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Explore *Gocek*

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After the cold passes, most travelers are ready for spring to begin, making plans for their upcoming destination to soak up some sun. I chose for our reader a small town in Turkey called “Gocek” located on the Mediterranean Sea, surrounded by the Taurus Mountains, where it is sunny almost 300 days a year. With only 4500 inhabitants located in the Fethiye district of Mugla Province, this small town is one of serenity and luxury. Its reputation has already begun to spread all over Europe.

Kuwaiti citizens do not require a Turkish visa to enter the country, which can help make it a last minute decision if no other travel plans were made earlier. Citizens of most countries can obtain tourist visas without difficulty prior to departure or upon arrival. Be sure to check your exceptions before embarking on your adventure.

There are several ways to reach Gocek whether by land, sea or air. When flying directly from Kuwait to either international airport in Turkey, make sure to book an internal flight to Dalaman Airport, which is the closest to Gocek. Another 20 minutes by car is your destination! Be prepared for a breath of fresh air, literally, as soon as you arrive.

Waking up at your destination, expect a view of the Mediterranean Sea from any boutique hotel room. Almost all hotels in this area range between two and eight bedrooms only. An interesting fact is that the town lies within an area controlled by the Turkish Environmental Protection Agency, which allows no building to exceed 2.5 stories. This means Gocek has blissfully avoided the high-rise overdevelopment that is quickly taking over other small towns. If you are searching for natural scenery without construction blocking your picturesque view this is the

ideal place for travelers looking to enjoy a relaxing vacation.

On your first morning upon arrival, start your day off right with a delicious Turkish breakfast on the beach front with a view of clear skies, turquoise transparent water, docked yachts and friendly faces. The town has six significant marinas that serve the yachting tourism. Gocek is famous in Turkey for being a resort of the elite who expect only high quality service and enjoy luxury regardless of cost.

Surrounding Gocek, are 12 islands and coves located on the Mediterranean Sea and covered by green pine forests. These islands can be reached by private chartered fishing boats or yachts. To enjoy the crystal clear water and beautiful beaches, organized trips by operators are available at the Gocek marina for the full experience.



Recommended by many locals is D-Resort, which can be accessed by paying a daily fee if you are not a guest at the resort. Spend the day soaking up the sun in the gorgeous weather, snacking on local food, or take part in the many water sports available. Another option is driving to Oludeniz beach, arguable Turkey’s finest beach, which is only 40 minutes away from Gocek.

When it comes to food, there is a wide variety of restaurants where you can indulge in either conventional Turkish dishes, or International cuisine. These restaurants are situated by a long walk way similar to la Croisette in Cannes, France or Ocean drive, in Miami. Late dinners are always available for the night owls. Individual small shops line the charming streets displaying local and international designers and exquisite hand-made crafts, which are always available for purchase at reasonable prices. Pack your bags to relax and unwind at this supreme destination!

