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The Special Winter Charm of Antalya, Turkey

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The city of Antalya lies on the Mediterranean coast in the south of Turkey, a truly vast country. Sheltered on one side by the Taurus Mountains and bathed by the blue waters of the Mediterranean on the other, in just a few years the region of Antalya has become one of Turkey's top destinations for spa tourism.

Antalya is a region that enjoys a **particularly mild climate**. Indeed, it's safe to say that the sun shines 300 days a year – even in the middle of winter the temperature only rarely drops to below 15° C, making it the ideal destination when the rest of Europe is knee-deep in snow and battered by freezing winds.

Antalya boasts **fabulous sandy and pebble beaches** bathed by crystal-clear waters, as well as a wide range of modern tourist infrastructures. An irresistible attraction regardless of whether you're in search of some rest and relaxation or prefer to practise a number of sports whilst on holiday. The sportier ones among you will enjoy the countless nautical sports options, or enjoy **hiking, climbing or a round of golf**. And for those with an inquisitive mind, there are numerous **natural and historic sites** that are well worth a visit.

Yet Antalya is also a great city simply for meandering around. There are large public parks dotted with palm trees and an attractive marina. When walking around the city, look out for the **Clock Tower and Hadrian's Gate**, which form part of the ancient city walls. Also not to be missed is the ultra-modern **Convention and Exhibition Centre** with its **spectacular glass pyramid** and a popular spot with tourists. When visiting the city, you should also take the time to admire the ancient mosques and the picturesque **Kaleiçi district**. The historic quarter is lined with **magnificent wooden houses dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries** and which today have been turned into guest houses or souvenir shops.

Visitors are always surprised and delighted by the myriad leisure and sightseeing options related to the sea, history and art. Antalya is undoubtedly a beautiful city and one not to be missed.

*“The **IBEROSTAR Hotels & Resorts Group** has a **5 star** hotel in the city of **Antalya**. The **IBEROSTAR Bellis** hotel, offering **all inclusive** accommodation, is situated in a*

*prime **seaf**ront location sheltered by a leafy wood”.*

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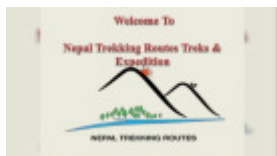
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