#### HISTORY OF ANTALYA

For a few minutes, thousands of years ago, King of Pergamum II. To the place that Attolas called "paradise or earth"; So you are invited to Antalya! Even when you hear the name of this beautiful city, a feeling of warmth and relief spreads within you. Moreover, do not think that Antalya, at the foothills of the Western Taurus Mountains, is just about summer tourism. Although Antalya stands out with its sun and sea, it is a place to visit every season of the year. Unique beaches, magnificent nature and warm climate are in your pocket. Ancient cities, a historical urban texture and delicious flavors are a bonus! Even if you have limited time, are you ready to discover Antalya, the apple of the eye of the Mediterranean, with all its beauties? Here are the places to visit in Antalya!

### Places to Visit in Antalya

As we said at the beginning, we cannot explain the beauty and texture of Antalya with its strong tourism features alone. It is necessary to get to know the history and origins of this place closely so that the historical places to visit in Antalya will gain more meaning! Antalya, which literally means "land of Attalos", was founded by Pergamon King II about 2 thousand years ago. It is founded by Attalos. With the collapse of this kingdom, the city remained independent for a while and later joined the Roman Empire. In later times, Antalya came under the rule of different states, from the Byzantine to the Seljuk and the Ottoman, as it was a Mediterranean city with fertile lands by the sea. Finally, Antalya, located within the borders of the Republic of Turkey, continues to host many local and foreign tourists with its places to visit and all its beauty.



"When to go to Antalya?" If you are wondering, as it is known, the season when the city becomes most popular is summer. The heat and wide beaches have a big impact on this. However, Antalya is a place that can be visited in all seasons with its mild climate. Especially spring months will be ideal for those who do not like extreme heat. In addition, heavy rainfall can sometimes occur in Antalya during the winter season. If you are going here in winter, it would be useful to bring your raincoat with you! After these details, we can start to get to know and explore the places to visit in Antalya!

# ANTALYA: ANCIENT CITY

Antalya is a very rich city in terms of ancient cities. So, if you want to go on a historical journey during your trip, you can start visiting the ancient cities of Antalya. So, are you ready to grab your backpack and set off towards ancient cities in different parts of the city? You can choose among ancient cities depending on the district you stay in and your travel plan. Let's list the most famous ancient cities of Antalya for inspiration during your trip:

• Side Ancient City

- Perge Ancient City
- Aspendos Ancient City
- Sillyon Ancient City
- Lyrbe Ancient City
- Olympos Ancient City
- Myra Ancient City
- Termessos Ancient City
- Selge Ancient City
  - Phaselis Ancient City
  - Limyra Ancient City
  - Simena Ancient City

### ANCIENT CITIES IN ANTALYA





THE TEMPLE OF APOLLO İN SİDE, WHİCH İS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN BUİLT AROUND 150 AD.



PERGE ANCIENT CITY



ASPENDOS ANCIENT THEATER LOCATED IN SERIK DISTRICT OF ANTALYA.

The closest ancient city to Sandy Beach Hotel is Side Ancient City. The distance to our hotel is approximately 3.8 km. The distance to Aspendos Ancient City is approximately 32 Km.



# KALEİÇİ

Historical Kaleiçi located in Antalya city center. Now, we are at a point in the city center where you will want to get lost in its streets and be amazed by its beauty. In Kaleiçi, decorated with stone houses and orange flowers! This is a very special address that has been able to convey Antalya's thousands of years of deep-rooted history to the present day. Authentic shops where you can shop, turquoise sea winking through the stone streets and delicious food are waiting for you in Kaleiçi. Moreover, Kaleiçi is located in the center of Antalya and it is very easy to reach here!



#### YIVLI MINARET

We continue the places to visit in Antalya with Yivli Minaret, one of the most important historical points of the city. Yivli Minaret, a Seljuk work from the 13th century, is actually a social complex containing many buildings. Inside; Yivli Minaret, which has a mosque, mausoleum, madrasah and Mevlevi lodge, is one of the points that are flocked by visitors every season in Antalya. We definitely recommend you to see the building located in the historical Kaleiçi district of Antalya.



#### HADRIAN'S GATE

Hadrian's Gate, also known as the Three Gates, is a special structure built by Emperor Hadrian in 130 AD. Because the gate, which is located at the entrance of Kaleiçi and has a very impressive architecture, is also one of the most important preserved historical monuments of Antalya. The three round-arched door openings in the building and the towers on both sides support the imposing and historical appearance of the door. While going to see Kaleiçi, you can easily visit Hadrian's Gate and take photos.





#### ANTALYA MUSEUM

Founded by Süleyman Fikri Erten in 1922, Antalya Museum is a place where very distinguished works that reveal all the historical richness of the city are exhibited. When you visit the museum, which has 13 exhibition halls; You can examine ethnographic works obtained from excavations in the region, as well as many collections that shed light on the history of the region, daily life, and nomadic culture. The coins, sarcophagi, marble portraits and mosaics in the Antalya Museum are truly worth seeing.

### NATURAL BEAUTY OF ANTALYA

Olympos Beach, which offers the most beautiful form of nature in Antalya. Antalya is a city where nature displays all its beauty without hesitation at every opportunity. It is also the address of deep blue landscapes where you can dive into. What we mean is, when you come to Antalya, do not miss the countless natural beauties; Watch the views, explore, dive deep into nature!



KARAIN CAVE



ALTINBEŞİK CAVE

#### KARAIN CAVE

Definitely add Karain Cave to your list of places to visit in Antalya! Because this is one of the largest natural caves in Turkey where humans have lived. The findings from the cave, which was formed as a result of natural karst formations, are exhibited in the nearby Karain Museum. Karain Cave, which has served as a historical bridge since the Paleolithic Age, is located in Yağca neighborhood, 5-6 km away from the Antalya-Burdur highway. We recommend that you spare a day in Antalya for Karain Cave and museum.

Altinbeşik Cave, one of the natural wonders and the third largest underground lake in the world and the largest in Turkey, is a magnificent natural formation with a length of 125 meters. This unique cave, which is a part of the Central Taurus Mountains, is a three-storey cave formed by the erosion of karst structures. When you climb the 40-meter travertine at the end of the lake, another lake welcomes you. Depending on seasonal rainfall, this travertine can turn into a waterfall.



KAPUTAŞ BEACH

#### It is a very enjoyable place with its clear turquoise waters and natural atmosphere. Apart from this, the famous Konyaaltı Beach is a good alternative for those who do not want to go far from the city center.

Even though it is quite crowded in the summer months, you can especially choose the morning hours to have a quiet time. Lara Beach is another nice option close to the center. It is especially famous for its soft golden sands. In addition, Olympos Beach and Adrasan Beach, which promise a peaceful holiday in nature, will also be a very nice choice for sea enjoyment, keep in mind.

#### ANTALYA BEACHES

Antalya beaches Yes, it's time for what Antalya is really famous for, namely its beautiful beaches! We don't know which of the Antalya beaches that have started to catch our eye before the summer even comes, but we will talk about the most famous ones to give you an idea. If you are spending your holiday in Antalya on the Kaş side, the first place we would recommend with closed eyes is Kaputaş Beach.



KONYAALTI BEACH



**BRIDGE CANYON** 

#### BRIDGE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

If places to visit in Antalya are mentioned somewhere, the name of Köprülü Canyon is definitely mentioned there. Köprülü Canyon National Park, located in an area close to the Köprüçay River and Selge Ancient City within the borders of Antalya's Manavgat district, is 14 km long. It is also one of the longest canyons in Turkey.



SELGE ANCIENT CITY

Köprülü Canyon, which cuts through the Taurus Mountains, also hosts magnificent views. In addition, this region is also very rich in terms of groundwater. We strongly recommend that you visit Köprülü Canyon, which got its name because there are two historical bridges in the canyon, during your Antalya trip. Moreover, when you come here, you can do activities such as rafting, hiking and visit the Selge Ancient City.

DUDEN WATERFALL



ANTALYA: WATER PARADISE WATERFALLS

Antalya is truly a waterfall city. How about having a wonderful time watching the beautiful waterfall views at different points of the city? You can start visiting the waterfalls in Antalya from the Lower Düden and Upper Düden Waterfalls, which are approximately 8 km away from the city center. When you want to get a little further away from the city center, Manavgat Waterfall, Kurşunlu Waterfall, which is only 1 km away from the airport, and Sapadere Waterfall, a hidden paradise that is less known than others, are among the natural beauties that should be



MANAVGAT WATERFALL

SAPADERE WATERFALL