



# Singing Holiday

with Faith Watson



MERIDIAN TRAVELS & YACHTING

## Turkish Gulet Cruise

27 June—4 July 2020





Travelling by gulet allows us to drop anchor in small bays where we can relax, sing, swim and snorkel in the turquoise waters of the Aegean and Mediterranean Seas. We'll sing amongst ruins that reflect Turkey's long history from Lycian tombs to Roman amphitheatres to Byzantine water cisterns to relics from the Turkish Ottoman period.

### Overview Marmaris to Fethiye \*

Our flexible itinerary will allow for at least one singing session each day, often more; cruising from one beautiful bay to another.

#### DAY 1 D

Arrive in Marmaris. Join the gulet and settle into your cabin. Your meals are cooked by an onboard chef who prepares food using the best local ingredients. The Turkish kitchen is very diverse and the meals listed here are described to give you an idea of the variety of foods prepared for you.

#### DAY 2 B, L, D

After having your Turkish breakfast onboard we take a short cruise across the Bay of Marmaris so you can have your first swim and singing session of the holiday. After lunch of fresh green beans in tomato sauce served with pilau rice and a green salad we will cruise for 2—3 hours to our bay for the night.

#### DAY 3 B, L, D

We take a riverboat to the village of Candir where you can sing amongst Nomadic artefacts in the garden of a local family of Nomadic heritage; cruise past ancient Lycian tombs and wallow in the mudbaths!



### WHAT'S INCLUDED

FULL BOARD Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner.

ACCOMMODATION 7 nights onboard a luxury gulet

SINGING daily singing sessions led by Faith Watson

RIVERBOAT CRUISE boat with Captain, lunch, entrance fees

TRANSFERS one return group transfer. Times to be advised.

DRINKING WATER is provided for singing. Please bring your own refillable water bottle.

**B**—Breakfast **L**—Lunch **D**—Dinner

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

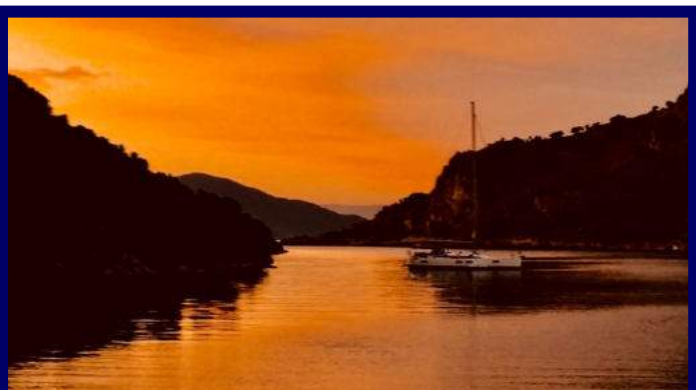
FLIGHTS Book your own flights to/from Dalaman airport

DRINKS There is a reasonably priced bar onboard which stocks soft and alcoholic drinks. Please do not bring your own.

TIPS for the crew. Optional, recommend £35 per passenger

TRAVEL INSURANCE recommended

VISA for travel to Turkey







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### DAY 4

**B, L, D**

An early cruise sees us moor in a turquoise bay surrounded by pine forest where you can sing amongst the ruins of Cleopatra's Bath. Delicious lunch of Green Peppers stuffed with rice and tomatoes, Courgette and Aubergine Meze with green salad

### DAY 5

**B, L, D**

Overlooked by Lycian tombs, sing in the atmospheric bay of Bedri Rami. Kayak around this bay and see if you can find the nesting area of the kingfishers. Flavourful dinner of Dalyan Kofte, Cauliflower with garlic yoghurt, Broad Bean Salad

### DAY 6

**B, L, D**

Plenty of opportunity to swim, snorkel or go out in the kayak. We'll take shorter cruises from one bay to another where you'll sing amongst nature. Healthy lunch of Chickpeas in tomato sauce and bulgur.

### DAY 7

**B, L, D**

A day of relaxation singing, swimming and chilling. Dinner in port with the chance to go for a Turkish Bath or some night life.

### DAY 8

**B, L, D**

Say your goodbyes to the crew after breakfast.

### NOTE:

\*This itinerary is flexible and open to change.

\*\* Tour could operate in reverse.



### FOOD

We have a very good reputation for our food which is cooked using fresh, locally grown vegetables; our olives, honey and olive oil plus all our fish and meat are locally sourced from organic smallholders.

Vegetarian, gluten free and dairy free are available but please let us know beforehand to help us with our provisioning. We may not be able to provide your food choices if you tell us on arrival.



### Faith Watson

Faith has enjoyed singing unaccompanied harmony ever since she and her sister sang to keep their spirits up during washing up duties as children. Since 2005 she has been a member of the soulful, jazzy quartet: *The Lovenotes* and for the last thirty years, Faith has run workshops through *Singing for Larks*; she also offers training and mentoring to other singing workshop leaders

Faith always brings a wonderful variety of songs to her workshops, including some of her own original songs and arrangements, and she is particularly known for her love of crunchy jazz harmonies. She has a skill for giving some singers the opportunity to stretch themselves with complex harmonies and rhythms whilst always remaining accessible to newcomers. At the heart of all Faith's work there remains a belief that everyone, no matter what their level of skill, confidence or experience, can enjoy the thrill of singing in harmony.



### **Singing**

Faith will lead singing sessions every day.

For more information about the singing please contact Faith directly by emailing [faith@singingforlarks.co.uk](mailto:faith@singingforlarks.co.uk)

### **Accommodation**

We'll spend 7 nights onboard our wooden handcrafted gulet, East Meets West. As is typical on a gulet, cabins and bathrooms are smaller than you'd find in a hotel but larger than on a sailing yacht. There is a small wardrobe, underbed storage for luggage and a power point. All cabins have their own ensuite bathroom with hairdryer, hand basin, shower cubicle and flush toilet.

The bar, galley and salon are all located in the wheelhouse with plenty of sunbeds on the fore and aft decks for sunbathing, reading and relaxing or maybe you'll sleep here under the stars.

### **Terms & Conditions**

- ∞ Booking Form and Deposit—a booking deposit of £200 is due at the time of making your booking.
- ∞ An interim payment of £200 will be due 1 March 2020.
- ∞ The final balance will be due 15 May 2020
- ∞ All payments are non-refundable. The gulet has been chartered for your private trip, so if you cancel you are still liable to pay unless your place can be filled.
- ∞ If the trip is cancelled for any reason by Meridian Travels & Yachting any monies paid will be returned to you.
- ∞ Passports & Visas. You must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from the tour end date. A visa is required to visit Turkey, it easy to apply for online from the official government site <https://evisa.gov.tr>
- ∞ Travel insurance is highly recommended

\*Photos taken from a variety of trips. For illustration only.



### **TO BOOK**

Bookings will be handled by Anne at Meridian Travels & Yachting. Anne and her husband Adil are co-owners of the gulet and will join us on the cruise. Please email [anne@meridiantravels.com](mailto:anne@meridiantravels.com)

**Price:** £775 pp (based on 2 sharing a cabin)

Discounted to £725 pp for bookings before **30 Sept 2019**.

Single supplement applies. Very limited availability of single cabins.

**For any information about the trip please email**

