



Turkish Gulet Cruise

with circle dance & optional hiking

Hosted by Anne Parry

Monday 14—21 May 2018

Explore
the coastline and history on
gulet East Meets West



Known for its history, culture and natural beauty, there's no better way to explore the Aegean coastline of Turkey than on a handcrafted gulet. We'll get off the traditional tourist path as we head for the pine clad mountains and clear blue seas of the Turquoise Coast.

Anne Parry will take you on a dancing journey everyday in this peaceful environment, sometimes on the boat in a pretty cove; sometimes amongst the ruins of ancient Greeks and Romans or in the garden of a nomad family.

We'll explore ancient ruins, feast on healthy, fresh food prepared by the onboard chef. Relax at night under the stars to the sound of waves gently lapping the hull of the boat.

Highlights

- ◇ Daily circle dance sessions
- ◇ Experience Turkish culture and history
- ◇ Explore ancient ruins
- ◇ Cruise on a handcrafted gulet
- ◇ Swimming, snorkelling and relaxing

£50 pp DISCOUNT
for early booking
before 31 October 2017

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Travelling by gulet allows us to moor in small secluded bays where we can hike from one bay to another or stay onboard to relax, swim and snorkel in azure seas. Along the way we'll hike amongst ruins that reflect Turkey's long history from Lycian tombs, to Roman amphitheatres to the Turkish Ottoman period.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

FULL BOARD: All meals from Dinner on Day 1 to Breakfast on Day 8

ACCOMMODATION: 7 nights onboard a luxury gulet

DANCING: daily dancing led by Anne Parry

HIKING: English speaking hiking guide

RIVERBOAT CRUISE: including entrance fees, riverboat hire and Captain

TRANSFERS: One return group transfer. Details to be advised.

DRINKING WATER:

water is provided at mealtimes and for walks; please bring your own refillable water bottle for hiking.

SHIP'S COSTS: port fees, diesel, crew food and wages



Vegetarians are easily catered for. Please advise of any dietary requirements time of booking.

B = Breakfast

L = Lunch

D = Dinner

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

FLIGHTS: Both Marmaris and Fethiye use Dalaman airport

DRINKS: there is a reasonably priced bar onboard stocked with water, soft and alcoholic drinks including beer, wine and spirits. Please do not bring your own drinks onboard.

TIPS for the crew: we recommend around £35 per passenger for the crew

TRAVEL INSURANCE: please remember to arrange your own travel insurance and provide a copy to the Guide on arrival.

VISA FOR TRAVEL TO TURKEY: approx 20USD payable in your local currency. Official site <https://evisa.gov.tr>

OVERVIEW MARMARIS—FETHIYE*

Our flexible itinerary will allow for at least one dancing session each day, often more; with the opportunity to hike on at least 3 days if you want.

Day 1 D

Arrive in Marmaris. Join the gulet and settle into your cabin before dinner; a great way to relax after the early start. Your meals are cooked by an onboard chef who prepares food using the best of local, fresh ingredients. The Turkish kitchen is very diverse and these meal choices are described to give you an idea of the variety of foods prepared for you

Day 2 B, L, D

After having your Turkish breakfast onboard we take a short cruise across the bay so you can have your first swim and dancing session of the holiday. Join us for a short hike of 4 km through ancient pine forests which lead us to a spectacular spot for your dancing. Dinner of Sea Bass, Aubergine and Green Pepper meze, Purslane and Yoghurt salad, Green salad

Day 3 B, L, D

Take the riverboat to the village of Candir where we can dance amongst Nomadic artefacts in the garden of a local family. Barbeque for dinner of Marinated Chicken, Lamb and Meat Kofte, Charcoal grilled Aubergine Puree splashed with Olive Oil, Shepherd's Salad

*Could operate in reverse





Day 4 **B, L, D**

A long early morning cruise sees us drop anchor in another turquoise bay to dance amongst the ruins of Cleopatra's Bath. Delicious lunch of Green Peppers stuffed with rice and tomatoes, Courgette and Aubergine Salad served with yoghurt, Tomato Salad

Day 5 **B, L, D**

Overlooked by Lycian tombs high on the mountainside we will be dancing in the atmospheric bay of Bedri Rahmi; taking in a coastal path with fabulous views of the Gocek Islands (2-3 hours) Flavourful lunch of fresh Green Beans in Tomato Sauce with Pillau Rice and Salad

Day 6 **B, L, D**

Plenty of opportunity to swim and snorkel or just relax as we cruise from one bay to another; dancing when the mood takes us. Dinner of Dalyan Kofte with hard boiled eggs and tomato sauce, Roasted Cauliflower with Garlic Yoghurt, Broad Bean Salad

Day 7 **B, L, D**

A day of cruising, dancing and relaxation. Healthy lunch of Chickpeas and Lamb in a fresh Tomato sauce, bulgur wheat and salad

Day 8 **B**

Say your goodbyes to the crew after breakfast.

Note:

*This itinerary is flexible and is open to change.

*Tour could operate in reverse.

*All meal choices are for illustration only, to give you an idea of the type of delicious food we serve.

*For all walks you need hiking boots (with or without ankle support) as the paths are littered by loose rocks and stones. Walking poles are recommended.

Meet Your Host Anne Parry



Anne has been circle dancing for about 30 years, and running classes since 2008. Her down to earth approach means her sessions are fun and relaxed. In all her teaching (dance, massage, crafts) she is known for her clarity, patience and sense of humour.

Anne loves the variety in circle dance and so teaches both traditional and modern, fast and slow, upbeat and meditative, simple and more complicated. For many years she danced regularly with Laura Shannon and Andy Bettis; and she completed the teacher training with Judy King. She has run annual circle dance holidays in Croatia since 2008, and is looking forward to the challenge of the gulet.





Dancing

We intend to do some limited dancing on board (when at anchor!) and to find special places to dance on shore. This is the inaugural gulet circle dance holiday but, rest assured - I will dance at every feasible opportunity! Non-dancing partners are very welcome.

For any questions about the dancing please email Anne Parry annelaughdance@gmail.com

Accommodation

We'll spend 7 nights onboard the gulet East Meets West. As is typical on a gulet, cabins are small but larger than you'd find on a sailing yacht; there is a small wardrobe, underbed storage for luggage and a power point. All cabins have their own ensuite bathroom with hairdryer, hand basin, shower cubicle and home style flush toilet.

The bar, galley and salon are all located in the wheelhouse with plenty of sunbeds on the fore and aft decks for sunbathing, reading and relaxing or perhaps you'll sleep here under the stars.

Rating

Hikes - Low to Intermediate

The walks won't exceed 4 or 5 miles, but the terrain is rocky, stony and uneven.

If you like to hike and want to join the optional walks you need to bring a rucksack, hiking boots/shoes (with/without ankle support)

Terms & Conditions

- ◇ Booking Form and Deposit—a deposit of £200 is due at the time of making your booking.
- ◇ The final payment will be due 2 April 2018.
- ◇ All payments are non-refundable. The gulet has been chartered for your private trip, so if you cancel you will still be liable to pay unless your place can be filled.
- ◇ If the trip is cancelled for any reason by Meridian Travels & Yachting your monies will be refunded.
- ◇ Passports & Visas—you must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from the tour end date. A visa is required to visit Turkey, it is easy to apply for online from <https://evisa.gov.tr> You should apply for your visa just a week or two before the holiday.
- ◇ Travel Insurance is highly recommended.



TO BOOK

Bookings will be handled by Anne Bektas at Meridian Travels & Yachting. Anne and her husband Adil are co-owners of the gulet and will join us on the cruise. Please email anne@meridiantravels.com

£645 per person twin share

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