Karatavuk Cottage

Region: Turkey **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

Characterful three-bedroom Karatavuk Cottage is a hillside haven, surrounded by lush greenery, near Kayaköy in south-west Turkey. Tucked away in the rural countryside, it boasts spectacular views over the valley and the famous abandoned Greek village below. Mediterranean features abound, from the rustic stone walls to the brick-red terracotta tile roof and colourfully patterned Kilim rugs.

Inside, the large open-plan living space has natural wood underfoot and a mixture of classic and contemporary furnishings, including a TV and CD player and two cosy sofas dotted with cushions. The walls are whitewashed for a light feel, while the vibrant fabrics add a playful pop of colour. For a real home-from-home experience, there's a bright, modern kitchen equipped with an oven, fridge and dishwasher. There's also a utility room with a washing machine, iron and ironing board.

The villa is set over two beautiful floors, and all the bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms and cooling air conditioning. Perfect for families, friends and couples alike, choose from the master with a king-size bed, second bedroom with a king bed or the third room with two single beds. All rooms are equally seductive, stylish and roomy, and have plenty of space for storing your holiday wardrobe.

Stepping outside, you'll find a lovely patio dotted with potted plants and a table and chairs under cover for al fresco dining. The private swimming pool has panoramic views of the mountains and several cushioned sun loungers and umbrellas for a relaxing afternoon basking in the sun or chilling in the shade. A high stone wall, alongside trees and flowers, ensure the villa is entirely private.









While the days away on the roof terrace, soaking in the peaceful ambience on a wicker or bean bag chair, or you can explore the local surrounds. There are characteristic local restaurants and access to public transport (the Dolmus bus) 60 metres from the villa. The nearest sandy beach is also only 4km, and you're within walking distance of the ghost village of Kayaköy with plenty of serene walking routes.

Facilities

Paragliding • Walk to Village • Romantic • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Watersports • Ideal for Kids • Historical Sites • Boat Trips • Private Pool • Great Value • Villa • Air-Con • Special Offer • Ideal for Teens • Has Discount • Has Offer • Cots (Cribs) • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Beach Nearby • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • DVD • Dishwasher • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Ground floor
- Fully fitted modern kitchen
- Open-plan living room patio doors to the pool terrace
- Dining Table and stools
- Utility room
- Twin bedroom with en-suite shower room

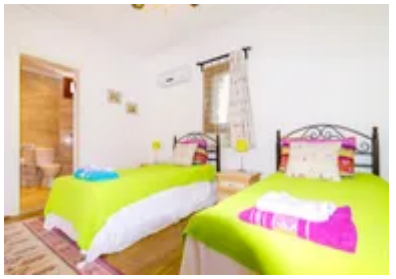
First Floor
- Large queen bedroom, en-suite shower room, access to balcony.
- Large king bedroom, en-suite shower room, access to balcony.

Outside
- Pool
- Sunbeds
- Umbrellas

Other
- Oven
- Fridge/freezer
- Hob
- Dishwasher
- Toaster
- Kettle
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine
- Iron & ironing board
- Clothes airer
- A welcome hamper is provided on arrival









Location & Local Information

Fethiye, in the Muğla province in southwestern Turkey, is one of the most popular holiday destinations in the Mediterranean due to its lush vegetation and soft sandy beaches. It's a charming place where yachts and cocktails cohabit happily with quaint winding streets. Karatavuk Cottage is in rural and sleepy Kayaköy, 8km south of Fethiye, where there's a famous abandoned Greek village.

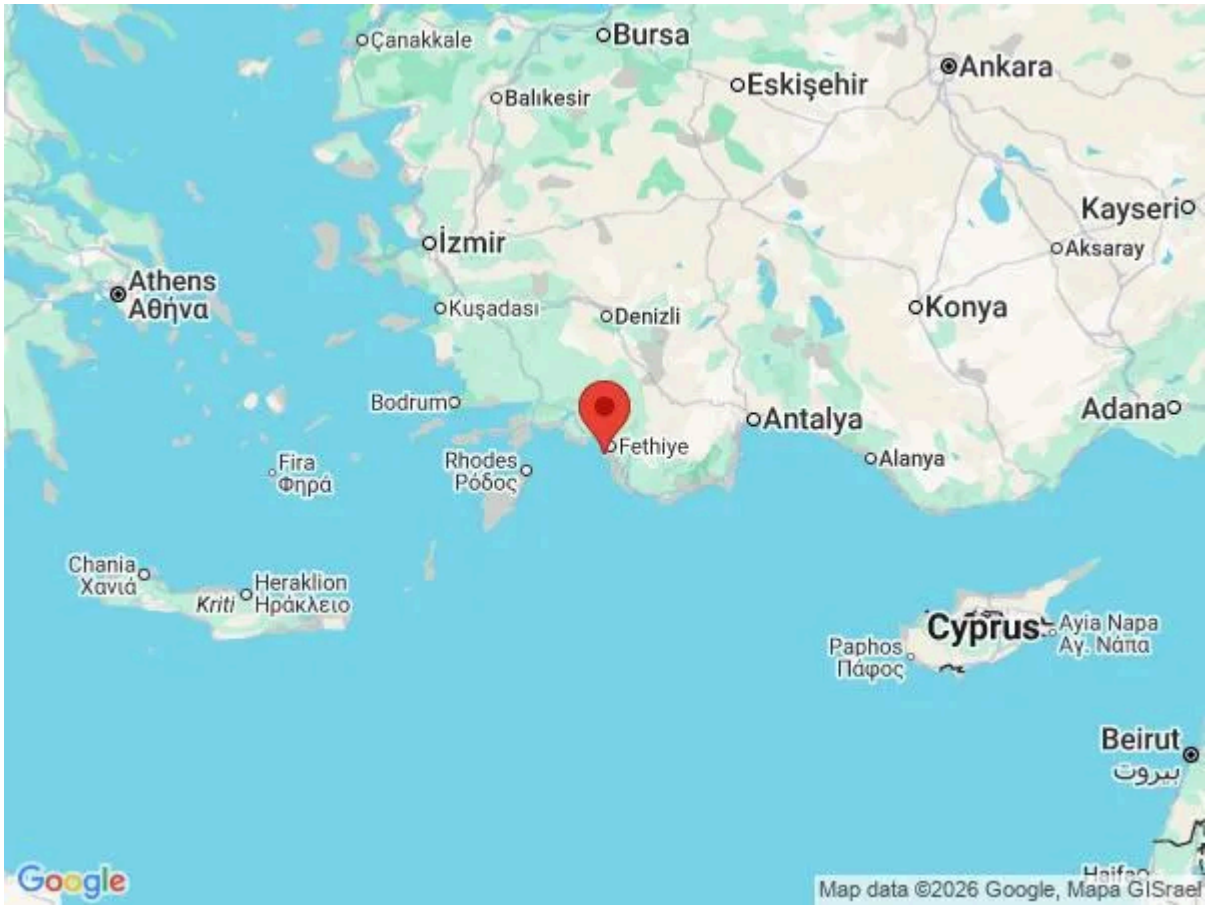
Nestled in the mountains and overlooking Kaya Valley, it's an idyllic spot where you can escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Head to the atmospheric ghost village – the inspiration for Louis De Bernier's 'Birds without Wings', novel – and explore the ruined buildings, or visit one of the local restaurants to try a Turkish delicacy like Menemen, scrambled eggs cooked in sautéed vegetables.

You'll also enjoy a serene and bohemian atmosphere, and if you enjoy walking, there are plenty of routes. Stroll under the canopy of trees and check out Lycian Way – a series of paths from Kayaköy ghost village to remote beaches like Cold Water Bay (a family-friendly coastline with turquoise swimming waters and a sandy shoreline) – or cultural sites like Afkule (around 4km away). They're monastery ruins dramatically perched on cliff ledges above the Aegean Sea.

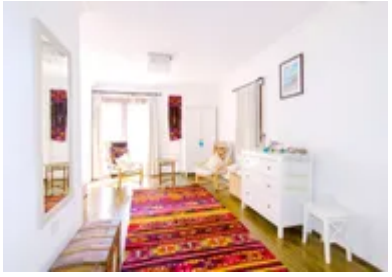
In livelier Fethiye Town to the north, visit ancient rock tombs such as the 4th-century B.C. Tomb of Amyntas, carved into the mountains. For foodies, there's a fish market and other markets that sell everything from rugs to fresh produce. You can sample delicious gözleme (thin dough crepes) here and then visit one of the Turkish Baths for a relaxing treat.

Local Amenities

Nearest Village	**Kayakoy centre (2.6km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**(100m)**









Nearest Supermarket	**Local market (200m)**
Nearest Airport	**Dalaman (59km)**
Nearest Beach	**Gemiler (5.5km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Fethiye (15km)**
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Nearest Beach	**Olu Deniz (11.7km)**

What we love

- Unrivalled views looking over Kaya Valley, the mountains and the famous Kayaköy ghost village.
- In the heart of village life, the cottage beautifully combines traditional Turkish and contemporary furnishings. Think light, whitewashed walls and colourful Kilim rugs and patterned cushions.
- It's ideally placed for exploring the local area. Walking routes abound and there's a bus (dolmus) stop within 60 metres of the villa for getting to and from the beach and the town.
- A basic welcome pack is provided but can be upgraded on request for £50
- Definitely take trip to the Fethiye fish market, choose your fish and have it cooked with mezes at one of the surrounding restaurants. Also if you ask them they will pack some fish in ice to cook back at the villa.

What you should know...

- The villa is set over two floors, however there's a bedroom with two single beds on the ground floor to make life easier for those with limited mobility.
- Surrounded by greenery and a stone wall, it's secluded and private. However, you're only a short walk from restaurants, a market and Kayaköy ghost village. Fethiye is a short drive or dolmus ride away with more restaurants, shops and cultural sites.
- It's on a slight incline so harder walking back. Also, take a torch we found it useful when getting home in the dark.

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:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.

- **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.

- **Other 3:** The property is not suitable for younger children due to the natural drops and design.

- **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.