

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### Before leaving from home

## Hos geldiniz!

Welcome, as they say in Turkey. Soon you will be sailing on our wonderful, wooden sailing-yacht on the Aegean Sea. Attached you will find extra information about your sailingcruise.

## PRACTICAL

### Traveldocuments

Everybody needs to have a valid passport (children also) or an ID, expiring at least 6 months at arrival in Turkey. Check at your embassy or the Turkish one about the conditions entering Turkey.

### Travel Insurance

In the Southwest of Turkey the medical conditions and hospitals are fine. We advise you to have a travel- (and cancellation) insurance and to check it on the conditions ("composite trip" "package tour" & world coverage). In case of problems always contact them; carry the information about your insurance with you, in case of emergency. Such an insurance covers composite elements (separate reservations) in a trip, such as flight and boat reservations. More information: our website.

### Vaccination

There is no special need on vaccinations on your destination on the boat. More information about Turkey and health, you can find on the websites or contact the travel hospital were you are living or read more: [www.gezondopreis.nl](http://www.gezondopreis.nl). A corona vaccination is required for all trips worldwide.

### What I'm taking with me?

We advise you not to take too much with you. For use on board:

- Comfortable and airy clothes
- Swimwear, while eating with a dress or shirt
- Sweater or fleece for the evening (April, May and from mid-September)
  - o You do not need sailing gear and rain gear
- Possibly water shoes, if you swim to a beach
- On board you walk barefoot, you are using shoes when you go ashore
- Sunscreen and other sun protection such as sunglasses, headgear
- Shampoo etc.

It is best to carry your luggage in a travel bag, as it takes up less space in your cabin than a suitcase and is easier to store.

### In your cabin

- One swimming towel, 1 per week. Of course, you can also bring your own big swimmingtowel.
- A set of shower towels (3 pieces per person), these will be changed mid-week
- Bed linen, these will be changed mid-week

## HURRAY, LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN!

### Arrival in Turkey & transfers

Taxis are waiting at the exit of the airport to take you to your destination. When we arranged the transfer to the boat or your hotel, the driver will be waiting for you outside the arrival's hall, recognizable by a sign "Godiva Sailing Cruises". He takes your luggage from and drives you directly to your destination by minibus, the journey time in Bodrum is without delay  $\pm$  45-50 minutes; unfortunately it is busy nowadays. You pay transfer costs to the captain and not to the driver!

### Money

In Turkey they have the Turkish Lira, you can pay with the Euro almost everywhere and use your debit or credit card. You have already paid most of the costs for your boat trip. If you still want to have local money at hand, you can use the ATMs, both for Euros and Lira. These are in many places, including in the harbour.

### The boat is ready for you...

...from Saturday afternoon 12AM and is usually located in the harbor of Bodrum, often near the Petrusburcht or Bodrum castle. Other harbours? Read your information. If you can call the captain 30-60 minutes before arrival to find out exactly where the boat is. The crew will meet you and bring your luggage on board. When you arrive at other times:

- Do you arrive before 12AM? You can bring your luggage on board and explore the area until the boat is ready.
- Are you arriving later in the evening?
  - o With a private boat reservation: you board as a group in the harbour.
  - o With a reservation per cabin, the boat maybe already has sailed out of the harbour and you will be taken directly to the boat in the next bay by the driver.

### Upon arrival at the boat....

....the captain will welcome you all, introduce his crew to you and you will be explained:

- Safety & life jackets
- Toilet use: do not flush toilet paper down the toilet, deposit it in the waste bucket
- Electricity and charging of telephones, etc.: in your cabin (generator) and during the day
- Use of Wi-Fi, etc.: is available depending on wifi-reach
- Use of Canoe, Stand Up Paddle, etc.
- The route(s) and its implementation.

When all the guests have arrived, the boat leaves the harbour. (Unless the entire group arrives after 8pm).....

### Food/eating on board

All meals, snacks and drinks on board are inclusive and unlimited, including the local alcoholic drinks wine (white, rosé, red), beer and raki. If you want other spirits, you are free to bring your own. Buy these at the airport (departure and/or arrival), much cheaper than buying locally. During a 1-week sailing cruise you dine on land twice at your own expense; usually on Tuesday evening on the route and on Friday evening on return to the port. Dietary requirements are not a problem, but indicate this in time. Everything is freshly prepared, we only use fresh, local products, in the Netherlands we call this organic or biological food.

### Sailingroutes

You always board in Turkey, your sailing trip always starts and ends in Turkey, usually in Bodrum. All routes are composed looking at the weather conditions and are determined by the captain together with you, depending on the boarding point, the weather and especially the wind. One evening you will be in a bay, the next evening you will be in a small village or in a harbour. There is a daily morning briefing by the captain using the map, he will also discuss the implementation of the day with you, taking account into your wishes.

### Excursions

Depending on the route, you can make an excursion – without any obligation – costs and duration can vary.

### Tipping:

We would like to inform you about the general guidelines regarding tips for the crew during a cruise, this tip is not included in the price. The international, generally recommended amount starts at € 10,- per day for the entire crew of 4 people, converted the basic amount per guest is starting at € 70,- for a week on board. Most cruise passengers are satisfied about the service on board and are happy to give a generous tip. Tipping is an expression of your appreciation to those who made your trip memorable; the crew likes to feel your appreciation. They are there for you throughout the journey. Not leaving a tip (or a very small amount) for the crew is a sign you are not satisfied about the (personal) service on board. For more information about this, see our website under “Frequently asked questions”. If you would like to give a tip, you can hand it over to the captain at the end of the week before you leave the boat; he will ensure that this is distributed fairly among the crew.

## A WONDERFUL WEEK IS ENDING

### End of your sailing trip

Friday afternoon you arrive at the port of your final destination; this evening you eat on land (own expense), the captain can provide you with tips. In the evening you will sleep on board, Saturday morning you will leave the boat after breakfast, at the latest at 9.45-10AM, the crew needs time to clean and prepare the boat for the next guests, arriving 12PM.

### Return flight

Groups/private boat: transfers arranged by us: the captain will indicate where and what time you will be picked up for the transfer to the airport. At the harbour it's easy to arrange your own taxi to the airport or your hotel. Keep in mind in Turkey you also have to be on the airport at least 2-3 hours before departure in case of an international flight. Remember you must reconfirm your flight? Leave on time, because of the (extra) traveltime due to crowds on the way.

If your flight times change, would you let us know?

### Additional options

In case of an evening or night departure, it's possible to reserve a day hotel for you and/or your group (1 or a few rooms); indicate this on time. Your belongings can be stored there, you can swim and/or take a shower and change clothes; the driver will pick you up there for the transfer to the airport. Some guests choose to sleep on land at the end of the sailing trip on Friday evening (hotel), we can arrange that for you.

### **WE WISH YOU A GREAT HOLIDAY!**

Godiva Sailing Cruises Netherlands & Turkey,  
Monique & Captain Birol

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