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### 1. Geographical location

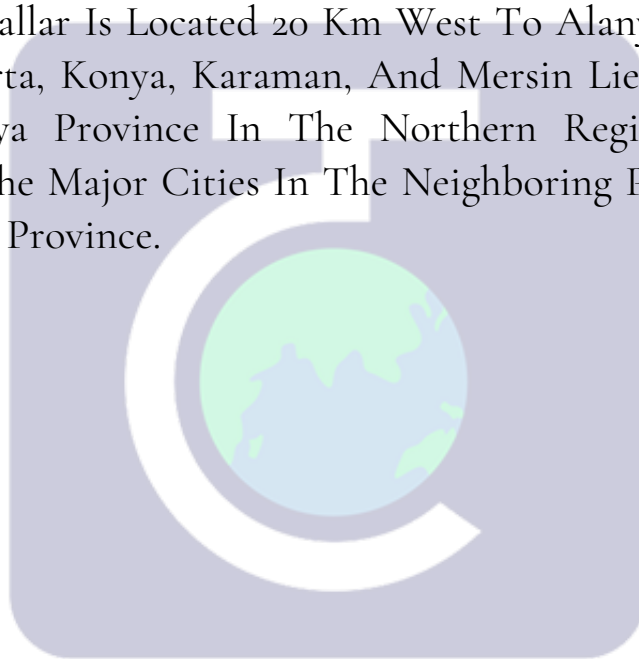
Alanya is in the south coast of Anatolian Turkey on the Gulf of Antalya and covers an area of 1,598.51 square kilometers at an elevation of 250 m. The Taurus Mountains borders the town on the north and the Mediterranean Sea on the south. It is part of the Turkish Riviera with a coastline of approximately 70 kilometers. The Dim River passes through the eastern part of the city. The land between the mountain and the sea is the forest with trees like Lebanon cedar, figs, pines and evergreen scrubs. The area is situated in subtropical high-pressure zone resulting in extended and hot summers.



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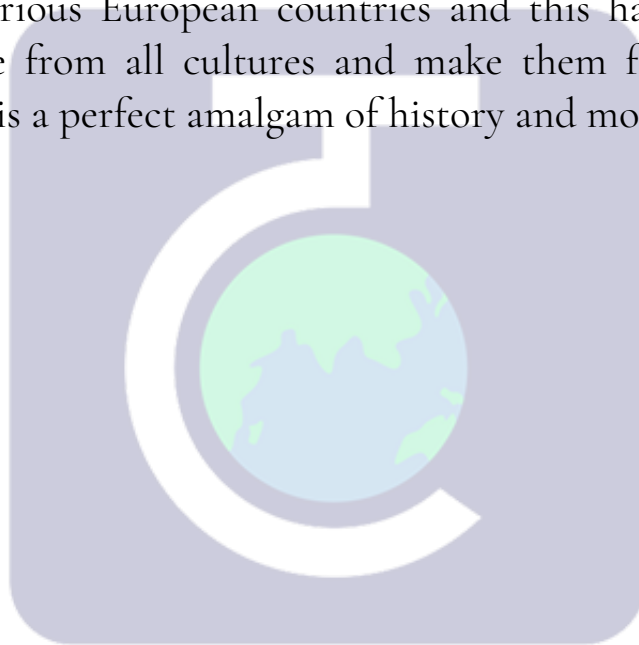
### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The City Of Antalya, The Capital Of The Antalya Province Lies 138 Kilometers West To Alanya. Towns Of The Antalys Province Including Gazipasa, Manavgat, And Gündoğmuş Border The City. The Towns Of Hadim And Taskent In The Konya Province And Sarıveliler In The Karaman Province Are The Nearest Towns To Alanya. The Ancient Cities Of Side And Selge Are Also Nearby. The Municipality Of Avsallar Is Located 20 Km West To Alanya. The Provinces Of Mugla, Burdur, Isparta, Konya, Karaman, And Mersin Lie From West To East Around The Antalya Province In The Northern Region. Alanya Is Well Connected To All The Major Cities In The Neighboring Provinces As Well As To Cities In Its Own Province.



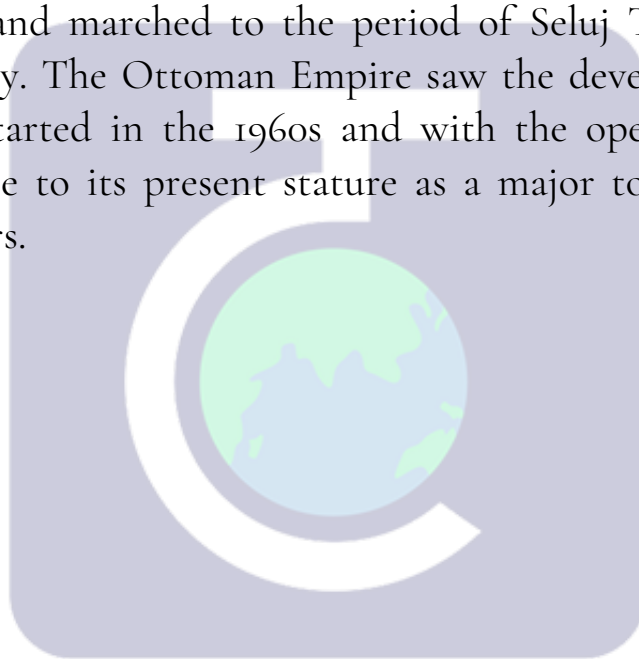
### 3. Significance

Alanya plays a crucial role in the tourism sector in Turkey. Being a port town in the southern coast with attractive tourist facilities, it is a favorite destination of foreign travelers. Besides the historical significance, Alanya is a land of stunning beaches and captivating mountain regions with lush greenery. It has a very urban culture which has been the result of years of exposure to international visitors and settlers from various European countries and this has helped the city to accommodate people from all cultures and make them feel comfortable in a foreign land. Alanya is a perfect amalgam of history and modernity.



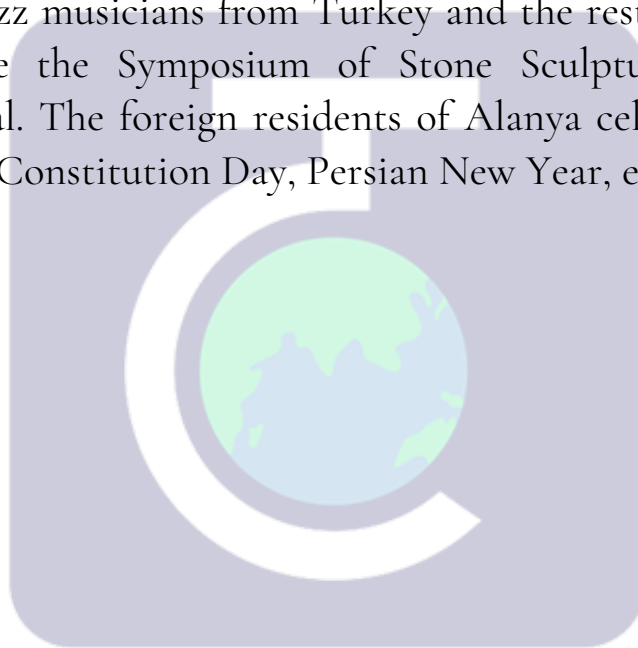
## 4. History

Archaeological findings point to human settlements in Alanya as old as 20,000 BC. The early empires were the Hittites and the Achaemenid, followed by Alexander the Great and Ptolemy I Soter. Around this period the Mediterranean pirates took control of the port. The reign of pirates ended under Pompey's rule. Christianity and Islam arrived in the 4th and 7th centuries, respectively. From Byzantine era, the land marched to the period of Seluj Turks which was the golden age of the city. The Ottoman Empire saw the development of the port. Tourism activities started in the 1960s and with the opening of the Antalya Airport, the city rose to its present stature as a major tourist destination for international travelers.



## 5. Cultural identity

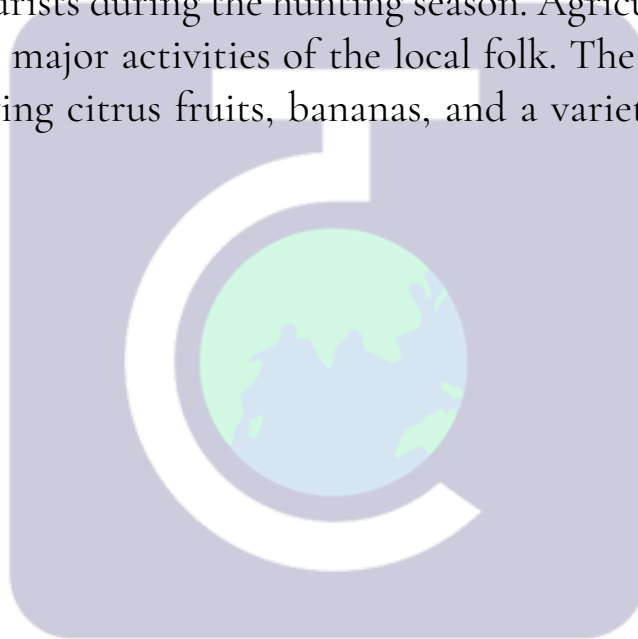
Much like the rest of Turkey, Alanya has a rich and varied cultural life, catering mainly to the tourists. Several seasonal and annual festivals are conducted throughout the year. The tourism season is ushered in by the Tourism and Arts Festival in end of May or early June. The Turkish festival of Alanya International Culture and Art Festival is held in the last week of May. Alanya Jazz Days is an annual festival for jazz musicians from Turkey and the rest of the world. Other notable festivals are the Symposium of Stone Sculpture and the Alanya Documentary Festival. The foreign residents of Alanya celebrate their national days like Norwegian Constitution Day, Persian New Year, etc.



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### 6. Natural resources

Nature has blessed Alanya abundantly with sea, forest, mountain, and fertile land. The crystal clear waters and sandy beaches have been the main source of income for this beautiful resort town. Its tourism industry relies majorly on the coastal side of the Alanya district. The sea also provides living to many fishing families living here. The forest area is suitable for hunting partridge, pig and wild goat and attracts many tourists during the hunting season. Agriculture, especially fruit farming is one of the major activities of the local folk. The land and the climate are suitable for growing citrus fruits, bananas, and a variety of other fruits and crops.





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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. Dim Cave

Dim Cave is the second largest cave in Turkey, located on the slopes of Cebel-i Reis Mountain. Formed naturally due to the continuous flow of water for many years, Dim Cave is an ideal place to rejuvenate and spend time with your family. The cave is equipped with a lift for the disabled, but the inner stairs make it difficult to travel within the cave using a wheelchair. Near the cave, lies a beautiful fruit garden where you can taste some delicious fruits and a restaurant that allows you to dine on water.

Address : Kestel Kasabası, 07450 Yaylalı/Alanya/Antalya, Turkey

Zipcode : 07450

Location : 36.53998199999999, 32.10903299999999

Contact : +90 242 518 22 75

Website : <http://www.dimcave.com.tr/>

Nearest Public Transport : Mahmutlar Bus station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adult – 10 TRY Child – 4 TRY

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

##### 7.1.2. Alanya Kalesi (castle)

This is an archaic castle that was used for defence purposes in the prehistoric period. Several buildings were built inside the walls of this castle, which now serves as an open-air museum. Though the access to the Seaward Castle requires a ticket, the area inside the walls, including the Landward Castle is open to the public.

Address : Hisariçi Mh., Alanya/Antalya 07400, Turkey

Zipcode : 07400

Location : 36.5332243, 31.99042919999999

Contact : +90 242 511 3304

Website : <http://www.muze.gov.tr/alanyakalesi>

Nearest Public Transport : Alanya bus station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : 10 TRY per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Kizilkule (Red Tower)

Standing on the coast of the Alanya Limani, KizilKule also known as 'The Red Tower' is an ancient building which now houses an ethnography museum and is considered to be the highlight of Alanya. Built close to the 12th century by a Syrian architect to protect the shipyard, the tower derived its name from its upper portion that was made of fired red bricks. This octagonal tower is one of the major tourist attractions in the city.

Address : Çarşı Mahallesi, İskele Cd. No:102, 07400 Alanya/Antalya, Turkey

Zipcode : 07400

Location : 36.5364007, 31.9983029999999964

Contact : +90 242 513 2125

Nearest Public Transport : Alanya bus station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : 3 TRY-15 TRY

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.4. Damlatas Caves

Situated 3 kilometers from Alanya on the coast of Mediterranean Sea, the caves are stalagmites and stalactites that were formed across a span of 15,000 years. The stunning rock formations inside the cave are a spectacle of their own.

Address : Sultan Alaaddin Cad. No 7 | Alanya Merkez, Alanya 07400, Turkey

Location : 36.5418497, 31.988668500000017

Contact : +90 242 513 0508

Nearest Public Transport : Alanya bus station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: 6 TRY Kids: Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.5. Alanya Arkeoloji Müzesi

Built in 1934 on the recommendation of a French archaeologist and antiquities inspector, this small museum houses attractive collections of carefully preserved Seljuk and Roman artefacts. Located in the heart of Alanya, this archaeological museum has everything to pique the historic side of you. Browse through the extracts and archaeological items to soak in the history of the city.

Address : Saray Mahallesi, İsmet Hilmi Balcı Cd. 2 A, 07400 Alanya/Antalya, Turkey

Zipcode : 07400

Location : 36.544015, 31.988650000000007

Contact : +90 242 513 1228

Website : <http://www.muze.gov.tr/tr/muzeler/alanya-arkeoloji-muzesi>

Nearest Public Transport : Alanya bus station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : 3 TRY per person

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 08:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Alara Castle

Standing at the pinnacle of a rock, Alara Castle overlooks the Alara River and the Alarahan Caravansary. Locally known as the Alara Kalesi, this historical castle features a palace, citadel, mosque and accommodation facilities that were used by the militants. The castle reveals a significant part of the Turkish history, making it a very interesting place to visit.

Address : Çakallar Mahallesi, 07400 Alanya/Antalya, Turkey

Zipcode : 07400

Location : 36.6979091, 31.7286437999999

Nearest Public Transport : Alanya bus station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. Kleopatra Plaji

Located in a breezy environment, Kleopatra Beach lies only a stone's throw away from the city center. Offering a spellbinding view, the beach features a pool bar with a variety of cocktails to choose from. You can spend some time rejuvenating or playing beach sports with the locals.

Address : Kızlar Pınarı Mahallesi, Atatürk Cd. No:200, 07460 Alanya/Antalya, Turkey

Zipcode : 07460

Location : 36.5533266, 31.972836700000016

Contact : 07886785114

Nearest Public Transport : Alanya bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.3. Alanya Shipyard

Located near the KizilKule, Alanya Shipyard is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Alanya. The shipyard comprises of an old model of a boat and

other materials that were used to construct boats. Inside the shipyard is a unique watch tower which makes it a fascinating place to visit in the city.

Address : Alanya Tersane, Alanya 07400, Turkey

Zipcode : 07400

Location : 36.53540299999999, 31.99774400000001

Contact : +905532777460

Nearest Public Transport : Tosmur Municipality Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.4. Ataturk House Museum

As the name suggests, this 2-storey museum was initially a house that hosted the founder of the Turkish Republic, Ataturk, in 1935 when he visited Alanya. The first level of the museum exhibits historical documents written by Ataturk and the second level houses exhibits that throw light on the culture and tradition of the natives of Alanya.

Address : Şekerhane, Anzaklar Sok., 07400 Alanya/Antalya, Turkey

Zipcode : 07400

Location : 36.5490867, 31.99972989999999

Contact : +90 242 513 32 54

Nearest Public Transport : Alanya Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.5. Megamall Avm

Megamall Avm is one of the most frequented places for shopping and entertainment in Alanya. Head here in your free time and fill your bags with some souvenirs to take home.

Address : Konaklı Mah. No: 23/13, 100. Sk., 07490 Antalya, Turkey

Zipcode : 07490

Location : 36.58906320000001, 31.867745900000045

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Alanyum

Zipcode : 0

Location : 36.5435962, 32.0320504999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. R&G Mall

Zipcode : 0

Location : 36.532016, 32.045972

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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### 8. Key sites sports & adventure

Varieties of water sports are arranged in Alanya for the international tourists. The main activities include scuba diving, boating, parasailing, fishing, snorkeling, etc.

- **Scuba Dive -**

Address : Güller Pınarı, İskele Cd (Rıhtım Cd.), 07460 Alanya/Antalya, Turkey

Location : 36.541429,32.002023

Contact No : +90 534 504 4327

Website : <http://www.magicdive.com/en/index.htm>

Entry Fees : Adults/Children - 163 TRY

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-24:00hrs

Time Required : 5

- **Paragliding -**

Address : Kadıpaşa, Atatürk Blv., 07400 Alanya/Antalya, Turkey

Location : 36.544102,31.996212

Contact No : +90 242 511 82 22

Website : <http://www.paragliding.com/>

Entry Fees : Tandem Flight 244 TRY

Time Required : 1.5

- **Hiking at Sapadere Canyon -**

Address : Demirtas Kasabasi Sapadere Koyu | Sapadere, Alanya 07400, Turkey

Location : 36.5279749,32.3129604

Contact No : +90 555 275 6953  
Time Required : 2





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### 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

The location of Alanya on the sea side has made it a favorite venue for many water based sporting events. The city hosts the Turkish Open beach volleyball championship every May. The national beach handball tournament is held here annually. Alanya used to be the finishing point of the Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey that lasted for 7 days. Now the city is the starting site of the event.

- **Alanya Stadyum:**

Address : 07400 no., 7. Sk., 07460 Cikcilli / Alanya / Antalya, Turkey

Location : 36.562162,32.077994999999999

Contact No : +90 242 522 4345

Website : <http://www.alanyaspor.org.tr/tesislerimiz>



## 10. Spas and relaxation

- **Akropol Resort & Spa:**

Address : Sigorta Cd. No: 37, 07450 Kestel Alanya/Antalya, Turkey

Location : 36.5248333999999,32.0604604999999

Contact No : +90 242 518 1230

- **Saphir Resort & Spa Hotel:**

Address : Belediyesi, Okurcalar, 07415 Alanya/Antalya, Turkey

Location : 36.651791,31.6714010000000

Contact No : +90 242 527 5454

Website : <http://www.saphirhotels.com.tr/>

- **Quattro Beach Spa & Resort:**

Address : Konaklı mah., Sahil sok. No:4, 07490 Alanya/Antalya, Turkey

Location : 36.5795919,31.8863449000000

Contact No : +90 242 565 1818

Website : <http://www.quattrohotel.com/>

## 11. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

**Rice pudding on saterdays @  
norwegain church, in Cikcilli  
(Saturdays)**

**As you enjoy rice pudding, you  
get a chance to meet  
Scandinavian people and take a  
cup of coffee with the priest.  
Alanya- Kemer Cycling Tour @  
Alanya Harbour ((27-28th)**

**The tour begins in Alanya  
Harbour and ends in Kemer and  
all people are invited to  
participate including tourists.  
Alanya International Culture and  
Art Festival @ Oral Sokak (last  
Saturday and Sunday of the  
month)**

**Enjoy the best of the culture of  
the city at this festival.This  
festival represents the artistic  
and cultural aspect of the city.  
Portakal Festival @  
neighborhood of Oba (24t-30th)**

**Music concerts, foods, drinks,  
fireworks local crafts are the  
main features of the event.**

**Traditional Oil Wrestling Festival  
@ Gökbel Yaylası at the top of  
Taurus Mountain (30-31st)**

**Over 400 wrestlers compete  
while doused with olive oil which  
makes their bodies very slippery.  
13th International Alanya Jazz  
Days @ Red Tower in Alanya  
(21st)**

**This traditional jazz festival runs  
for 13 days and will be attended  
by hundreds of artist from turkey  
and around the globe.**

**Wine Tourism and Culture  
Festival - Altınbesik 29. ?bra @  
The cave, Atatürk Caddesi,  
Alanya (5th)**

**A three day handicrafts  
exhibitions together with music  
concerts, Rahvan Horse racing  
and various events.**

**International Alanya  
Mountainbike Competition @  
Castle in Alanya (second Sunday  
of October)**

**Attended by many locals and  
tourists, this event involves  
racing along a 7km long trail.  
Alanya stone sculpture  
symposium @ harbor behind**

## **Belediye (10th- 30th)**

**This annual event features guests from UK, Russia, Serbia and any other interested locals/tourists.**

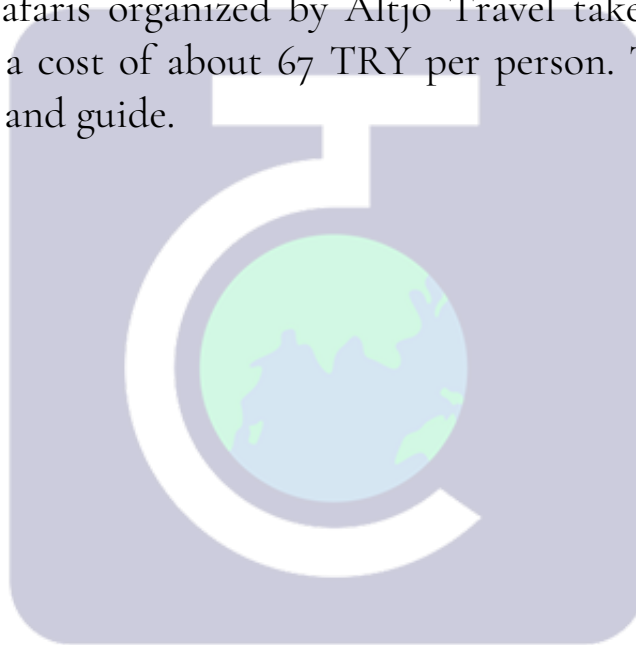
**Salsa Night @ En Vie Beach  
(every wenesday)**



**This event is open to everyone with great salsa songs being played along reggaeton and bachata.**

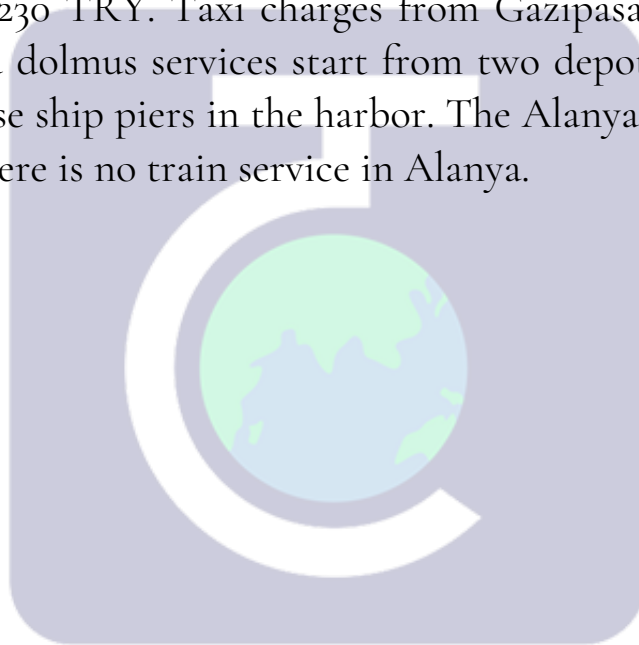
## 12. Key local guides and tours

Alanya offers a variety of adventure activities like water sports, jeep safaris, etc. There are numerous travel and tour companies that arrange private as well as group tours for the visitors. The prices can vary as per the duration, location, and nature of tour. Alanya city tour offered by Tour Alanya lasts about 3 hours and the approximate rate is 43 TRY per adult and 20 TRY per child including transfer and guidance. Jeep safaris organized by Altjo Travel take the travelers to the Taurus Mountain at a cost of about 67 TRY per person. The package includes lunch, hotel transfer, and guide.



**Index****13. Transportation hubs**

Alanya can be reached through two airports in the province. The Antalya Airport is the international airport at a distance of 121 km (30 minutes). The Gazipaşa-Alanya Airport caters mostly to domestic flights and is 14.5 km away from Alanya which takes around 8 minutes. Tourists can reach Alanya from the airports by bus or airport transfer services. Taxis from Antalya Airport to Alanya cost around 190 TRY to 230 TRY. Taxi charges from Gazipasa airport is about 120 TRY. Public bus and dolmus services start from two depots is Alanya to major roads. There are cruise ship piers in the harbor. The Alanya Marina has space for 437 ships to dock. There is no train service in Alanya.



## 14. Transportation cost

Transportation within Alanya is mainly by taxis, dolmus, or by foot. There are traffic free areas as well in the old town area. Taxi rates start at 3.25 TRY and 3.00 TRY for each additional kilometer. Public bus cost around 2 TRY for a one-way trip. You can purchase a monthly pass for 200 TRY. If pre-paid cards are used for transport, the rates are again slashed. Students and senior citizens have discounted rates in city buses. Private buses provide service from Alanya to the surrounding districts and villages and the ticket rates are in the range of 2.5 TRY to 3.00 TRY per person. Transport is free for local journalists, post carriers, and disabled persons.





## 15. Baggage allowance

Airport transfer vehicles usually do not charge any extra fare for luggage if it conforms to the weight and size limitations. Generally, they carry one piece of baggage up to 20 kilos and one piece of hand baggage up to 5 kilos free of cost. If the luggage exceeds this limit, excess baggage rate is charged. Travelling in buses with luggage is easier as these have sufficient luggage space in their stowage area and overhead racks. However, while travelling in dolmus, it is advised to stick to minimum luggage as these are mini buses carrying a maximum of 15 people with very little space for luggage.



## 16. Restaurant & Nightlife

The restaurants are spread throughout Alanya. However, you will find most of them at Street No. 13, 22 and 28.

### Food -

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- **Ravza Restaurant:**

Address : Ziraat Bankası Karşısı Yeni Çarşı Mah. Zambak Sk.  
Alanya/antalya, 07400, Turkey

Location : 36.54199,32.00040000000000

Contact No : +90 242 513 3983

Website : <http://www.ravza.com.tr/index.php>

- **Saray Mahallesi:**

Address : Damlatas Cad. No 44, Alanya 07400, Turkey

Location : 36.5431989,31.9935918999999

Contact No : +90 242 511 6054

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:30hrs–16:30hrs; 18:00hrs–22:30hrs

- **Alanya:**

Address : Damlatas Cad. No:13, 07460 Cikcilli/Alanya/Antalya, Turkey

Location : 36.5364159,32.0382154999999

Contact No : +90 242 511 14 21

- **Dinners Restaurant:**

Address : Cumhuriyet Mh. Yaşar Doğu Cd. Güngör Apt. No: 54 / B, Milli Egemenlik Stadyumu Arkası, 07400, Turkey

Location : 36.540286,32.03194800000000

Contact No : +90 242 514 4004

Website : <http://www.alanyadinner.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Mahperi Restaurant:**

Address : Çarşı, İzzet Azakoğlu Cd. No: 28, 07400 Alanya/Antalya, Turkey

Location : 36.540868,31.99983299999999

Contact No : +90 242 512 5491

Website : <http://www.mahperi.net/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Kale Panorama Restoran:**

Address : Tophane, Kale Cd., 07400 Alanya / Antalya, Turkey

Location : 36.534345,31.99550899999999

Contact No : +90 242 512 6282

Website : <http://alanyapanorama.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **?skele Sofras?:**

Address : Çarşı, Tophane Cd., 07400 Alanya / Antalya, Turkey

Location : 36.538164,31.99787200000000

Contact No : 905327824647

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Club Hollywood:**

Address : Bankalar Cad. No. 22, 07400 Alanya, Turkey

Location : 36.54251739999999,31.99784509999999

Contact No : +90 534 8186070

Open / Close Time : Daily 22:00hrs-03:00hrs

- **Club Summer Garden:**

Address : Merkez Konakli, Alanya 07560, Turkey

Location : 36.587349,31.86907900000000

Contact No : 902425650059

Website : [http://summergardenalanya.com/#\\_=\\_](http://summergardenalanya.com/#_=_)

Open / Close Time : Daily 23:00hrs-5:00hrs

- **Havana Club:**

Address : Hukümet Street, No: 13, Alanya 07400, Turkey

Location : 36.542336,32.00021100000000

Contact No : 90 535 792 76 30

Website : [http://www.clubhavanaalanya.com/#\\_=\\_](http://www.clubhavanaalanya.com/#_=_)

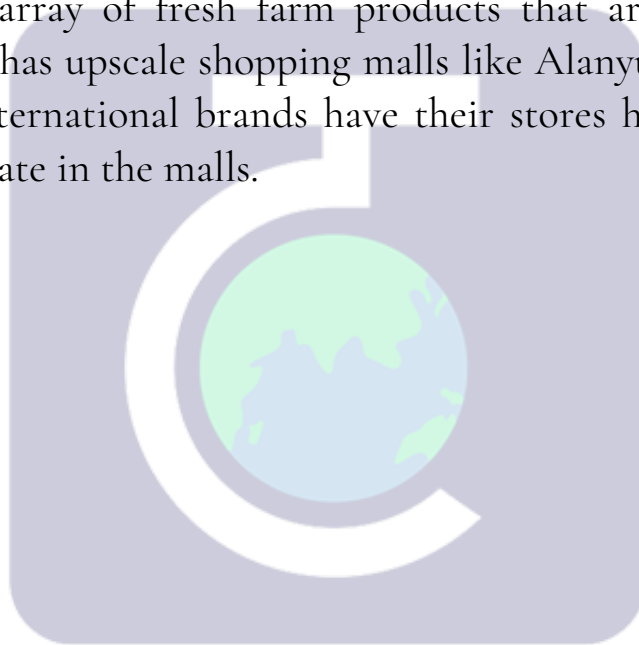
**Index****17. Average meal cost**

You can enjoy the meal at any of the inexpensive restaurants in just 13.90 TRY. A 2 people three-course meal can be bought at 60 TRY. Imported beer can be purchased at 10 TRY whereas you can have domestic beer at just 6 TRY. Coke or pepsi is available at 2.37 TRY and 0.53 TRY for a 0.33 liter of bottle.



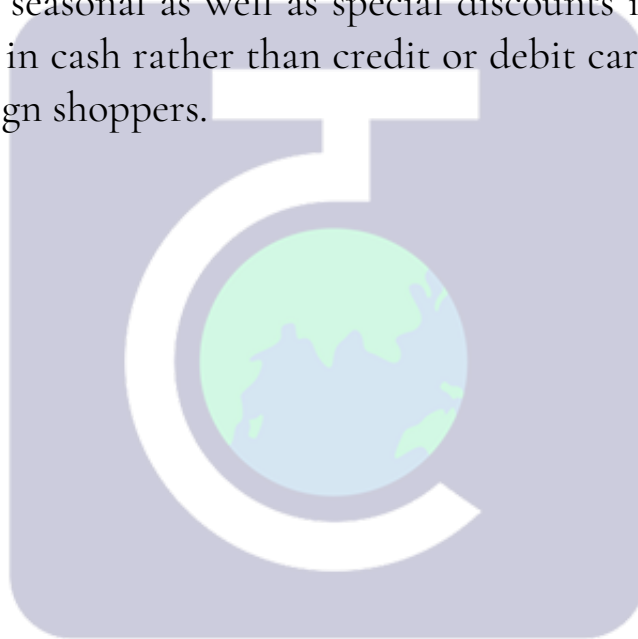
## 18. Shopping

Alanya is a haven for budget shopping. The same products are sold in numerous shops and for different prices making it easier to compare product quality and prices and choose the best. Bargaining is the best way to get goods for a really good price. There are many shops that sell fake brands and goods like clothing, sunglasses, watches, etc. Weekly Farmers' Markets are truly an amazing experience with an array of fresh farm products that are bought from local farmers. Alanya also has upscale shopping malls like Alanyum , R&G Mall , and Megamall AVM . International brands have their stores here and many global food chains also operate in the malls.



## **19. Tourist benefits**

Tourists in Alanya are offered several shopping benefits like VAT refunds and discounts. Stores that have the VAT refund facility usually display this information at the front. In order to claim the refund, the traveler has to submit the necessary documents from the store at the airport at the time of departure. The refund is available from 18% to 23%. Besides the VAT benefits, the shopper can also avail several seasonal as well as special discounts in shops in Alanya. If the payment is made in cash rather than credit or debit cards, shop owners offer discounts to the foreign shoppers.



## 20. Essential local apps

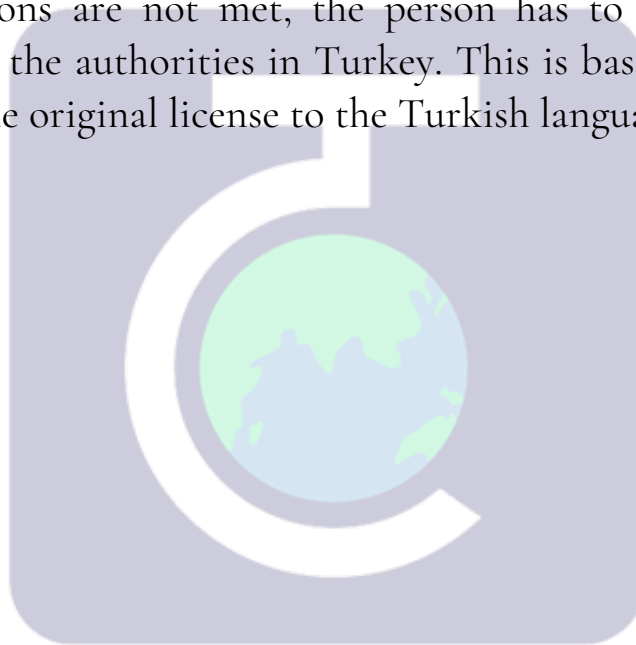
Several apps are available for travelers to explore Alanya and its varied sights. Alanya Travel Guide is a free travel app designed for iPhones and iPads. This is available in multiple languages and includes a variety of information about travelling in Alanya.





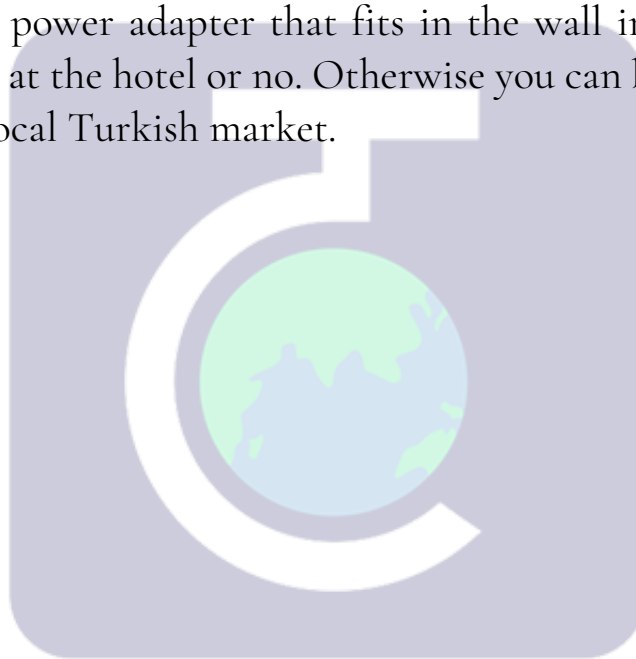
## 21. Driving

If the visitors plan to get around Alanya on rented cars or bikes or drive their own vehicles, they must have valid driving license. The National Driving license of the traveler should satisfy a few conditions to be accepted as an authorized permit. The license should be printed in Latin alphabet and it should have an identity photo. They do not require an International Driving License in such cases. If the conditions are not met, the person has to get an International Driving Permit from the authorities in Turkey. This is basically a translation of the information in the original license to the Turkish language.



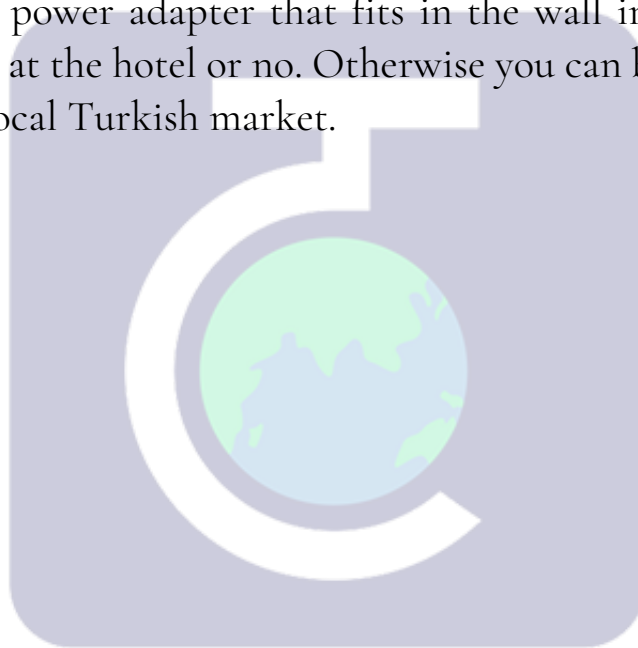
## 22. Travel essentials

Among all your travel essentials, check your electrical equipment and plugs that you are going to use in your hotel room. They need to be compatible with that used in Alanya. The resort town of Alanya uses round prong 2pin plug-in outlets running on a 200volage at 50hertz frequency. If your electronic devices like laptop/phone/camera chargers etc. are compatible with 110-120volt power points then carry your own power adapter that fits in the wall inlets, since you never know whether find it at the hotel or no. Otherwise you can buy portable adapters or USB cables from local Turkish market.



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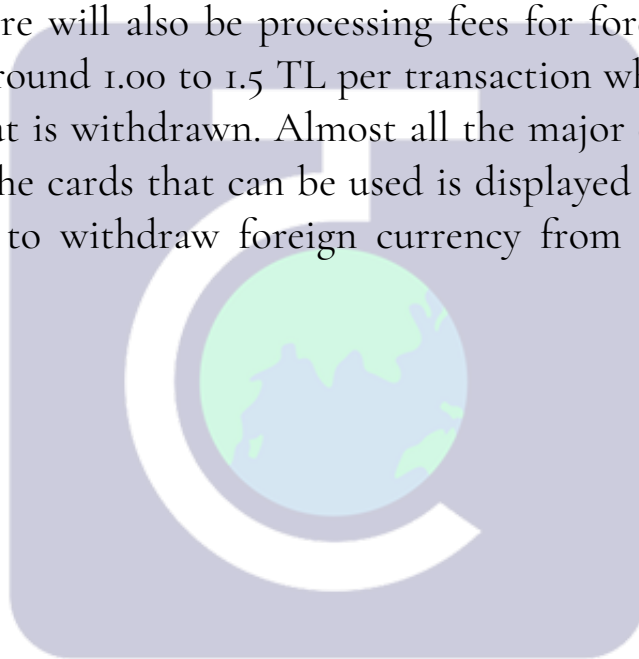
## 24. Local currency

Turkish Lira is the currency of Alanya. 1 US Dollar = 2.94 TRY



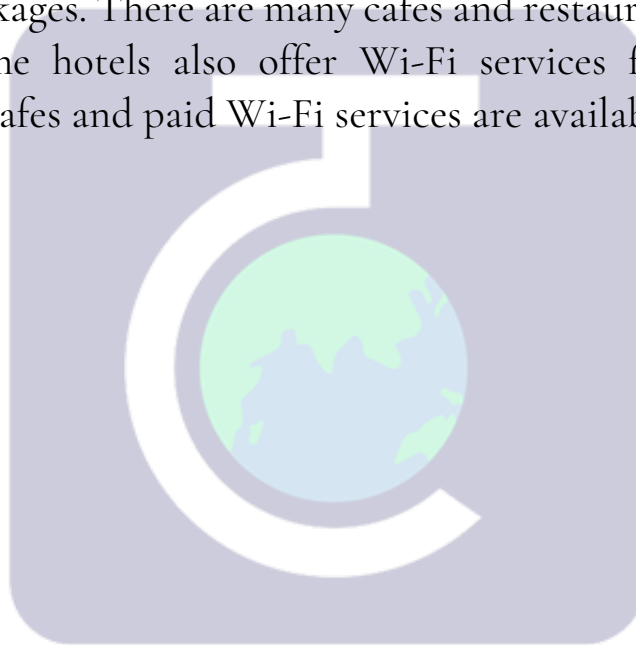
## 25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Money exchange counters are found in airports and city centers in Alanya. Major banks exchange foreign currency for Turkish liras. Currency exchange offices offer better rates than banks and sometimes do not charge more than 3% as commission. Offices in market areas are more beneficial than those in tourist areas or international airports. ATMs usually charge a small percentage for using the machine and there will also be processing fees for foreign cash cards. This could be anywhere around 1.00 to 1.5 TL per transaction which is approximately 1% of the amount that is withdrawn. Almost all the major cards are accepted in ATMs and a list of the cards that can be used is displayed with the logos at the ATM. It is cheaper to withdraw foreign currency from the ATMs and then exchange it to Liras.



## 26. Staying connected

Turkcell, Avea, and Vodafone are the three mobile service providers in Alanya. If you want to use your own phone in Alanya, it has to be registered first for a fee of about 5 TL. Then the local SIM cards can be used for calling. All the providers offer 2G and 3G services and 2G and 3G data. Turkcell card for 200 talk minutes and 2GB internet cost around 25 TL for use within 30 days. The other providers also offer similar packages. There are many cafes and restaurants that provide free Wi-Fi hotspots. Some hotels also offer Wi-Fi services free of cost to their customers. Internet cafes and paid Wi-Fi services are available all over Alanya.



## 27. Time Zone

The city of Alanya follows Eastern European Time Zone with UTC + 02:00 hours.



**Index****28. Languages**

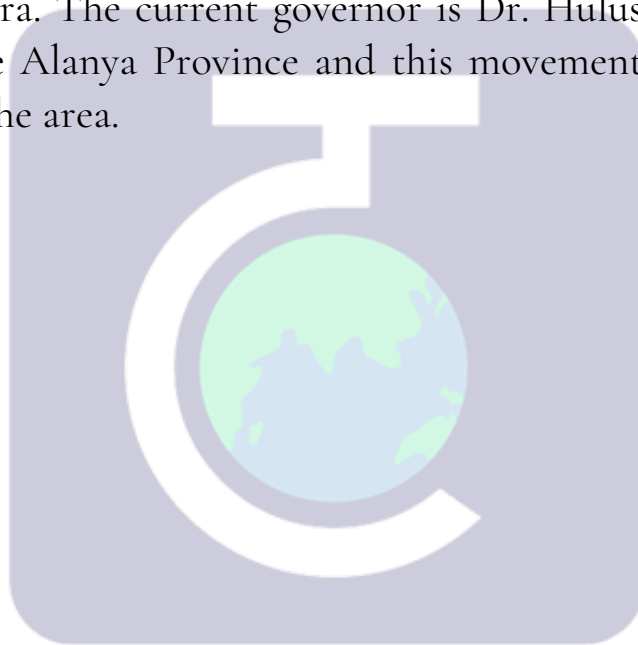
Turkish is the official language of the city. Most of the people are found speaking English.





## 29. Political Scenario

Local governance in Alanya is by the municipality council which has a mayor and 37 members. The Nationalist Movement Party has majority in the municipality council and the mayor Adem Murat Yücel is a leader of the party. The council is elected for a term of 5 years. The next elections will be in 2019. Alanya district has 17 municipalities. The governor for the district is appointed by the national government in Ankara. The current governor is Dr. Hulusi Doğan. There is an appeal for a separate Alanya Province and this movement is supported by the foreign residents in the area.



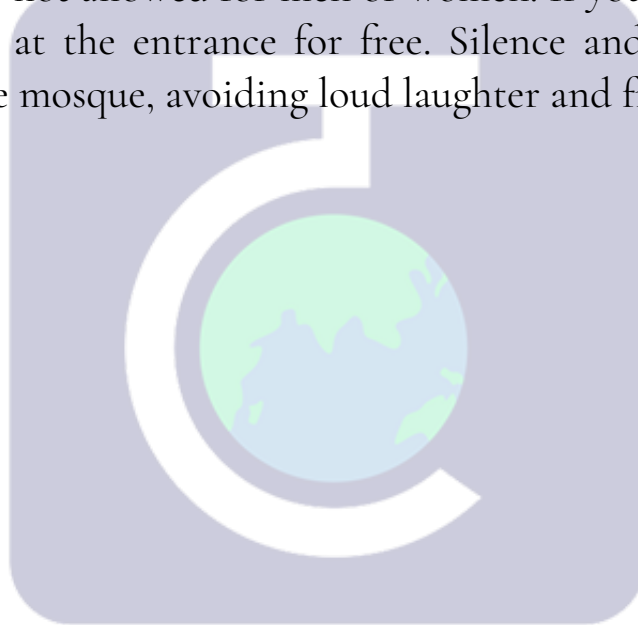
### 30. Economic Scenario

The main industry in Alanya is tourism with an income of 1.1 billion Euros per year. The second largest source of income for the district is fruits and vegetables. Alanya is famous for its citrus fruits like lemons and oranges and almost 16,840 hectares of farm land is used for growing these. Tomatoes, bananas, cucumbers, greengage plums, and avocados are also produced in large quantities. Though a sea side town, fishing is not a major industry here. With recent reforms in land regulations, the real estate industry has opened its doors to foreign nationals to buy and develop land in Alanya.



**Index****31. Religious belief**

Above 90% of Turkey's religious population is Muslim. The secular state welcomes visitors from all over the world and has no such religious restrictions for visiting the Muslim holy places, and mosques. However, there are some regulations while visiting the religious places that apply for all, like removing shoes at the entrance, women have to cover their head and shoulders and cover naked feet, shorts are not allowed for men or women. If you are not carrying any scarf, you can get it at the entrance for free. Silence and composure is to be maintained inside the mosque, avoiding loud laughter and frolic.



## **32. Visa requirements**

Tourist visas to Turkey are issued based on several criteria. Generally, two types of visas can be obtained to enter Turkey as a tourist. A single-entry visa is for one time use. It allows the visitor to enter the country only once. If he leaves the country and wants to get back again, he will have to obtain a fresh visa. With a multiple-entry visa, the visitor can enter and leave Turkey multiple times in a span of 3 months. Citizens of some countries are granted a visa-free single-entry and can stay up to 3 months. Visas are issued at the country border to travelers from specific countries. You can have more information at <http://www.antalya.org/help.php?cat=11>.



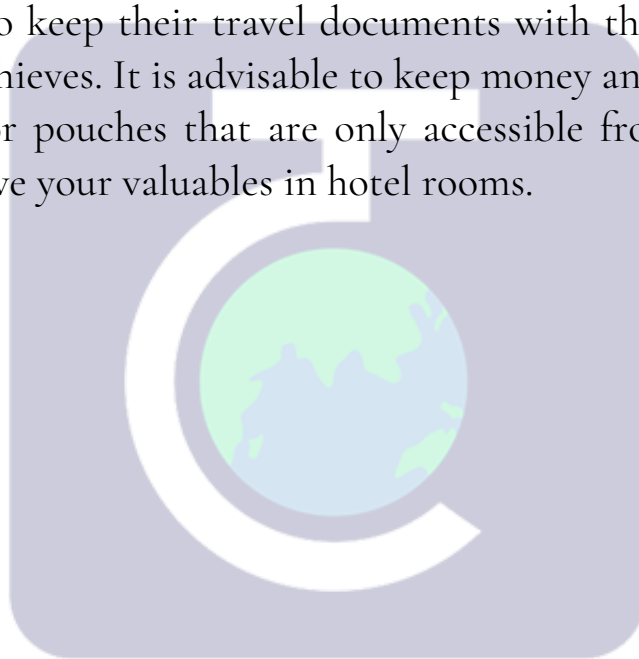
### 33. Essential vaccination

Tourists are advised to have a medical check-up before 4-8weeks of they leave for the vacation. Important vaccinations recommended for tourists include Hepatitis A and B, Typhoid, Rabies among other vaccinations.



### 34. Theft and Safety

Tourist destinations in Turkey are relatively safe places and the number of crimes is also very minimal. Alanya is no exception. However, petty crimes like thieving, stalking, scamming are frequent in tourist areas. Usually, the targets are solo tourists, especially women. Pick-pocketing is also present in crowded areas. If you keep your purse in the back pockets or in backpacks, they are prone to be stolen. Since tourists have to keep their travel documents with them all the time, they are also targeted by thieves. It is advisable to keep money and documents in front pockets or in bags or pouches that are only accessible from the front of your body. Also, never leave your valuables in hotel rooms.



**Index****35. Embassy/Consulate**

There are not many foreign embassies and consulates in the city. You can have more information at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/turkey>.



## 36. Accessibility

The entire town of Alanya offers a comfortable vacation for the physically disabled with all the major hotels have wheelchair accessibility, wheel-in showers and grab rails. Many tourists spots having wheelchair accessibility, and many private transportation systems including electric moveable chairs, and scooters at reasonable rents.





## **37. Emergencies**

In case of an emergency, the ambulance number is 112, local police number is 155 and Coast Guard 158 and Fire Rescue 110. The major medical facilities and hospitals that will accept travel insurance include Baskent University Hospital , Hayat Private Hospital and many more.

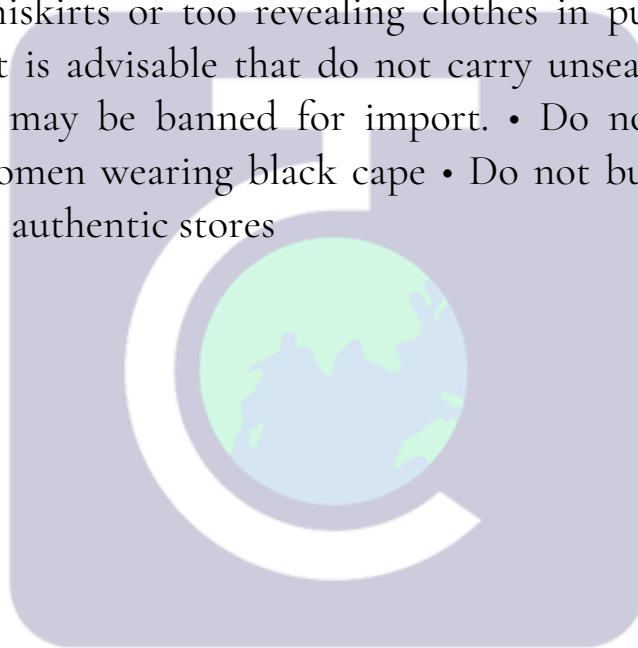


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### 38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's – • Do use the local mini bus or dolmush to travel, taxi fares increase by the evening • Do feel free to bargain while shopping at local stores, it is a major trend • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • Do ask for permission while photography

Don'ts – • Do not refuse an invitation for tea, it is taken as an insult • Do not wear shorts and miniskirts or too revealing clothes in public • Do not drink alcohol in public • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Do not take pictures that includes any local women wearing black cape • Do not buy jewellery from the open market, stick to authentic stores



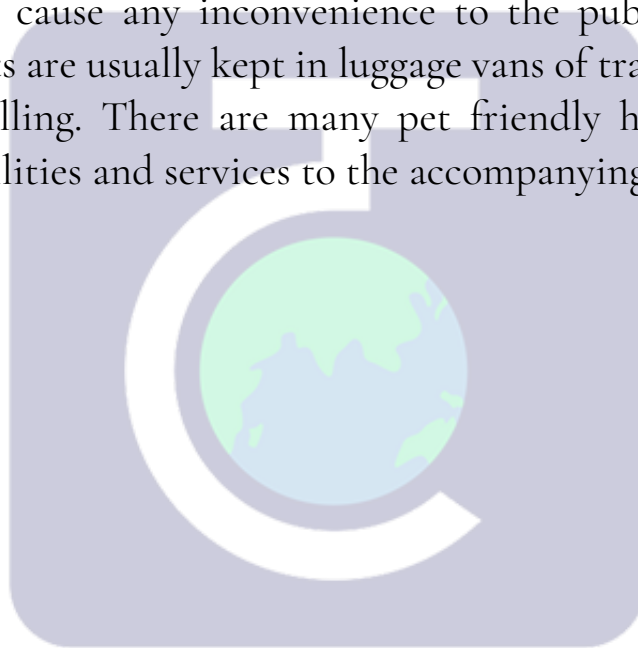
## **39.Tipping basics**

Most restaurants have an estimated 10% tipping included in the bill. Though taxis and private transports do not apply any mandatory tipping,. For expressing gratitude, or admiration, you can offer tips to hotel staff, tour guides, or waiters as you wish.



## **40.Pet info**

Pets can be carried into Turkey under some conditions. The pet owner must produce valid certificates issued by a licensed veterinarian from his country. These certificates include recent rabies vaccination certificate, an International Health Certificate, and a pet passport or identity card. Once the pets are allowed to enter the country at the airport, the pet owner should take utmost care that the animal does not cause any inconvenience to the public if he is taking it outside with him. Pets are usually kept in luggage vans of trains or stowage rooms of buses while travelling. There are many pet friendly hotels in Alanya that provide excellent facilities and services to the accompanying pets.



## Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*Why choose Alanya ? Whether it is a lazy evening on a secluded beach or an adventurous hunting trip, Alanya has everything to offer. With an extended shoreline, the place has several beaches that cater to the various requirements of the visitors. Visiting Alanya for its water sport activities can be a fun and adventurous experience for every type of traveler. There is parasailing, diving, jet skiing, etc. for those who seek excitement and thrill on the waters. For the more patient and quieter type, there is fishing, sun bathing, and much more to enjoy the sea side. Leave the waters, there is a mountain waiting with its hidden wonders. Ski resorts, hiking and mountaineering activities, and jeep safaris through the rocky ranges offer the most memorable experiences. Not many places in the world have the opportunities to let go of your wilder side with hunting. When the season starts, the nature reserves are open for the tourists to hunt pigs, wild goat and partridges. The local markets in Alanya are a great way to enjoy a busy and loud regional shopping experience. You can master the art of bargaining by visiting any of the hundreds of stalls in these markets. When in Turkey, eat like the Turks. Turkish food is a delectable mix of herbs, spices, and local ingredients that are sure to lure the visitors into having more. The forts, towers, churches, and other monuments tell the story of a vibrant and varied history that has made the land what it is today. A visit to these remnants of the past will be a unique time travel experience.*

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