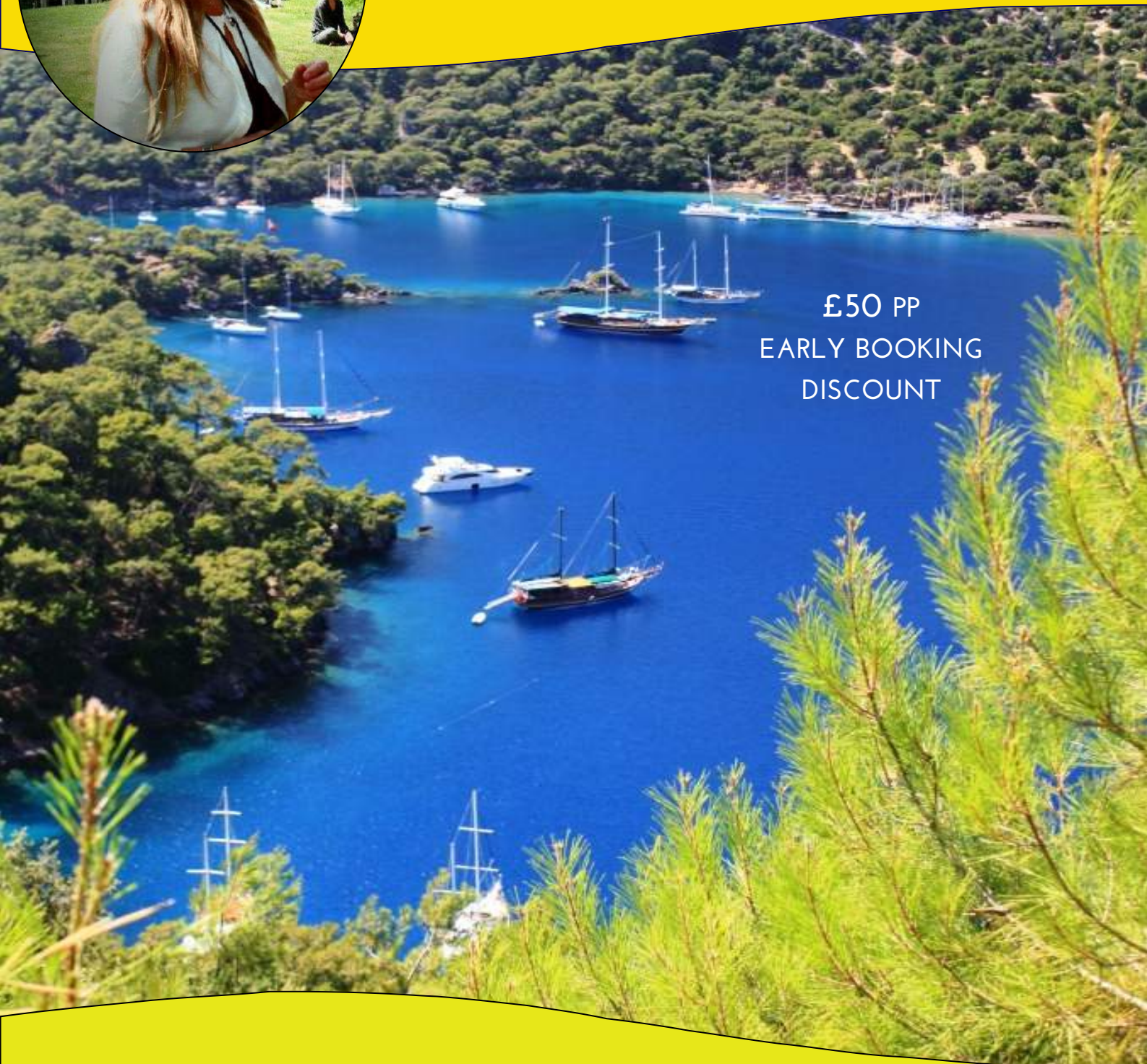


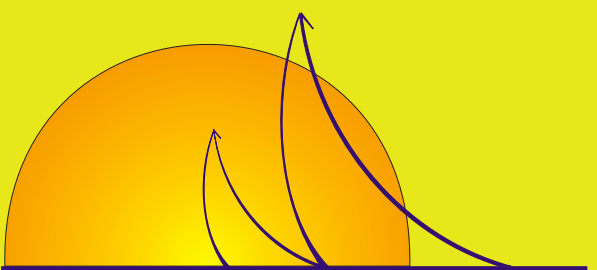


# Sing With Lesley Whatley



£50 PP  
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Turkish Gulet Cruise  
with Singing and Hiking  
Monday 7-14 May 2018



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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 sing 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

**SINGING:** daily singing sessions led by Lesley Whatley

**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



## OVERVIEW MARMARIS—FETHIYE\*

Our flexible itinerary will allow for at least one singing 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 singing session of the holiday. Join us for a short hike of 6 or 7 km through ancient pine forests with spectacular views (2 hours) 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 sing 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





**Day 4**

**B, L, D**

A long early morning cruise sees us drop anchor in another turquoise bay. Singing 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 singing 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; singing 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, singing 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.



**Lesley Whatley**

*I can't remember not singing - according to my mum, I started singing nursery rhymes in my cot at 18mths old. I sang in church and school choirs and school productions, together with learning piano and double bass.*

*I moved to Dorset in 1991 and shortly after was asked to be the Musical Director for Quangle Wangle Choir and from there I established Local Vocals in 2002. Unusually Local Vocals is based in six different locations throughout Dorset.*

*"Most of our songs are arranged by Lesley in 4 parts and she teaches us by ear. Remarkably she holds all the parts of all the songs in her head and can recall songs that we have not sung for many years".*

## Singing

Lesley will lead singing sessions every day.

For more information about the singing please contact Lesley directly by email [sing-lesley@whatfish.plus.com](mailto:sing-lesley@whatfish.plus.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

Low to Intermediate

The walks won't exceed 4 or 5 miles and may be shorter, 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 26 March 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>
- ◇ Travel Insurance is highly recommended.



## TO BOOK

Bookings will be handled by Anne 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](mailto:anne@meridiantravels.com)

£695 per person twin share

£50 pp early booking discount—book before 30 September 2017

£25 loyalty discount if you've been on our cruises before.

(Limited availability of single accommodation. Contact Anne for prices and details)

