

# Villa Gulseren

Region: Marmaris & The Bozburun Peninsula **Sleeps: 6**

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## Overview

Rustic three-bedroomed Villa Gulseren offers a relaxing family-friendly retreat in a rural, unspoiled part of the Turkish Lycian Coast. Located above the village of Bayir on the Bozburun Peninsula; surrounded by a thicket of pine trees. The villa boasts romantic views of the canyon which elegantly slopes down to meet the sparkling Mediterranean and the Aegean Sea.

Along forest track, the villa is entirely private and exudes a traditional, farmhouse feel. There are extensive mature gardens, with established shrubs and fruit trees and beds lined with thyme, mint and rosemary, surrounding the property. You can go on serene walks or book a private trekking experience through the villa's owners to explore the area.

The main feature outside – aside from the tranquil vistas – is the freshwater pool, set beneath a wooden pergola and bordered by intricate stonework. It's slightly separated from the villa by a myriad of beautiful paths and steps leading down from the alfresco dining terrace. On lazy days, you can pour yourself a cooling drink, pick up your favourite book, and curl up in a prime sunbathing spot or under the shade on one of the several outdoor seating options.

Inside the villa, the marriage of stone and wood continues to a charming effect. The comfortable sitting room has hardwood floors with a feature fireplace and scattered with Turkish artefacts and elegant soft furnishings. There's also a twin bedroom with a separate shower and toilet on this floor, alongside a fully-equipped kitchen with an oven, washing machine and dishwasher.

Taking the stone steps up onto the first floor, you'll find a master double and the second twin bedroom. Both are equally seductive and stylish and share a bathroom with a bath, handheld shower and toilet. The master bedroom opens onto a fantastic terrace furnished with tree-stump table and chairs — the perfect spot for taking your breakfast while enjoying the magnificent views across the valley and sea below.



## Facilities

Quirky • Great Value • **Recommended** • **Exclusive** • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

## Ground Floor

- Village kitchen
- Large sitting room
- Dining area
- Twin bedroom
- Shower/WC
- Door to Terrace



## First Floor

- Double bedroom with door to terrace
- Twin bedroom
- Bathroom with hand held shower as well as bath

## Outside

- Various Terrace and Paths
- Rural garden, with various paths and terraces
- Sunbeds
- Hammocks
- Free form pool 3x 10m, 1.4m deep

## Other

- Washing Machine
- Dishwasher
- Hob
- Kettle
- Iron and ironing board
- Airconditioning
- Small Oven
- Coffee Machine
- Iron & ironing board
- Barbecue
- Mosquito plugs





## Location & Local Information

Located above the sleepy village of Bayir in the centre of the Bozburun Peninsula in Turkey. Villa Gulseren boasts a wonderfully remote location but is still ideally positioned for exploring the towns and beaches below. The house has a rustic path into the villa centre, great for a morning stroll. Surrounded by gardens and pine tree-lined forests, you can go on scenic walks under the shade of the canopy or take advantage of the Owner's horse trekking service.

In Bayir itself, 3km from the villa, there are a handful of mini-markets for picking up your daily essentials, alongside a few friendly local restaurants for trying traditional Turkish cuisine. The nearest sandy beach is at Delik or Ciftlik, just 10 minutes' drive. More unspoilt beaches, harbours and fishing villages of Hisaronu, Selimiye and Sogut are a 25-30 minute drive away. All these spots boast fabulous restaurants where you can experience traditional Turkish fayre and the freshest catch of the day. There's a cooling waterfall and also The Carpet Weaver's Association at Turgutkoy. Osmaniye has a Bee Museum showing the local methods of an age-old trade, still practised by the villagers in Bayir.

For a fun day trip, you could head to the small seaside town of Bozburun, known for building the traditional wooden gulets. There you'll find a quaint yacht-lined harbour and pristine swimming spots and coves. Slightly further afield is also the port town of Datca where the traditional Saturday market is worth a visit as well as the ruins of Knidos. There, the cultures of Lydia, Persia, and the Byzantine and Ottoman empires stud the landscape, and there are church ruins, ancient cisterns and tombstones for exploring.

If you're a keen walker or want to discover more of this beautiful part of Turkey, you can walk some of the Carian Trail, Turkey's 500-mile long-distance path. It winds through the peninsula, with many places where you can enter it for a short stroll. The tracks on the hillsides around Bozburun have a red and white flash painted on stones every 50 metres, so you shouldn't get lost.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Beach	<b>Delik &amp; Ciftlik (5km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Selimiye, waterside, restaurants, shops (14km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Bozburun (21km)</b>



Sightseeing	<b>Sogut (Boutique fish restaurants)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Bayir (small market, (2km)</b>
Sightseeing	<b>Orhaniye - Kizkumu beach and restaurants (14km)</b>
Sightseeing	<b>Turgut waterfall (8km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Marmaris (29km)</b>
Nearest Airport	<b>Dalaman Airport (118km)</b>

## What Oliver loves...

- Surrounded by tranquil trees and lush greenery, the views from this villa are fantastic – you'll feel like you're the only person within miles.
- Turkish owner, Ayhan lives nearby and is on-hand to attend to you. Ayhan is also a qualified guide, and offers private, guided adventures – on foot, or by car – from your doorstep, through the wilds of the unspoilt Bozburun Peninsula and beyond.
- The gardens, pool and terraces are maintained daily, there's also a daily maid service for light cleaning, and towels and bed linen are changed mid week

## What you should know...

- This villa is located on two floors, however there's a twin bedroom on the ground floor for those who find it difficult navigating upstairs.
- Villa Gulseren enjoys a wonderfully remote location, but is ideally positioned to explore the villages and beaches of the Bozburun Peninsula. It's 3km from Bayir with mini markets and restaurants.
- Village life comes with many sounds such as the 5 times daily call from the mosque and the cockeral calling. A benefit of the latter is amazing fresh eggs; which, if requested, the owner can deliver for you!

# Terms & Conditions

- Arrival time: Check in is 16:00 or later
- Departure time: Checkout is 11:00 or earlier.
- Energy costs included?: All energy costs are included in the villa rental price
- Linen & towels included?: Linen and towels are provided and included in the villa cost.
- Security deposit: There is no security deposit. Guest will obviously be liable for any lose or damage caused during their stay.
- End of stay cleaning included?: End of stay cleaning is included. There is also a midweek clean.
- Smoking Allowed?: Guests are requested not to smoke in the villa.
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation, personal accidents and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.
- Other 2: In Turkey the plumbing system is not designed to have paper and sanitary items flushed down the lavatory. In these cases a bathroom bin is provided.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that on occasions, in Turkey, extremes in weather can cause water and/ or electric supply to be cut or reduced. Services are normally restored as soon as possible.
- Internet access?: The property has complimentary Wifi connection. It is good to note that the speed is dependent on local provider and technical issues may cause reduced speed or cut of service.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights
- Other 3: The garden is a natural haven and hasn't been designed with children in mind. We therefore suggest you to be aware there may be drops and uneven ground and young children should be supervised.

## Travelling to Turkey

All British (and most other nationalities) citizens require a full 10 year passport with at least 6 months validity to enter Turkey. UK passport holders are exempt from visa for tourist visits of up to 90 days within 180 days starting from the first entry date. For all other passports please visit the Turkish Government [Website](#) or the *Turkish Consulate* for details of whether you require a visa or not.

Whilst in Turkey local regulations require you keep your passport and a printed copy of your e-visa with you at all times.