

Bozburun

Bozburun Peninsula
Marmaris, Turkey



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Bozburun is a sleepy and quiet little fishing and boat building village far out on the edge of the Turkish southwest mainland, as close to the Greek islands as you can be without leaving land. It is on the tip of the Bozburun Peninsula, classed as a National Park by the Turkish Authorities so protected from high rise hotel developments. In the village there is a small and popular harbour known to sailors for a long time already.

Along the Peninsula are beautiful villages including Orhaniye, Turgut, Bayir and Selimiye. This is the real unspoilt Turkey so popular with guests wanting to experience authentic rural Turkey where life has remained largely unchanged for generations. Bozburun is world famous for its boat building where the wooden Turkish Gulets are lovingly constructed by hand using generations old traditions. Gulets built in Bozburun are sought after throughout Europe so you will find many Bozburun Gulets cruising the waters of Italy and Croatia.

The permanent population is only about 2400. The village faces across the sea to the Greek island of Simi, only 15 km away from the “aquarium”, which is the locals’ name of the reef separating the bay from the open sea. Bozburun is one of the key stops on the popular sailing route of the Blue Cruises (Private Gulet Cruises) as well as private yachts of all kinds. The village has a small and charming little harbour, several restaurants and cafés, shops of different kind, mini grocery stores, butchers, fish store, real estate broker, pharmacy, car rental and a tourist information office.









Accommodation in Bozburun

In and around Bozburun you can find a wealth of holiday accommodation to meet all requirements, from simple pensions (bed and breakfast houses) to cozy Turkish style family driven boutique hotels and some small and tastefully built luxury hotels at the water front.

Along the shore of the bay and at the water front of Adatepe hill on the opposite side of the bay, there are some very charming and some luxurious small hotels, totally secluded, only reachable by boat (the owners will pick you up by boat in the harbour and take you to their place).

Please browse www.bozburuninfo.com for the latest available list of guest accommodation.



Food in Bozburun

Bozburun offers a wealth of fresh food to guests ranging from traditional Turkish dishes including fresh seafood. European dishes are also served, all at reasonable prices. In the harbour the restaurants are lined up along the quay. There you can have a nice meal or just something to drink while you watch boats come and go.

Two blocks behind the harbour, just before the hardware store and the jewelry store, there is a nice little place where the locals eat. They serve döner kebab and the traditional Turkish casseroles and delicious mezes at a very reasonable price. At the south end of the village, you will find the main square with the Ataturk statue in the middle. There you find some nice restaurants and bars and a café (pastane) serving home baked baklava, traditional bread with white cheese and much more.



Things to do in Bozburun

The village harbour is the perfect place to just relax while having a good meal or something to drink while observing boats of all kinds come and go.

At Pirate Cove, in the Northern end of the harbour and over the bridge towards the beach, you can get very good food, listen to live music or simply chill out after a day in the sun. This is also the place where you can get tourist information and book excursions etc.

Most of the bars and restaurants in the harbour offer wireless Internet for free, so you can always keep in touch with your friends and your business. There is also an Internet café. Osmans' place, one of the restaurants along the harbour quay, also offers accommodation on his top floor. Osman, the owner, speaks excellent English and is always doing his best to make his guests have a good time while they enjoy the fantastic food prepared by him.

In and around the harbour you will find restaurants, some souvenir shops, boat equipment shops, hardware stores, a pharmacy, grocery shops, butcher shops, fish shop etc.

There is no bank but at the community house (Belediye) in the harbor, there is an ATM.

Behind the harbour there is a little square with a post office and a traditional coffee shop where the men gather for a play of backgammon or just for a chat and a Turkish coffee.

There are lots of things to explore around the bay for those who fancy snorkeling or would like to see ancient sites.

On Tuesday mornings there is an open market set up selling food, vegetables, clothing, hardware and just about anything you can imagine. Remember to bargain!

Bozburun is famous for its Gulets (traditional Turkish wooden yachts) that can be chartered for short cruises to the Greek island of Simi, Tilos or Rhodes or for longer cruises along the fabulous Aegean coastline. You can visit the large shipyards outside the village where the really big and luxurious Gulets are built. Some of the Gulets are built in the open, just outside the village centre and there are always some Gulets in different phases of early construction to be seen.

Please browse www.gulet.org for details about Gulet Cruises or Blue Cruises from Bozburun.



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Dalaman (DLM) is the nearest airport to Bozburun and is well served by charter and scheduled flights from Europe all year round. We arrange transfers from Dalaman direct to your accommodation or Private Blue Cruise which take approximately two and a half hours. The nearest large city to Bozburun is bustling Marmaris.

News

The big news this season is that Bozburun now has its own Harbour Customs Post to provide Customs clearance for Blue Cruises that sail to Simi, Tilos, Rhodes and the other Greek islands close by. This makes Bozburun the gateway to Greece as Gulet cruises save at least one day in each direction sailing from Bozburun, compared to Marmaris.

This will be a big boost to Bozburun tourism as Gulet Cruises – and all private yachts - will now enter and leave Turkey via Bozburun. Gulet cruises starting in the nearby villages of Selimiye and Orhaniye heading to the Greek islands can now directly clear Customs at Bozburun, avoiding the long detour to Datca Customs down the Datca peninsula.

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