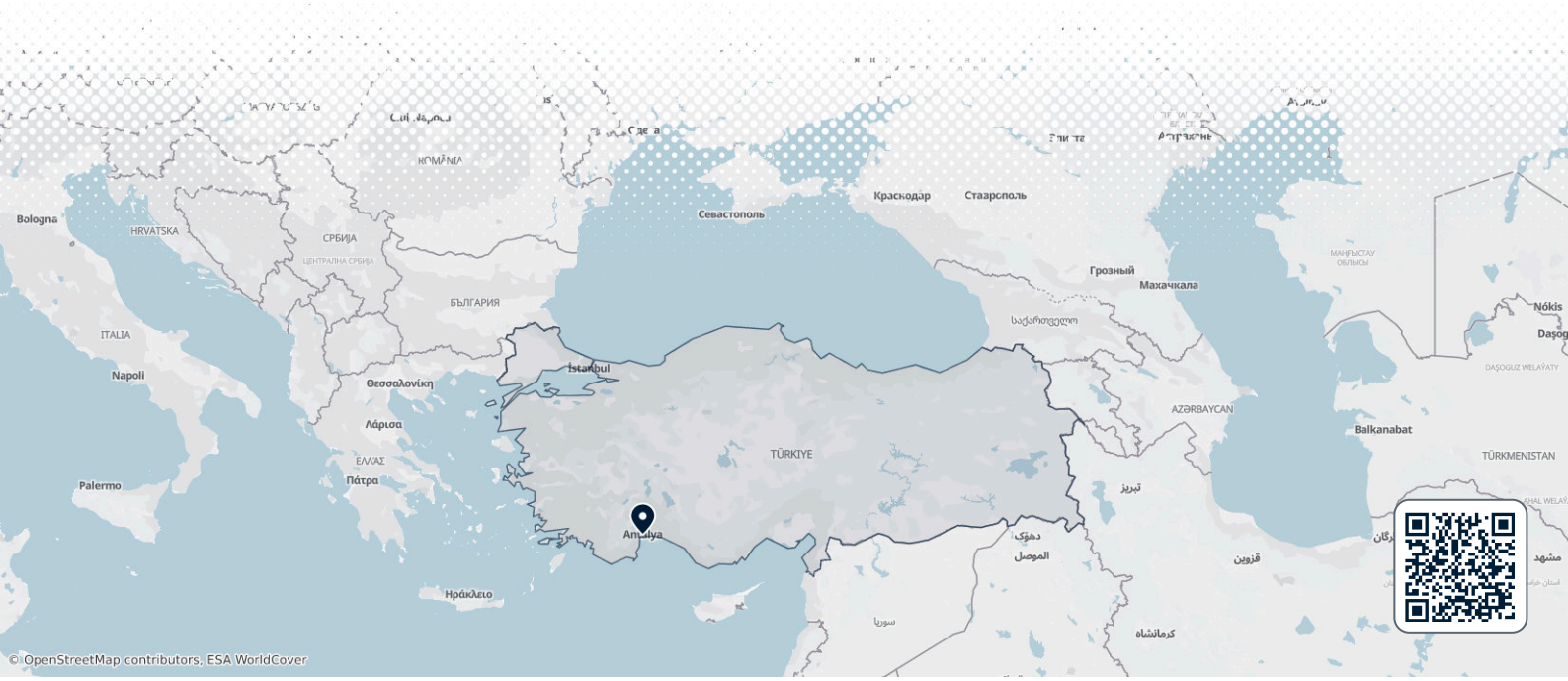


Antalya

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Overview

Antalya is Turkey's largest resort city, spread along a cliff-top bay on the Mediterranean coast. Behind it rise the snow-capped Taurus Mountains, a backdrop that stays visible from the beach through most of the year. The old town, Kaleiçi, sits inside Roman and Byzantine-era walls and is now packed with restored Ottoman houses, cafes, and small hotels.

Most visitors come for beach holidays at the big coastal resorts nearby. But the city itself also works well for a few days on its own. It has a walkable historic core, a strong archaeological museum, and easy access to some of Turkey's best-preserved ancient ruins. It suits travelers who want beach time and history in the same trip, without choosing one or the other.

When to visit

Spring (April–May) and autumn (September–October) are warm, dry, and comfortable for both the beach and sightseeing. Summer (July–August) turns very hot and humid, and the coast gets crowded with holidaymakers. Winters are mild but wet, and most beach clubs close for the season.

The Antalya Golden Orange Film Festival, Turkey's oldest film festival, usually runs in October and fills the city's cinemas and cultural venues.

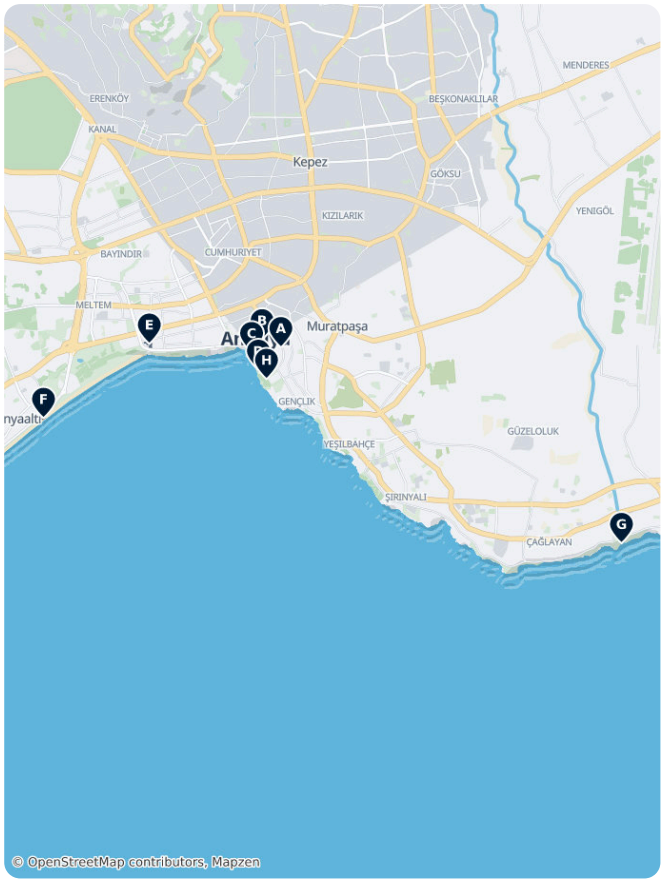
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January	Fair Fair for sightseeing	13° / 17°	6° / 1°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Fair Fair for sightseeing	14° / 19°	6° / 2°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Good Good for sightseeing	17° / 22°	8° / 4°	Dry air · Calm winds
April	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 27°	11° / 7°	Dry air · Calm winds
May	Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 32°	15° / 12°	20 sunny days · Calm winds
June	Great Great for the beach	31° / 37°	20° / 16°	26 sunny days · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high) · Up to 5 days above 35°
July	Great Great for the beach	35° / 39°	24° / 20°	29 sunny days · Humid air · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high) · Up to 16 days above 35°
August	Great Great for the beach	35° / 39°	24° / 21°	29 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high) · Up to 14 days above 35°
September	Great Great for the beach	31° / 36°	20° / 17°	25 sunny days · Calm winds
October	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 30°	16° / 12°	Dry air · Calm winds
November	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 25°	11° / 7°	Dry air · Calm winds
December	Fair Fair for sightseeing	15° / 19°	8° / 3°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

Best months: April, May, October, November

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Outside July and August, afternoons stay comfortable enough for walking around Kaleiçi without needing to retreat indoors.

Top sights



A Hadrian's Gate is a Roman triumphal arch built for Emperor Hadrian's visit in 130 CE, and it still marks the entrance to Kaleiçi's old streets.

Inside the old town, **B** Yivli Minare Mosque rises above the rooftops with its fluted, ribbed minaret, built during Seljuk rule in the 13th century.

C Antalya Old Harbor sits at the bottom of the cliffs below Kaleiçi, a small horseshoe-shaped marina lined with wooden gulets and cafes.

D Hıdırlık Tower is a round watchtower on the cliff edge, one of the last surviving pieces of the old city walls.

E Antalya Archeological Museum holds one of Turkey's best collections of classical statues and mosaics, much of it excavated from nearby Perge.

F Konyaaltı Beach is the city's main pebble beach, a long curve of coastline with the Taurus Mountains rising straight behind it.

G Lower Duden Waterfall drops straight off a cliff into the Mediterranean; boat tours pass beneath it for the view from the water.

H Karaalioğlu Park runs along the clifftop above the harbor, with benches and paths that give some of the best sunset views in the city.

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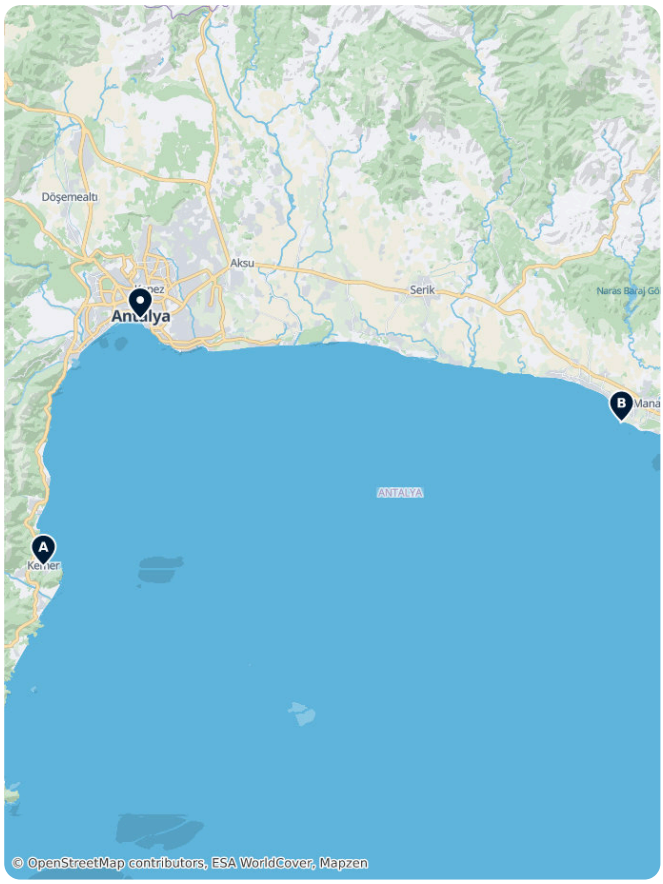
What to experience

- Take a Turkish hamam ritual at a historic bathhouse in Kaleiçi, such as Sefa Hamamı — steam room, scrub, and massage inside a centuries-old building.
- Join a sunset boat trip from the harbor along the cliffs below Kaleiçi, passing beneath the waterfall that drops straight into the sea.
- Catch a summer performance at Aspendos Theater, where opera and ballet are still staged on the original 2,000-year-old stone seating about 50 minutes from the city.

Day trips

Antalya sits within reach of some of Turkey's best-preserved ancient ruins, plus a scatter of smaller resort towns along the coast. Close options first:

- Perge Theatre (≈25 min by car or dolmuş): a large Roman city with a colonnaded main street and a stadium. The theater alone still holds thousands of seats.
- Ⓐ Kemer (≈45 min by car): a smaller, quieter coastal resort town backed by pine-covered mountains. Good for a slower beach day and boat trips along the cliffs.
- Termessos (≈45 min by car): a mountaintop city that Alexander the Great's army never managed to conquer. Reach it by a steep trail through pine forest.
- Aspendos Theater (≈50 min by car): the best-preserved Roman theater in the world. It still seats several thousand spectators for summer opera and ballet performances.
- Ⓑ Side (≈1 hour by bus or car): a resort town built around Roman ruins. Temple columns stand right on the beach, making it a full day trip on its own.



Getting there

- **By air**: Antalya Airport (AYT) has scheduled flights from across Europe and the rest of Turkey, and sits about 13 km northeast of the city center. A taxi takes around 20–25 minutes; the Antray tram line also connects the airport area to downtown Antalya.
- **By bus**: the main coach terminal (Antalya Şehirlerarası Otobüs Terminali) has frequent long-distance buses to Istanbul, Izmir, and Ankara, plus coastal towns.
- Antalya has no mainline passenger rail connection to the rest of Turkey — arriving by air or bus is standard.

Getting around

- **Public transit**: buses and the Antray tram/light rail line cover the city and connect to the airport area. Buy an Antalyakart transit card at kiosks or vending machines near stops — most lines don't accept cash on board.
- **Taxi / ride-hailing**: yellow taxis are common and metered; BiTaksi is the main local ride-hailing app.
- **On foot**: Kaleiçi and the harbor are compact and walkable, but the city sprawls along the coast, so getting between beach districts usually means a bus, tram, or taxi.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

Kaleiçi and the harbor area are compact and easy to explore on foot, but Antalya sprawls for miles along the coast, so reaching outlying beach districts usually means public transit or a taxi.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Low

There is a pleasant cycling path along the Konyaaltı seafront, but traffic and hilly terrain make cycling impractical elsewhere in the city.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?** Not for the city itself — Kaleiçi is largely closed to cars, and beach neighborhoods are connected by tram or bus. A car pays off if you want to reach Termessos, Aspendos, or other day trips on your own schedule.
- **Parking**: paid street parking and multi-story car parks are common downtown and near the beaches; pay at the roadside machine or through a parking app.
- **Restrictions**: Kaleiçi's narrow lanes are closed to most private cars — leave the car at a car park on the edge of the old town and walk in.

Food & drink

Antalya piyazı is the dish most associated with the city. It's a white bean salad dressed with tahini, instead of the vinegar dressing used elsewhere in Turkey. Hibeş, a sesame-tahini dip usually eaten with fresh bread, is another local specialty worth seeking out.

The streets and small squares inside Kaleiçi cluster with restaurants and rooftop terraces overlooking the harbor — that's the easiest area to find a good meal. Prices tend to drop a street or two back from the main tourist strip along the harbor front.

What to eat & drink

BREAKFAST

Simit
A circular, sesame-crusted bread sold by street vendors, a common quick breakfast or snack.

LUNCH

Meze
A spread of small cold and hot starters shared at the table, common before the main course.

Pide
A boat-shaped flatbread topped with cheese, meat, or egg, often called Turkish pizza.

DINNER

Kebab · Kebap
Grilled or roasted meat served many ways nationwide, from skewered şiş kebap to sliced döner.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Lahmacun
A thin, crispy flatbread topped with minced meat, herbs, and vegetables, rolled up to eat.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Baklava
Layers of thin pastry filled with chopped nuts and soaked in sweet syrup.

Turkish Delight · Lokum
A soft, gel-like sweet flavored with rosewater, citrus, or nuts, often dusted with powdered sugar.

DRINKS

Turkish Tea · Çay
Strong black tea served in small tulip-shaped glasses, drunk throughout the day.

Turkish Coffee · Türk Kahvesi
Finely ground coffee simmered unfiltered, served in small cups with the grounds settled at the bottom.

Ayran
A savory, salted yogurt drink served cold, a common accompaniment to grilled meat.

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Safety & health

Antalya is generally safe for tourists, and violent crime against visitors is rare. The main risks are typical resort-town scams:

- Inflated bills at a few tourist-strip restaurants without visible menu prices.
- Unlicensed drivers offering rides near the airport and bus terminal.
- Timeshare or tour touts around Kaleiçi and the harbor.

Agree on a taxi fare or confirm the meter is running before you get in, and stick to licensed yellow taxis.

History

Antalya was founded around 150 BCE by Attalos II, king of Pergamon, who gave the city its original name, Attaleia. The Romans later expanded it, and Emperor Hadrian's visit in 130 CE was marked with the triumphal arch now known as Hadrian's Gate.

Byzantine and Seljuk rulers each left their mark on the old town. Yivli Minare Mosque, built after the Seljuk conquest of the city in the 13th century, is the clearest surviving symbol of that era. Centuries later, Ottoman merchant families built the wooden houses that still line Kaleiçi's streets, many now restored as small hotels and cafes.

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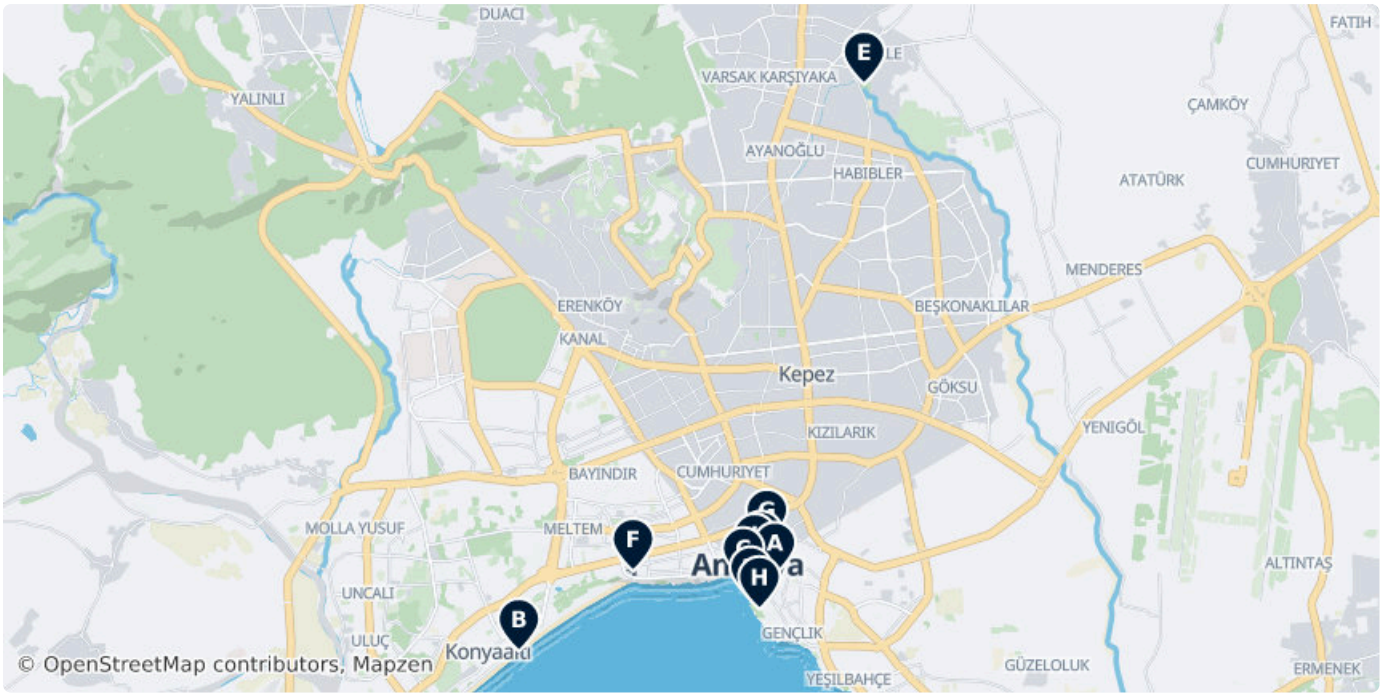
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LANGUAGES
Turkish

TAP WATER
Use caution

Antalya's Absolute Essentials

Antalya's historic core, Kaleiçi, features landmarks like the 2nd-century Hadrian’s Gate, the fluted Yivli Minaret, and the Ottoman-era Clock Tower. The city's maritime history is preserved at the Old Port and the coastal Hıdırlık Tower. Beyond the center, the Antalya Archaeological Museum houses extensive Roman sculptures, while natural sites include the pebble-shored Konyaaltı Beach and the Upper Düden Waterfall. Green spaces like Karaalioğlu Park offer views over the Mediterranean, connecting these ancient ruins with the city's modern coastline.





A Hadrian's Gate

Hadrian's Gate is a memorial gate located in Antalya, Turkey, which was built in the name of the Roman emperor Hadrian, who visited the...

Barbaros Mh., Kaleiçi, 07100 Antalya, Turkey
(36.88523, 30.70858)



B Konyaalti Beach

This is the municipal beach of Antalya. Often gets crowded as it is conveniently located, clean and surrounded with facilities.

Turkey (36.87282, 30.65661)



C Antalya Old Port

Come and explore what was a major port in Roman era, still being the heart of the city. Have a cup of coffee and enjoy the atmosphere.

Turkey (36.88436, 30.70215)



D Hıdırlık Tower

Hıdırlık Tower is a landmark tower of tawny stone in Antalya, Turkey, where Kaleiçi meets Karaalioğlu Park.

Kılınçarslan, 07100 Antalya, Turkey (36.88125, 30.70365)



E Upper Düden Waterfall

Düden Waterfalls are a group of waterfalls in the province of Antalya, Turkey.

Kepez 07320, Turkey (36.96483, 30.72666)



F Antalya Museum

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G Kesik Minare

The Kesik Minare Cami, Korkut Cami or Cumanın Cami standing in the streets of Kaleiçi in southern Turkey, was originally built as a Roman...

14 424. Sokak, Muratpaşa 07040, Turkey (36.89057, 30.70694)



H Karaalioglu Park

Karaalioğlu Park is a large park in Antalya, Turkey. It is just south of Kaleiçi in the city center, easily reached on foot or by tram.

Muratpaşa 07100, Turkey (36.87967, 30.70543)



I Yivliminare Mosque

The Yivli Minaret Mosque, also known as the Alaaddin Mosque or simply Grand Mosque, in Antalya is a historical mosque built by the...

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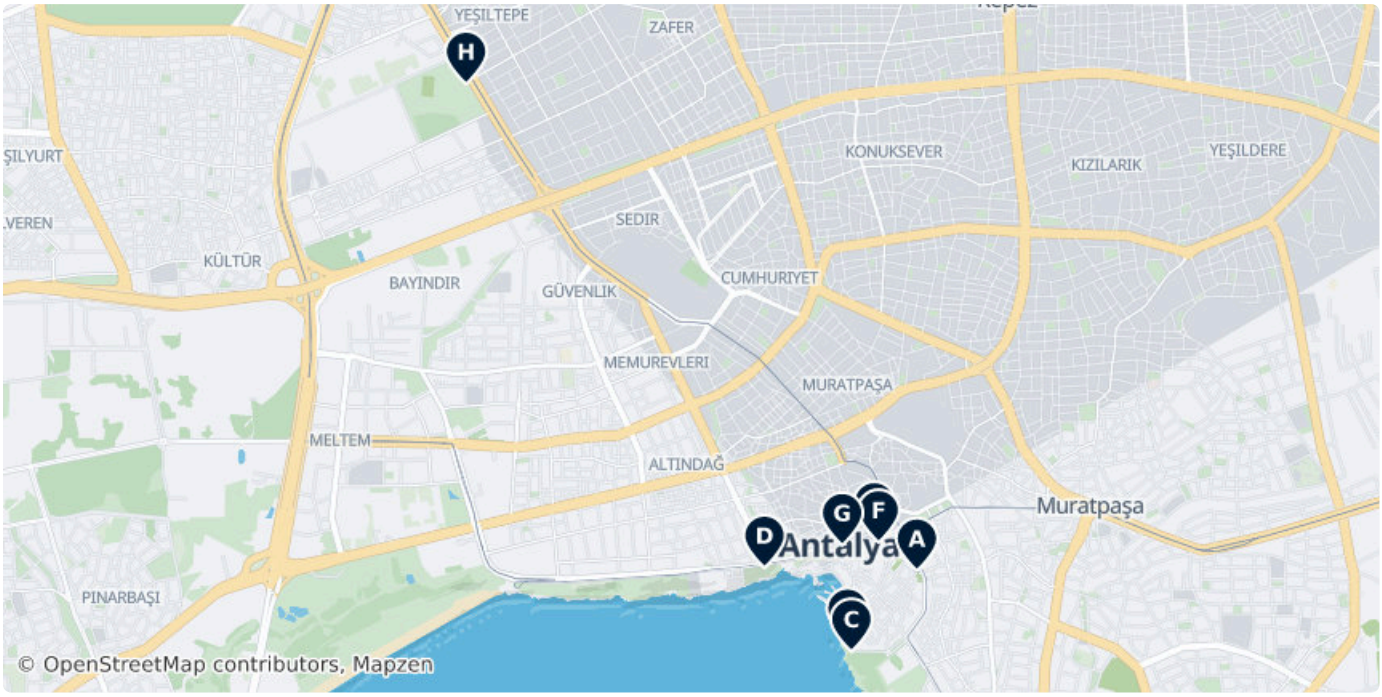
J Antalya Clock Tower

This clock tower from the Ottoman era belongs to Antalya's ancient monuments. It was a part of the city walls.

34 Cumhuriyet Caddesi, Muratpaşa 07040, Turkey (36.88704, 30.70580)

Historical Landmarks of Turkey

This collection highlights the diverse architectural history of Antalya, ranging from the Roman-era Hadrian's Gate and Hıdırlık Tower to Seljuk and Ottoman structures. It features monuments dedicated to significant figures, including the city's founder Attalus II, the Seljuk Sultan Kaykhusraw I, and Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. These landmarks, such as the 19th-century Clock Tower and various memorials, provide insight into the city's transformation from an ancient Pergamon settlement to a modern Turkish metropolis.





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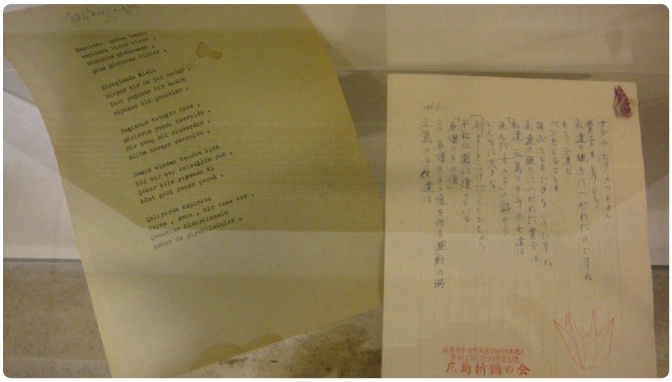
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C Nâzım Hikmet

Memorial dedicated to the influential 20th-century Turkish poet and playwright, recognized for his revolutionary style and international literary impact.

(Unnamed Road), Muratpaşa 07100, Turkey
(36.88065, 30.70392)



D Kaykhusraw I

Kaykhusraw I, the eleventh and youngest son of Kilij Arslan II, was Seljuk Sultan of Rûm.

4 Konyaaltı Caddesi, Muratpaşa 07050, Turkey
(36.88540, 30.69774)

E Attalus II Philadelphus

Attalus II Philadelphus was a ruler of the Attalid kingdom of Pergamon and the founder of the city of Attalia.

34 Cumhuriyet Caddesi, Muratpaşa 07040, Turkey
(36.88730, 30.70556)

F Clock Tower

Constructed in the late 19th century during the reign of Sultan Abdul Hamid II, this stone tower served as a fortification and timekeeper at the entrance to the old city.

11 İmaret Sokak, Muratpaşa 07100, Turkey
(36.88684, 30.70585)

G Atatürk statue

A prominent bronze monument in Cumhuriyet Square depicting Mustafa Kemal Atatürk alongside figures representing the Turkish War of Independence.

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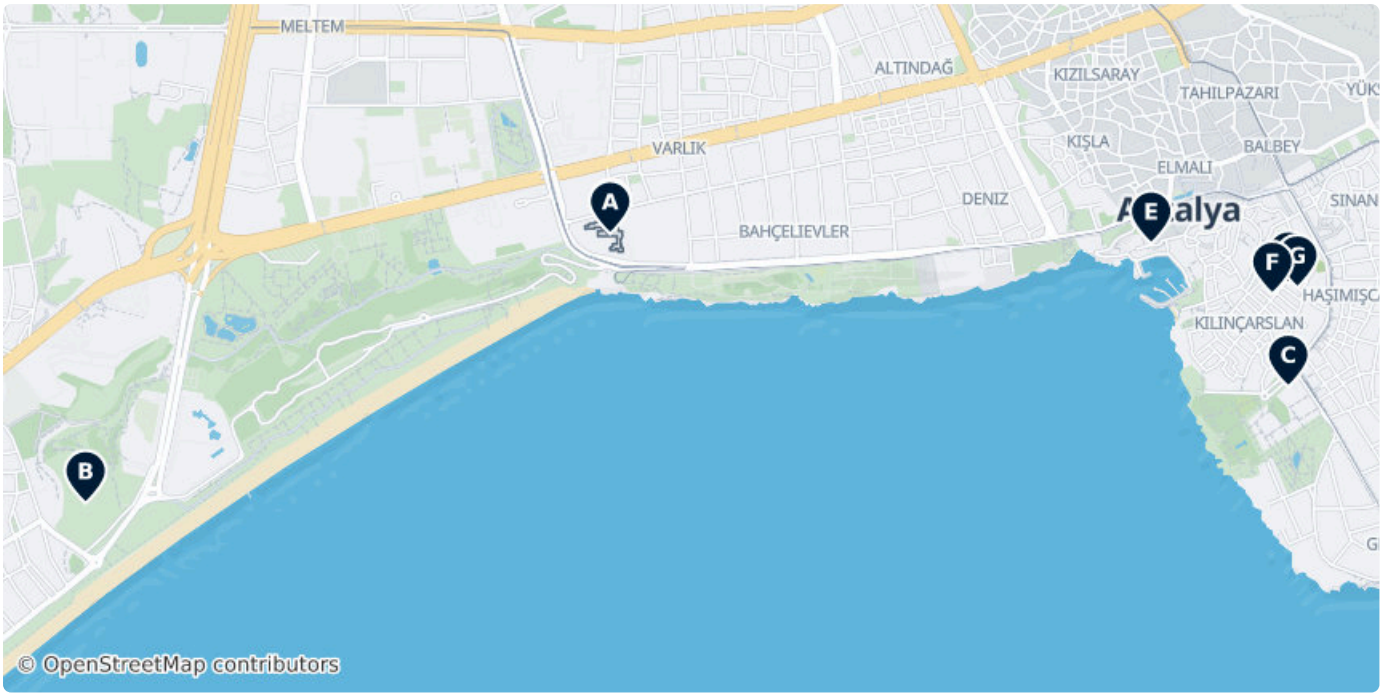
H Atatürk

Monument dedicated to Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder and first president of the Republic of Turkey, commemorating his role in the nation's modernization.

(36.91287, 30.67653)

Antalya's Cultural Treasures

Antalya's cultural landscape is anchored by the Antalya Archeological Museum, which preserves artifacts from the Paleolithic era through the Ottoman period, including significant Roman sculptures from Perge. Within the historic Kaleiçi district, the Suna and İnan Kıraç Museum displays 19th-century ethnographical exhibits in a restored mansion. The collection also includes the Ataturk House & Museum, the Antalya Toy Museum's international collection, and MiniCity's 1:25 scale models of Turkish landmarks.





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B MiniCity Antalya

Take your kids to this amusement park to overlook all Turkey has to offer. The models are 1:25 ranging from Mt.

Meltem Mh., 601. Sk, 07030 Antalya/Antalya Province, Turkey (36.87703, 30.65831)

minicitypark.com, +90 242 229 45 45



C Ataturk House & Museum

Visit a museum which was established in the building where Atatürk stayed during his visits to Antalya. The entry to the exhibition is free.

Haşimişcan Mh., 07100 Muratpaşa, Antalya, Turkey (36.88083, 30.70750)

antalya.bel.tr, +902422495000

D Suna and İnan Kıraç Kaleiçi Museum

Come and admire Çanakkale Ceramics as well as many other artifacts housed in a museum that was opened in 1996.

Barbaros Mah. Kocatepe Sok. No: 25, 07100 Kaleiçi, Antalya, Turkey (36.88421, 30.70752)

kaleicimuzesi.com/en/, +90 242 243 4274

E Antalya Toy Museum

A toy museum with thousands of pieces from your childhood. You can find a collections of Barbies, robots and many more here.

İskele Caddesi Kaleiçi Yat Limanı, 07980 Antalya, Turkey (36.88551, 30.70190)

Tu–Su 09:00–18:00

oyuncakmuzesi.antalya.bel.tr, +90 242 248 4933

F Alp Pasa Konağı Open Air Museum

Those who like ancient artifacts might be interested in this little museum displaying pieces from Byzantine, Roman as well as Ottoman eras.

Barbaros Mah. Hesapcı Sok. 30, 07100 Antalya, Turkey (36.88387, 30.70686)

alppasa.com, +90 242 247 5676

G Mediterranean Civilizations Museum

Housed in a restored mansion and a former Orthodox church in Kaleiçi, this museum focuses on Mediterranean history and 19th-century Turkish life, featuring a notable collection of Çanakkale ceramics.

Kocatepe Sokak 25 (36.88408, 30.70788)

H Antalya Museum

Significant archaeological site featuring 13 exhibition halls and an outdoor gallery. It displays artifacts from the Lycian, Pamphylian, and Pisidian regions, including a renowned collection of Roman statues from the ancient city of Perge.

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