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Before we get into this issue, I want to say something personal.

This will be my first season returning to Marmaris and Icmeler without my dad. He loved this place for so many reasons. The people, the relaxed lifestyle, and of course our regular visits to Koncaoglu and the team at Best Bargain Buys.

Love you dad. And thank you to everyone for the kind messages and support online. It really does mean a lot.

Even though I travel all over the world, Marmaris and Icmeler always pull me back.

There is just something about this place. The sunshine, the sea, the atmosphere, and the friendly faces wherever you go. Once you have visited, you will understand. It gets under your skin in the best way.

Whether you are staying somewhere like Green Nature Diamond or Blue Bay Platinum, or in smaller apartments like Avlu 1 or Star Apart, you are going to love your stay. Every season brings new bars, restaurants and businesses, and while it is always sad to see some favourites go, there are still plenty of familiar faces who have been welcoming visitors for years.

One thing people always comment on is how safe it feels here. Marmaris and Icmeler are built around tourism, and the locals genuinely take pride in making sure visitors feel welcome and looked after. It is a big reason why so many families come back year after year.

There is plenty to do as well. From all inclusive boat trips and horse riding to Rhodes day trips and the famous jeep safari, there really is something for everyone. If you fancy a more relaxed day, make sure you visit ICON Beach near the Orka Hotel. It is a top spot for food, drinks and a proper chilled atmosphere.

You will also find plenty of home comforts like a full English breakfast or Sunday dinner, but make sure you try the local Turkish food too. The kebabs are unreal. I would recommend an Urfa or an Iskender.

Make sure you also take a walk around the marina. You might be surprised at some of the bargains and quality places around there. It is well worth a visit.

One quick tip before you travel. Do not get caught out with roaming charges. Grab a Dad Loves Food eSIM so you can stay connected throughout your holiday without any stress.

Inside this issue you will find some great local businesses, places to eat and things to do while you are here.

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It's something I get asked all the time — especially with everything you see online and in the news. "Is Turkey safe?"

The honest answer, from someone who's travelled here multiple times with family and kids and spent real time in different parts of the country, is yes — especially in tourist areas like Marmaris and Icmeler.

A lot of concern comes from government travel advice. If you check the official UK government website (which I always recommend), you'll see the warnings mainly relate to areas near the Syrian border — something that's been in place for years and is very specific to that region.

What's important is the distance. Marmaris is roughly 500–600 miles from the Syrian border — about the same as travelling from London to Prague, Vienna, or parts of eastern Germany. In other words, it's not nearby at all — it's a completely different part of the country.

I've actually travelled much closer to that region than most tourists ever would, visiting places like Adana, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa and Siverek. Even there, I felt nothing but welcome. The people were friendly, respectful, and proud to have visitors — which really changed my perspective compared to what you sometimes see online.

Of course, like anywhere, it's important to stay aware of global events. Turkey sits in a unique position between Europe and the Middle East, but it's also a NATO member with a strong tourism industry and millions of visitors every year.

In places like Marmaris and Icmeler, the reality is very different from the headlines. These are well-developed tourist resorts built around visitors, and you feel that straight away. The atmosphere is relaxed, welcoming, and focused on making sure you enjoy your holiday.

I've walked around day and night with my family and always felt comfortable — whether along the marina, through town, or out for food in the evening. It feels no different to any other busy holiday destination.

What really stands out is the hospitality. People go out of their way to look after you — in restaurants, shops, and even just passing by. It's that level of care that keeps people coming back year after year.

Like anywhere, common sense applies — stick to busy areas, use official transport, and be aware of your surroundings. But that's the same advice you'd follow in the UK, Spain, or anywhere else.

The key thing is not to let headlines or social media put you off. Marmaris and Icmeler are safe, friendly, and built around tourism. Millions visit every year without issue — and once you experience it yourself, you'll understand why so many people return.

From my experience travelling with family and spending real time here — Turkey isn't what the headlines sometimes make it out to be. It's better.



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### Before You Go:

- Download **Sunny Marmaris** so you know the best places to eat, drink and explore.
- Check your **passport** is valid for at least **150 days** from your arrival in Turkey and has a blank page.
- UK citizens don't need a visa** for tourist visits up to **90 days within 180 days**.
- Take out **travel insurance** before you go.
- Consider a **travel e-SIM** to stay connected without charges.
- Take some **Turkish lira** for taxis, markets and small purchases
- Check in online** for your flight and download or print boarding passes.
- Pre-book an airport transfer** (many travellers use Avisos VIP Transfer via WhatsApp: +90 532 275 75 05).
- Take **photos of important documents** like your passport, insurance and flight details.

### Packing Essentials:

- Lightweight clothes for hot days and a **light jacket/hoodie** for evenings.
- Swimwear** for beaches, pools and boat trips.
- Sun protection** – high SPF sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat.
- Mosquito repellent** for summer evenings.
- Personal medication** and basic travel essentials.
- Phone chargers, power banks and a travel adapter** (Turkey uses Type F EU sockets).
- And of course... **hair straighteners!**

### At the Airport:

- Liquids must be 100ml or less** in a clear resealable bag.
- Keep **electronics accessible** for security checks.
- Check your **duty-free allowance** for bringing items back to the UK.

### Easy-to-Forget Extras

- Small **day bag/backpack** for trips.
- Portable phone charger**.
- Reusable water bottle**.
- A **spare bank card** kept separately.

Check everything off and you'll be ready for an amazing trip to **Marmaris**.

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One of the best things about Marmaris is just how much there is to do once you're there. It's not just about the sun, pool and food — if you want to get out and explore a bit, there are loads of excursions available, and the best part is they're actually really affordable compared to most holiday destinations.

You'll see these advertised everywhere once you arrive, from the marina to local shops and your hotel, and there's something for everyone depending on what kind of holiday you want.

Boat trips are easily one of the most popular, and for good reason. They're great value for money and give you a full day out on the water, stopping off at different bays for swimming, relaxing, and taking in the views.

A lot of these trips will also take you over to Turunç, where you'll usually get a couple of hours to get off, have a wander, do a bit of shopping, or grab some food before heading back. It's a nice change of pace and gives you a chance to see a different part of the area without needing to plan anything yourself.

If you're after something a bit more active, there's plenty of options. Jeep safaris, quad and buggy rides, scuba diving, fishing trips and even white water rafting if you fancy something different. These are all easy to book when you're out there and most include transport, so you don't need to worry about getting around.

For something more relaxed, you've got the traditional Turkish baths, village tours, and private boat hire if you want something a bit more personal. There are also longer trips available to places like Pamukkale and Ephesus if you want to see more of Turkey beyond the resorts.

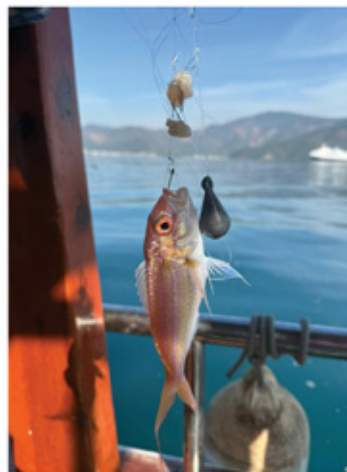
If you're booking while you're out there, it's always best to go with people you trust. If you're over in Marmaris, head over and see Chucky next door to Andy's Restaurant. If you're staying in Icmeler, Tony Macaroni is just down the road from Best Bargain Buys. Both are well known locally and will point you in the right direction.

It's also worth making sure you're booking through registered companies. It gives you that extra bit of reassurance and helps avoid any issues, especially when it comes to insurance and safety.

What I'd say is don't feel like you need to book everything before you go. Marmaris is set up for it — you can sort most of these once you're there, have a look at your options, and choose what suits you.

For me, the boat trips are always a must. Good atmosphere, great views, and for the price you pay, you really can't go wrong. It's one of those things that just becomes part of the holiday.

Whether you want a chilled day out or something a bit more full on, there's more than enough to keep you busy. Marmaris isn't just somewhere you sit still — it's somewhere you can get out and enjoy properly.



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# STRETCH YOUR POUNDS

Turkey still offers great value, but like anywhere, prices can add up if you're not careful. The good news is there are plenty of simple ways to stretch your pounds without missing out. A few smart choices can make a big difference across your holiday.

When I'm booking flights, I always search both ways. I'll check return flights, then search one way there and one way back separately. Sometimes a return is cheaper, but other times splitting it works out better. It only takes a few minutes and can save a decent amount before you've even arrived.

Another good tip is don't add luggage if you don't need to. Many airlines charge a lot for hold bags, but you can often travel with hand luggage and buy what you need when you arrive. Clothes, toiletries, beachwear and extras are easy to find in Marmaris and Icmeler, and usually good value. If you end up buying more than expected, you can always add a case for the return journey, which often still works out cheaper.

Once you're here, one of the biggest money savers is eating where the locals eat. Don't feel like you have to stay on the main strip every night. Walk down the back streets and you'll find some fantastic little kebab houses and cafés serving fresh food at great prices. Places like MERT Doner and Koncaoglu are always worth a visit, and there are loads of smaller family-run spots tucked away that offer proper Turkish food without the tourist prices.

Getting around doesn't have to cost much either. The dolmuş minibuses are cheap, regular and run between Marmaris, Icmeler and surrounding areas all day and night. They're easy to use and a fraction of the price of taxis. It's one of the best ways to travel and also gives you a bit more of a local experience.

Another tip many people don't realise is that lots of restaurants and bars offer a free pick up service, especially if there's a few of you. It's always worth messaging ahead on WhatsApp or social media. They'll often collect you and drop you back after, saving taxi money and making the night easier.

If you're staying in apartments or villas, doing a proper supermarket shop can also save a lot. Places like Migros are great for drinks, snacks, breakfast bits and things for the kids. It's much cheaper than buying everything individually throughout the day, and it means you can relax by the pool without constantly spending.

It's also worth bringing British pounds with you. Most places in Marmaris and Icmeler accept pounds and usually give you a very competitive rate on the day. You'll often find shops, restaurants and excursion companies happy to take pounds, which makes things simple and helps you keep track of spending.



You can also look out for lunch deals, early evening specials and set menus. Many restaurants offer great value during quieter times, and the food is just as good. It's another easy way to keep costs down while still enjoying plenty of meals out.

Turkey is still brilliant value if you mix things up. Eat on the strip when you fancy it, but try the local spots too. Use the dolmuş, ask about free pick ups, compare your flights both ways, travel light, bring pounds and do a supermarket run.

A few small changes and your pounds will go much further, leaving you with more to spend on enjoying your holiday.

Getting around Marmaris and Icmeler by electric scooter or quad is still one of the easiest and most fun ways to explore. They're perfect for hopping between the beach, bars, restaurants and shops without relying on taxis or buses.

To hire a scooter or quad, you'll normally need to be at least 18 years old and hold a valid driving licence. Rules can change slightly, but whoever you hire from will always explain the latest regulations and where you can and can't ride. Police checks do happen, so always carry your licence with you.

Tony Macaroni in Icmeler is one of the most established providers in the area, with over 12 years experience. They offer a range of electric scooters, including the popular three seaters, plus quads for those wanting something a bit more powerful. They'll deliver directly to your hotel, and you can reserve in advance and pay when you arrive. The fleet is updated regularly, so you're not riding tired old machines.

I'll always be grateful to Tony. When we got married in 2023, he sorted a private boat to the wedding venue, and our guests even drove from Icmeler beach to Titanic Restaurant on scooters for the wedding meal. It made the day even more memorable.

Exploring Marmaris and Icmeler on a three seater electric scooter is simple and great fun. They're easy to use, comfortable, and ideal for couples or families. A full charge usually lasts around four hours depending on usage, so it's worth planning your day and topping up when needed.

#### A few things to remember:

- You must have a valid driving licence
- Helmets are recommended for safety
- Always park responsibly and avoid blocking paths
- Follow local traffic rules and speed limits
- Stick to roads where scooters are permitted

If you want something with a bit more power, quads are also available and are great for getting out and exploring further afield. I'm personally looking forward to jumping on the new 600 quad at Tony Macaroni's in Icmeler this summer.

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Travel insurance is one of those things people often overlook to save a few quid, but it can end up being the most important thing you take with you. When you're out in Marmaris or Icmeler enjoying the sunshine, the last thing on your mind is something going wrong, but it happens more often than you'd think. Whether it's lost luggage, a medical issue, or something unexpected on a day out, having the right cover in place gives you proper peace of mind so you can actually relax and enjoy your holiday.

Holidays here aren't just about sitting by the pool either. Most people are out on the water, doing jet skis, parasailing, boat trips, jeep safaris and more. It's all part of the experience, but it's important to know that standard travel insurance doesn't always cover these types of activities. If you're planning to get involved, make sure you've added the correct extras to your policy. It's usually only a small additional cost, but it can make a massive difference if anything does happen.

Just as important as having insurance is who you book your excursions with. Always stick to accredited and licensed companies that are known and trusted in the area. Operators like Chucky in Marmaris and Tony Macaroni in Icmeler have built strong reputations for doing things properly, putting safety first and making sure customers are looked after. Cheaper, unlicensed options might seem tempting at the time, but they can leave you in a difficult position if something goes wrong and your insurance doesn't cover it.

Another thing people get caught out on is not declaring medical history. If you've had any recent operations, hospital visits or ongoing conditions, you need to tell your insurer. It might feel like a hassle, but if it's not declared, there's a good chance any claim could be refused, and that's the last situation you want to be in while you're abroad.

If you're someone who travels more than once a year, it's well worth looking at an annual travel insurance policy. In most cases it works out cheaper than buying cover for each individual trip, and it means you're always sorted without having to think about it every time you go away.

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That's exactly why I've partnered up to bring Dad Loves Food eSIMs. It's just an easier way to sort your data before you even get on the plane.

You simply activate it before you fly, land in Turkey, and you're already connected. No messing about trying to find SIM shops, no swapping cards over, and no worrying about surprise charges when you get back.

I use these myself all the time when I'm travelling. For me, it's just about convenience. Yes, most places in Marmaris and Icmeler have WiFi — your hotel will, restaurants do, bars do, even a lot of shops — and you can easily get by using that if you want to.

But I like having data everywhere. Whether it's using maps, posting content, checking bookings, or just staying in touch, it's a lot easier when your phone just works as normal.

There have also been tighter rules in Turkey over the years around mobile usage and devices, especially with foreign phones being used long-term on local networks. eSIMs work slightly differently, as they're designed for travel and short stays, which makes them a simple and reliable option for holidaymakers.

The main thing for me was keeping these as straightforward and affordable as possible. We've made sure the Dad Loves Food eSIMs are competitively priced — in simple terms, cheap and easy to use — so it's not something you have to overthink.

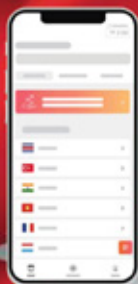
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If you've been visiting Marmaris over the years, you'll know taxis have always been one of the easiest ways to get around. Whether you're heading from your hotel to the marina, out for food in Icmeler, or back late after a night out, they've always been quick, accessible, and part of the holiday routine.

For 2026, however, there's a noticeable shift happening — and it's one that should make things even better for tourists.

## A MODERN SYSTEM IS BEING INTRODUCED

Across Turkey, taxis are now being upgraded with new technology designed to bring more structure and transparency to the system. These new "Taxi Financial Devices" are fully connected to the taximeter, meaning every journey is recorded accurately from start to finish.

At the end of each trip, the system will automatically calculate the fare and generate a receipt. In many cases, this will also include digital options, bringing the taxi experience more in line with what travellers are used to across Europe.

## CARD PAYMENTS ARE BECOMING THE NORM

One of the biggest improvements for visitors is the move towards reliable card payments. In the past, many travellers will have experienced the classic "cash only" situation, which could be inconvenient if you weren't carrying enough lira.

With the new system being rolled out, taxis are being encouraged — and in many cases required — to accept card and contactless payments. This makes journeys simpler, safer, and far more convenient, especially for families and short-term visitors.

## RECEIPTS AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

With this new system, receipts will now be issued at the end of each journey as standard. You may have seen online claims suggesting that passengers could be fined for not taking a receipt.

In reality, the regulation is focused far more on drivers and ensuring fares are properly recorded for tax purposes, rather than penalising tourists. However, it is still good practice to take your receipt, as it provides a clear record of your journey should you need it.

## WHEN WILL THIS TAKE EFFECT?

The rollout is happening throughout 2026, with a full transition expected by 1st September 2026. During this period, you may notice a mix of taxis — some already using the new system, while others are still in the process of upgrading.

## OTHER WAYS TO GET AROUND

Of course, taxis aren't your only option — and if you've been to Marmaris before, you'll already know about one of the best alternatives...

The dolmuş (local minibus) is a brilliant way to get around. It's:

- Extremely cheap
- Runs all day and late into the evening
- Can be flagged down almost anywhere on its route

It's ideal for short journeys between Marmaris, Icmeler, and surrounding areas — and gives you a proper feel for local life. Another thing many regular visitors love is how accommodating local businesses are. A lot of restaurants, bars, and even clothes shops will happily arrange transport for you.

Simply message them on WhatsApp, and they'll often:

- Send a car to pick you up
- Or organise a return lift after your meal or visit

It's a great little tip that makes your holiday even easier — and something many first-time visitors don't realise.





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If you're heading over to Marmaris or Icmeler, this is something worth knowing before you land. I don't smoke myself, but I've seen plenty of people caught out by this on holiday and it can end up costing you.

Turkey already has strict smoking rules, and they're getting tighter. Fines can be around \$2,000, so it's not something to ignore. The main thing people get wrong is thinking certain places count as "outside" when they don't. If you're sat in a bar or restaurant with a roof, sides, or anything that makes it feel enclosed, chances are it's classed as indoors. Even if the sides are open or it feels like fresh air, smoking usually isn't allowed.

Another one to watch is where you stand. You can't just step outside a restaurant, bar or shopping centre entrance and light up. There's a rough rule of keeping a few metres away from entrances, and it's one that does get enforced, especially in busier areas.

Parks and kids' play areas are a complete no go. No grey areas, no exceptions. If it's somewhere families and kids are, just don't risk it.

Vaping catches a lot of people out as well. It's treated the same as smoking in most public places, so if you wouldn't smoke there, don't vape there either. You can bring vapes into Turkey for personal use, but they're not openly sold like they are in the UK, so it's best to bring what you need with you.

No one's trying to ruin your holiday, but the rules are the rules. Use a bit of common sense, don't push your luck in busy areas, and if you're unsure just ask someone.

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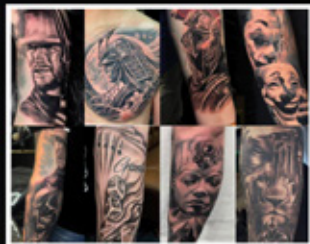


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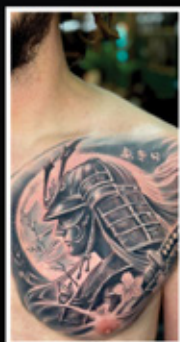
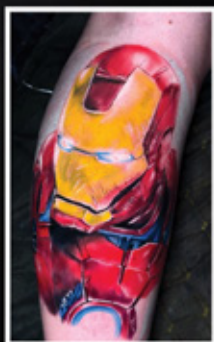
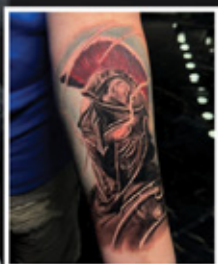
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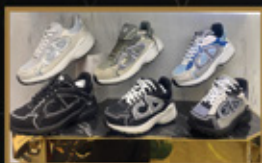


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If you're spending any time around the marina in Marmaris, there's a little spot I always make a point of going to — Mamma Castle. It's right by Marmaris Castle itself, and easy to get to whether you walk up that way or head up the side of Café Banş on the marina front.

It's one of those places that's easy to miss if you don't know it's there, but once you've been, you'll remember it every time you come back.

I've been going here for a while now and it's stayed exactly how you want it to — simple, friendly, and proper Marmaris. Every time I go in, it's the same thing: a big hug, a smile, and a genuine welcome. Mamma herself is an incredible lady, and that's a big part of why people keep going back. It doesn't feel like just another shop, it feels personal.

The big thing here though is the value. And I don't mean the usual "holiday prices" — I mean genuinely cheap.

You'll find loads of bits in there for 50p and £1. Souvenirs, little gifts, kids' toys, things to take home without even thinking twice about it. It's the kind of place where you can just have a wander, pick things up as you go, and before you know it you've got a bag full.

I do the same every time. I'll go in, grab whatever catches my eye, and spend about £20. Every time I walk out thinking I've done well. It's easy, no pressure, no hassle — just good value and a nice experience. It's also a nice change from some of the bigger shops. Everything feels a bit more relaxed, a bit more local, and a bit more genuine. That's something Marmaris still does really well, and this place is a great example of it.

If you're already down at the marina, heading for food or just having a walk along, it's definitely worth taking a few minutes to head up and find it. Even if you're only going for a quick look, chances are you won't leave empty-handed.

For me, places like this are what Marmaris is all about. Not just good prices, but good people and that feeling you've found somewhere a bit different. Go and check it out, say hello, and give her a hug from me.

You'll end up going back.



One thing you'll notice in Marmaris and Icmeler is the number of dental clinics. There's a good reason for that. Every year, thousands of visitors choose to have dental work done in Turkey, and it's easy to see why.

The biggest factor is price. Dental treatment in Turkey is often significantly cheaper than the UK, even when using high quality materials and modern clinics. Treatments like crowns, veneers, whitening, implants, and cosmetic fixes can cost a fraction of the price you'd expect back home. For many people, it makes sense to combine a holiday with getting dental work done at the same time.

Another reason is convenience. Most clinics are used to dealing with tourists, so everything is simple. You can message them on WhatsApp before you travel, book a consultation, or just walk in while you're on holiday and ask questions. Many places will assess you quickly and explain your options with no pressure.

When I'm in Marmaris, I personally use Dentkale. It's a family run business, friendly, professional, and very easy to deal with. I've had my fillings changed from the old black ones to white, and the process only takes around 15 to 20 minutes each time. The cost was around £50 per filling, which is great value compared to UK prices.

Because I travel to Marmaris often, I just had one done each visit, which worked perfectly for me. Quick, simple, and no hassle. The service has always been spot on, and they talk you through everything before starting.

That's another big advantage. You don't need to commit to loads of work at once. You can pop in, ask questions, get advice, and decide what you want to do. Many people even combine treatments across multiple visits.

If you're interested in dental work while in Marmaris, you can contact Dentkale via WhatsApp or their social media pages, or simply walk in and speak to them. They'll happily answer any questions and talk you through your options.

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If you're visiting Marmaris, the Marina is an absolute must. Normally, when you visit marinas and harbours around the world, you expect sky high prices. Marmaris is different. You still get the stunning views, luxury boats, and relaxed atmosphere, but without the expensive price tag.

You can sit at one of the many restaurants overlooking the sea, with views stretching across the harbour towards Marmaris beach and the surrounding mountains. It's one of the best spots in town to relax with a drink, people watch, and take in the scenery. The sunsets here are incredible, and the atmosphere in the evening really comes alive.

What surprises most people is the price. Even on the Marina, you can still pick up beers for around £2 to £2.50, which is unheard of in most marina locations. That's what makes this area so popular with both locals and tourists. You get the premium setting without paying premium prices.

There's loads of choice when it comes to food too. You'll find Turkish grills, fresh seafood, steaks, pizzas, and international menus all along the waterfront. Places like Cafe Baris, Cafe Dubai, Big Chef, and Gusta Bar & Grill are always busy and for good reason. You can sit outside, enjoy your meal, and watch the boats coming and going in the harbour.

The Marina stretches all the way along the waterfront, making it perfect for an evening stroll. At one end, you'll find Marmaris Castle and the Old Town, which are well worth exploring. The castle dates back to the 16th century and offers amazing views across the whole bay. The narrow streets around the Old Town are packed with small shops, bars, and restaurants, giving you a completely different vibe to the main strip.

Walk the other direction and the Marina eventually leads you towards the famous Bar Street. So whether you're after a chilled drink, a quality meal, a bit of history, or a late night out, the Marina area ticks every box.

It's one of the most scenic and relaxed parts of Marmaris, and definitely somewhere you should visit at least once during your stay.

## 5 QUICK FACTS ABOUT MARMARIS MARINA

1. One of the largest marinas in Turkey  
Marmaris Marina holds hundreds of yachts and boats and is a major stop for sailing routes across the Mediterranean.
2. Historic Marmaris Castle sits at one end  
The marina leads directly into the Old Town and Marmaris Castle, which dates back to the 1500s and overlooks the entire harbour.
3. You can still find cheap drinks  
Unlike most marinas around the world, you can still grab beers for around £2 to £2.50 in many places along the waterfront.
4. It connects to Bar Street  
Walk the full length of the marina and you'll end up at the famous Bar Street, perfect if you want to go from chilled drinks to late night entertainment.
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If you prefer a larger, all inclusive style holiday, Marmaris and Icmeler have some brilliant big hotels to choose from. These places are perfect if you want everything in one spot. Big pools, entertainment, food on tap, and plenty going on day and night.

Some of the larger hotels I can safely recommend from personal experience are Blue Bay Platinum, Green Nature Diamond, Labranda and ORKA. All of these offer big pool areas, multiple bars, buffet restaurants, and organised entertainment. They are ideal for families, couples, or anyone who likes having everything within walking distance. Green Nature Diamond in particular is one of the biggest beachfront hotels in Marmaris, with hundreds of rooms, multiple restaurants, spa facilities, and direct access to the promenade.

Blue Bay Platinum is another favourite thanks to its central location near Blue Port and the beach, while Labranda and ORKA hotels are known for their large grounds, water slides, and relaxed all inclusive vibe. These types of hotels often include several swimming pools, kids clubs, fitness centres, and nightly entertainment, meaning you don't even have to leave the hotel if you don't want to.

Over in Icmeler, I keep hearing great things about Aqua Hotel. I've personally never stayed there, but it's consistently rated as one of the top larger hotels in the area, known for its beachfront setting, quality food, and quieter, more premium feel compared to some of the busier Marmaris hotels.

There are plenty of big hotels across Marmaris and Icmeler, and they're a great option if you like convenience, facilities, and a resort style holiday. But don't forget, even if you stay in one of these, step outside and explore. The bars, restaurants, marina and beachfront all add to what makes Marmaris and Icmeler special.



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If you're looking to treat yourself while in Icmeler, ICON Beach, just behind the Orka Hotel, is a proper step up from your standard beach day. From the moment you walk in, you can tell it's something a bit different. It's clean, well set out and instantly feels like somewhere you can properly switch off and enjoy yourself.

What makes it stand out is the choice. You can keep it simple with a sunbed right by the sea, or go all out with a private cabana for that extra comfort and space. If you really want to push the boat out, there are even beachside jacuzzis, which just take the whole day to another level. It's the kind of place where you can tailor the experience to suit you, whether you're going chilled or treating yourself.

Everything is designed to be easy. The table service is spot on, so you don't need to move once you're settled. Food and drinks are brought straight to you, and there's a really good selection throughout the day. It's that kind of setup where hours just disappear without you even noticing.

It also feels very safe and well managed, which is a big plus, especially for families. You can relax knowing everything around you is looked after properly, which just adds to the whole experience.

When we visited, it honestly couldn't have been better. Me, Teddy and Rochelle went for a cabana, had a few drinks and some pizza, and ended up that relaxed we actually fell asleep for a couple of hours under the shade. That tells you everything about the atmosphere here.

There's a great balance at ICON Beach. It has a bit of energy with music and a good crowd, but it still keeps that relaxed feel where you can just lie back and enjoy it. It never feels over the top or too busy, which is exactly what you want on a day like that.

If you're in Marmaris or Icmeler and want to do one day a bit differently, this is the place to do it. It might cost a bit more than your standard beach, but it's one of those experiences you'll be glad you did once you're there.



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# UK DONER MEAT VS TURKISH DONER MEAT

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE – ONCE YOU'VE TASTED TURKISH, THERE'S NO GOING BACK

## UK DONER



### WHAT IT IS

A heavily processed mix of lamb and beef that is minced, seasoned, and formed into long strips.



### MADE FROM A MIX OF:



Lamb and beef trimmings (often mechanically separated)



Rusk (breadcrumbs) and fillers



Artificial additives, preservatives, flavourings, stabilisers



High salt and oil content



**TASTY? YES.  
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## TURKISH DONER

### WHAT IT USUALLY IS

Layers of marinated whole cuts of meat, stacked and slow-cooked on a vertical rotisserie. Simple, honest, full of flavour.



### MADE THE TRADITIONAL WAY:



Whole cuts of meat – lamb, or lamb & beef (not mechanically separated)



Thinly sliced and stacked in layers



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No fillers, no artificial additives



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If you come to Marmaris or Icmeler and only eat on the main strip, you are missing the real Turkey.

The tourist spots have their place. Big menus, English breakfasts, everything you recognise. Easy and comfortable. But if you want to experience how locals actually eat, you need to step just a little bit away from that. And trust me, it is worth it.

Walk a few streets back from the beachfront or the main road and everything changes. The restaurants get smaller, the menus are simpler, and you will hear more Turkish being spoken. You might even see a grill at the front with smoke rising into the air. That is always a good sign. This is where you will find proper Turkish food.

You will be sat down and before you even think about ordering, fresh bread lands on the table. Then come the meze. These are not starters for one person. These are plates for everyone to share. Hummus, ezme, yoghurt dips, grilled vegetables. You pick, you dip, you chat. There is no rush at all.

Then the main food arrives. Real kebabs cooked over charcoal, not rushed and not reheated. Juicy, smoky, full of flavour. Whether you go for something spicy or keep it mild, the quality stands out straight away. You can taste that it has been done properly.

The biggest difference is how people eat. Locals do not rush. They sit, they talk, they take their time. The food is part of the evening, not something to finish quickly before moving on.

You will see families out late, tables full, kids playing around, tea being poured constantly. That is normal here. That is Turkish life.

Drinks are different too. You will see çay everywhere. Strong black tea served in small glasses, no milk, always hot. Ayran is another one you will see with meals. It might sound strange at first but it works perfectly with grilled food. And if you are going all in, raki is the full experience. Just take it steady.

Another thing you will notice is the atmosphere. In tourist areas you will get people calling you in and trying to get your attention. In local spots it is the opposite. You walk in, you are welcomed properly, and then left to enjoy your time. No pressure.

That is how you know you are in a good place. Some of the best meals you will have will not be planned. You will just walk past somewhere, see locals eating, smell the food, and decide to go in. And it nearly always delivers.

Like mentioned earlier in this issue, some of the best Turkish food comes from simple places where everything is fresh and cooked daily, especially the grills and local kebab spots.

So here is the best way to do it. Enjoy the comfort food when you want it. Have the breakfast, have the roast. But make sure you also go local a few times. Step away from the busy areas, try something new, and experience it properly.

That is where the real memories come from. And once you have had Turkish food done the right way, you will understand exactly why people keep coming back.



You don't need to spend a fortune to enjoy Marmaris and Icmeler. In fact, some of the best experiences here are completely free. From scenic views and lively promenades to hidden gems and local hotspots, there's plenty to explore without opening your wallet. Start your trip with a visit to Marmaris Castle, one of the town's most iconic landmarks. Perched above the harbour, it offers incredible panoramic views over the marina and coastline, especially in the early morning or at sunset when the light transforms the scenery into something truly special.

From there, get lost in the charming streets of the Old Town. With its narrow alleys, whitewashed buildings, and colourful doors, it's perfect for a relaxed afternoon stroll. Weekdays are usually quieter, giving you more space to soak up the atmosphere and browse the small shops and cafés.

Of course, no trip is complete without time at Marmaris Beach. Whether you fancy a morning walk, a swim, or simply relaxing on the sand, the beach is open to everyone. It's just as enjoyable at sunrise as it is in the evening when the temperatures cool and the sky begins to glow.

As the day winds down, head over to the Icmeler Promenade. This long, scenic walkway comes alive in the evening, with a laid-back vibe, sea views, and plenty of places to stop and watch the world go by. Not far from here, you'll find the popular dolphin fountains in Icmeler, a great spot for families. The area is surrounded by restaurants and cafés, making it perfect for sitting down with a drink or a meal while enjoying the atmosphere.

While you're in Icmeler, it's also worth visiting the Waterfall Restaurant. Even if you're not planning to eat, it's a lovely place to walk around thanks to its peaceful setting and small collection of animals, including rabbits, tortoises, and hamsters—something younger visitors especially tend to love.

Back in Marmaris, you can check out the Grand Bazaar and Netsel Marina Bazaar, where browsing is completely free. These bustling markets are best explored in the morning or early afternoon when they're less crowded. It's a great way to experience local culture, chat with shop owners, and soak in the vibrant atmosphere.

For a different kind of experience, visit Blueport Mall. While it's known for shopping, many visitors don't realise that the entire top floor is dedicated to restaurants where locals eat. Prices here are often much cheaper than the main tourist areas, making it a great place to grab affordable food while enjoying a relaxed, authentic setting.

If you're looking for entertainment, keep an eye out for events at the AmphiMall open-air theatre, where you can sometimes catch free performances ranging from music to cultural shows.

In the evening, take a walk down Bar Street. Even if you're not planning on going into the clubs, the energy alone is worth experiencing. Music spills out into the street, and the lively atmosphere makes it a fun place to pass through.

One of the absolute highlights of Marmaris is the Dancing Fountain in the central square. Every evening, crowds gather to watch the water, lights, and music come together in a surprisingly impressive show. It's hard to believe something like this is completely free, and it's definitely worth seeing at least once—especially as it's just a short walk from the marina.

For nature lovers, Marmaris National Park offers a peaceful escape from the busy town centre. With scenic trails and beautiful views, it's ideal for a daytime adventure. Bring some water and snacks, and you can easily spend a few relaxing hours surrounded by nature.

To round off your trip, spend some time at Marmaris Marina. Whether you visit during the day or at night, it's always a lovely place to wander. You can admire the yachts, enjoy the sea views, and simply take in the calm, relaxed atmosphere. It's also conveniently close to many of the town's main attractions.

Getting around Marmaris and Icmeler is simple. Many of these places are within walking distance, especially in central areas. For anything further out, local buses (dolmuş) and taxis are both easy and affordable options.

When you're soaking up the Turkish sunshine, trying the local cuisine is all part of the experience—but sometimes, nothing quite hits the spot like the comforts of home. Whether it's a hearty full English breakfast or a proper Sunday roast, Marmaris and Icmeler have plenty of places ready to satisfy those cravings.

That said, just like back in England, not every place gets it right. Some are spot on, others... not so much. But when you find the good ones, they're really good—and there are a few standout spots here that truly deliver.

### The Full English Breakfast

For breakfast lovers, Marmaris and Icmeler offer some fantastic options. Last year, I came across some brilliant budget-friendly gems like Speedy's, Diana Sisters, Rush Bar, and Majestic—perfect if you want something filling without spending too much.

If you're after something more substantial, Piccadilly is known for a massive breakfast that could keep you going all day, while Sweet Corner nearby is another solid choice. And surprisingly, you can even find proper pork sausages here—something not always easy abroad. Some places even serve a full Scottish breakfast with black pudding and Lorne sausage.

Add a pint, and you've got yourself a proper holiday-style start to the day.

### The Sunday Roast

When Sunday rolls around, Marmaris and Icmeler don't disappoint. The White Lion in Marmaris is a standout, with Hacı consistently serving up incredible roasts—crispy potatoes, fresh veg, creamy mash, and plenty of rich gravy. It's proper comfort food.

Piccadilly also deserves a mention for its quality meats and generous portions—I had a lamb dinner there that was cooked to perfection. Rush Bar is another reliable all-rounder, delivering great food and a welcoming atmosphere whether you're there for breakfast or a roast.

### A Special Mention: The View Bar, Icmeler

Over in Icmeler, The View Bar is a must-visit. Just off the beach, it offers stunning views, live music, and one of the most authentic British Sunday dinners in the area.

What sets it apart is the involvement of English staff in preparing the roasts, which really shows. Jan's Sunday dinners are a highlight—homemade Yorkshire puddings, rich gravy, perfectly cooked meats, and all the trimmings. Paul and Jan are fantastic hosts, making you feel right at home.

### The Best of Both Worlds

If you're craving a full English or a proper Sunday roast, Marmaris and Icmeler have you well covered. From favourites like The White Lion and Rush Bar to the standout experience at The View Bar, there's no shortage of quality options—just choose wisely.

Mix in some Turkish cuisine along the way, and you've got the perfect balance of home comforts and holiday flavours—all in one trip.



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Some of my favourite moments in İçmeler are the quietest ones.

Early morning. A cup of tea. The balcony door open. The bay slowly lighting up as the sun rises behind the hills.

It was during moments like these that my Facebook page, myicmeler.net, quietly began. No grand strategy — just a simple idea: sharing the everyday side of the place that feels like my second home.

I first fell in love with İçmeler while spending long stays in my small flat there. I didn't arrive with checklists or tour plans. I just walked. Explored side streets. Found peaceful corners. Tried local food in places without glossy menus. After a while, I thought: why not share these small discoveries with others who love this place too?

So I did. The early days were far from polished. I tidied up old posts, experimented with photos, and learned what actually looked good on a phone screen.

Then one morning, I filmed a short balcony video while talking about my usual sunrise walks. That simple clip was shared hundreds of times. It was my first real sign that people connected more with lived moments rather than perfect pictures.

I realised something important: authenticity travels further than perfection.

Most of what I post comes from everyday life right outside my door. Morning walks along the beach path. Hidden coves just ten minutes away. Casual sketches of walking routes that anyone can follow.

Simple meals at local restaurants — the kind you notice from a balcony view when the evening barbecues start sending delicious smells into the air. I once asked followers whether they preferred fish or kebabs, and the comments quickly turned into lively discussions filled with recommendations.

Hillside views are another favourite. I've shared photos from trails overlooking the bay, and soon followers began posting their own pictures from the same spots. What started as a single post slowly became a shared album of experiences.

Over time, the page became less about my perspective and more about a community of people who simply enjoy the same place.

One of the nicest surprises has been meeting followers in person over the years — a quick coffee, a short walk, turning profile pictures into real smiles.

I still keep things simple. I pay attention to which posts people enjoy, ask questions, and share seasonal changes — when flowers bloom, when the sea turns its deepest blue, when the town grows lively again before summer.

Living part-time in İçmeler means I notice small details visitors might miss. And those small details are often what people appreciate most.

The biggest lesson I've learned? People don't just want travel highlights. They want real moments they can imagine themselves stepping into.

If you already love İçmeler, you're probably seeing many of the same views I do. And if you're planning to visit, maybe these small glimpses will help you experience the town a little differently.

Either way, it's always nice to share the journey, .... Tom



# DAD LOVES FOOD



# YouTube

If you've been following Dad Loves Food on Facebook, you'll know we're always out and about finding the best food, bargains, and experiences — but what you might not know is that a lot of our longer, more in-depth content lives over on YouTube.

That's where the proper videos go. The full reviews, the travel days, the hotel walkthroughs, and the real behind-the-scenes moments that you don't always get on social media.

It's been a slower grow over there compared to Facebook, but honestly... I just enjoy it. Filming, travelling, and putting proper videos together — especially in places like Türkiye, which I absolutely love. From hotels and restaurants to hidden gems and everyday experiences, it's all about showing you what it's really like.

There's also loads from Las Vegas and Lanzarote on there too, so whether you're planning a trip or just enjoy watching food and travel content, there's something for everyone.

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There's nothing quite like seeing Brits abroad, and Marmaris and Icmeler are right up there with the best of it. You'll see everything from people arguing over bills after one too many, ordering the wrong thing off the menu, to the classic bright red sunburn within the first couple of days, especially in the peak summer months.

But jokes aside, there are a few things every Brit should know before coming out here, and getting these right can make a big difference to your holiday.

First up, always book your excursions through trusted companies. Go with people who specialise in what they do and have the correct licences and insurance in place. It might be tempting to go cheaper, but it's not worth the risk if something goes wrong.

Travel insurance is another big one. Nobody thinks anything will happen, but I've known plenty of people who've had accidents and ended up with serious hospital bills. It's one of those things you hope you never need, but you'll be glad you have it if you do.

Sorting your money properly is also key. The Turkish lira can change day to day, so a lot of places prefer pounds as it's more stable. Take cash with you and avoid exchanging too much in the UK, as you'll usually get a better rate once you're there. Be careful with ATMs as well, as they can charge higher rates and extra fees.

One tip that saves a lot of hassle, especially if you're out enjoying a few drinks, is to pay for each round as it arrives. It avoids any confusion or disputes at the end of the night when nobody can quite remember what they've had.

When it comes to food, you've got the best of both worlds. You can get a full English breakfast all over, and I always enjoy one at Sweet Corner. If you're after a proper Sunday dinner, View Bar in Icmeler is a great shout. At the same time, if you find where the locals eat, you can get some serious value for money and some quality meals.

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If you're visiting Marmaris, learning a few Turkish words goes a long way. Turkish people are incredibly welcoming and even a small effort with the language usually brings a big smile. These simple phrases will help you order food, ask prices, get around town and chat with locals.

## Basic Greetings

Merhaba (Mehr-hah-bah) – **Hello**  
 Selam (Seh-lahm) – **Hi**  
 Günaydın (Goon-eye-dun) – **Good morning**  
 İyi akşamlar (Ee-yee ak-sham-lar) – **Good evening**  
 Hoş geldiniz (Hosh gel-deh-niz) – **Welcome**  
 Güle güle (Goo-leh goo-leh) – **Goodbye**

## Polite Words

Teşekkür ederim (Teh-shek-kur eh-de-rim) – **Thank you**  
 Sağ ol (Sah-ol) – **Thanks**  
 Lütfen (Loot-fen) – **Please**  
 Rica ederim (Ree-jah eh-de-rim) – **You're welcome**  
 Pardon (Par-don) – **Sorry / Excuse me**

## Ordering Food & Drinks

Bir bira lütfen (Beer bee-rah loot-fen) – **One beer please**  
 Bir küçük bira lütfen – **One small beer please**  
 Bir çay lütfen (Beer chai loot-fen) – **One tea please**  
 Bir su lütfen (Beer soo loot-fen) – **One water please**  
 Hesap lütfen (Heh-sap loot-fen) – **The bill please**  
 Çok güzel (Chok goo-zel) – **Very delicious**  
 Afiyet olsun (Ah-fee-yet ol-sun) – **Enjoy your meal**  
 Şerefe! (Sheh-reh-feh) – **Cheers!**

## Shopping & Prices

Kaç para? (Kach pah-rah) – **How much?**  
 Bu ne kadar? – **How much is this?**  
 Çok pahalı! – **Too expensive**  
 İndirim var mı? – **Is there a discount?**

## Getting Around

Nerede? (Neh-reh-deh) – **Where is...?**  
 Plaj nerede? – **Where is the beach?**  
 Tuvalet nerede? – **Where is the toilet?**  
 Taksi çağırabilir misiniz? – **Can you call a taxi?**  
 Otogar nerede? – **Where is the bus station?**

## Useful Everyday Words

Evet (Eh-vet) – **Yes**  
 Hayır (Hi-yur) – **No**  
 Tamam (Tah-mam) – **Okay / Deal**  
 Problem yok – **No problem**  
 Yavaş – **Slow**  
 Hızlı – **Fast**

## Local Slang You Might Hear

Abi (Ah-bee) – **Bro / mate**  
 Abla (Ab-lah) – **Sister / lady**  
 Çok havalı – **Very cool**  
 Yok artık! – **No way!**  
 Hadi! – **Come on / Let's go**

## Numbers (Useful for Prices)

1 – <b>Bir</b>	10 – <b>On</b>
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4 – <b>Dört</b>	100 – <b>Yüz</b>
5 – <b>Beş</b>	

### Sunny Marmaris Tip

Even if you only learn Merhaba, teşekkür ederim and hesap lütfen, locals will really appreciate the effort.

Try it — you might even get a better price and a bigger smile.



If you're travelling as a bigger group or with two families, renting a villa in Icmeler or Marmaris can be a brilliant option. It often works out really cost effective when the price is split between everyone, and you get much more space, privacy and flexibility compared to booking separate hotel rooms.

For most of my villa stays I use Murat. There are plenty of villa companies around, but I've stayed in a number of different villas through him and keep going back as I test different ones each visit. You can message Murat directly on WhatsApp at +90 530 974 07 01. Just say Dad Loves Food recommended you, or even better... tell him you're my cousin and see what happens.

Villas are perfect when there's a good few of you travelling together. You've got your own pool, plenty of space, separate bedrooms and a relaxed environment, especially if you've got kids. It gives you the freedom to do things at your own pace without worrying about hotel times, busy pools or set meal times.

One of the things I really enjoy about staying in a villa is doing a proper food shop. I usually head to Migros, stock up on drinks, snacks and food, and bring everything back to the villa. It's great knowing the kids can pick all day, grab drinks whenever they want and relax by the pool before heading out on the night to explore.

It also gives you flexibility. Some days you might just chill around the pool, other days you can head into Icmeler or Marmaris for food, shopping and nightlife. You get the best of both worlds, privacy during the day and plenty to do when you head out.

It's always worth checking for late deals and out of season prices too. Villa rates drop outside peak months, making them even better value, especially when there's a big group of you.

If you're travelling with family or friends and want more space, flexibility and value for money, villas in Icmeler and Marmaris are definitely worth considering.



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Family holidays are never one size fits all, and that's exactly what makes Marmaris and Icmeler so special. Every child finds their own version of paradise, and for Isla and Oscar it's a mix of sunshine, food, animals and those little moments that stick with you.

#### Let's start with Isla.

She's a proper sun chaser. Give her a towel, a bit of shade, and a spot on Icmeler Beach and she's happy all day. The heat is her thing. Just relaxing, topping up the tan and enjoying it.

She also loves jumping on the back of the electric scooters with us and cruising around. Wind in her hair, taking everything in. Those little moments make the trip.

And if there's one thing Isla really loves, it's animals. Marmaris and Icmeler are full of friendly stray cats and dogs, and she makes it her mission to look after them. A quick stop into Migros for some treats and she's off making new friends everywhere she goes.

#### Now Oscar. Completely different.

Oscar's all about experiences. One of his best memories was getting on a private speed boat with the lads and his grandad, heading over to White Pearl Bay for the wedding. Music on, good atmosphere, then everyone heading back across together after. Proper special moment.

He also loves getting out on the water for a fishing trip. Bit more chilled, but still something to do.

And when it comes to action, both Isla and Oscar loved the go karting. Flat out around the track, racing each other, proper laughs. It's a great one to keep the kids busy.

Food is easy. Pizza at Koncaoglu Restaurant is always a win, and the milkshakes at Sweet Comer Restaurant are a must.

But one thing they both agree on...

Some of the best moments aren't the big ones.

They love sitting outside Best Bargain Buys, in the shade with a Turkish tea, chatting with Mehmet and his family. We've known them for over 6 years now. That's what Marmaris is really about. Not just places, but people.

#### Real Talk

Not everything is for everyone, and that's fine.

Isla's not a fan of boat trips, horse riding wasn't her thing after ending up in the bushes last time, and if you travel out of peak season some villa pools can be a bit cold.

That's the beauty of Marmaris. There's always something else to do.

#### Follow the Journey

Follow Isla and Oscar on Kids Love Food, now over 15,000 followers.

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If you're holidaying in Marmaris, a fast ferry to Rhodes is one of the easiest ways to tick another country off your list. For around €50, you can be in Rhodes, Greece in just over an hour. It feels like a proper adventure but is incredibly easy to organise.

Step off the ferry and you're greeted by the massive medieval harbour walls and the beautiful Old Town of Rhodes.

## Walking Through History

Rhodes Old Town is like a film set: stone walls, cobbled streets, ancient ruins, and hidden alleyways full of shops, cafés, and restaurants. Wander for hours with no plan and soak in the relaxed Greek island vibe. With stunning weather, it's perfect for a slow stroll, a bit of shopping, and a cold drink in one of the many small bars.

## The €5 Gyros That Beats Most Meals

Food is a highlight. Near Pita Nikos in Old Town, grab a pork gyros for about €5 — loaded with juicy pork, onions, tomatoes, chips, and tzatziki. One of the best-value meals of your holiday.

## Watch Out for the Famous "Beer Boot"

Some bars serve beer in giant glass boots. They look impressive, but the price can be a shock. Tip: always confirm the size or price first. A quick question can save you a lot.

## A Day Trip With Proper Memories

Rhodes has always been special to me. I've taken the ferry with my dad (who immediately went to the casino!) and more recently with my son Oscar, wandering the streets, grabbing food, and making memories. It's a trip that sticks with you.

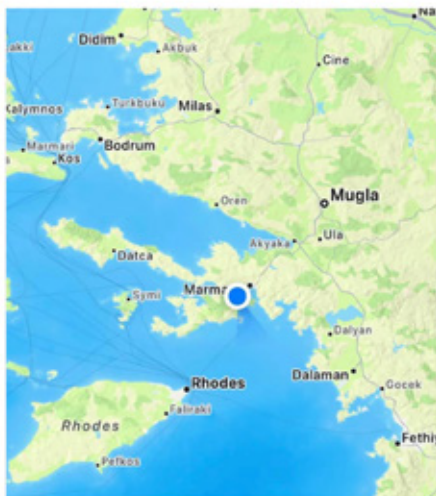
## Another Travel Tip

If flights are cheap, consider flying into Rhodes first, spending a night, and then taking the ferry to Marmaris — turning one holiday into two destinations.

## The Verdict

- If you're in Marmaris, Rhodes is a must:
- Another country in just over an hour
- Incredible medieval streets and ruins
- Great food and atmosphere
- A brilliant day out for around €50

Sometimes the simplest excursions are the best — and the Rhodes ferry trip is definitely one of them.



### Why they're here – and what you should (and shouldn't) do

If you've visited Marmaris or Icmeler recently, you'll have probably seen them wandering through the streets — especially early morning or late at night. Wild boars are now a regular sight, and each year they appear to be getting more confident around people.

The main reason is simple: food. Open bins, leftover waste, and even tourists feeding animals have created an easy food source. Boars are highly intelligent and quickly learn where meals are guaranteed, meaning they return again and again.

Another major factor is the forest fires in recent years, which have damaged natural habitats around Marmaris. This has pushed wildlife closer to built-up areas in search of food and water. On top of that, wild boar populations are growing quickly, with females able to produce multiple litters per year.

While they may look calm, they are still wild animals. Most will avoid confrontation, but they can become aggressive if they feel threatened — particularly mothers with young.

### LOCAL GUIDELINES & ADVICE

Local authorities and councils in the Marmaris region advise the following:

- Do not feed wild boars – this encourages repeat visits and increases risk
- Keep a safe distance at all times
- Keep pets under control and away from boars
- Dispose of rubbish properly to avoid attracting them
- Avoid getting too close for photos or videos

Feeding and approaching boars is one of the main reasons they are becoming bolder each year.

### THE REALITY

Seeing wild boars in town might feel like a unique holiday moment — and it is — but it's also a growing issue for locals. With increasing numbers, habitat changes, and easy access to food, these animals are becoming a regular part of life in Marmaris and Icmeler.

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If you're looking for somewhere a little quieter but still packed with charm, Turunç is definitely worth adding to your list. Just around the bay from Marmaris and Icmeler, this small coastal village feels like a completely different pace of life. The scenery alone makes the trip worthwhile, with mountains dropping down into crystal clear water and a peaceful beachfront that's perfect for relaxing.

One of the best ways to get to Turunç is by taxi boat from either Marmaris or Icmeler. The journey itself is part of the experience, travelling along the coastline with some amazing views before arriving in the bay. It's a short trip, easy to organise and something different from just hopping in a car. Many of the party boats and all inclusive boat trips also stop at Turunç during the day, giving you time to jump off, have a wander and enjoy the village before heading back out on the water.

When you arrive, you'll immediately notice how much quieter it is compared to Marmaris and even Icmeler. It's smaller, more relaxed and has a lovely laid back feel, making it perfect for a chilled afternoon. The beach is clean, the sea is calm and it's a great place to sit with a drink and just take it all in.

Despite being smaller, there's still plenty to do. You'll find lots of clothes shops, souvenir stores and local businesses dotted around the village. It's ideal for a relaxed stroll, picking up a few bargains and enjoying the atmosphere. There are also plenty of restaurants and bars along the beachfront and side streets, so you won't struggle to find somewhere nice to eat or grab a drink.

Turunç is one of those places that doesn't feel overly busy or rushed. You can walk around comfortably, enjoy the views and take your time. Whether you're visiting for a couple of hours on a boat stop or making a full afternoon of it, it's a beautiful spot that's well worth the trip.

If you fancy a change of pace from the main resorts, definitely check out Turunç. It's smaller, quieter and really is a stunning place to enjoy during your holiday.



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If you fancy exploring somewhere different during your stay, Oludeniz and Hisaronu over in the Fethiye area are definitely worth a visit. It's a completely different feel to Marmaris and Icmeler, but just as enjoyable in its own way. The scenery is incredible, with mountains, blue lagoons and some of the most stunning views you'll find anywhere in Turkey.

One of the biggest attractions is the famous paragliding over Oludeniz. You'll see people launching from the mountains above and gliding down over the Blue Lagoon. Even if you don't take part, just watching them land along the beachfront is impressive. The beaches in Oludeniz are beautiful, and it's a great place to relax during the day before heading up to Hisaronu in the evening.

Hisaronu comes alive at night and is packed with bars, restaurants and shops. There's loads of choice whether you want a relaxed meal, drinks with live music or somewhere lively. It's slightly more expensive than Marmaris and Icmeler in places, but the views, atmosphere and service are fantastic.

If you're shopping, they also have a brilliant kids-only clothes shop called Downtown Junior, which is well worth a visit if you're travelling with little ones. You'll also find plenty of other shops, souvenirs and places to browse while walking around.

Food wise, a big shout out to McKebab for what I think is some of the best doner meat in the area. Definitely worth checking out if you're visiting. Also, if you're considering dental work while in Turkey, HDC is another place I've used before and had a great experience.

Accommodation wise, one of my favourite hotels right on the main Hisaronu strip is Ocean Blue Hotel. If you prefer somewhere a little quieter away from the main area, Turtle Hotel and Restaurant in Ovacik is a great option, with a more relaxed setting but still close enough to everything.

Oludeniz and Hisaronu offer something different to Marmaris and Icmeler, but that's what makes them worth visiting. Incredible views, great food, plenty of bars and a brilliant atmosphere. If you're looking to explore more of Turkey, it's definitely one to add to your list.



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
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My dad was never someone who sat you down and told you how to live your life. He didn't need to, because he showed you every single day through how he lived, how he worked, and how he treated people.

Before I even came along, he had already lived a life that shaped everything about him. He joined the Royal Signals at just seventeen years old and served for five years, training at Catterick and going on to serve at Ouston Barracks near Newcastle, Aldershot, and then spending four years out in Germany with 21 Signal Regiment in Wildenrath. That time gave him discipline, resilience, and a strength that stayed with him for life. He even became the Royal Signals double tenpin bowling champion, something he was quietly proud of.



Not long after, he met my mam while working as a bingo caller at Mecca Bingo, calling out "legs 11" and all the rest of it. From that moment on, they were inseparable. He called her "pet", and the love they had was unbreakable. Proper love. The kind you don't question because you can see it in everything they do. Through everything life threw at them, they were always together, always solid, always a team.

When I came along, that same strength and love carried straight into how he was as a dad. From being a kid, I was always with him. Early mornings, long days, learning without even realising it. I'd sit on a trolley while he pushed me around Batleys warehouse, loading up for the shop, watching everything he did. Then we'd head outside, grab a bacon bun from the burger van, and that was just normal life.

Looking back now, that was where everything started for me.

That was where I learned what real work looks like. Not talking about it, not pretending, just getting on with it and doing what needed to be done. He built everything through graft. Corner shops, kitchens, businesses, long days, and no shortcuts. For me, Graham's Newsagents was what really defined him. That was him in his element, working, serving people, part of the community, building something through hard work and consistency.

He taught me how to treat people properly as well. Be fair, be honest, and speak properly to everyone no matter who they are. That stayed with me more than anything else, and it's something I carry with me every day.

He was always there too. Football matches, school, anything that mattered, he was there. Not just standing on the sidelines, but properly there, watching, supporting, and backing me without making a big thing of it.

Growing up, my dad wouldn't fly. Not a chance. It's why we had so many trips to Butlins, seaside resorts, and places like Scarborough, which was always his favourite. Those days were about making sure we had a good time. Later in life, we would go to the casino together, which became our thing. That's a big part of how the name Graham Vegas was born. It wasn't just about the place, it was about the moments and the time we spent together.

As I got older, we started building things together as well. The George wasn't just a business, it was something we created side by side. He was the chef, I was out front bringing people in, marketing it, building the buzz, and together we made it work. The same with The Buck Inn in Sadberge. We didn't just work together, we built things together, and that's something I will always be proud of.

One of the most important moments of my life was my wedding. The fact that he was there meant everything to me and Rochelle. I told him I would drive him there myself if he wasn't fit to fly, and I meant it. Nothing was going to stop him being there.

Then came another side of him that I don't think anyone could have fully understood until it happened. Becoming a grandad changed him. I truly believe something shifted when Sophie was born. There was a softness there that you don't always see when you're growing up with someone as your dad. Then came Isla, and more followed, and that love just grew.

He absolutely loved his grandkids. He would give them anything, sometimes too much, but that was him. He was proud of them, protective over them, and you could see how much joy they brought him.

Over the last few years, something changed in him again, and this time it was in a way that the world got to see. Together, we created his page. A man who could barely use social media built a following of over 40,000 people. It was madness, but he loved it.

He also finally got on a plane, and once he did, he more than made up for lost time. Berlin, Vegas, Türkiye, Prague, Egypt, New York, Cyprus. We did it all.

Vegas became our place as well. The laughs, the atmosphere, the moments we shared there are some of the best memories I'll ever have.

There are so many funny moments, but one always stands out. In Hurghada, Egypt, I was in the pool and I saw him waving at me. I thought he wanted another vodka Fanta, so I swam over, grabbed the drinks, turned around, and there were three lifeguards pulling him out of the pool because he had got cramp. I was stood there holding the drinks while he was being rescued behind me. That was him all over.

He was never a big drinker when I was younger. Pretty much tee total apart from the odd whiskey at Christmas. But as we started travelling together, that changed a bit, and we would sit there having a vodka Fanta together. It was simple, but it was ours.

The last few years were tough. His diabetes started getting worse, and you could see it taking its toll. Then came the news none of us were ready for. Cancer. Watching someone you love go through that and slowly lose their health is something you can't prepare for. But even in that, there were moments that meant everything. Sitting with him, being there, just being together.



I am proud that I was there for him at the end. Proud that I did everything he asked of me. Proud that I was his son.

His funeral showed exactly what he meant to people. The turnout, the respect, the stories. It was not just family, it was friends, locals, and people whose lives he had touched. We all wore Liverpool tops with "Graham Vegas 58" on them, 58 for the year he was born. It felt right. It felt like him.

And I know one thing he would absolutely want me to say. Thank you to every single person who followed him, supported him, and showed him love over the last few years online. It meant more to him than people probably realised.

Teddy still mentions his grandad every few days, and that says everything about the impact he had.

My job now is to make sure Teddy and Oscar grow up knowing exactly what kind of man their grandad was, and to pass on everything he taught me so that his legacy continues through them.

Everything I am comes from him. The way I work, think and treat people.

Our bond was more than father and son. I learnt so much from him and loved every minute we spent together.

I miss you so much, Dad

*Love Craig*



If you want to stay up to date with everything Marmaris while you're here (and even before you come), make sure you follow Dad Loves Food on WhatsApp.

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# FAMILY & FRIENDS

It's not just me, Dad Loves Food, on this adventure. The whole family is part of the journey, and it's something I'm incredibly proud of. From food to travel and everything in between, we're all out here making memories and sharing them with you.

This year feels different as we head into the season. On other pages in this issue I've paid tribute to my dad, who sadly passed away in October 2025. He absolutely loved Marmaris and Icmeler, and being back here always brings special memories. He was a huge part of these trips, and we'll continue travelling and enjoying the places he loved so much.

Isla and Oscar are still loving the travelling. Oscar joined me in Marmaris in late October and we had an amazing time, even that late in the season. We managed to get a fishing trip in and even a visit over to Rhodes. Both are still enjoying the adventures and continue to update their own social media page, Kids Love Food, with their travels and foodie finds.

Ted is still a laugh a minute and getting more of a personality every day. Not sure if that's always a good thing, but he keeps us entertained. He's also incredibly loving, especially with animals, and absolutely loves all the cats and dogs around Marmaris and Icmeler. Ted also has his own Facebook page, Ted Travels, which Rochelle helps him run. That's probably why it's mainly full of our dog Ginge most of the time... but everyone seems to love it!

This first trip of the season kicks off at the beginning of April and this time it's not just family, it's friends too. Buttylad and Matty, both best men at my Marmaris wedding two years ago, are coming over. Matty is also bringing his two boys, Seth and Jonah, so we've got a villa full of fun already. Kev, Lucy and their daughter Blake are joining us too, so it's shaping up to be a proper family and friends holiday packed with laughs, chaos and plenty of excursions. @Blake-Place is also getting involved on YouTube with her own content, which she's really enjoying.

Later in the month, Bobby, The Yorkshire Indian, will be joining us in Icmeler and then Oludeniz. Bobby is absolutely hilarious, and I love the effort he's putting into content creating. Travelling together always creates great content and even better memories. What a legend.

So whether it's family or friends, food or travel, there's always something going on. Make sure you're following all the pages, and if you see us around Marmaris, Icmeler or Oludeniz, come and say hello.



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## Across

3. Yoghurt-based drink
5. Traditional Turkish market full of shops and souvenirs
7. Recommended dentist in marmaris near castle
8. Small dishes commonly served in Turkish cuisine
10. A popular mode of transport around turkey
12. Turkish-style flatbread pizza

## Down

1. Primary currency of Türkiye
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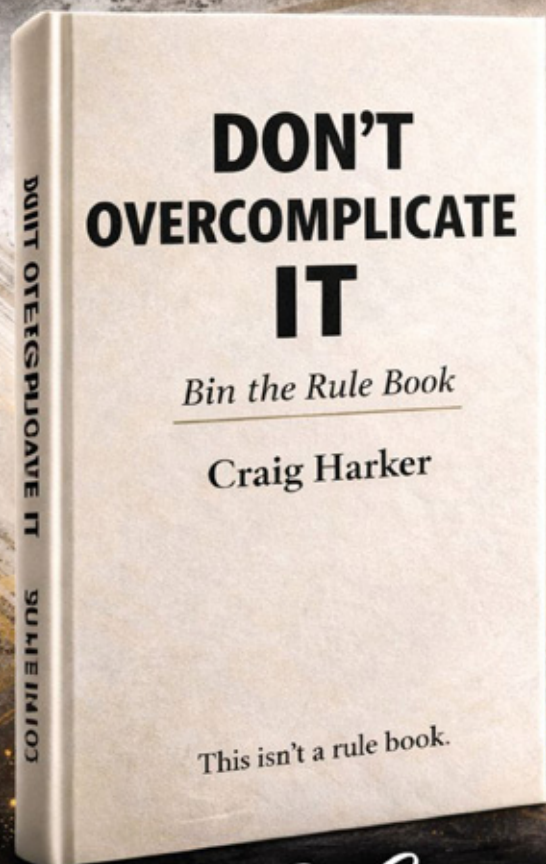
When I travel to Turkey, I always use an E-SIM to stay connected hassle-free. No need to swap physical SIM cards—my connection is always on my phone, and I've found that E-SIMs offer better coverage and reliability. Now, we've teamed up to bring E-SIMs to all our followers! Simply scan the QR code to check out the best offers. Personally, I would go for the 20GB Plan for £12.50 and then sit back and enjoy your holiday! **20GB plan for just £12.50, valid for 30 days**



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Losing your passport abroad can feel like a nightmare, but try not to panic. Getting home is usually much easier than people think, especially in Marmaris where British visitors are very common. I've actually been through it myself before — although thankfully I haven't lost one in a while now... which is definitely progress!

The first thing to do is take a deep breath and retrace your steps. Check your bags, hotel room, safe, beach bag and anywhere you might have left it. Passports have a habit of turning up in the strangest places. In my case, it eventually appeared after a Facebook follower spotted it stuck in the bark of a palm tree!

If it really has been lost or stolen, your next step is to visit the nearest police station and report the passport missing. The police may give you a report confirming the loss. Keep this safe, as it can be useful when applying for an emergency travel document or when speaking to your travel insurance company.

Before you can travel again, you must officially report the passport as lost online. This is done through the UK Government website at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). Once reported, the passport is cancelled immediately to prevent anyone else from using it.

After reporting the passport lost, you can apply online for an Emergency Travel Document (ETD). This allows you to travel home without your passport. As of 2026 the fee is £125. When applying you will need a digital passport-style photograph, details of your travel plans such as your flight home, and a debit or credit card to pay the application fee.

Once your application is submitted you may be asked to attend an appointment at the nearest British Consulate. For most people staying in Marmaris this will usually be Fethiye. Make sure you bring any identification you still have with you, such as a UK driving licence, as well as your application confirmation.



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The staff at the consulate are usually very helpful and the process is generally quick. In many cases the Emergency Travel Document can be issued within a couple of days, depending on your circumstances.

When your document is ready you will be asked to return and collect it. Always double-check the details before leaving, including your name and travel dates. The document is normally only valid for the specific journey you applied for.

Once you return to the UK, you will need to apply for a brand new passport as soon as possible.

Losing your passport is never ideal, but it's far more common than you might think and there are clear steps to get you home safely. From my own experience in Marmaris, the process was surprisingly smooth and much less stressful than expected.

Just try not to leave it in a palm tree like I did.

For the latest guidance always check the official UK government website at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).

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When the Marmaris and Icmeler season winds down, I don't just stop travelling. One of the best parts of what I do is being able to explore different places around the world, try the food, experience the culture and then share it all with you. Every destination is different, but they all bring something new, and in November last year we headed over to the USA for another adventure.

The trip started in San Francisco, a place I hadn't planned on visiting originally but ended up absolutely loving. It had everything. Big city feel, iconic landmarks and loads to do. We visited Alcatraz, walked Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf, crossed the Golden Gate Bridge and even took a ride in one of the driverless taxis, which felt like stepping into the future. One of the highlights was attending a San Francisco 49ers game. I still don't fully understand American football, but the atmosphere was incredible, easily one of the best sporting experiences I've ever had.



From there we headed to Las Vegas, which has always been one of my favourite places in the world. Vegas is more than just casinos. The lights, the energy, the hotels and the atmosphere are unlike anywhere else. This trip was emotional as well, as I scattered my dad's ashes at the Bellagio fountains and the famous Las Vegas sign, something that meant a lot to me and fulfilled his final wishes. It was tough, but also special knowing he would always be part of a place we both loved.



We also took in the High Roller wheel with the unlimited bar, visited Fremont Street, watched the Mad Apple show and explored the Strip. Vegas always delivers. There's always something happening, whether it's food, shows, gambling or just walking around taking it all in. It's loud, chaotic and brilliant all at the same time.

The final stop was Los Angeles. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't on our side and we had constant rain, which stopped us doing some of the things we planned like Santa Monica Pier and the beaches. We still explored Hollywood Boulevard, grabbed some great food and experienced the city, but it's definitely somewhere I'd like to return to with better weather.

One thing I always notice when travelling to the USA is just how big everything is. Bigger portions, bigger roads, bigger hotels and bigger experiences. It's similar to the UK in many ways but turned up to another level. From classic American diners to huge burgers and sporting events, there's always something memorable.

Travelling also gives me new ideas, whether that's food challenges, content, or places I think you'd enjoy visiting yourselves. I'll often travel outside the Turkey season, explore somewhere new and then bring those experiences back to share with you. Marmaris and Icmeler will always feel like home during the summer, but the world is a big place and I love seeing as much of it as possible.

You never know where I'll pop up next, but one thing's for sure, there will always be good food, a bit of chaos and plenty of stories to tell when I get back.



The British Eating League was created to bring structure, safety and proper competition to the world of food challenges. For years, eating challenges existed in pubs and restaurants across the UK, but there was no league table, no rankings and no real way of knowing who the best eaters actually were. It was fun, but there was no system behind it.

The idea started after years of running food challenges at The George Pub & Grill, where big eaters began travelling from across the UK to take part. What began as individual challenges quickly turned into organised head to head contests, crowds, prize money and proper competition. From there, the British Eating League was born and competitive eating in the UK started to become something much bigger.

Back in 2020, the British Eating League even went international when we ran food eating contests at Geo Sisters on the beachfront in Marmaris. These were streamed live online to BEL followers, with holidaymakers taking part and viewers watching from back home in the UK. It showed early on how competitive eating could work anywhere and how much people enjoyed getting involved, even while on holiday.



Today, the British Eating League operates like a real sport. Competitors earn points across the season and are ranked in an official league table. Points are awarded for live BEL events, online contests and BEL certified restaurant challenges. This means eaters can climb the table in multiple ways, not just one event. It creates a proper season long battle where consistency matters just as much as big wins.

Live BEL events carry the highest points value, with eaters competing head to head in front of crowds. These contests are fast paced and competitive, testing speed, capacity and strategy. Online contests allow competitors from anywhere to take part, submitting their attempts under the same rules and time limits. Certified restaurant challenges also award points, meaning competitors can build their ranking outside of main events by taking on official challenges.

This format has created a strong and competitive league featuring some of the best eaters in the UK and beyond. Names like Max vs Food, JJ Da Lion, Webby Can Eat from Australia, Stef2Hungry, Reece vs Food, Wayward Feaster, Nate vs Food, Olly Feasts and Franco's Feasts are all battling for points throughout the season. New eaters are also constantly joining, making the table tight and competitive from top to bottom.

International eaters also travel over to compete, helping grow the sport globally. The British Eating League has welcomed competitors from Australia and across Europe, with more planned in future seasons. This raises the level, creates exciting matchups and gives UK eaters the chance to test themselves against some of the best in the world.



Safety is a huge part of the British Eating League. Events are controlled, refereed and structured with clear rules.

Competitive eating is treated as a sport, not reckless eating. Preparation, hydration and proper officiating all play a role. If an eater shows signs of distress, contests are stopped immediately. The aim is to grow competitive eating professionally and responsibly.

You don't need to be a competitive eater to enjoy it. Thousands of fans follow the league online, watching contests, checking the table and supporting their favourite eaters.

Events are entertaining, unpredictable and something completely different from traditional sport. Every contest can change the standings and every point matters.

While British Eating League contests take place mainly in the UK, you can still try your own food challenge while on holiday. If you're visiting Marmaris, check out Sweet Corner restaurant, known for big portions and breakfast challenges. In Icmeler, Tipsi Burger Bar serves stacked burgers and large meals perfect for testing your appetite. Both are great places to test yourself or challenge a mate.



If you enjoy big food, competition or just watching something different, follow the British Eating League online and get involved. You can watch events, follow your favourite eaters, check the league table and even take part in online contests. New competitors are always welcome and you never know, you could end up climbing the rankings yourself.

If you're interested in competitive eating, you can also check out my book *Competitive Eating: The Ultimate Guide*. It explains how competitive eating works, strategies used by top eaters, how the British Eating League started and what it takes to compete. Signed copies of the book are also available at Best Bargain Buys in Icmeler, so if you're visiting the area you can pick one up while on holiday.



# USEFUL CONTACTS & INFO

Please check your travel insurance to ensure it covers excursions and water sports before booking with a trusted operator. Don't forget to update your travel insurance to include any recent illnesses or hospital visits for complete peace of mind during your trip. Stay safe and enjoy your time in Marmaris!

Before travelling, always check that your travel insurance covers excursions, water sports, and any activities you plan to do during your stay. Policies can vary, so it's important to ensure you're fully covered before booking trips or adventures.

Travel advice can change quickly, so it's also recommended that visitors check the latest updates on the UK Government travel advice website before travelling, particularly during periods of global tension or conflict.

Marmaris and Icmeler remain some of the safest and most welcoming holiday destinations in Turkey, with a long history of welcoming millions of tourists each year.

## Passport & Travel Documents

- Make sure your passport is less than 10 years old on the day you enter Turkey.
- Your passport must also have at least 150 days (around 5 months) validity remaining from the date you arrive.
- You should carry some form of photo ID at all times in Turkey. A passport, photocopy of your passport, or residence permit is usually acceptable.

### If your passport is lost or stolen:

1. Report it to the local police station.
2. Contact the British Embassy or Consulate for assistance with replacement travel documents.

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Covers medical assistance, accidents, and fires. Simply explain your situation to the operator for help.

**British Embassy:**  
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Ensure your insurance covers activities such as boat trips, diving, paragliding, jet skiing or other water sports.

## Currency

The local currency is the Turkish Lira, although many places also accept pounds and euros. Exchange offices and travel cards usually provide the best rates.

## Shopping & Markets

Haggling in bazaars and markets is common and part of the culture. Be friendly, compare prices and don't feel pressured to buy.

## Excursions

Book trips with reputable operators and always check what is included before paying.

## Safety in Marmaris

Despite global headlines, Marmaris continues to be a safe, peaceful and thriving resort destination. It is located hundreds of miles from any areas of unrest and remains one of Turkey's most popular holiday locations.

Millions of tourists visit every year to enjoy the beaches, marina, nightlife and beautiful surrounding coastline.

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