

Five-star health hotel for elderly

Turkey's first five-star hotel and health center for elderly people, supported by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism to diversify tourism, has opened in the village of Duacı, about two kilometers away from Antalya.

The center, named Ayka Vital Park and owned by physical therapy and rehabilitation expert Dr. Kazım Doğan and his wife, cardiologist Dr. Aynur Doğan, cost 15 million euros to build and has a 280-bed capacity. It aims to provide five-star service to elderly people and expects to attract mostly northern Europeans.

Elderly people can use the center as a rest home or spend their holiday there while receiving medical treatment. All emergency medical equipment has been concealed in the center so as not to disturb people who stay there, said Aynur Doğan, who added that the entire facility was designed with special consideration for the elderly and people with disabilities.

"There are nurse call buttons in all rooms and bathrooms," she said. "Plus, our guests will be under 24-hour surveillance for their own safety and their relatives can follow patients staying in our center on the Internet."

"We were planning to build a villa for ourselves," Doğan said. "But the increasing demand in the European market and the increasing number of tourists coming to Antalya pushed us to build such a center."

The center contains 172 rooms, Kazım Doğan added.