterstock.com Address: Ortakentyahşi, Yahşi Mahallesi, Bodrum/Muğla

#### **Rabbit Island**



Just a 40-minute bus ride from Bodrum, Rabbit Island lies between the two beaches of Gümüşlük. Hiding beneath it are the ruins of

the ancient city of Myndos. The shallow waters even allow you to walk from the mainland to this picturesque island which, true to its name, is home to a few fluffy bunnies.

Photo: tolgaildun/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tavşan adasi, Gümüşlük, Bodrum/Muğla

#### **Bodrum Windmills**



Perched atop a hill, these 18th-century stone windmills transport you back in time to when they were used for flour production. Whitewashed

and captivatingly picturesque, they present an inviting destination for hiking enthusiasts,



offering enchanting views of the city below.

Photo: Sphinx Wang/Shutterstock.com

Address: Yel Değirmenleri, Yakaköy/Bodrum/Muğla Internet: holidaystobodrum.com/bodrum-windmills

#### **Bodrum Port**



Bodrum Port is where everything begins and ends — a picturesque harbour where colourful cruises, yachts and gulets create a serene spectacle

that's a feast for the eyes. The port is the perfect starting point for a boat trip.

Don't miss the chance to pop into one of the nearby restaurants. The seafood here is the freshest in town.

Photo: EvrenKalinbacak/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bodrum Port, Bodrum

Internet: www.bodrumcruiseport.com

## **Myndos Gate**



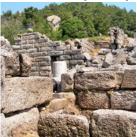
One of the entrances to the ancient city of Halikarnassus, Myndos Gate is all that remains of the 7 km-long wall that once enclosed the city.

Believed to have been constructed in the 4th century BC, its remnants still hum with history, offering a spot to enjoy breathtaking views and a pleasant stroll.

Photo: Nejdet Duzen/Shutterstock.com Address: Myndos Kapisi, Bodrum

Internet: holidaystobodrum.com/myndos-gate-bodrum

# **Pedasa Antique City**



Recommended for its scenic views, the 1.5-hour hike to the ancient city of Pedasa will captivate you with its rich history and the sight of the lush local

flora. These are just some of the elements that make the city's remains a top attraction for tourists. The abundance of vineyards in the area further contributes to the spectacular vista.

Photo: Yilmaz Oevuenc/cc by 2.0/Flickr(image cropped) Address: Pedasa Antik Kenti, Konacık, Bodrum

### DINING



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Lapped by the Aegean Sea, Bodrum's culinary scene is a tapestry woven with traditional fisherman's fare and a blend of Eastern and Western influences. The city, flourishing on a peninsula rich with diverse flora, adds a dash of wild herbs and traditional spices to its cuisine, gifting it an unmistakable flavour.

Neyzen Tevfik Street, a charming artery encircling the port, is bursting with restaurants and bars offering a taste of the city. Serving mainly traditional Turkish fare, they offer a mouth-watering insight into the city's culinary favourites, typically featuring perfectly spiced mains of meat or fish, complemented by a side of



bread — a staple at any Turkish table.

#### **Marina Yacht Club Restaurant**



Situated at Bodrum
Marina, the upmarket
Marina Yacht Club offers
an Italian-inspired menu
with a refined twist. Its
unrivalled location

overlooking the port, coupled with the restaurant's enchanting atmosphere, crafts the perfect setting for a stylish dining experience.

Photo: Red Che / Shutterstock.com Address: Marina Yacht Club, Bodrum Opening hours: Daily 9am-1am Phone: +90 252 316 1228

Internet: www.marinayachtclub.com/en

# Club Gümüşlük



Situated along the
Aegean coast, just a
stone's throw from the
harbour, you'll find Club
Gümüşlük — a restaurant
that shares its name with

the village it calls home. Serving traditional Turkish and Aegean fare, you are guaranteed an exceptional dining experience with seafood that's as fresh as it gets.

Photo: Alp Aksoy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gümüşlük Yalısı, Gümüşlük, Bodrum

Opening hours: Daily 10am-4am Phone: +90 252 394 3401

Internet: www.instagram.com/clubgumusluk

#### La Pasion



La Pasion stands as a testament to the flavours of Spain, right in the heart of Bodrum.
Renowned for its delectable menu that

features Spanish staples — from the ever-popular paella to an array of traditional tapas — this restaurant truly brings the Spanish culinary experience to life. Tucked within an historic courtyard, you'll dine amidst vibrant, colour-splashed tables nestled under the shade of lush fig trees. It's a setting that perfectly complements La Pasion's commitment to fresh ingredients and top-tier service.

Photo: Serjunco/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Atatürk Caddesi, Uslu Sokak, Bodrum

Opening hours: Daily 10am-midnight

Phone: +90 252 313 45 94

Internet: lapasionbodrum.com/en

# Curly's Demeter Restaurant & Pool Club



Demeter, a haven of traditional Turkish cuisine, proudly showcases the region's bountiful produce. Here, dishes are crafted using

locally-sourced meat and the freshest ingredients, promising a culinary experience that is as authentic as it is delicious. The restaurant's setting further heightens the dining experience. Nestled within a lush garden, the sweet, enticing aroma of mandarin trees fills the air, enveloping guests in an ambience that is quintessentially Turkish.

Photo: wrangler/Shutterstock.com Address: Dere Sokak 36, Bodrum Opening hours: Daily 9am-2am Phone: +90 532 620 90 87



Internet: www.demeterbar.com Email: info@demeterbar.com

# Otantik Ocakbaşı



In the heart of Bodrum, Otantik Ocakbaşı takes traditional Turkish cuisine to extraordinary heights. This grill house specialises in succulent

kebabs, grilled to perfection. Complementing their stellar meat offerings, the restaurant also serves excellent home-baked bread, each slice warm, soft, and perfect for mopping up the delectable flavours on your plate. It's an authentic culinary adventure not to be missed.

Photo: AlexKZ/Shutterstock.com Address: Atatürk Caddesi 46, Bodrum Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-11:30pm

Phone: +90 252 313 00 58

Internet: restaurantguru.com/Otantik-Restoran-Bodrum

### **Red Dragon**



Located on Neyzen
Tevfik, the picturesque
street that encloses the
Bodrum Marina, Red
Dragon is one of the best
Chinese restaurants in

town. Known as one of Bodrum's top Chinese establishments, this spot captures the essence of the Orient with its stunning décor. Embark on a culinary journey to the captivating Dragon's Country with an array of superb Cantonese treats awaiting your palate.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Neyzen Tevfik Caddesi 150, Bodrum Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-11pm, Sat & Sun

11:30am-11pm

Phone: +90 252 316 85 37 Internet: www.reddragon.com.tr

# Sugar & Salt



The best of the continental cuisine blends at the Sugar And Salt in a crescendo of flavours and innovative dishes. Its eclectic menu — from

classic pizzas to hearty burgers — has established this eatery as a hot favourite among both discerning tourists and local food-lovers alike.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Danacı Sokak 4/1 D:2, Bodrum

Opening hours: Daily 10am-2am Phone: +90 532 400 54 65

Internet: restaurantguru.com/Sugar-and-Salt-Bodrum

### Sünger Pizza



Craving a pizza? Sünger has what you're looking for, going far beyond. Renowned for its Italian delicacies, it also donates its peculiar touch to

Turkish dishes, recreating them perfectly in an informal ambiance with a laid-back attitude. The roof-terrace is a must-see.

Photo: Denizo71/Shutterstock.com

Address: Neyzen Tevfik Caddesi 218, Bodrum

Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm Phone: +90 252 316 08 54 Internet: sungerpizza.com.tr

# Memedof



For years, Mamedof Seafood Restaurant has been perfecting its artistry in preparing seafood dishes. The result is a harmonious blend of

sophistication and rustic charm deeply rooted in

Mediterranean culinary traditions. With its chic terrace offering unrivalled views over the Aegean Sea, dining here transcends the ordinary. The experience is amplified by the gentle calls of seagulls and the evocative scent of seaweed, infusing a truly unique touch.

Photo: Xato/Shutterstock.com

Address: Neyzen Tevfik Caddesi 176, Bodrum

Opening hours: Daily noon-1am Phone: +90 252 313 42 50 Internet: www.memedof.com/en

More Info: Mediterranean/seafood restaurant

#### **CAFES**



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Tea culture in Bodrum, much like the rest of Turkey, boasts a history that stretches back hundreds of years and permeates the heart and soul of Turkish life. More than a beverage, tea is seen as a symbol of hospitality and a vital piece of the country's cultural fabric. Turks relish their time spent in cafes — particularly in the cool shade of outdoor courtyards — enjoying a cup of sweet herbal or apple tea. No tea-time is complete without the traditional treat of baklava — a sweet, rich pastry layered with nuts and pistachios.

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.

# Penguen Cafe Restoran



Right in the vibrant heart of the entertainment district, Cafe Penguen enjoys a prime spot by the sea, with views across to the famed Halikarnas

nightclub. Serving up tasty food and expertly brewed coffee, it's an idyllic breakfast location. Plus, as a bonus for its patrons, it offers complimentary sunbeds — perfect for a relaxing seaside lounging experience.

Photo: belif/Shutterstock.com

Address: Cumhuriyet Caddesi 122, Bodrum Opening hours: Daily 8am-12:30am

Phone: +90 534 207 39 49

Internet: restaurantguru.com/Penguen-Cafe-Bodrum-2

### Cafe Cafen



Cafe Cafen comes with high praise and a strong reputation — many claim it serves the best coffee in Bodrum. Its warm and efficient service coupled

with delectable food makes for a delightful combination. It's a tranquil oasis where patrons can unwind and soak in the serene surroundings.

Photo: CreativeDoctah/Shutterstock.com Address: Neyzen Tevfik Caddesi 178, Bodrum

Phone: +90 252 316 39 30

Internet: www.instagram.com/cafecafen



### **Bodrum Dondurmacısı**



The scorching sun of the Anatolian Peninsula will certainly make your sweet tooth craving for a fresh ice-cream.

Dondurmacisi is an

ice-cream parlour that, thanks to fresh fruits and experts in gelato-making, is renowned throughout the city.

Photo: aydngvn/Shutterstock.com

Address: Dr. Mümtaz Ataman Caddesi 25, Bodrum

Opening hours: Daily 10am-midnight

Phone: +90 252 313 15 00

Internet: www.instagram.com/bodrum.dondurmacisi

#### **Cafe Chives**



Cosy and inviting, Cafe
Chives is a haven for
coffee and cake lovers.
With a variety of
health-conscious dishes,
homemade cakes and a

relaxing atmosphere, it's a delightful break from chain coffee shops. Be sure to sample their excellent Turkish coffee, and don't leave without trying the exceptional German cheesecake. It's a charming nook in Bodrum, with prices to match its quality.

Photo: alarich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Cafer Paşa Caddesi 57/A, Bodrum

Opening hours: Daily 8am-6pm Phone: +90 532 795 94 07

Internet: www.instagram.com/cafechives

# **Gumbet Belediye Cafe**



Tucked away by the beach, Gumbet Belediye Cafe is a charming spot favoured by locals. Known for its strong coffee and professional

service, this cafe offers a genuine taste of Bodrum without breaking the bank. Prices are reasonable, and the atmosphere is pleasingly laid-back. Grab a cup of Turkish tea and enjoy the splendid sea views, or opt for their simple, self-service menu while soaking up the serene vista. It's an authentic, affordable gem with a view to match.

Photo: Ruyan Ayten/unsplash

Address: Gümbet, 1510 Sokak 6, Bodrum Opening hours: Ddaily 8am-11pm

Internet: restaurantguru.com/Gumbet-Belediye-Cafe-Gumbet-

Mahallesi

More Info: Right next to Belediye Beach

# **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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Allow your feet to cool in the water at one of the numerous seafront bars along Cumhuriyet Caddesi — the pulsating heart of the city's nightlife. Alternatively, lose yourself in the rhythm of the Turkish club scene at venues scattered across the town. As night falls, the tranquil port city of Bodrum morphs into a haven for night owls, offering a wealth of bars and



clubs to satisfy every party preference.

# My Moon Bar & Restaurant



Embodying an open and welcoming spirit, My Moon caters to both the young and the old. Whether you're after a meal, a refreshing drink,

or a pint, this spot has you covered. Enjoy tunes spanning from the 60s to today's top hits. Not a dancer? No problem! Take a seat and enjoy the energetic performances from the skilled staff. It's the epitome of relaxed, friendly fun.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gümbet, Yarbay Sabri Ergüden Sokak 12/B, Bodrum

Opening hours: Daily 9am-2am Phone: +90 252 319 36 69

Internet: restaurantguru.com/Suslu-Beach-Torba-Mahallesi

### **Club Catamaran**



Club Catamaran provides an unforgettable floating party experience that's packed with pure fun.
While its vibrant selection of Turkish-pop music —

played at full volume — may not be everyone's cup of tea, it offers an authentic taste of Anatolian nightlife. This one-of-a-kind club is sure to leave a lasting impression.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: Dr. Alimbey Caddesi 44, Bodrum

Phone: +90 533 663 27 29

In ternet: www.instagram.com/club catamaran bodrum

### **Fink Club**



Giving its best throughout the whole summertime, Fink Club is an open-air club that boasts an over one hundred years old venue. Entering the

stunning golden gate, a dream-like sight unrolls upon the gaze, revealing a red chandelier and exquisite interiors.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com

Address: Neyzen Tevfik Caddesi 32, Bodrum

Opening hours: Daily 9pm-4am Phone: +90 501 320 00 48

Internet: restaurantguru.com/Fink-Bodrum

# **SHOPPING**



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Bodrum, a former fishing village, has transformed itself into a sought-after resort destination. Its allure extends beyond the stunning remnants of its ancient past, offering retail therapy as a delightful counterbalance to the historical sightseeing. Upscale boutiques cluster around the luxurious marina, while shopping malls — a relatively new phenomenon in Turkey — are dotted around the city.

However, it's the vibrant market scene that truly encapsulates the spirit of Bodrum shopping.

'Pazar', the open market, invites you to haggle over a treasure trove of goods. Whether it's flea



markets, clothing stalls or fruit and vegetable vendors, Bodrum offers a rich tapestry of shopping experiences, earning its reputation as a consumer paradise.

#### Oasis Mall



A bustling open-air bazaar, Oasis Shopping Centre brings together a mix of local and international stores to satisfy every fashion

appetite. Complemented by a diverse array of restaurants, a bowling alley, and a children's playground, it offers the perfect recipe for a delightful shopping afternoon. Whether you're in search of style or leisure, Oasis Mall has got you covered.

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com

Address: Emin Anter Bulvarı, Kıbrıs Şehitler Caddesi,

Bodrum

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +90 252 317 00 02 Internet: www.oasisbodrum.com

# **Vegetable & Fruit Markets**



Bodrum's shopping scene is entirely taken over by fruits and vegetables on both Thursday and Friday, when the city holds one of the richest

food market in the peninsula. Products are fresh and grown locally thanks to the warm Anatolian weather, ranging from wild herbs to oranges and mushrooms.

Photo: DiegoMariottini/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bodrum Bazaar, Külcü Sokak, Bodrum Internet: www.thebestofbodrum.com/bodrum-market

#### **Textile Market**



A riot of colour and texture, the textile market in Bodrum is a visual delight. Awash with warm hues, diverse fabrics, locally-made

clothes and replicas of international brands, it paints a vibrant picture of the Turkish market scene. Even if you're not in the mood for shopping, it's worth a visit just for the experience and the endless opportunities for window-shopping. This is a must-see when in Bodrum.

Photo: Tatiana Chekryzhova/Shutterstock.com Address: Bodrum Bazaar, Külcü Sokak, Bodrum

Opening hours: Every Tuesday

Internet: www.thebestofbodrum.com/bodrum-market

### **Bitez Flea Market**



For a Sunday treat, make your way to Bitez. Home to a vibrant flea market, it offers a feast of second-hand treasures, clothing, pottery, and all

sorts of trinkets. Located just off the main road and a short hop from Bitez Beach, this colourful and picturesque market is the perfect spot to hunt for unique finds.

Photo: Matej Kastelic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bitez, Bodrum

Opening hours: Every Sunday from 9am

More Info: The market is signposted from the main road



# **Old Town Area Shopping**



At the energetic epicentre of the city, the pedestrian precinct near Bodrum Castle brims with a broad array of shops and stalls. Located in a

charming district, you'll find everything from trinkets and souvenirs to arts, crafts, clothing, and fabrics. For an authentic slice of Turkish bazaar culture, head to the shopping area within the old town — a captivating window into Turkey's vibrant marketplace scene.

Photo: EvrenKalinbacak/Shutterstock.com Address: Pedestrian Old Town Area, Bodrum

More Info: The area starts near the Castle and runs parallel to the row of restaurants and bars that line Kumbahçe Bay

#### Milta Marina



Nestled in the picturesque Bodrum marina, this compact shopping mall presents an array of designer boutiques, adding a

high-end dimension to Bodrum's rich tapestry. With stores like Tommy Hilfiger and Paul & Shark on its walkways, this mall provides a stylish shopping destination for discerning fashion enthusiasts.

Photo: nenetus/Shutterstock.com

Address: Neyzen Tevfik Caddesi 5, Bodrum Internet: www.miltabodrummarina.com

#### **Avenue Bodrum**



Featuring national and international brands, the Avenue Bodrum is a favourite among locals and tourists. The peculiarity of the mall is

the diversity of the shops, suitable for every budget. As well as clothing shops, it is a perfect destination for a great dining.

Photo: Ariwasabi/Shutterstock.com Address: Atatürk Caddesi 25, Bodrum Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +90 252 319 33 48

Internet: www.avenuebodrum.com

# Midtown Shopping Center



Seeking refuge from the sun? Head to Midtown Shopping Center. Fully air-conditioned, this shopping haven hosts an abundance of shops,

cafes and restaurants. Alongside popular international brands such as H&M and Starbucks, you'll find a selection of leading Turkish names. It's the perfect spot to escape the heat and indulge in some retail therapy.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ortakentyahşi, Cumhuriyet Caddesi 6, Bodrum

Opening hours: Daily 10am-midnight

Phone: +90 252 307 00 00 Internet: www.midtown.com.tr

# Yalıkavak Marina



Located within the opulent Yalıkavak Marina, this high-end shopping mall is a celebrated fixture on the peninsula's retail landscape. Housing

designer outlets like Armani, Madame Coco, and Philipp Plein, it offers a broad and sophisticated selection of shops for the discerning shopper. Boat enthusiast should also pay a visit to the marina to see the superb collection of Super Yachts.

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Address: Çökertme Caddesi B/147, Yalıkavak, Bodrum/Muğla

Phone: +90 252 311 06 11 Internet: yalikavakmarina.com.tr

### **Bodrum Safran**



For a uniquely indulgent shopping experience, make a beeline for Bodrum Safran. Offering an extensive range of natural products, from

soaps and sponges to body oils, this is the perfect spot to spoil yourself with some self-care. Bodrum Safran is more than a shopping destination; it's a treat for the senses.

Photo: EmiliaUngur/Shutterstock.com Address: Yeni Çarşı 15, Bodrum Phone: +90 252 316 27 46

# **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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# Milas-Bodrum Airport (BJV)



Inaugurated in 1997 and located 36 km east of Bodrum, Milas-Bodrum Airport serves both regular and chartered flights. To reach Bodrum

city centre, you have two convenient options: hail a taxi or hop on the Havas Airport Bus. The journey to the Bodrum bus station typically takes around an hour.

There are plenty of taxis awaiting you at both the international and domestic arrivals.

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Address: Milas-Bodrum Havalimanı

Phone: +90 252 511 10 00

Internet: milas-bodrumairport.com Email: info@bodrumairport.com

# **Public Transport**



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

where required. Buses leave from the Bodrum bus terminal and run between Turgutreis-Yalikavak and Bodrum. They can be hailed as they pass.

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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. The main taxi rank is at the Bodrum bus terminal, located only 10 minutes from the castle, but you can hail taxis anywhere in town.

Photo: Ali Yasar isgoren/unsplash

Address: Güllük Ahmet's Taxi Transfer, Ahmet Bozan, Güllük

(Milas)

Phone: +90 535 244 0355

Email: info@ahmetstaxitransfer.com

More Info: Ensure the driver sets the meter as you begin the

journey.

# **Post**



Turkish post offices can be recognized by the PTT-symbol in yellow and black. The main post office is called Merkez Postanesi. The big post

offices are open 8am-midnight Monday to Saturday and 9am-7pm on Sundays. Smaller offices are open 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:30pm and may be closed at weekends.

Photo: Simona Sergi/unsplash

Address: Bodrum Postanesi, 3 Cevat Şakir Caddesi, Bodrum Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm, Sat 8:30am-4pm, Sun

closed

Phone: +90 252 316 1212 Internet: www.ptt.gov.tr **Pharmacy** 



Pharmacies are called 'Eczane' in Turkish and have a big E sign hanging on the storefront. The general opening hours are 9am-7pm on

weekdays and Saturdays, and there is always one pharmacy open on Sundays and at nighttime.

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: Kıvanç Eczanesi, 9/B Dr. Mumtaz Ataman Caddesi,

Bodrum

Phone: +90 25 23 131 075

# Telephone



Country Code: +90 Area Code: (0) 252

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### **Electricity**



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

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# Population

Bodrum City: around 36,000 Bodrum Municipality: around 181,000

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

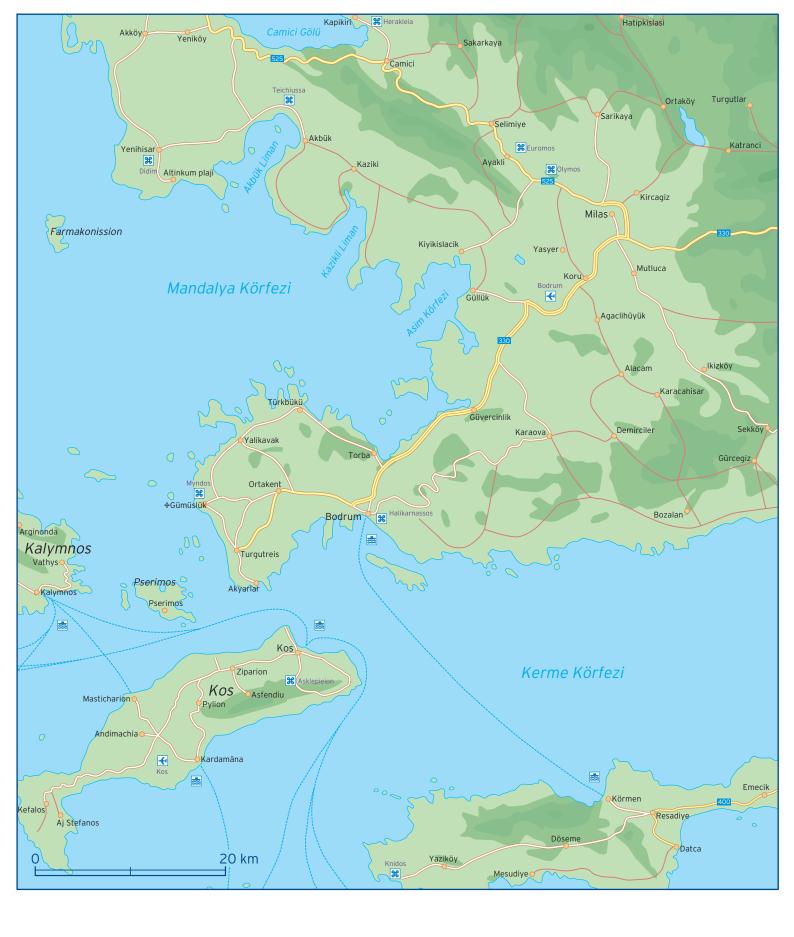
bodrum.bel.tr/en visitbodrum.com/en

#### Newspapers

Turkish Daily News (in English) www.hurriyetdailynews.com Turkish Press (in English) — www.turkishpress.com

### **Emergency numbers**

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