



## FIVE-MINUTE FOCUS

# Bodrum, Turkey

## ▾ Where is it?

Bodrum and its peninsula lies on the south-western corner of Turkey in the Mugla region. It is where the Aegean and Mediterranean Seas meet. Bodrum is serviced by its own airport, with two terminals, newly constructed in 2012. Airline capacity is set to continue into 2019. Just a 35-km drive away is the centre of Bodrum, easily reach and accessible, by car, local airline buses, resort hopper and private taxis.

## ▾ Bodrum – something for everyone

Diverse and cosmopolitan, Bodrum is a very chic resort. Over the last few years the seafront and resort has had a facelift – is started off as a very small fishing village, but it is now known around the world as being a top upmarket resort. The lovely seafront is scattered with trip boats to one side and lively bars and restaurants to the other, tranquil and peaceful during the daytime, but bursting into to life after dusk, when

both locals and tourists come out to enjoy all it has to offer.

## ▾ A fabulous peninsula to explore

Scattered all around the peninsula are five-star hotels, which such names as Mandarin Oriental, Kempinski, and Hilton, and new arrivals such as Banyan Tree and Hyatt Regency, attracting high-end buyers with their private residences for sale too.

There are so many small resorts too – Gumusluk, a quaint Turkish fishing village famous for its fish restaurants – and Rabbit Island, the partially sunken causeway between the island and land, perfect to enjoy a lovely evening meal. Gulluk, close the airport, is a lovely small fishing village with a lovely pedestrian promenade. Yalikavak, with its stunning high-tech marina, with beach club, shops bars and restaurants.

## ▾ Places to eat and things to do

In Bodrum itself, you will find some superb restaurants, ranging fish restaurants, to international cuisine, and traditional Turkish ones, serving the famous kebabs. In Ortakent, not far away from the centre of Bodrum, you will find for the golf enthusiasts the academy golf club. For water sport enthusiasts too there is plenty, whether you are an accomplished diver or just want to learn on offer there are internationally accredited courses, and trips for the more experienced. For those who just

want fun in the water all the beaches have water sports sections. For those who want history, visit the castle of St Peter, if you want a trip out of the resort visit the island of Kos, and there are other activities such as horse riding and pony trekking.

## ▾ What property to buy?

Bodrum suits buyers with all budgets. Choose between great-value apartments close to the airport to stunning mansions with that the wow effect. Properties are still built low rise, from small white-washed buildings in traditional styles to the luxury villas and modernistic new smart homes.

A little distance out of Bodrum and you will find Gulluk, Iasos and Tuzla areas, which are close to the airport, you can still pick up a small property one or two bedroomed for around £35,000/£50,000 but your choice now will more limited, villas in the area are now over the £100,000. Gumusluk and Konacik offer reasonably priced options, and apartments here can be found around £75,000, and villas around £150,000. In Gumusluk they can be set a little high into the hillside but the sunsets will be fantastic, while Konacik is much more local to Bodrum centre itself.

Step into Yalikavak and there are luxury mansions set in the hillside, and there are many new projects too like the Luxury Banyan Tree Group, with its villas, apartments and town houses, and the added extra five-star hotel facilities on site, prices here start from just under £350,000 for a two-bedroom property. If you are looking for something smaller, there are three-bedroom villas on lovely sites in clusters of six or eight available for around £250,000, some with shared pools some individual pools. ☉

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