

The Bodrum Beach Guide

On the southern coast, **Bardakci, Gümbet, Bitez, Ortakent, Karaincir, Bagla** and **Akyarlar** have fine, sandy beaches. Campers and wind-surfers enjoy Gümbet, and at Bitez colorful sail boards weave skillfully among the masts of yachts in the bay.

On shore you can enjoy quiet walks through the orange and tangerine groves bordering the beach. Ortakent has one of the longest stretches of sandy beach in the area and offers an ideal place for relaxing in solitude.

One of the most beautiful beaches on the Bodrum peninsula, Karaincir, is ideal for lively active days by the sea and relaxed, leisurely evenings with local villagers. Finally, Akyarlar enjoys a well-deserved reputation for the fine, powdery sand of its beach, it's also considered as one of the best beaches in the world.



Turgutreis, Gumusluk and Yalikavak, all with excellent beaches, lie on the western side of the peninsula and are ideal for swimming, sunbathing and water sports

Ada Bođazý (Aquarium): It is called Aquarium because of its crystal-clear waters. In the open waters the sea floor 30 m. below can be seen with the naked eye.

Akyarlar: This cove with its wonderful beach and crystal clear waters is 13 km from Bodrum. It is one of the best places in the world to surf. Its ancient name is Arhialla.



Asfat: Rising out of the shores of the Aegean and mentioned often in Turkish folk music, the real name of Aspat is Aspartos. Evliya Çelebi writes of Aspat in his Chronicles. It was built upon a barren rock, the perimeter of Aspat Castle measures 700 paces. Here one may see the remains of a civilizations dating back to the Classic Age and continuing up until the present day.

Baðla: With one of the best coves and beaches on the peninsula, it is an excellent place to camp and is 14 km from Bodrum.

Bardakçý: 500 m. from Bodrum. One can reach to Bardakçý most of the time by sea. Its crystal clear sea is well-known for its springs.

Bitez: One of the most beautiful coves on the peninsula, it is 10 km from Bodrum and has warm waters and sandy beaches. It is a beautiful quiet corner where blue and green reach out to touch each other in the tangerine orchards which stretch from the village to the sea.

Gölköy: Located 13 km north of Bodrum, this beautiful cove blends the green of olive, tangerine and pine trees with that of palms. Because it faces the north, it is always lush and the water in the cove is cooler than that in the other coves.

Gümbet: About 3 km west of Bodrum, its waters are very shallow. It is an excellent place for beach surfing.

Gündođan: Located 18 km from Bodrum, Gündođan cove is one of the coves that has been least changed by man and which still preserves its beauty in the most natural way. Its tangerine orchards are famous.

Gümüslük: It is one of the oldest settlements on the peninsula. It is still possible to see in places the underwater remains of the old harbor wall which connected Tavşan Island to the mainland. The sea and fish here are famous. Watching the sun set here amidst the lush green vegetation will be a life-long memory.

Guvercinlik Beach: A cove of unusual beauty with every conceivable tone green and blue, it is located 25 km from Bodrum. Salih Island, located right across the water, only serves to enhance the natural appeal of this beautiful cove.

Karaada: Famous for its healing mineral springs. The water comes out of a cave and the mud from the cave is said to be good for skin condition, Karaada Island is 6km off the coast of Bodrum and a popular destination for daily or night stopover stays by touring boats. Although it is named Kara (Black), contrary to its name the island is in fact green and covered in pine.

The cave facing Bodrum on the island is a popular point of call for yachts and boats. On the seaside there is a small motel and restaurant. The mud in the cave is known to be good for skin diseases. Most important it is claimed that Cleopatra made use of this mud to preserve her beauty. Women in particular put this mud on their faces to emulate the Egyptian queen. After the mud pack you enter the thermal waters springing up in the cave and then throw yourself into the blue waters of the sea.



Kadıkalesi: The sandy beaches of this crystal clear sea are surrounded with citrus orchards. Situated 23 km from Bodrum, it gets its name from the remains of a nearby castle belonging to the Hellenistic era.

Karaincir: Situated 16 km out of Bodrum, its 500 m beach is one of the best in the area.

Ortakent: Located 14 km from Bodrum, its waters are warm and it has sandy beaches. Its tangerine orchards are quite famous. It is one of the best vantage points from which to view village life in Bodrum.

Torba: A peaceful little village just 5 km from Bodrum, it is a charming yet lively place where the shining sea melds with the green pines and olive trees. There are boats going to Didim, Milet and Priene from here.

Turgutreis: Situated 20 km from Bodrum, the town is famous for its tangerine orchards. It is named for the famous Turkish admiral, Turgut Reis. In terms of population, it is the second most populous area after Bodrum. It is known for its unforgettable sunsets.

Türkbükü: Situated beside Gököy, at a distance from Bodrum of 15 km, it resembles Gököy in almost every way. It is one of the places preferred by people looking for peace and quiet.

Yalıkavak: Yalıkavak impresses with its combination of alluring traditional charm and a sense of recognition of the importance of contemporary comforts desired by today's discerning visitor. A lovely beach area and the restaurants are recognized as some of the best in the area along the coast.

