

# **BODRUM'S GATEWAY TO THE BLUE**



## **CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SITES**

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## INTRODUCTION

Bodrum, where everyone harbors a love, has been one of the most favorite settlements of the Mediterranean from the mythical period to the present day. First named "Halicarnassus", the town was later known as "Bodrum" and was recognized as one of the most prominent cities of the region called "Caria". As we learned from the works of the famous historian Herodotus, the city was founded by the Lelegs in 2000 BC.

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Museum card; With the museum card, you can visit many ancient sites and museums in the region, especially Bodrum Underwater Archaeology Museum, without additional fees.





## 1. BODRUM CASTLE



What is this place? Bodrum Castle, built between 1406-1522, is a structure that played an important role in the defense of Bodrum. The castle was built between two harbors. Bodrum Castle, which has a square plan, is 180×185 meters in size. The French Tower, which is considered the highest point of the castle, has a height of 47.5 meters.

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**Why should I go?** Bodrum Castle is one of the most important landmarks of Bodrum and the Underwater Archaeology Museum within its structure makes it one of the most important tourist attractions of Bodrum.

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**Telephone:** 0 252 316 10 95

**Visiting hours:** April-October (summer) 08.30-18.30, November-March (winter) 08.30-16.30. Closed on Mondays during winter.

**Distance to the facility:** 22,8 km

## 2. BODRUM ANTIQUE THEATER



What is this place? Bodrum Ancient Theater, located on the southern slope of Göktepe, dates back to the IV century BC. This important building, where the theater history of the Roman Empire Age was written, is now used as a concert venue. Restored in 1990, the theater was opened to the public with its magnificent view. At the same time, the building, which is **the oldest ancient theater in Anatolia**, is a must-see historical place.

**Why should I go?** This impressive art space still hosts various artistic activities today. Bodrum Ancient Theater should definitely be on your list, both to watch an enjoyable event and to better feel the historical texture of the region.

**Don't miss out!** If you wish, you can make your plans by following the events here. By the way, we recommend you to bring a cushion with you as the stone seats are a bit warm.

**Address:** Yeniköy, Bodrum, Muğla

**Telephone:** 0 252 316 80 61

**Visiting hours:** 09.00-19.00 in summer and 08.00-17.00 in winter

**Distance to the facility:** 21,9 km

### 3. MYNDOS ANTIQUE CITY



**Where is this place?** The source of ancient writings is the ancient city of Myndos in the town of Gümüşlük. It is located at the intersection of Mediterranean and Aegean culture. A large part of the city, which has a rich historical past, has been flooded. It is considered one of the 8 cities founded by the Lelegs in **640 BC**. It is possible to observe the architectural ideas of different nations and it is thought that many important ruins that have not yet been unearthed are waiting to be discovered under the water of the ancient city.

**Why should I go?** The ancient city of Myndos is located at an easy point on the road in terms of transportation. Myndos Ancient City is one of the must-visit places for a trip to Bodrum, especially during sunrise and sunset, as it is a very important point of visit for taking spectacular photos.

**Address:** Eskiçeşme, Bodrum, Muğla

**Visiting hours:** All day long

**Distance to the facility:** 0,2 km



#### 4. MYNDOS GATE



**What is this place?** It is estimated that the Myndos Gate was built in **360 BC**. The gate was built by **Maussolos**, the Satrap of Caria. It was named with the same name because it is located in the ancient city of Myndos. The gate, which has an impressive appearance, is among the important historical points of Bodrum. Built for defense purposes, the structure created a very important protection wall for Halicarnassus and fulfilled its duty properly. Even Alexander the Great, who wanted to capture the city, could not overcome this gate. **The Mylasa Gate**, another gate built for the protection of the city, has disappeared.

**Address:** Eskiçeşme, Bodrum, Muğla

**Visiting hours:** All day long

**Distance to the facility:** 20,7 km

## 5. MAUSOLEUM OF HALICARNASSUS



**What is this place?** The Mausoleum of Halicarnassus is one of the historical buildings worth seeing in Bodrum. It was built in 353 BC by his wife and sister on behalf of King Mausolus and is also called "**Tomb of King Mausolus**". It is a tomb monument that is now a museum. It is located very close to Bodrum Castle. The mausoleum represents both Greek and Egyptian architecture.

The stones of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus were used during the construction of Bodrum Castle. It is assumed that the monument was destroyed by an earthquake after standing for about 1500 years. The remaining parts of the museum are on display at **the British Museum**.

**Why should I go?** Although there is not much left of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, which is considered one of the 7 Wonders of the World, it is among the most important historical places that must be seen.

**Address:** Tepecik, Turgut Reis Cad. No:93, 48440 Bodrum/Muğla

**Visiting hours:** Summer 08.30-18.30, Winter 08.30-17.30

**Distance to the facility:** 21 km



## 6. KARAKAYA VILLAGE



**Where is this place?** Due to its location, Bodrum is vulnerable to attacks from the sea and one of the safest settlements in Bodrum was Karakaya Village. It was founded after the 14th century and is a very important treasure for the history of Bodrum with its **700 years of history**. The place where the village was founded has an altitude of 450 meters and the houses made of stone similar to each other offer a magnificent view.

**Why should I go?** Karakaya Village is one of the most beautiful examples of historical stone architecture in the region and is one of the must-see historical places in Bodrum.

**Don't miss it!** Karakaya Village is also known for its magnificent view of Gümüşlük Bay. For this reason, when you come to the village, you should definitely watch this exquisite view.

**Address:** Karakaya Mahallesi, Bodrum, Muğla

**Visiting hours:** All day long

**Distance to the facility:** 1,5 km

## 7. DIBEKLIHAN CULTURE AND ART VILLAGE



Since 2013, Dibeklihan Culture and Art Village has been open for travelers to stay and meet their needs. The Art Village, which is 13 km from the district center, is located within the borders of Bodrum Yakaköy. You can reach the village in about 20 minutes with your private car or you can reach the village by using public transportation in the city center.

It is admired by visitors for its extraordinary architecture and location and includes design workshops, handicraft shops, an art gallery, restaurants and cafes.

Various artistic and cultural activities such as concerts and fashion shows are also held in the venue, where exhibitions of sculptures, paintings, etc. are organized and film and dance performances are held.

In Dibeklihan Culture and Art Village, where invitation organizations such as engagements and weddings are organized especially in the summer months, various items used by the local people in daily life are exhibited in the "Chest Room" section reserved as an exhibition area.

You can spend pleasant moments with exhibitions, events and fun organizations organized in Dibeklihan Culture and Art Village and have an unforgettable holiday experience.

**Address:** Yakaköy, Bodrum, Muğla

**Visiting hours:** 10:00- 20:00 every day of the week except Monday

**Distance to the facility:** 17,6 km

## 8. WINDMILLS



**Where is this place?** Bodrum Windmills are among the historical landmarks in Bodrum, both for their appearance and historical background. It is thought that the windmills were built **in the 18th century** and there **are 7** in total. Only one of the mills, which was used for a long time in accordance with its purpose, has survived to the present day, while the others, especially the propellers, have been damaged.

**Why should I go?** The ground mills, which are one of the places that those who come to Bodrum do not return without seeing, are one of the most important places to go to take Bodrum souvenir photos.

**Address:** Dağbelen, Bodrum, Muğla

**Visiting hours:** All day long

**Distance to the facility:** 15 km



## 9. OTTOMAN SHIPYARD



**What is this place?** The shipyard dates back to the 1700s and today it serves as an art gallery. Behind the building is the Ottoman Cemetery. As it was a port city, new ships were built for the Ottoman Navy in the shipyard, which was one of the important buildings of that period. Today, the restored Ottoman Shipyard is used for various exhibitions and art events.

**Why should I go?** The shipyard contains tombs and mausoleums of important Ottoman maritime figures. At the same time, the artistic activities carried out today also make this place attractive.

**Don't miss it!** When you climb to the top of the shipyard, we recommend you not to miss the impressive view of the marina.

**Address:** Eskiçeşme, Neyzen Tevfik Cad. No:5, 48400 Bodrum/Muğla

**Visiting hours:** All day long

**Distance to the facility:** 21,8 km

## 10. APOSTOLIC CHURCH



**Where is this place?** The Church of Apostol is located on Little Rabbit Island. It is estimated to have been built in the 2nd century BC. It is estimated that various additions were made to the church between the 6th and 12th centuries. The island is also called "**St. Apostol Island**" because of the church. It was built with similar features to the Hagia Sophia Mosque and it is thought that the two buildings were built close to each other. While the church was being built, it was built in a basilica plan. It is protected by Italy and Turkey. It is a hidden treasure for history lovers.

**Why should I go?** The restoration work carried out by both Italy and Turkey since 1996 shows how important the church is as a religious stop for the world. For this very reason, we think that the Church of Apostol should be included in a list of must-see historical places in Bodrum.

**Don't miss it!** The church's location also offers a spectacular view, so don't forget to enjoy it.

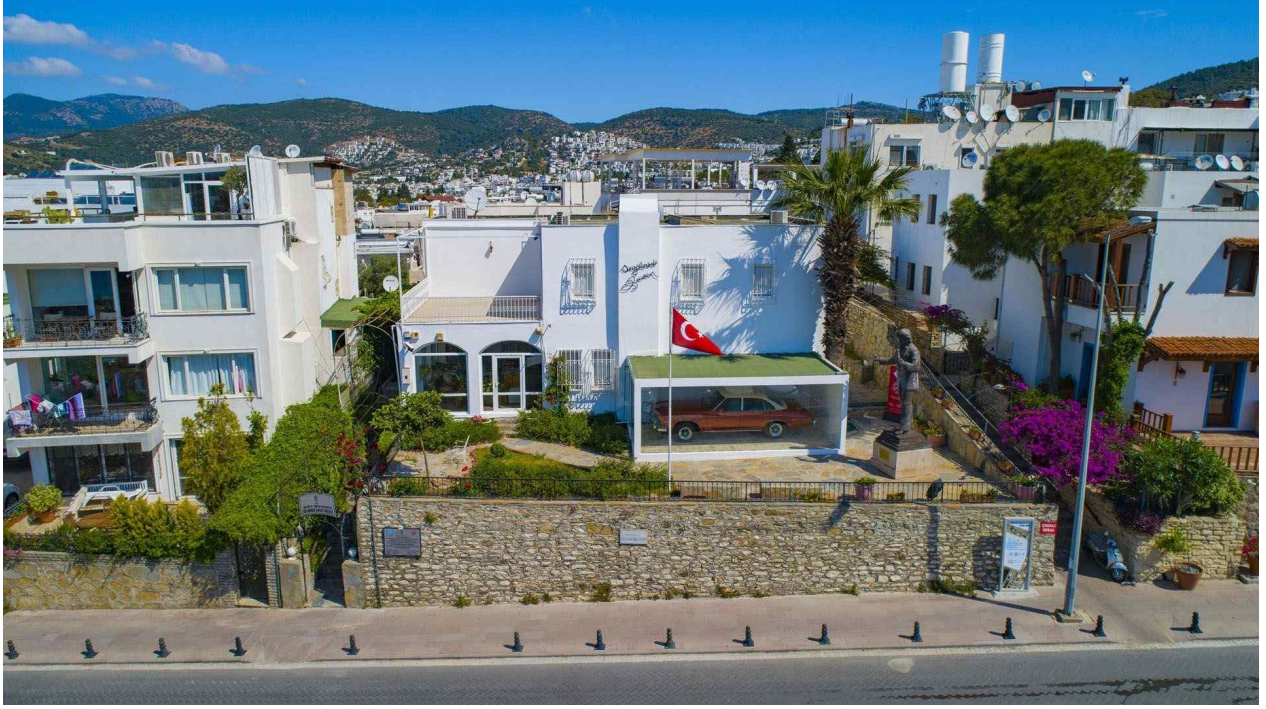
**Address:** Göltürkbükü, Küçük Tavşan Adası, Bodrum, Muğla

**Visiting hours:** All day long

**Distance to the facility:** 23,1 km



## 11. ZEKİ MÜREN ART MUSEUM



**Where is this place?** In Bodrum, where he settled in 1980 and lived until his death in 1996, the museum in memory of the Sun of Art Zeki Müren is a good opportunity to see many different details about the artist. The two-story house where the artist lived was converted into a museum **in 2000** and started accepting visitors. In the museum, you can see important materials such as various documents, stage clothes and photographs of the artist.

**Why should I go?** To learn important information about Zeki Müren, one of the most distinguished artists our country has raised, you should add Zeki Müren Museum to your list of important places to see in Bodrum.

**Address:** Kumbahçe, Zeki Müren Cad. No:11 48400 Bodrum/MUĞLA

**Telephone:** 0 252 313 19 39

**Visiting hours:** Tuesday-Sunday 08.30-17.00

**Distance to the facility:** 24 km



### **Things to Consider When Visiting Historical, Religious, Cultural Sites and Museums**

Museums are places that contain objects and stories from the fields of culture, art, nature, science and technology. In the face of real objects in museums, learning becomes more relevant and exciting, and effective learning takes place. One of the most important tasks of museums is to educate and inform people.

- ✓ Please pay attention to the warnings given in the museum.
- ✓ Follow the warnings of the staff and the rules of visitation posted in the museum,
- ✓ At the entrances, if necessary, to present an ID-museum card and to enter with a ticket.
- ✓ One of the most important rules to be followed in the museum is to be quiet and not to make noise.
- ✓ Do not touch the artifacts exhibited in the museum and their cases (pedestals), do not write on them (this warning should be made especially when visiting open-air museums and ruins), do not damage the objects.
- ✓ Please pay attention to the warnings not to take photos in the museums you visit,
- ✓ Please pay attention to the warnings about flash photography in the museum you visit,
- ✓ Listen carefully to what is being explained and ask your guide and museum education specialists (if any) what you are curious about.
- ✓ Thanking the staff for their information about the artifacts.
- ✓ Not entering museums with food and drink,
- ✓ Not littering,
- ✓ In group excursions, do not leave the group, if you leave the group and think you are lost, go to the counseling by asking for help from the staff.
- ✓ Avoiding behaviors that disturb others during the trip

In visits to places of worship (mosques, churches, synagogues, etc.), which are referred to as Faith Tourism; the religious aspects of the place of worship to be visited should be observed and visited with tolerance.

- ✓ Pay attention to the warnings made by the staff at the entrances,
- ✓ If necessary, wearing appropriate clothing available in the entrance areas
- ✓ Not disturbing worshippers, being quiet and not making noise in the visitation areas,
- ✓ Not entering with food and drink, not littering,

such issues should be taken into consideration.

### **Points to be Considered in Natural Area Excursions and Visits**

- ✓ Pay attention to the warnings made by the staff at the entrances,
- ✓ Not lighting fires in wooded areas,
- ✓ Not throwing garbage, especially glass and cigarette butts on the ground,
- ✓ Never enter the prohibited areas marked as “No Entry” and “No Swimming”,
- ✓ Not to harm the habitats of all living things such as plants and animals living in nature.

You can also access the Bodrum Destinations and details prepared by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Turkey at <https://bodrum.goturkiye.com>

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