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Day 1: MARMARIS Boarding starts at 15:30 from Marmaris Harbour. Guests who arrive early can leave their luggage at the Roditis Yachting Office. On the first day, our boat will be anchored at Marmaris Harbour for dinner and overnight stay. Marmaris, which was built upon the antique Caria city; Physkos has been under the governorship of many different civilizations. The most valuable work-piece that you will see today is Marmaris Castle dating from 1577. There is also a mosque and an 8-room caravansary covered with arches from the Ottoman Period. The ruins of the Antique times lie on Asar Hill; a small hill located on the northern side of the city. Being one of the best-known touristic places of Turkey Marmaris also has a large marina.

Day 2: SERÇE - BOZUKKALE (LORYMA) Whilst you have a breakfast, you will be informed about the cruise itinerary and then we will set sail for the Serçe Bay. A Byzantine shipwreck from the 11th century which is exhibited in the Bodrum Museum was found here. The night will be spent in Bozukkale. In the ancient city Bozukkale (Loryma), there is a castle which stretches out in a rectangle with its city walls and 9 temples. The name Bozukkale means 'crooked castle' and might be associated with the fact that one side of the castle is missing. Because of its geographical location and the narrow port entrance, the port was also used by the Greek naval forces during the Peloponnese Sea Battle. Karor, the Commander of Athens gathered all his ships here before the Cnidus War in 395 B.C., and Demetrius; the son of Antigonos used this port for the preparations before attacking Rhodes in 305 B.C.

Day 3: BOZBURUN-DİRSEKBÜKÜ-BENCİK Early in the morning we start to cruise to Bozburun which is a small fishing town. This area was popular and suitable for sponge-diving but nowadays the people of the island are no longer interested in sponge-diving as it is not financially beneficial and is dangerous. In the recent years sponge-diving has been replaced by gullet tourism. We will anchor at Dirsek Bükü for lunch and swimming stop. Today, our last stop will be at Bencik Bay; which has a very narrow entrance but a unique view once you get inside. Bencik is located at the narrowest part of the peninsula that divides Hisarönü Gulf from the Gökova Gulf but it is located at Hisarönü side. In 550s B.C. the Cnidus people wanted to dig a tunnel in the narrowest land piece of the peninsula between the Hisarönü Gulf and the Gökova Gulf as a defence line against the Persians. That way they would make two peninsulas one island and the defence easier. They started with diligence and put a lot of effort; however, in the end they could not manage and the city was conquered by the Persians. Dinner and overnight stay will be at Bencik Bay.

Day 4: AKTUR - DATÇA Today our first stop will be Aktur Bay. After lunch and a swimming stop we will cruise to Datça. Food and water will be supplied for the boat from Datça Harbour. The city was founded by the Dors who came from Aegean Sea to the southern coast of Ionia in the 7th century B.C. The island has no humidity at all and has fresh air with plenty of oxygen. The historian Strabo has a rightful saying about Datça's weather: "God would send his beloved servants to Datça to live longer". According to a myth while the Spanish pirates were passing by the coast of Datça, they disembarked people with Hansen's disease in Sariliman Bay and these abandoned people recovered from their disease with the help of the clean weather of Datça. You can explore Datça yourself or join the optional Cnidus tour. For dinner and overnight stay will be in Datça.

Day 5: SYMI After port formalities, we will set sail for Simi Island and arrive at the Monastery of Panormitis located in the southern part of Simi. It is possible to visit the Monastery and the Museum on this well-protected and peaceful bay. After having a swimming break on the eastern shores of the island, we will anchor at the port early in the evening. You can see the shore-side with its neo-classical houses and the peripheral districts. You are going to adore Simi Island for its pine and oak forests and unique bays.

Day 6: RODOS We will cruise to Rhodes early in the morning. Rhodes is the largest of the Dodecanese Islands. The island is a very popular holiday place as it has one of the best-protected and the largest European Medieval city and has warm weather 300 days of a year. Rhodes has been a home for many civilizations; starting with the knights of St. John in the Middle Ages, then Ottomans and Italians; thus the island has a unique historical harmony and beauty. The main port of Rhodes is the Rhodes City which bears the same name as the island. The other very touristic areas of Rhodes island are; Lindos and

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