

# LOCAL LIFE



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## HIGHLIGHTS OF ANTALYA AREA

### ANTALYA'S OLD TOWN KALEICI

Kaleici is the beautiful old quarter of Antalya city. Its ancient, narrow cobbled streets are lined with old Ottoman houses and shady stone courtyards, while the restored Roman harbour is full of restaurants serving fresh seafood. The entrance is marked by the imposing Roman arch of Hadrian's Gate.

### THE LAND OF LEGENDS THEME PARK

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### MARKETS

The most popular market on the Turkish south coast is in Manavgat, near Side. It's held on Mondays and Thursdays, with both sites located close to the town centre. You'll find fresh produce from local farmers as well as textile, bags, shoes and souvenirs. Compare prices at different stalls first. For markets nearby you can ask your customer helper for the days and locations.

### CORNELIA GOLF CLUB

Golfing legend Nick Faldo designed this 27-hole course to be challenging and fun for players of all levels. It's routed around pine forests and makes use of the sandy Belek terrain. You can choose from three different configurations of 18 holes to play, before unwinding in the plush, open-plan clubhouse.

### ANCIENT ROMAN PORT OF PERGE

To enjoy the Roman port of Perge you'll need good walking shoes and a hat – there are many ruins to explore and not much shade. Remains include a temple, a 14,000-seat amphitheatre, shops and baths. From their good condition you can picture what life might have been like and there are guides for more information.

### MANAVGAT WATERFALL

Manavgat Waterfalls are only a few metres tall but what they lack in height they make up for in width. The impressive falls span the Manavgat River. Here the water powers over the rocks on its way to the sea. Get a good view from the banks of the river, a popular picnic spot. Bring your lunch or buy food there.

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## ALANYA

Alanya is a city of two halves – a rocky peninsula divides its two Blue Flag beaches, while night and day split your holiday into laid-back sunbathing experiences with cocktail-sipping after dark. Graceful Alanya Castle is well worth moseying around, while the countryside is beckoning, so jump aboard a jeep safari.

### SUN, SAND AND CULTURE

Alanya has not one but two Blue Flag-awarded beaches, both alive with water sports and sprinkled with sun loungers to take in the warm summer rays. Once you're done on the beach, head up to the 13th-century fortress that watches over the town to get a glimpse into the area's past.

### PARTY UNTIL DAWN

Alanya truly lights up at night – take a sunset cruise and you'll see the seaside town turn into a glistening jewel all twinkling ahead of you. From harbour-front restaurants and bars to laser-shooting nightclubs, there's plenty here to keep night-owls busy right up into the early hours.

## THINGS TO DO IN ALANYA

### SIGHTS

#### ALANYA FORTRESS

Alanya's 13th-century hilltop fortress is surrounded by wall over six kilometres long, with 140 towers. Inside are ruins of houses, cisterns, and an 11th-century Byzantine church with a courtyard decorated with frescoes. You can get there by bus or, if you have the energy, walk up in about an hour.

#### ALANYA SHIPYARD

Built in the 13th-century, Alanya shipyard (Tersane) is made up of five arched galleries built into sea caverns. Entrance is free and you can see displays showing how it would have looked when they were used to build the warships of the day. There are wonderful views by day and the building is lit up at night.

### BEACHES

#### KLEOPATRA BEACH

The Blue Flag Kleopatra Beach stretches up to the peninsula. The long, sand and shingle beach and clear waters are great for sunbathing and snorkelling. You can hire sun loungers and parasols and there's a beach shower where you can rinse off. And in the evening, it's the perfect spot to enjoy the sunset.

### SHOPPING

#### ALANYA MARKETS

Alanya's most popular market, selling fresh produce from local farmers, is on Friday and is well worth a visit. Compare prices at different stalls first. And don't forget to haggle! You may be offered a cup of tea. This is a Turkish custom but don't feel you must buy.

*Would you like a recommendation for somewhere to eat, drink, or simply spend your day in Alanya? Speak to one of Jet2holidays' friendly Customer Helpers for any requests you might have!*



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## BELEK

Stylish Belek is famous for golf, beaches and local sights – in fact, there's something for all the family. Choose from the aqua park, scuba diving, parasailing, horse riding, jeep safari and paragliding, if you fancy fun days out. Wining and dining at top-notch restaurants is the 'in-thing' as night rolls in.

### LOCAL FAVOURITE

The well-heeled of Turkey are well suited to Belek thanks to its natural beauty and array of high-quality hotels. Another big draw is the Belek golf scene, with championship-level green courses right on your doorstep. There are plenty of natural wonders and epic historic sites too.

### THE SHIMMERING COAST

The beautiful Belek beachfront is one of the main attractions for families, couples and groups of friends. Don't pass up the chance to take a dip in the balmy Mediterranean water. But if you want to explore further afield, there are world-famous ruins and stunning waterfalls to marvel at – and much more.

## THINGS TO DO IN BELEK

### ACTIVITIES

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### SIGHTS

#### BELEK TOWN MOSQUE

For a cultural excursion, take a walk around the Belek Town Mosque right in the centre of town. It's a great example of a traditional mosque typical in Turkey and especially impressive at night, when the towers are lit up green. Listen out for the sound of the call to prayer that rings out five times a day.



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## BEACHES

### BELEK BEACH

Belek Beach is the perfect playground for families, sports fans and turtles alike. There's plenty to go round, as the golden sand and shingle beach is 16 kilometres long. Pick your perfect spot of sand and lay down your towel. Sandcastle-building contest, anyone?

## SHOPPING

### ANTALYA BAZAAR

When in Antalya a visit to the colourful bazaar is a must. It's shopping, but not as we know it! Enjoy the hustle and bustle and mingle with locals and tourists bartering for everything from fresh food and spices to clothing and souvenirs. And if something catches your eye, give it a go.

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## KEMER

Sublime seafronts and dense mountain regions combine to create postcard-perfect Kemer. Enjoy the sights of the bustling marina, plotted just below the lush greenery of the gorgeous surrounding national park, right on the teeming Turkish Riviera. Lively carnivals, bargain-savvy markets and hip clubs are not to be missed.

### BEACH BLISS

Kemer's Moonlight Park and Beach caters for all of your holiday needs. Enjoy soaking up the sun on the 40m stretch of sand, paddling about in the water and testing your water sports skills. With various bars lining the beach, you might as well stay out after dark.

### A MIX OF HISTORY AND AQUATIC ADVENTURE

Immerse yourself in the medley of Roman and Greek history in the ancient city of Phaselis. You could take a trip to the Dolphinarium to meet and swim with the magnificent animals. Unleash your wild side on-land – the Dinopark's home to a 7D cinema experience, a fossil pool, bumper boats and a planetarium.

### NIGHTLIFE FOR FAMILIES AND ADULTS

If you've got younger family members with you, there are plenty of beachfront restaurants and bars that cater for all ages. There are also venues for casual cocktails and even a few sports bars, so you can keep up with those all-important scores. There are clubs pumping out thudding dance tunes too.

## THINGS TO DO IN KEMER

### ACTIVITIES

#### DINOPARK

Dinopark, with animated scale models and facts about each, is a must for dinosaur fans. But there's a whole lot more for families, with adventure and arty activities, like zip lines, climbing walls and water marbling. Bring your swimmers and you can dip in the pool. There's even a 7D cinema.

#### DOLPHINARIUM KEMER

For a fabulous show with plenty of audience participation, visit the Dolphinarium and see these incredible creatures in action. Expect a good soaking if you sit too close. Not close enough for you? For hands-on contact, a dolphin encounter brings you face to face as you stand on a platform in the water.

#### OLYMPUS CABLE CAR

Ride the Olympus Cable Car to the top of Tahtali Mountain you'll get spectacular panoramic views of the Mediterranean, Olympus National Park and the snow-capped mountains. Don't forget your camera and bring warm clothes, it's a lot cooler at 2,365 metres above sea level.



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## SIGHTS

### OLYMPUS BEYDAGLARI NATIONAL PARK

Adventurous holiday-makers must visit Beydaglari National Park for its pattern of dense pine forests and jutting white cliffs. Trek up the mountain to be rewarded with spectacular views and a variety of flora and fauna. Make sure you see the 'Fire Which Never Goes Out', a limestone structure through which natural gas has streamed for centuries.

## BEACHES

### MOONLIGHT PARK AND BEACH

The half-moon shaped Moonlight Park and Beach combines a sandy 40-metre sheltered beach with a lush shady park. There are good water sports facilities, children's play areas, toilets and places to eat and drink. It's ideal for a gentle stroll, a refreshing dip or just to sit, listen to the waves and take in the view.

## SHOPPING

### BEACHFRONT BOUTIQUES

If you're looking for that illusive special something to take home for family or friends as a souvenir of your visit, try the beachfront. There are boutiques selling all sorts of handmade and traditional items to suit all tastes, including jewellery, silver and decorative kilim rugs. It's worth a look.

### KEMER MARKET

Visiting a market, when locals meet and buy in their fresh produce, is a fantastic experience even if you're not planning to buy. But if you are, be ready to barter around the original price of your textiles, souvenirs, leather and so on. It's expected. In Kemer, Monday and Tuesday are market days.

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## LARA BEACH

With its extravagant, glitzy five-star hotels, it's no wonder many people see Lara Beach as Turkey's answer to Las Vegas. Lush pools, restaurants, waterparks and even sensational spas all add to the glamour of this resort. But if you fancy some authentic experiences, grab a bus to Antalya to explore, or visit the nearby waterfalls.

### THE LUXURY SCENE

Life in Lara Beach is really all about the gleaming hotels. These are lavish affairs with multiple pools and restaurants, plus added features like water playgrounds and hammams – you'll be spoilt for choice. Add to that a range of bars, and it's no wonder some people barely leave the confines.

### FUN FOR FAMILIES

Wide sands and calm, crystal-clear waters make Lara Beach a real winner with families. There are water sports to keep the kids busy, while on land they can try out quad biking or go-karting. And in the evenings, there are mini-discos to keep them well and truly entertained.

## THINGS TO DO IN LARA BEACH

### BEACHES

#### LARA BEACH

This 8km-long beach is mostly soft, golden sand with a few patches of darker sand and pebbles that span out in front of the glistening five-star properties. Along from the seafront hotels there's a public stretch of beach where you can hire sun loungers and parasols.

### SHOPPING

#### SULTAN BAZAAR

If you fancy a bit of retail therapy, head to Sultan Bazaar for around 70 shops selling traditional souvenirs and big-name brands. You'll find lots of colourful garments and can try clothes on. Shop till you drop then go for a bite to eat in one of the cafés or restaurants, or for a steam in the centre's Turkish Bath.

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## SIDE

As well as golden-sand beaches and a lively nightlife agenda, Side has some of the finest ancient ruins in Turkey. The resort's a great place for picking up leather goods, jewellery and other knick knacks, while you're guaranteed tasty Turkish morsels in the various eateries dotted around the coast.

### AN ANCIENT WONDER

Side is one of Turkey's most famous archaeological sites, with important ruins dotted throughout town. The Temple of Apollo, overlooking the coastline, is awe-inspiring at sunset, so don't forget to pack your camera. And the well-preserved amphitheatre takes you back 2,000 years, so make sure you wander around.

### A LIVELY BEACH SCENE

Side is known for its long, sandy beaches. The more popular West Beach is shallow and great for families, while the East Beach is quieter and has a more secluded feel, but both offer water sports like kayaking, jet-skiing and windsurfing. In the evenings, you'll find some nice beach front bars with lounge music.

## THINGS TO DO IN SIDE

### SIGHTS

#### SIDE OLD TOWN

Side Old Town is a National Heritage site with a rich history. It's the home of various ancient ruins including the landmark Apollo temple and the colossal remains of a 2nd-century Greek amphitheatre. Soak up the history and then take a breather in the town's beautiful garden overlooking the sea.

#### TEMPLE OF APOLLO AND ATHENA

Built in the 2nd-century AD on the tip of the peninsula, these Roman ruins still give an impressive sense of scale today. The Apollo Temple was built in honour of the god of light and music and is believed to be the place where Anthony met Cleopatra. The ruins are free to visit by day or night.

#### NYMPHAEUM

There's no excuse for missing Side's Nymphaeum on the main road close to the amphitheatre. Information provided helps you imagine the elaborate marble fountain dedicated to the nymphs in its prime. Originally 15 metres tall with water piped from the aqueduct, it was decorated with statues now at Side museum.



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## BEACHES

### WEST BEACH

White, sandy West Beach, lined with cafés, restaurants and resort hotels, is the more popular of Side's beaches. Its warm, shallow waters tend to be ideal for those with young children. There are umbrellas, loungers, snorkelling, water sports and parasailing. Although it can get crowded, you can find secluded spots too.

## SHOPPING

### NIGHT-TIME SHOPPING

Evening is the best time to go shopping in Side, when the town centre turns into a pedestrian-only area. Explore streets of shops selling all manner of goods to bargain for including clothing, homewares and leather. Remember, bartering is expected, so why not give it a go?

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