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Alanya Cruise Port is your gateway to this welcoming resort full of history, culture and fun



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Alanya is a charming holiday resort on the Turkish Riviera, with a resident population of around 100,000. Every year the city is visited by some 2 million holidaymakers, attracted by its warm climate (average sea temperatures of 22°C throughout the nine-month season), tourist attractions and ancient history.

The city is set in a landscape rich in flora and fauna, and is surrounded by sandy beaches, canyons, rivers, waterfalls, forests and caves; and for centuries it has been protected by a 13th-century fortress built on a headland overlooking the city. Its octagonal Red Tower and ancient shipyard dominate the harbour. Alanya's castle, dockyard, Red Tower (built c.1228) and Alarahan were added to the UNESCO's World Heritage Tentative List in 2009.

Shop until midnight

The bazaar, which is closed to traffic, is open until midnight and offers visitors a chance to haggle over a vast collection of souvenirs that include leather and suede goods, hand-woven wool and silk rugs, jewellery, semiprecious stones, onyx artefacts, inlaid wooden furniture,

glassware, pottery, ceramics, embroidery and lace. And street markets are held every day throughout the district.

Nine-month tourist season

The vibrant waterfront promenade has many bars, cafés and Türkü Evi (bars where traditional folk music and dance is performed) where you can enjoy both traditional Turkish cuisine – which is a mix of Mediterranean, Balkan and Eastern influences – and international dishes. These are also the venues for many of the free cultural events that are held in Alanya every year including jazz, sculpture, caricature and arts. Many folk troupes, fire eaters, jugglers and other performers are based in Alanya during the long tourist season.

Varied excursion options

Alanya's enormously varied range of excursions includes Alanya castle, the archaeological museum, Damlatas cave, Dim cave and river, Manavgat waterfall, the ancient cities of Side, Aspendos and Perge, jeep safari, rafting, diving tours and trips to the Water Planet; plus virtually any water sport you could name. All can be organised to suit the characteristics of the

passenger groups onboard ship. Why not offer them the opportunity to experience a genuine Turkish bath? Alanya has an abundance of them.

Well protected port

The well protected Alanya Cruise Port is located in the heart of the city and serves only the cruise ships. Its terminal features a fully air-conditioned passenger lounge, Customs and Immigration as well as a restaurant, a cafeteria and telephone booths. Alanya Cruise Port, managed by ALIDAŞ, is a MedCruise member.

Choice of airports

Antalya International airport is 125km from the port of Alanya, 90 minutes away via a direct motorway. Gazipasa airport, just 45km from Alanya, opened to domestic flights in 2010 and is scheduled to open for international traffic in 2011.

Cruise statistics

50,973 cruise passengers disembarked at Alanya during 74 cruise ship calls in 2009, and there were 11 calls completed during the winter season.

Cruise lines sending ships to Alanya for the first time during 2010 and 2011 include NCL, Oceania Cruises, Regent Seven Seas Cruises, Swan Hellenic Cruises and Windstar Cruises. For a list

of frequent users of the cruise port go to <http://www.alanyacruiseport.com/en/65/cruise-operators>

Tourism connections

Alanya is a member of the European Association of Historic Towns and Regions and the Walled Towns Friendship Circle.

Newly opened marina

The new Alanya Marina, which became fully operational in June 2010, has 287 berths, a shopping centre, a swimming pool, tennis courts and a fitness centre.

New Alanya lighthouse open to the public

This new lighthouse, 16m high and 10m in diameter, is open to the public and offers magnificent views of Alanya from its balcony.

Accessibility for the disadvantaged

Major improvements are being made to the city with a focus on improving accessibility for the disabled.

Welcoming community

Alanya Cruise Port does not have congestion, nor any environmental challenges. The merchants are open on Sundays and the local community welcomes cruise passengers.

ATTRACTIONS

Central Alanya

Alanya Castle was built in the 13th century, following the Seljuk conquest under Sultan Alaaddin Keykubat I. There are 6.5km of walls, with 93 towers, 140 battlements and 400 cisterns. The Inner Fortress stands 250m above sea level and offers spectacular views over the city.

The Red Tower is an impressive 35m high octagonal tower that was built at the beginning of the Seljuk period to protect the dockyard. Alanya's most famous building, it is one of the finest examples of medieval military architecture. Inside the Red Tower the Alanya Ethnographic Museum features the history and heraldry of the tower and the city.

Alanya Archaeological Museum includes bronze, marble, ceramics, glass artefacts, mosaics, works of art, guns, handicrafts, pots, pans and a replica of an old Alanya room. The garden has a corner dedicated to olive oil production in the Roman period.

Damlatas Cave covers an area of 200m² within which there are numerous stalactites, stalagmites and columns – some as high as 15m.

The Marine and Shipping Museum near the ancient dockyard will be a new tourist attraction in 2011.

Boat trips from Alanya Harbour range in duration from one hour to a full day. Most include visits to the nearby Pirates' Cave, Lovers' Cave and Phosphorus Cave.

Scuba diving trips and courses are available from Alanya Harbour.

West of Alanya

Sealanya (20km) is a large aquatic park with one part a dolphinarium and the other a sea-life centre. The dolphinarium gives regular shows. At the sea-life centre you can swim with colourful marine fish, walk in a pool with friendly manta rays and watch sharks.

Water Planet (32km) is one of the largest water parks in Turkey.

Alarahan Caravanserai (38 km) is the most famous and best preserved Anatolian caravanserai. It is a unique and exceptional architectural masterpiece.

Manavgat River and Waterfall (63km) is a popular summertime destination. Shaded tea gardens and cafés near the waterfall provide pleasant resting places.

Side (66km) was an ancient Pamphylian city situated on a small north-south peninsula near Manavgat. The ruins – amongst the most important in Asia Minor – include gates, temples, baths, a colonnaded street, a nymphaeum and a large theatre.

Aspendos (94km) The ancient city of Pamphylian has the best preserved classical theatre in the Mediterranean.

Koprulu Canyon (120km) is a National Park which can become a centre of rafting along a valley of wild beauty, rich in flora and fauna.

Perge (122km), established around 1500 BC, is a fascinating site for enthusiasts of archaeology thanks to its fine theatre, stadium and massive towered gate.

North of Alanya

The Taurus Mountains divide the Turkish Riviera from the Central Anatolian Plateau. With peaks rising up to 3,700m above sea level, the limestone landscape offers many opportunities for hiking, mountain climbing and caving. There are also many jeep safari tour options.

East of Alanya

Dim Cave (14km) is one of the most beautiful and interesting caves in Turkey. It is 357m long and has a small lake at one end. The Dim River itself has become a popular summer destination.

Iotape (40km) is a ruined Roman city where baths, an acropolis, a church, a necropolis and a small harbour can be explored.

Sapadere (50km) is a spectacular canyon.

Gazipasa (50km) is famous for its bananas and oranges. It stands on a narrow strip of land between the Mediterranean Sea and the Taurus Mountains. Its quiet beaches are used as nesting grounds by sea turtles.

Anemurium (120km) – these ancient ruins date back to at least 400 BC.

Mamure Castle (130km) is a well-preserved 13th century castle which contains an ancient mosque, with a minaret which is used to this day.



BASIC PORT FACTS

Well sheltered harbour

Positioned on the east side of Antalya Bay, at latitude 36°32' N and longitude 32°00' E, the harbour is well sheltered by a 250m high promontory and only serves cruise ships

Operational hours

Alanya Cruise Port is open 24 hrs a day, every day of the year – including national and religious holidays.

Berthing

Cruise ships can berth alongside a jetty 533m long and 10m wide.

Largest Vessel

Cruise ships of up to 300m in length can easily berth alongside the jetty.

Passenger facilities

The terminal includes an air-conditioned passenger lounge, Customs, Immigration, Port Health, café-restaurants and shop. Free wireless Internet is available. The commercial centre of Alanya, where banks and the post office are to be found, is only a five-minute walk from the terminal.

Port Authority

Harbour master:
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Terminal operator

Alanya Cruise Port is exclusively operated by ALİDAŞ Co. Inc., under an agreement reached with the Turkish government in December 2000 for a period of 30 years.

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