

## Guide: Göcek Bays

This guide to Göcek bays offers a glimpse into some of the stunning landscapes, historical sites, and unique experiences awaiting visitors. Each location provides its own charm, making the bays a perfect destination for yacht charters and nature lovers alike.

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Göcek, part of the Fethiye district in Muğla, is one of the most popular regions for yacht charters thanks to its natural beauty and untouched coves. The holiday season here starts in early April and ends in October. However, the post-season months between September and October wrap Göcek in a different atmosphere, making it a magical and almost preferable time to visit. Below are some of the popular islands and coves in the Göcek Bay Area.

Below is the map edited by [Sadun Boro](#), the first Turkish sailor to circumnavigate the globe with his 10-meter boat "Kismet" from 1965 to 1968.



## Yassicalar (Flat Islands)



Yassica Islands consist of numerous islands of various sizes. Thanks to their natural beauty and clear blue sea, these islands are among the most popular stops for private yacht charters. Be cautious when sailing around this area due to shallow regions between the islands, which are covered with olive and pine trees. One island features a mud pool for a relaxing mud bath experience. Hiking is also an option here, so bring your footwear and camera. Local vendors often sell fresh waffles and Turkish tea near the mud pool. Yassicalar is a stunning destination that you should definitely visit.

## Cleopatra's Bath (Sunken Hammam)



Cleopatra's Bath, also known as the Sunken Hammam, is a must-visit for blue voyagers. This cove is famous for its historical sites and unspoiled nature, making it a popular spot for private yacht charters.

The Cleopatra Bath, rumored to have been built during Cleopatra's visit on her way to Rome, is said to have hot spring waters that contributed to her legendary beauty. You can snorkel here to observe colorful fish underwater. Natural beauty and archaeological ruins are not to be missed during your blue cruise in Göcek.



## Gocek Island



Göcek Island is the closest island to Göcek town center. With its clean sea and lush nature, it's an idyllic spot where the trees touch the sea. The island hosts a luxury facility offering beach access, a restaurant, and special events like concerts and DJ performances. Advance reservations are recommended to secure your spot.



**Bedri Rahmi (Tasyaka)**



This unique cove was named after the acclaimed Turkish painter and writer Bedri Rahmi Eyüpoğlu in 1974, as a tribute to his artwork on the cove. His painting on a large rock, resembling a fish, cleverly conceals and portrays six different animals.

Ancient Lycian rock tombs are located atop a hill, reachable by a 30-40 minute hike that offers a panoramic view of the cove. Exercise caution while hiking and avoid going alone. The cove also features a small beach hidden among olive trees and two restaurants, which are very busy during high season. This cove is a popular overnight stop for yacht charters.



**Merdivenli**



Merdivenli Cove is another splendid blend of sea and nature. A path from the shoreline leads to a village on the hill where you can purchase local products such as olive oil, soap, and accessories. Natural caves abound around the bay, adding to its allure.



### **Tersane (Shipyard) Island**



Tersane Island, the largest in Göcek, has a rich history of civilizations. Its name, meaning "shipyard," reflects its use during the Ottoman Empire. Historical remains on the island are worth exploring. The island is home to palm trees, olive trees, and many goats. A marina on the eastern part of the island offers a sheltered harbor, perfect for mooring. Tersane Island is ideal for swimming breaks and overnight stays.



### Boynuzbuku



Boynuzbükü is a wide bay on the west side of Gulf of Göcek. The exceptionally clear sea benefits from a natural breakwater. Hiking and walking paths wind through the pine and olive tree-covered cove. There is a small marina and a nice restaurant, making it a delightful stop.



## Gobun



Gobun Cove stands out with unique geography and water depth, resembling tropical regions more than the Mediterranean. The cove is accessed through two high hills, making it one of the most sheltered coves in Göcek, protected from wind and waves. Pine and century-old olive trees cover the bay, where you can also find rock tombs and historical remains. A small marina and a restaurant add to its charm.



## Killebuku



Killebükü is a large cove nestled between Boynuzbükü and Taşyaka. It's enveloped in emerald green pine trees, with the sound of chirping birds and gentle waves. The ruins of a church and ornamental stones add historical interest. The warm wind and spectacular sunsets make this cove perfect for yacht holidays.

## Sarsala



Sarsala, one of the most charming and natural coves of Göcek, is about 15 kilometers from Dalaman. It's the closest cove to Dalaman Airport, accessible by car. Surrounded by emerald green forests, you can swim with sea turtles and fish. Sarsala is suitable for families with its calm, shallow, and warm sea, as well as a splendid beach and water sports facilities.



**Siralibuk**



Sıralıbüük is another popular stopover and one of the most beautiful coves in Göcek. Here, you can watch goats cooling off in the shade while swimming where freshwater streams meet the sea. The pebbly beach means shoes are recommended for walking.

### **Pig Island**



Pig Island is another picturesque spot, known for its clear waters and scenic views.

### **Zeytin (Olive) Island**



Zeytin Island, located south of Yassıcalar, is covered with olive trees, as its name suggests. This privately-owned island houses an olive oil workshop dating back to the Ottoman era.

## Blue Point Beach D-Resort



Blue Point Beach, managed by Göcek's A+ hotel D-Resort, is located at the edge of D-Marin Marina. It offers a unique atmosphere, a delightful menu, and white sands imported from Egypt.

D-Resort also hosts Q Lounge, a gastronomic oasis in the shade of the dark pine forest. Q Lounge menu showcases unique contemporary Japanese cuisine enriched with local and Peruvian flavors. Q Lounge menu features elegantly styled sharing plates complemented by a selection of 150 different wines and Japanese-Peruvian inspired signature cocktails. [Advance reservation](#) is a must.



## Adaia Beach Club



Adaia Beach Club, surrounded by Göcek's unspoiled nature, is located next to Cleopatra's (Hammam) Cove. It offers relaxing massages at beach bungalows, beautiful sunsets, special cocktails, and a music-filled ambiance. A glass library provides a peaceful reading space.

## Water Sports in Göcek

A Wide range of water sports activities is available in Gocek Area. In addition to the water-sport center in Sarsala, there are also mobile providers. Speedboats can come to wherever you are anchored, offering almost all kinds of sports from water-ski to parasailing.

Please note that jet-skiing is forbidden in Gocek Bay by the coast guard.

