

Turkey *Aeolian & Ionian Coasts*



Entering Turkey (As it was from 2006-2010)

We used the Heikel pilot but found lots of nice anchorages and marinas and added other info than the pilot tells you. The info is collected in 2006, 2007 and 2008 while we were travelling with Zeezwaluw in Turkey. Enter Turkey in one of the ports of entry, we used *Marmaris, Fethiye, Güllük, Datça* and *Ayvalik* and fly the yellow flag. In a harbour/marina and even at anchor, you have to go through the whole procedure of entering. (The marina staff or other sailors can tell you where to go) Take your original ships papers and passports with you.

1. Buy a Transit Log at the Chamber of Shipping;
2. Health office;
3. Customs
4. Port police, 90 day visa;
5. Harbourmaster for the final stamp, sometimes you have to pay a fee.

The Aeolian Coast

Bozcaada Island Marina, 39°50'139N 26°04'7E

The harbour/marina lies at the NE-corner of the island and south of the entrance to the Dardanelles, 30Nm from Çanakkale. The north breakwater where the yachts have to moor is recently renewed, widened and extended; depth at the quay is approx. 3m. Moor at own anchor bow or stern to the quay. In 2007 they had been dragging the harbour extensively and our anchor did not dig in well enough (like the other 5 ships!) and we dragged all together in the afternoon breeze (5-6Bft). After that event, everybody went alongside the quay or rafted up with other boats. The marina fee was 23€/n inclusive water & electricity. Lots of restaurants are around the marina and even a very old **fortress** which is nicely illuminated at night. Bozcaada Island is a convenient stop before you sail up into the Dardanelles.



Ayvalik Setur Marina, 39°18'76N 26°41'12E

Ayvalik marina lies in a very sheltered area, opposite the Greek island Lesbos. A buoyed (with lights) narrow channel leads up to a sheltered lake-like area and the marina is situated at the south end of the town. The marina is not large but normally there is a berth for visiting yachts, it's also a port of entry. Marina fee (inclusive water & electricity) was in 2007 44€/n. Toilets, showers and washing machine are available. Free Wi-Fi, but you have to get the password from the marina office. The staff will gladly undertake (for a 30\$ fee) the Transit log paperwork for you, but it takes only an hour to do it yourself and in the mean time you see a little bit more of the nice town. There are many shops in town (also a **BIM**, Turkish equivalent of **Lidl**), scooters and cars for rent at every street corner. From Ayvalik it is about 75km to Bergamon and you have to visit **the ancient city Pergamon**. One part lies on the 335m solitaire hill top in the middle of a large plain, while the **ruins of Aesculapiun** are situated near the modern town Bergamon. We rented a car and drove through the mountains to Bergamon and had a wonderful few from there to the solitaire hill and drove back along the road along the coast. We were amazed by these ruins and their history!

Sigaçek Marina, 38°11'65N 26°46'93E

The marina lies at the NE-coast of a large bay and the marina is protected by 2 breakwaters with an opening to the NE. Just around the southern breakwater is the marina for small local boats. After the

entrance turn to port where several pontoons are fixed (as the picture in the pilot shows as the proposed plan) at port side of the harbour. The first pontoon is "The marina". If there is space (preferable at the south side) you can obtain a place for a small fee, which is negotiable. The longer you stay, the cheaper it becomes! Electricity and water (included in the marina fee) are available only at the first pontoon. No other facilities! At the rest of the pontoons and the starboard quay if there is space, you can moor for free. The town is very small but very special, white 2m high walls all around! Some shops for basics like bread around the harbour. Every hour, a Dolmush which is going to Seferikhisar (5km), the bus stop is in the main street of Siğacik near the school. Opposite the marina are cars for rent. On the other side of the peninsula is [ancient Teos](#), a Dolmush takes you there. From Siğacik it's easy to drive by hired car [to ancient Ephesus](#) with the many archaeological sites (it took us 2 days to see most of them) and museum. The main site is so large and the ruins are unbelievable, we enjoyed it very much, so we insist you to go! The road along the coast is very nice and the views are spectacular.

The Ionian Coast

[Çukurcuk anchorage, 37°21'06N 27°12'64E](#)

The bay in which Çukurcuk anchorage is lying is close under Tekağaç Burnu in a complete flat coastline. You are not protected against the wind but perfectly for the seas. We anchored in 4-5m (sand) just a little into the starboard bay, holding was perfect in a 7-8Bft and we had a nice and quiet night after a rough sail down from Samos. The bay is like a fairy tale, so quiet and friendly, only a few fishermen in open boats around us!

[Akbuk limani, 37°24'76N 27°24'91E](#)

The anchorage lies at the very end of the bay, east of the small peninsula. Anchor of the very quiet beach in 5-8m, holding in sand is excellent. Good shelter for the meltemi. We were the only boat at the anchorage and saw flamingos and dolphins in the bay. Farther east near Akbük town, seems a marina although it was not in our pilot (2001). We did not go ashore.

[Kazikli Iskelesi, 37°20'33N 27°28'7E](#)

The anchorage is in the 2nd bay at starboard side opposite a restaurant but don't go to the pontoons it's very shallow! Depth in the middle of the bay is 5-7m over gluttonous mud, holding perfect. We sheltered here 3 days because of a nasty meltemi, never went ashore, but there is a restaurant with a small pontoon (only 2-3 ships) with water and electricity and even internet. We saw more yachts at swinging anchor on different spots in the bay, everywhere is the holding good, but some places are more exposed to the prevailing winds than others.

[Turk Buku, 37°07'82N 27°23'86E](#)

The whole bay of Turk Bükü is or too deep or covered with mooring buoys. In the end we picked up a mooring buoy opposite a building site for a new hotel at the SE-side of the bay. Depth is 10-15m although very near the shore. This bay is special for the very famous and rich Turks to spend their holiday we were told! As you can imagine, fast dinghies, jet skis and so on are available in large quantities! On Monday a large market is in the town near the beach (town is called Golkoy). In one of the many restaurants along the beach you can use Wi-Fi with your own laptop (is sign posted). A dolmush (from the dolmush station at the North West side of the bay) runs to a nearby town to the east where a large supermarket is, ask the driver to stop in front of the supermarket as he did for us!

[Iassus town quay, 37°16'56N 27°34'89E](#)

The almost landlocked inlet, the ancient harbour of Iassus, lies at the N end of Asin Körfesi. In the narrow but deep entrance (9m) of the harbour are the sunken remains (to port) of the breakwater and (at starboard) a Byzantine tower on a half sunken breakwater. Moor at own anchor at the west side just after the breakwater. Swinging anchor or take a line ashore. A little further on at the W-side you can moor (also at own anchor) bow or stern to the town quay, which is not for free anymore. It will cost

you, 11or 12€/n including electricity & water. No other facilities available. A few small shops are up the main road. Opposite the town quay is *the ancient town of Iassus*, up the hill. It's a nice quiet walk around the peninsula; visit the fort on top of the hill, the theatre and the Agora. The site is free to enter and a few signs will tell you more about the early inhabitants of Mythical origin.

At the end of the main road is the Dolmush bus stop to Milas (a larger town) and further on to Güllük (*it's a Port-of-Entry and you can do the Transit log paperwork in or out of Turkey while you are moored at Iassus, as we did*).

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