

Turkey

Sea of Marmara & the Dardanelles



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.

Sea of Marmara

Güzelce Marina, 40°59'9N 28°30'5E

Güzelce Marina a very new marina (2007) and is situated at the north side of the Sea of Marmara and approx. 40km west of Istanbul.

The small marina has 2 pontoons and is protected by a large breakwater; depth at the entrance is approx. 3m. Ships over 10m are moored alongside the pontoons. The smaller ships are moored (mooring lines) bow or stern to at the quay (port and starboard from the entrance). Electricity & water hook-up points at every berth. Toilets in



the marina office available but showers have to be installed, 24-hours security. Marina fees are reasonable so close to Istanbul (we paid 23,5€/n). The marina is safe and sound to leave your boat whilst visiting Istanbul. In the tiny town are a few small shops for basic provisions, but it's easier to do your shopping while you are visiting Istanbul. Walking out of the marina you will end up at the town square (centre). Here leaves (end station) the bus to the metro station in one of the suburbs of Istanbul. It takes 45 min to get to this station, which is also a huge bus- and tram station. Here you will find transportation to wherever you want to go to in Istanbul. Near the metro station are lots of big supermarkets and other shops.

Silivri Harbour, 41°04'4N 28°14'3E

Silivri harbour (at the north side of the Sea of Marmara and 8Nm west of Güzelce) is mainly a harbour for the big fishing trawlers moored at the centre pontoon. The harbour is protected by 2 breakwaters and is only open to the NW. Underneath the south breakwater are several openings and the sea runs freely into the harbour which can cause a nasty swell inside the harbour. The harbour can be crowded but at the inside of the SW-breakwater at the very end, you will find space. Moor alongside the rough concrete quay. *If you are in the way of someone, they will come over to you and ask very politely to moor somewhere else (they will help you to find another save spot as they did for us. They even gave us 2kg fresh shrimps for free!).* No water or electricity and also no mooring fees. We only stayed one night so we don't know anything about the town.

Murefte Marina/Harbour, 40°40'49N 27°15'84E

Murefte harbour, at the north side of the Sea of Marmara and 58Nm west of Silivri, is a mix of fishing boats and yachts. The harbour is protected by breakwaters and only open (narrow) to the SW. Turn to port after the entrance and moor alongside the quay where the restaurant and the office are. The harbourmaster will help you with mooring.

Take care: do not go to close to the corner, there is a rock at 1.6m!

Marina fees are relative high for the service they offer (20€/n not including electricity) Water and electricity is available at the quay, but no other facilities. No shops and the town is a brisk walk away.

Sarköy Harbour, 40°36'6N 27°07'0E

Sarköy harbour is a tiny one, mostly occupied by small (open) fishing boats, lies at the north side of the Sea of Marmara and 8.5Nm west of Murefte. The almost enclosed harbour (open to W) is 4m deep at the entrance and goes up gently to 2.5m deep at the quay side. We found space alongside at the quay opposite the entrance, in between fishing boats. The fishermen were very friendly and assured us we could stay there for a few days. We asked a fisherman if we could plug-in our electricity cable in the same socket he used, no problem. Mooring was for free, even the electricity! Water is available from a tap at the quay. In the town are several supermarkets, bakery internet cafes and other shops. In the centre of the town is an open fresh food market every Friday. At the starboard quay after the entrance is the office and the boat of the coastguard, they never came to us or bothered us for papers.

Kemer Anchorage, 40°24'94N 27°03'73E

The anchorage lies at the south side of the Sea of Marmara and approx. 15Nm from the entrance of the Dardanelles. Kemer has a small harbour, only open boats and we anchored south of the harbour in 3-5m mud, holding (after 3 attempts good). In the evening all (±50!) the small fishing boats came out of the harbour and passed us very close, what a surprise They came back after 2 hours! We stayed therefore only one night and never went ashore.

Marmara Island, Saraylar anchorage, 40°39'43N 27°40'14E

Saraylar anchorage lies at the north side almost in the middle of Marmara Island (40NM SW of Güzelce) and is better protected against the prevailing ENE than it looks at first site. Entering from the north, turn to port and drop your anchor in 5m sand (holding perfect) in front of the beach and out of the way of the commercial ships (loading marmor blocks) at the entrance. The quarry is noisy but they stop working in the evening and the spot becomes very quiet and as the sun goes down the last sun ray's fall on the quarry and will gif you an astonishing show!

Dardanelles

Çanakkale Marina, 40°09'14N 26°24'25E

The town Çanakkale lies at the narrowest part of the Dardanelles where the current is 2-2.5knots. The marina is past the ferry terminal and tucked behind a long breakwater next to the city quay. Just before you enter the marina you are clear of the current and the entrance is not a problem. Go to the very end and moor (bow or stern to) the quay, they have mooring lines and staff will help you. Marina fees are 28,50€ for boats up to 15m. Electricity & water & 24-hours security included. Toilets and showers are available even a marina café. There is excellent provisioning in town. Ancient [Troy \(Truva\)](#) is a nice 30 min (scheduled) bus ride and the side is well worth a visit! At the quay next to the marina you will see a hugh [Trojan Horse](#), used in the movie "[TROY](#)" with Brat Pitt. Around Çanakkale is a lot to see, ask for more information at the Tourist Information kiosk near the marina.

Anit Limani anchorage, 40°02'99N 26°12'59E

Anit Limani (or Morto Bay) is situated at the north side of the W-entrance of the Dardanelles at the tip of the Gallipoli peninsula. It is very sheltered against the prevailing NE-winds and out of the current. We anchored under the Turkish monument in 5m, holding in mud was perfect. We were on our own, but in summer there are often more boats at anchor. It is possible to go ashore and visit the First World War cemeteries; we did not and spent only one night here.

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