

Villa Rustem

Region: Turkey Sleeps: 8

Overview

Four-bedroom Villa Rustem is a 300-year-old Turkish farmhouse that has been beautifully restored with fresh, modern interiors. It retains its authentic charm with original features like stone walls and rustic wooden beams. With its breathtaking views over Kaya valley and Kayakoy ghost village, large private swimming pool an abundance of inviting spots for relaxing, it's holidaying at its best.

The rooms are bright and airy, with whitewashed walls and natural décors, such as light wooden floors and cream-coloured linen. The four charming bedrooms each have a balcony looking out towards the lush, green surroundings and en-suite shower rooms for your utmost comfort. There's also a marble reception hall and a comfortable lounge with glass doors showcasing the vistas.

Tastefully designed for a self-catering stay, Villa Rustem has a fully-equipped kitchen with marble worktops and an island for extra space. Amenities include a dishwasher, a microwave and a washing machine. There's also a sitting room with comfortable sofas and a traditional Turkish fireplace cut into the stone, alongside a private terrace off the king-size bedroom for enjoying the magnificent mountains.

Outside, the turquoise glass mosaic infinity pool is the show's star and backs onto the mountains. It's surrounded by a vast paved space, dotted with sun loungers and chairs and provides the perfect spot for lounging in the sun or the shade. You'll also find a shaded area, under which sits a dining table – ideal for taking your morning coffee with a peaceful atmosphere.

Villa Rustem nestles into its surroundings, and if you look closely, you might see eagles hunting or hear the tinkering



of goat bells while they nibble on the wild sage. The lovely valley is an oasis, and if you'd like to explore, it isn't far from Fethiye town and the stunning Ölüdeniz lagoon.

Facilities

TV • Walking/Hiking Paths • Romantic • Historical Sites • Paragliding • Boat Trips • Hairdryer • Villa • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Wi-Fi/Internet • Quirky (Unique) • Private Pool • DVD • Cots (Cribs) • Beach Nearby • Rural Location • Walk to Village • Maid Service Available • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Transfers Available • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Restaurant • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Sleeping 8 Villa Rustem has wonderful character, with a wink to Turkey of the last century

Interiors

- Sitting room with log burner
- Fully fitted kitchen
- King sized bed with ensuite shower room, sitting area
- King sized bed with dressing room, ensuite shower room and private terrace
- Double with ensuite shower room, terrace
- Twin room with ensuite shower rooms and terrace
- WC

Roof terrace

- Barbecue
- Sunloungers
- Pergola
- Infinity Pool, 6m x 11m with steps
- Utility room

Additional Facilities

- Airconditioning
- Internet
- Fireplace
- Dishwasher
- Washing Machine
- TV and local satellite
- DVD
- Hairdryer
- Iron & board
- Microwave
- Toaster
- A welcome hamper is provided on arrival

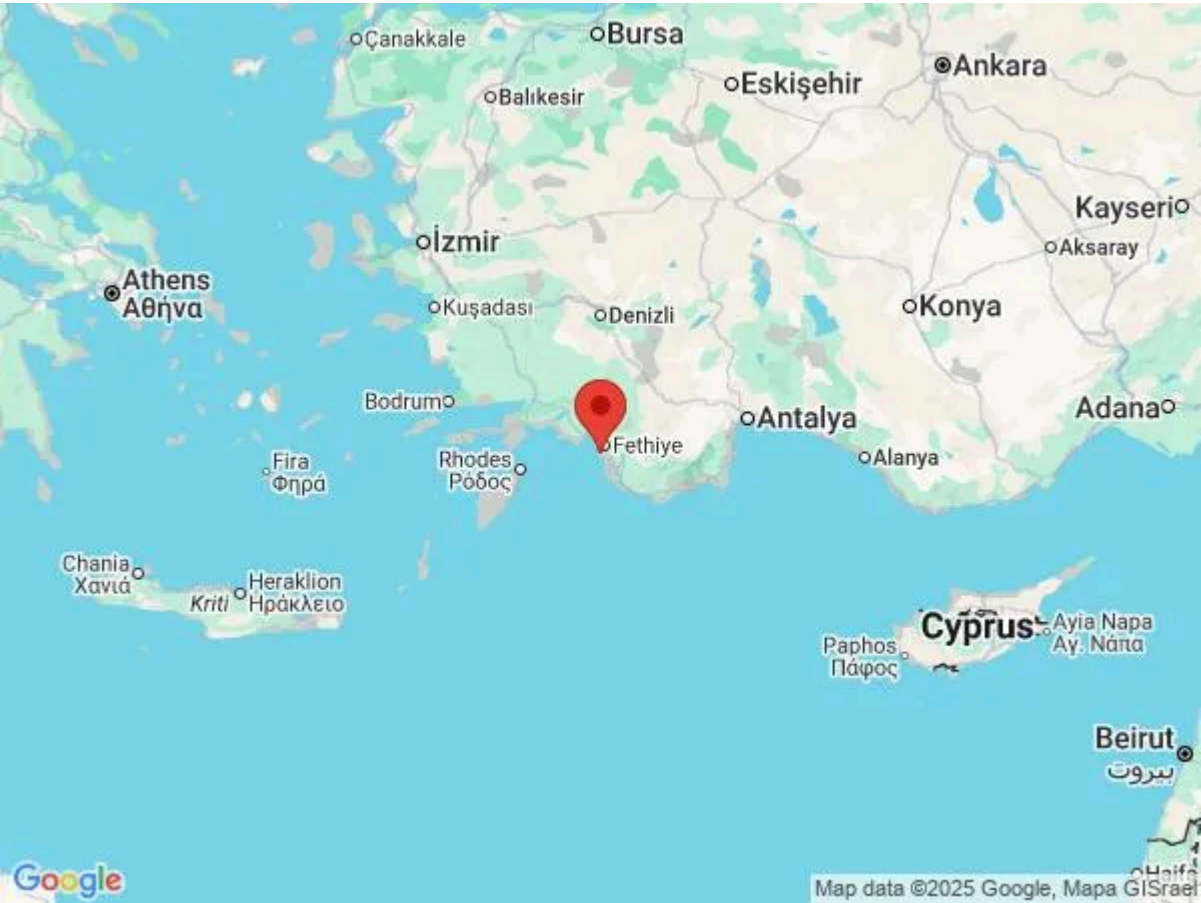


Location & Local Information

Villa Rustem is near the ghost village of Kayaköy, 8km south of Fethiye in southwestern Turkey. Nestled in the mountains and overlooking Kaya Valley, it's a quiet spot and is an ideal place to go walking or hiking. From the villa, it's a short walk to this atmospheric abandoned village, the inspiration for Louis De Bernier's 'Birds without Wings', novel. In the local area, you'll also enjoy a peaceful and bohemian atmosphere, and there are traditional restaurants and shops nearby.

In Fethiye Town to the north, you can visit ancient rock tombs such as the 4th-century B.C. Tomb of Amyntas, which are magnificently carved into the mountains. For foodies, there's a fish market and other markets that sell everything from homemade rugs to fresh produce. You can sample the local delicacy – delicious gözleme (thin dough crepes) – or visit a Turkish Bath for a relaxing treat.

If you enjoy walking, you can use the Lycian Way. It's a series of paths from Kayakoy Ghost Town to remote beaches like Cold Water Bay (around 5.5km away). The bay is family-friendly with turquoise swimming waters and a sandy shoreline. The paths also go to the monastery ruins of Afkule (around 4km away), which are dramatically perched on cliff ledges above the Aegean Sea. For fun family-friendly day trips, near-shore islands by boat beckon. There's the turquoise lagoon at Ölüdeniz, which is a prime swimming and water sports spot due to its crystal-clear and calm waters. You can also visit Butterfly Valley (about 24km from Fethiye) – a serene nature reserve that's home to diverse butterfly species. Further afield you'll find the Lycian site of Tlos and Saklikent Gorge.



Local Amenities

Nearest Restaurant	Various- Kayakoy (1.7km)
Nearest Town/City	Hisaronu - Restaurants, bars, supermarkets (4km)

Nearest Airport	Dalaman (55km)
Nearest Town/City	Fethiye (9km)
Nearest Beach	Gemiler (9km)
Nearest Beach	Olu Deniz (8.4km)

What we love

- This villa was once a traditional farmhouse. Classic 300-year-old features like the stone walls, fireplace and wooden beams remain, while the interior has modern, comfortable furnishings.
- Magnificent views looking out towards Kaya Valley and the famous Kayakoy ghost village.
- A basic welcome pack is provided but can be upgraded on request for £65
- If you've not read 'Birds Without Wings', by Louis De Bernieres, it's the perfect read for this holiday as set in the Kaya Valley, at the time of the Turkish population exchange.
- There is a welcome hamper of food provided on arrival, so, if you arrive late you will have a snack and a drink to get you through until morning.

What you should know...

- It's secluded and private. However, you're only a short walk from Kayakoy Ghost Town and are within driving distance of Fethiye port town with restaurants, shops and cultural sites. You can also travel 20 mins by car to the fabulous Blue Lagoon at Olu Deniz.
- It's on a slight incline so it's easier getting to the village than it is getting back.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £400 charged to client's credit card before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** Check in 16:00 onwards
- **Departure time:** Checkout time is 10:00 or earlier
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes all energy costs are included in the rental price.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Linen and towels are included in the rental charge.
- **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.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** End of stay clean is included in the price.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Sorry, smoking is not allowed inside the villa.
- **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.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights
- **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.

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 (<https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>) 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.