

## A Guide to Akbuk

Akbuk, originally a small fishing village is very much an undiscovered gem on the Aegean coastline and remains a resort very popular amongst the Turkish people, many of which have holiday villa's there. If you like peace and solitude, then our apartments in Akbuk are for you. Sun, sea, turquoise coastlines, virgin bays, mountains and lakes provide you with the perfect environment.



From April to October, the Aegean coastline provides an ideal climate offering perfect conditions where you can relax on sandy beaches, visit remarkably preserved historical sites or enjoy the peace of untouched landscapes. You will also be able to experience firsthand, the natural warmth, friendliness and traditional hospitality offered by the Turkish people in Akbuk.

The area around Akbuk bay is approx. 8km long. There are plenty of restaurants nearby, with fantastic views over the Aegean Sea. If shopping is high on your agenda, then Friday in Akbuk is market day. The market is large, with the local farmers selling fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese and yoghurt.

### Akbuk Bay

Akbuk is a quiet residential village between Altinkum and Bodrum, situated in a peaceful cove with olive trees sloping up from the shore to the mountains surrounding Akbuk bay. Akbuk has not yet been seized upon by the property developers and as a result is a superb retreat for those who enjoy a less frenetic life a handful of shops and bars, one laid-back nightclub and a superb fish restaurant are Akbuk's only concessions to the demands of the typical tourist.



Akbuk became a township in its own right in 1999. As a result, Akbuk has a strong appeal to permanent expats, nature lovers and retirees, and in acknowledgement of this, Akbuk council has introduced stringent development

guidelines to preserve the qualities which make Akbuk so appealing no apartment blocks can be built, only single semi-detached villas of less than three storey's; designated park areas including play parks for children; wide tree-lined roads; a limit to the standing area of new properties of 15 percent of each plot of land.

## Guide to the Restaurants

The following is a list of restaurants in Akbuk, in addition to those on the complexes, to give an idea of the number and variety on offer. In addition to those listed there are some lokanta (small local cafes) and take-a-way stalls/shops (doner kebabs/borek etc) together with some temporary small snack bars in high season. Some businesses are closed in winter. We have not tried them all and as they are subject to change we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this list. As a guide we have added comments from friends, family and guests to our own. We have never had a bad meal – although perhaps what you get is not always quite what you were expecting, according to the description on the menu! Be open-minded and enjoy.

Some restaurants will provide transport free of charge – if required always check availability before you order. English is spoken in most restaurants and many provide English menus.

Starting from the far side of the harbour – most can be accessed from the sea side and from the main road:

**Garden Restaurant** - An established favourite with many people, not expensive but high quality. It is smart & clean with a good menu and friendly staff. Good selection of meze to start. High chairs provided. Car service.

**Garden Mehmet Restaurant** – It's next to the Garden Restaurant but a bit smaller and less formal. Good food, good value and friendly service.

**Pizza Hatti** - Rebuilt for 2010 next to the original site. Pizza Hatti has been popular in Akbuk for years. The food and the service are very good with very reasonable prices. Complimentary transport & Free wireless internet.



**Olivia** (on the former Pizza Hatti site) - New in 2010. It offers an extensive menu of excellent food with great service. Smartly decorated and furnished. Free internet access and local car service. Good value English breakfast.

**Liberty Bar** - A great location, very popular in the summer season. Well established but currently only offering snacks. It extends onto the beach with sunbeds and umbrellas available at a small charge in high season. Free wireless internet.

**Çelebi** – This is very popular with British and Turkish locals, freshly cooked food, very tasty, reasonably priced. Car service. Free wireless internet.

**Ali Baba** (On the roadside) – A small Turkish outdoor restaurant. Good food, efficient friendly service and very reasonable prices. Great to take-a-way or eat in.

**Akvaryum** – Relatively new but popular restaurant offering very friendly service and good food at reasonable prices. High chairs provided and complimentary transport. Free wireless internet.

**Summer Café** - Reports say snacks or full meals are always tasty and well presented and very good value. With comfortable seating and surroundings. Car service.

**Harbour Bar** (previously Castle Diner) reopened 2010 under new Turkish ownership – not tried this one as yet.

**Liman Café** - Commonly known as Fishermen's Bar or Harbour Bar it is still frequented by local Turkish fishermen. The staff are Turkish and nice friendly people. From the upstairs terrace you can sit and watch the sunset and the boats come and go from the harbour. Snacks only.

**Covent Garden** – Newly opened 2010. Good menu with complimentary mezes. Good service and in our opinion the best steaks in Akbuk.

**Akbuk Restaurant** - Built & opened 2008 between the road and the seaside just across from Akguller supermarket. Service is excellent, the food is good and the prices are reasonable.

**Shari's at No 4** – New May 2010 – Italian restaurant opened next to Akguller supermarket. A mainly Italian menu but other dishes too. Good food at competitive prices.

**Pasa** – Opened 2009 and now a favourite. Good English and Turkish food and good service. Local transport. Free wireless internet. Also good for drinks.

**Mavi Deniz** – Renovated and re-opened 2010. Very reasonable and good food – fish and chips a speciality! Free internet access and pick up service.

**My Way** – Opened 2009. Turkish cuisine and good Indian curries (a little pricey). Beach area. Free wireless internet and local transport.

**Zara Café Patisserie Bar** – New 2010 on the main road next to the Belediyesi. This is more of a snack bar menu but offering generous portions of baked potatoes, quiche, pasties, pies etc with salad.



**Kurfez Pizza Pansion** – A Turkish restaurant with pleasant friendly service, tasty food and is good value.

**Derby Hotel** - New owners 2010. This establishment has its own pool. Previously if you bought a meal you could use the pool and sunbathing areas for free – check with new management first. There is also a pontoon into the sea. Reports say food is good and well presented, although prices could be more competitive.

**Camli Fish Restaurant** – This is about 1 mile from the town centre and just off the main road (look for the sign) or accessed from the coastal path. We have found this excellent and it has a varied if limited menu (not just fish). Drink prices are cheap.