

Turkey Lycian Coast south to Finike



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 Ayvalık 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.

Lycian Coast

Bay of Marmaris

Netsel Marina, 36°51'07N 28°16'64E

Netsel Marina is situated E of Marmaris town in the Bay of Marmaris. Marina entrance is difficult to see from a distance due to all the gullets and ferries moored to the town quay. The easiest way is to call the marina at the VHF channel 6/16. A fast dinghy from the marina will come out to show you a place and will help with the mooring lines. Electricity and water at the pontoons (incl. in marina fee) showers, toilets and laundry service is available. Free Internet at the marina office. Marina fees are high. When the fees don't keep you awake during the night, the surrounding discos will do until 6 in the morning.



We had to go to this marina because we had to do some engine work, gearbox problems (they had a Perkins/Hurth dealer) and we paid 35 €/night (October 2006), so we worked fast to get the work done and leave

One supermarket is at the marina and others in town. Near the marina is a large Bazaar where everything is available. Coming from Greece you hardly believe it but... everyday shopping is much cheaper here! The town is lively and full of tourists. The quayside is very busy due to the moored gullets. Internet cafes can be found all over town. Anchoring near Marmaris town is possible. Opposite the statue of Attaturk (can be found near the centre) is a large anchorage with excellent holding. Tie the dinghy underneath the little footbridge, it's save we were told. In the Bay of Marmaris are a few other marinas.

Yacht Marina, 36°49'05N 28°18'32E

Lays at the most eastern part near the isthmus **Nimara Adasi** has acceptable fees and a friendly staff. Facilities are very good (heated showers, washing machines, laundry service, swimming pool, good restaurant, free Wi-Fi at every pontoon, book swab, a restaurant for workers and guests with cheap fixed menus, 3 big boatlifts and a very large hard standing area with lots of shops). The dolmush (mini bus) to Marmaris stops in front of the marina and runs every 30 minutes. In 2007 the Yacht Marina bought the former (next door) **Sunmarina** and it will be part of Yacht marina in 2008.

Anchorage between Pupa Yacht Hotel en Magic Hotel, 36°49'57N 28°18'88E

The anchorage is large and very deep, most of the time over 12m. Near the shore are a few spots between 5-10m, holding is perfect (sand/clay). We stayed on swinging anchor (8m) but it's also possible to take a long line ashore. We were able to receive the **unlocked Wi-Fi signal** from Magic Hotel, and had free internet.

Fethiye & Gocek bay

Gocek anchorage, 36°45'25N 28°26'19E

The anchorage is at the end of the bay in between the new marina at port side and the last marina at starboard side. Holding (mud) is perfect and the nearest spot to the small but nice town. **Fethiye** is the 2nd most convenient **Port of Entry** we encountered. All the 5 official offices are within walking distance from the **Ece Saray Marina** or the anchorage near this marina and you can do the job in 1-2 hours. In **Fethiye town** is everything you (will) need available, once a week a big street market (non-food and food, fresh veggies and fruits at Tuesday) and on Fridays a fresh food market near the stadium. Nearby you will find the **Migros** a huge supermarket. Along the waterfront you will find **Carrefour**, another supermarket. Near the big **bus station** (the Dolmuş is passing) you will find the large **Sinayi**, where all kinds of little workshops are. **Whatever you need they sell it or are able to make it!**

Ece Saray Marina, 36°37'50N 29°05'98E

The marina is in full swing, with all facilities and a few workshops. They are rather expensive and do not have special contracts (see website) for the winter, but the longer you stay the cheaper it becomes. We were told that the staff is not too helpful. We haven't been there because we wintered at the jetty of hotel Mediteran twice.

1st anchorage 36°37'41N 29°05'40E

The anchorage is in front of the jetty of Hotel Mediteran. Drop the anchor in 5-7m of water and at least 80 meters away from the moored ships and free of the slips of the yards. The boats moored at the jetty lay on **own anchor & mooring lines**. Holding (gluttonous mud) is perfect, we were here at anchor in a nasty NE 7-8Bft with strong gusts and we didn't move at all. You can tie up your dinghy at the outside of the jetty, near the end. Free (**unlocked**) **Wi-Fi signal** from the hotel Mediteran or Diving office. Dolmuş (1.50YTL) on the road outside the Hotel Mediteran and will pass every 5 minutes.

2nd anchorage 36°37'81N 29°05'78E

The anchorage is situated in the bay opposite the marina Ece Saray; it's very sheltered and quiet. Depth between 12-5m, holding in sand/mud is very good. You can tie up your dinghy, either at the Hotel Mediteran jetty or at the small jetty left side of Hotel Plaza opposite the anchorage. Receiving **the Wi-Fi signal** from Ece Saray Marina (you need the password) is not a problem.

3rd anchorage 36°37'3N 29°05'9E

This anchorage is situated next to Ece Saray Marina, just outside the entrance jetty. We were told this is a safe anchorage, especial when the NE-wind blows, holding is perfect and the distance to the shore is more convenient as the one in the bay. Receiving the **Wi-Fi signal** from Ece Saray Marina (you need the password) is perfect over here.

Kas anchorage, 36°10'51N 29°38'74E

The anchorage is in Bayinder Limani, SW of Kas marina. The anchorage is divided in 2 parts; we anchored just west of the "white house" in 10m, sand bottom, holding is good. There is limited space for ships at swinging anchor due to the depth and the quantity of large Gulleets. The water is crystal clear and is good for snorkelling after the gulleets are gone! We only stayed for a night so we don't know how the many restaurants ashore are.

Kekova Roads

Polemos Bükü, 36°09'93N 28°48'26E

We anchored in Polemos Bükü at the very end of the bay near the beach. Dropped anchor in 6-10m, sandy/mud bottom and holding was perfect during our 3 days shelter from the meltemi. In this large bay are many possibilities to anchor and see the lots of interesting ancient sites above and under water.

Üçağiz anchorage, 36°11'62N 29°50'57E

Our anchorage was just west of the town and out of the way of the many tripper boats coming and going all day long. Depth in the whole bay is around 5m, sand/mud bottom and excellent holding. We used Ibrahim's jetty to tie our dinghy to because he was very friendly. In his restaurant we could use his Wi-Fi system (for free) with our own computer. Collect drinking water from his jetty in our own jerry cans and dropped the laundry which he delivered back at the boat (clean and dry) the following day. It's possible to rent a car through Ibrahim's friend but we found it too expensive (€60, =/day). We had some nice meals at his place but did not moor at his jetty which is possible and for free if you eat at his place. In the tiny town are; a supermarket with fresh food and bread and a few stalls with all kind of things. Also many restaurants and there are lots of things to see around. We went with our dinghy to Kale and drove over the sunken remains of the ancient city and could see the old sarcophagi from close by. Also the sunken city on Kekova Island we did by dinghy so we could have a close look at the old buildings beneath the surface of the water. We also tried to find the spring with the cold iron water but were not able to. We went by dolmush from Üçağiz to Finike (bus leaves at the parking place at 8 o'clock and returns at 19.00) to rent a car for 2 days (2008, € 60, = for 2 days inclusive mileage and insurance).

Things to see:

From Üçağiz we visited by car **Chimera** north of Finike. This is a special place 1½ nm inland up a steep hill, where gas ignites and burns constantly. The Chimaeras' was described by Homer as a fire-breathing monster, part lion, part goat and part snake and was slain by Bellerophon a character very much like Heracles. The fiery breath of the monster was said to be eternal, and it is that which we see today. We walked up the steep hill and saw the burning gas ourselves, and that is amazing! Another "must" when you are in this area, is **Phaselis (Tekirova)** the old ancient site is impressive and you can see the Roman aqueduct, theatres, the Main Street and remains of the 3 harbours. Don't be surprised by lots of tourists in bathing suits, they are coming from the many gulleets moored for the day in the ancient south harbour.

Finike marina, 36°17'7N 30°09'11E

The marina has all facilities (even Wi-Fi) and is one of the cheapest in Turkey. Marina staff is only (too) helpful with check-in en out of Turkey, which can only be done during office hours and with plenty of photocopies of the papers. We were not allowed to do it on our own as we always have done so far. The town has a daily small fresh veggie en fruit market, several supermarkets, lots of shops and car rentals. Busses are going to Antalya airport (1 hour) and many other directions. There is a large beach near the marina.

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