

Sporting Activities

Skiing :

Within the province of Antalya is a ski centre at Saklikent, in the Beydag mountain range, at 1850m. There are two ski lifts, restaurants, and accommodation available. The skiing season runs between January and April, and in the spring months it is possible to ski in the morning and then swim in the sea in Antalya.

Mountaineering :

The Beydag mountain range has peaks ranging from 600 - 3086 m., with a variety of geological and typographical features and offer a wide range of climbing opportunities.

The important peaks are Tekedorugu, Bakirli Dag, Tahtalidag and Kizlar Sivrisi. Climbers will pass through the cedar forests of Camkuru Valley on their way to the top. The climbs can be completed in one day.

Rafting :

Within the Koprulu Canyon National Park, Koprucay is among the most breathtaking rafting centres in the country. Manavagat River rushes powerfully over the rocks, and offers excellent rafting opportunities. There are a couple of agencies in the city who organise trips, including transport and equipment.

Diving : Various points of Antalya's coastline provide opportunities for diving.

Hunting :

Foreigners can only hunt in parties organised by Turkish travel agencies which have been authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. These agencies provide all information concerning seasons, authorised zones, permits, weapons and ammunition. A list of agencies can be obtained from the Union of Travel Agencies (TURSAB).

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Along the coasts and in the highlands there is an abundance of partridge, pheasant, pigeons quail and turtledove. In the rocky crags and down on the plane there are wild pigeons, woodcocks and blackbirds.

The wild ducks and geese that live in the lakes and ponds come down to the coast in the winter. In the forests along the coast are deer, fox, martin, roe deer, squirrels and mountain goats, while the mountains have bear and several species of wolf.

Fishing :

Tourists may fish for leisure purposes in non-prohibited areas without a license. Amateur equipment and non-commercial, multi-hooked lines should be used and nets should not weigh more than 5 kg. Commercial fishing by foreigners carries heavy penalties.

There are endless varieties of fish in the waters around Antalya, from sea Bream to swordfish. In the semi-salty waters, where the rivers run into the sea, there is sea bass and striped mullet, as well as pike, plaice, crayfish, crawfish and lobster. The area is a paradise for trout fishing, and in the creeks where trout are in abundance, there are also bass, carp and eel.

Camping : There are several forest camps around the resort of Kemer, around 20 km south of Antalya.

The following campsites all have good facilities:

Mico, Tel: (0242) 814 1791

Ovedland, tel: (0242) 814 1645

Kindil Cesme, tel: (0242) 814 1075

Turban Camping Beldibi, tel: (0242) 824 8105