



# *Infopack for*



# *Short Term EVS Volunteers*



**Bodrum Dance Club Association**  
"Where Passion Ignites Inspiration"

# About Us

## Dance Club & Youth ,Culture and Art Centre

Our Association has two work fields. One is Dance Club which there are several dance courses , cultural and art events are taking place. Another one is Youth Work Office which we develop international projects ,training courses,info seminars for youngsters in Bodrum and letting them know about European oppotunities withing the frame of Erasmus+ programme



# About Us

## Main Activities

- ✓ World Dance Day Celebrations
- ✓ Turkish – Greek Cultural Gathering
- ✓ The Rise of Zeybek – Dance Performance
- ✓ International Bodrum Dance Festival
- ✓ EU Youth projects and local projects for youth
- ✓ Dance and Art Courses

If you'd like to ask further questions regarding the project or about us please do not hesitate to get in touch with us by sending an e-mail to

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# Accommodation

## Festival Hotel

- ❖ *Housing: 2 volunteers per room*
- ❖ *Location: Central, Gumbet town*
- ❖ *Expenses: 3 meals per day \ laundry \ internet \ cleaning rooms \ task related local transport will be provided by BDK*
  
- ❖ *<http://www.palmgardenbodrum.com>*



# Bodrum - Transportation

## Public Transport

- ❖ *Travel from Bodrum to surrounding towns, there are minibuses from centre, During the summer season, public transport starts 6am until 5am following day.*
- ❖ *Travel from Bodrum to surrounding cities and other touristic destinations ( izmir\ephesus\pamukkale\fethiye blue lagoon etc.) ,there are intercity buses and minibuses every hour*



# Bodrum - Social Life

## Leisure time Activities

❖ *Since it is touristic destination, there are many clubs And bars open all year.*

*There are 3 main malls and there are cinema in each Of the mall.*

*For outdoor activities, Bodrum is very suitable for trekking, cycling and picnic. Water sports are very wide known activities in the region.*

*There are museums and historical haritages all around the city for visit*



# Turkish Language

## Language Support

❖ *In order to adapt and integrate with local society and youngsters, Turkish is very strong tool. We will provide you a language pack (digital format) with grammar rules and examples. We will also do practical courses during the project to use it during high school promotions and festival promotions on town*



# Bodrum

## Places around Bodrum

**Bodrum peninsula has wonderful nature, wherever you go. In almost every town there are some special places that are extra beautiful or enjoyable, which you HAVE to visit😊**

**Gümüşlük-** We came here by dolmuş, ticket price was 4,5 liras from Bodrum Otogar. This is very nice and small village. It is special because it is possible to walk to the nearby Rabbit island(water is only knee-high). As there was Myndos antic city in ancient times, you can see the remains of the foundation of the buildings under the water. Also, seaside is full of seafood restaurants and view to the sea is amazing😊 But when swimming, be careful with the seaurgens! If you step on them it is a nightmare to get their needles out from your leg!

**İasos-** There is also antic city. On the way there are big cotton fields! In İasos antic city you can find ruins of the ancient buildings, a lot of olive trees everywhere, old mosaic floors, building in the sea, to where you can walk. We also went to the archeological museum, this is very small, but there are some ancient remains of the antic city. İasos is a nice place to have a picnic and enjoy wonderful views. In november you can pick olives from there and ask somebody to teach you how to prepare them.

## **Gümbet-**

There are all the dance lessons. In summertime it is full of tourists like in Bodrum, but in wintertime everything is closed and the town is very empty. But there are windmills and nice view to Bodrum and if you go down from the windmills hill, you will find beautiful, nice and private beach. If you have snorkling goggles, you can find a lot of seashells under the water here! Gümbet is very close to Bodrum, you can even come here on foot(about 40 minutes walk). Also you can catch a dolmuş from Otogar.

**Bitez-** The nicest and cleanest beach of Bodrum peninsula is here. Also there are a lot of breakfast restaurants by the seaside, they offer very good food(the prices are from 10-20 liras). If you walk until the end of the beachside, there is small rocky road by the seaside. From here begins the way to the Bitez Aquarium-wonderful view to the turquoise-blue sea and islands. It takes about 45 minutes walk to get here, but it is worth it! Bitez is also known by its tangerine gardens. In november-december it is the season of tangerines and you can buy Bitez tangerines everywhere! To Bitez you can come by dolmuş.

# Bodrum

**Yalıkavak**- 18 km from Bodrum. If you come here by dolmuş, you can walk to Sandıma-antique village. It is in the mountains and if there is rain seasons, you can find turtles from the ponds! There are remains of the 600 years old houses, but this place is perfect to enjoy the nature and peace of mountains. Bring also some empty bottles with you, because there is natural spring water.

**Ortakent**- 7km from Bodrum. Here, in MuArt Cafe are sirtaki nights every week. Also university's fine arts faculty is here. If you enjoy arts, you can go to see Bukalemunart gallery in the beach part of the town. You can find mosaics, ceramics and paintings there and atmosphere is really nice. On daytime you can come here with dolmuş. It is nice small town and before entering the town, on the top of the hill you can see wonderful view to the sea and Ortakent.

**Boat trips from Bodrum**- All the travel agencies in Bodrum offer daily boat trips on summer season(from May to 15.october) You can find offers even when walking by the seaside. They have different destinations and usually they cost 20 liras. It takes almost a whole day from 11am to 5pm. We went to Black Island boat trip. It has 5 stops in different very beautiful blue bays where you can swim. With snorkling glasses you can see colourful fishes. The price also includes lunch on the boat. It is usually pasta with meatballs and salad. There are also free sunset trips every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6pm. Before the sunset a boat takes people to the bay near the windmills and after sunset it comes back. It is altogether 2 hours.

**Swimming in Bodrum**- Sea is only 10 minutes walk from the office. It is so close that we swam every morning before work. If you have time and you would like to sunbathe and swim whole day, you should definitely go to Bitez beach. In the night when there is no full moon, you should ask somebody to take you to some darker beach, because it is possible to see shiny plancton. They call it yakamaz here and seeing it is a really wonderful experience!

**Etrim carpet village**- When there is tourism season, travel agencies offer tours to villages and also to carpet villages. Our friend took us to Etrim carpet village. We saw and touched the softest carpets ever! And patterns were amazing! They are of course very expensive, but totally handmade and in any case it is interesting to see this kind of village.

## Bodrum Castle

The castle is in excellent condition, it now houses a one of the world's finest museums (with exhibits on underwater archaeology). Mostly stones used in the construction come from the tomb of king Mausoleum of Halicarnassus. Mausoleum's massive construction survived for centuries until an earthquake brought it down in medieval times. The knights used the ruins as a stone quarry. In 1522, while reinforcing the castle, they even discovered the funerary chamber of the king, whose treasures were quickly looted. In the 15th century AD, the Knights of St John invaded the region ( whose headquarters were on Rhodes Island ) and began constructing the castle that we see today. ([www.bodrum.org](http://www.bodrum.org))

If you want to see everything it takes at least 2 hours there. Visit it with nice weather and you can even have your picnic there in the garden.

### Weather and nature in Bodrum

**September**-hot weather(30-37), a lot of tourists. You can go to boat trips. Season of figs, grapes, watermelons and peaches.

**October**-weather is still warm(24-28), but there is not so many people any more. Boat trips are finished in the middle of the october. Difficult to find figs and peaches. Season of bananas, pomegranates and oranges starts.

**November**- weather is not so warm any more (around 20) and there is very very few people in the streets. Everybody is going to work in Istanbul or Izmir in wintertime and Bodrum is empty. We were still swimming every morning in November, but water is not so warm any more and local people thought we are crazy☺ Season of olives, tangerines, oranges, pomegranates, and bananas.

**December**- weather is chilly and in the evenings you need a warm coat. Electricity breakdowns are usual and sometimes there is very cold in the apartment. Season of tangerines, oranges.

### Shopping in Bodrum

**Food bazaar**- every Friday there is big bazaar near bus station(you have to go up from the stairs of the bus station building). You can find all kinds of fruits, vegetables, dairy products, nuts, olives and spices from there. But when it is tourism season it is very expensive. There is also alternative for this☺ Every Monday there is small food bazaar near to our apartment. (if you go to the Atatürk street and turn left, walk until you see the bazaar on the left, about 300 meters). Here is the cheapest gözleme in town, only 2,5 liras(usually in other places it is 5 liras) and it is fresh and warm.

**Supermarkets**- the cheapest is Carrefour, it is also very close to our home. (if you go out from the apartment, turn right and walk about 200 meters until you see Carrefour on the right). They are bringing new goods every Monday and Wednesday. Sometimes vegetables are even cheaper here than in bazaar. From there you can find almost everything but they are quite far from home. But even bigger and cheaper supermarkets are Kipa and Metro (Makro), but these are outside of Bodrum and you cant walk there.

**Clothes**- you can buy clothes from Oasis shopping centre, Midtown Mall, Avenue Bodrum or from clothes bazaar on Tuesdays(at the same place where is big food bazaar)

**Bakeries**- There are a lot of bakeries everywhere in Bodrum, but our favourite bakery is the nearest to our home, it is very good and also cheap.

<http://www.bodrumlife.com>

<http://www.bodrum.com>

[www.bodrum.org](http://www.bodrum.org)

<http://www.bodrum-bodrum.com>

#### **Milas-Bodrum airport**

The airport is situated 36kms northeast of the town of Bodrum, and 16kms south of Milas.

#### **Airlines that operate from this airport:**

- [Atlasjet](#) (Istanbul-Atatürk)
- [SunExpress](#) (Antalya, Berlin-Schönefeld, Cologne/Bonn, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hanover, Leipzig/Halle, Munich, Stuttgart)
- [Onur Air](#) (Istanbul-Atatürk)
- [Pegasus Airlines](#) (Amsterdam, Ankara, Istanbul-Sabiha Gökçen))
- [Turkish Airlines](#) (Ankara, Istanbul-Atatürk, Istanbul-Sabiha Gökçen)

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