

## INFORMATION PACK

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Here are a few pieces of information and some simple rules that we hope will be useful during your stay.

## THE APARTMENT

The drains are very narrow in Turkey and block easily, so please do not put toilet paper, tampons etc down the toilets, put it all in a plastic bag in the small bins provided and take out with the rubbish. (The narrow drains apply almost everywhere in Turkey, even big hotels, and can be a real hassle to sort out).

BEWARE, the shower temperature needs fine tuning because the solar heated water can get very, very hot because it is not thermostatically controlled.

There is internet in the apartment and the network is - saribeyaz apartment 3 - and the password is on the fridge, or ask us.

The internet TV connection is not brilliant and buffering is quite common, as the internet speed is not fast enough really (annoying but residency is required

to get it by cable!) The instructions can be found in the appendix, but to be honest we have tended to use it more as a DVD player and there are plenty to choose from.

People ask whether the water is drinkable, but we tend to drink bottled water to be on the safe side.

Please be aware most of the windows and the door onto the main balcony have fitted mosquito nets, so be careful not to put your hand through them!

Rubbish is collected every day from the bin just down the street towards Cafe Vita. There is no recycling yet in Turkey.

No smoking inside the apartment, if you smoke please do so outside on the balconies etc.

Please do not use heavy chemicals on the marble tops, just soap and water.

Instructions for the washing machine and cooker are in the kitchen either above the cooker, or in one of the drawers.

The swimming pool and garden are maintained daily.

The pool is shared between the three flats, and each flat have their own marked sunbeds, mattresses and umbrellas. It is best not to leave umbrellas up when not in use, particularly on the upper terrace, they can blow away. Be careful opening the umbrellas, they need to be fully released before trying to open them.

Please use the coloured towels for swimming/beach and the white ones in the apartment.

Do not take glasses down to the pool, please use the plastic mugs. Broken glass can be a major problem as broken glass in the pool would mean emptying and resetting it.

Please don't encourage any local dogs into the garden or pool area.

There are occasional power cuts, they do not last very long, and this is getting rarer all the time.

In the unlikely event that there is an interruption in the water supply a pump should activate to turn on the supply from the reserve tank near the pool.

## LOCAL INFORMATION

You will find people are very friendly and helpful and nearly everyone speaks English!

To get to Kalkan turn left out of our gate, immediately right at the cross roads, then right by Cafe Vita and keep walking along the Kalamar Road. Turn right at the little roundabout at the end of the hill and keep walking down into the old town. It's a 15 minute walk into town. There are plenty of taxis at the top of the old town.

There is a lovely pebble beach and safe swimming in Kalkan just beyond the beautiful harbour.

To get to Kalamar, turn left out of our gate and keep straight on walking down the hill, bear left at the main road and keep going down the steep hill into Kalamar. There is a beach club with a cafe/restaurant, watersports and diving school.

There are supermarkets near the apartment on the Kalamar Road and in town and there are shops to cater for all needs.

You can change money at the banks or there are various shops that have money exchanges near the top of the old town, which is usually quicker and the rates are similar to the banks. There are also plenty of cash points in town but their rates can vary considerably and some charge high fees through extra charges etc, so check the rate before proceeding and try different ones.

There are plenty of good restaurants in Kalkan and en route down the Kalamar Road, and the food and service is excellent but always check the prices are displayed, as there have been reports that bills from some new restaurants have been high when prices are not displayed. The more genuine ones are very good but remember most Turkish people do not drink much, so alcoholic drinks can seem less of a bargain, especially if they are imports and push up the price, but some of the local beer and wines are very good.

For instance:

Cafe Vita on the corner of the Kalamar Road - friendly, warm and welcoming selling good food and drink. They have a popular Barbeque Night every Wednesday with live music. They also have free Internet access.

Many of the restaurants in Kalkan town are very good, have roof terraces and their own particular style of cooking and presentation. Do let us know of your experiences.

It is appropriate to tip, 8-10% approx, but do check the bill, as service is sometimes included.

Generally speaking the nearer to the seafront you get the higher the prices. Haggling is not particularly appropriate here, but you can bargain if buying multiples.

There is a market on Thursdays, up the hill near the main Mosque, where you can get anything from fresh local produce, hand made bread, household items, clothes, jewellery etc. and enjoy a really good Turkish pancake, though some things can be more expensive than in town.

There are some very attractive shops and boutiques in Kalkan and a great deal of the produce is handmade.

## GETTING ABOUT

The local bus and taxi services are good.

There are regular bus services to and from Patara Beach, and there are also bus services to Kas and Fethiye, which generally go from the bus station at the top of the hill near the main coast road.

There are numerous car hire organisations in town, so take your driving licence. We have found Sun Travel to be efficient and good, but check prices, terms etc with the various companies, they do vary a bit.

## PLACES OF INTEREST

There are many tour companies in Kalkan offering various tours and trips. in our experience:

Patara Beach and the ruins behind it are a must. Miles of white sand and safe swimming. The beach is also home to Mediterranean Turtles, who lay their eggs there. There is a restaurant/cafe on the beach and umbrellas and chairs are provided for a charge. Behind the beach is an ancient archeological site of great interest and beauty.

Kaputas Beach is a delightful little beach on the road to Kas, word of warning there are approx. 186 steps down to the beach and it has become very popular so can be crowded!

A day trip taking in the ancient sites at Tlos, the restaurant at Doga Park and the Gorge at Saklikent, is well worth it, but be prepared to get wet in the gorge! (Take a change of clothes).

The ruins at Xanthos and Letoon are remarkable and also worth a visit.

The Lazy Day Boat trips are glorious and include swimming off the boat, a good meal and often a mud bath.

The trip to Kekova and the sunken city is also a lovely day out on the sea with a stop off at Ucagiz for lunch but it is usually an early start.

The towns of Fethiye and Kas are larger than Kalkan and worth a visit and the drives are beautiful.

Going inland, take the road to Elmali / Antalya up into the mountains behind the town with spectacular views of the mountains and pine forests.

For those who like walking there are many beautiful, mapped walks you can do along the Lycian Way. There are maps and books available at Desti Gift Shop in Kalkan. The Summer months tend to be too hot, so walking is best in Springtime or Autumn.

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Please let us know via email of any discoveries you have made, places to visit, restaurants, cafes that you liked etc., as there is so much to explore in this area and we would like to keep up to date and consistently improve on our information.

## Appendix

### Kalkan TV Instructions

Turn TV on and off with button at the back of it on the right and at the wall if necessary. The button has I/O on it. Please note that there can be a lot of buffering but there are plenty of DVDs to look at and the stalls in the market sell copies very cheaply.

Use silver controller red button to turn on and see the coloured dots moving – The word Android is displayed



Use black controller with one red 'on' button to turn on Internet TV (point it at the little black box near the fireplace rather than the TV).



With the silver controller use the top button between volume and Programme 'P' to be able to select the input source.



Use OK and up down arrows to make sure the portal is HDMI 2 (HDMI 1 is the DVD Player)



It should come up with TV choice of countries.



Use up down buttons to select country then press OK. If you accidentally use the silver controller to change the internet it goes to 'TV settings' just use 'Exit' on the silver controller and change to the black internet controller and try again.



A list of channels from the chosen country should appear.



Use up and down arrows to find channel and OK to look at channel and OK again to make full screen. Use OK to go back to list to move to another channel.

There can be a lot of buffering as the signal is not very good/fast in Kalkan and it can take time for a channel to settle down. It can be good for fifteen minutes then buffer again.

If the TV appears blank when using the internet TV source HDMI 2, unplug the round power source at the back of the little black internet box and plug it back in to reboot it. Wait for the portal to say it has loaded and then proceed with the instructions again.

When using DVDs use the ‘Samsung’ controller generally and the silver one to make sure the portal is HDMI 1. It seems it depends a little on the DVD and some from the market need the Samsung controller for volume but mostly it is the silver one. Please consider others and remember that sound travels very easily in the building.



It will generally say ‘no signal’ until you open the DVD drawer for the disc.



Insert disc and when finished use the controller to turn off the DVD then turn off the TV through the silver controller, and at the back of the TV itself.