

TURKEY DELIGHT EX SHANNON.

With direct flights from Shannon to Izmir and Bodrum, getting to Turkey has never been easier. So, it is no wonder that Turkey is one of this year's most popular Summer holiday destinations.

Turkey, with its sun drenched beaches, historical treasures, smiling people, rock bottom prices, fascinating Souks, Mosques, Belly dancers and Doner kebabs – it has it all. The beaches are superb, nightlife legendary and the Turkish people will welcome you with open arms in a land where east meets west in a friendly embrace.

Kusadasi

Kusadasi is one of the Turkey's most renowned holiday resorts and boasts 300 sunny days a year. Endlessly popular with Irish holiday makers, this resort has numerous sandy beaches, windsurfing, water skiing, sailing and beach volley are only a few choices for the lovers of an active beach life!

After sun-bathing, enjoy the famous Kusadasi sunset. As the sun sets, cafes and restaurants along the boulevard prepare for the night ahead. Bar Street offers a lively atmosphere for the 'young at heart'.

Alternatively, you can fly from Shannon to Bodrum and visit the resorts of Bodrum, Gumbet and Bitez. If you are looking a hectic varied nightlife, I recommend that you stay in Bodrum. The disco bars and nightclubs are positively electric and a visit to the Halicarnos Disco with its spectacular laser show which illuminates the whole night sky and send dazzling lights and images shimmering across the waters of the bay is a memorable experience. Apart from the nightlife, Bodrum is also excellent for shopping.

For a more relaxed atmosphere and a quieter holiday, go to the resorts of Gumbet and Bitez. Gumbet, with its shelving beach and shallow waters, is an ideal location for all the family. For the more energetic and adventurous, there is a full range of watersports available including an excellent wind surfing school and also a wide range of shops, restaurants and bars to suit all tastes.

Bitez, a somewhat smaller resort with an excellent beach which has been awarded blue flag status. There is a good selection of bars and restaurants along the seafront and in the resort centre, but the abiding atmosphere in Bitez is one tranquility and relaxation.

A full range of excursions are available from Gumbet and Bitez including Ephesus, Pamukkale and trips to Istanbul. Another feature of Turkish life is the "Hamam" or Turkish bath. Public Bath houses are a common sight in Turkish towns and are not only a means of cleansing but also of socializing.

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