



Carefree cruising

A one-week adventure aboard a luxury sailboat is a great way to explore Turkey’s southwest coast and sample the good life

The Naviga 1 is one of four boats operated by the company Sailing Cruises in Comfort. It has eight cabins with ensuite bathrooms and comfortably carries 16 passengers. GIUS VAN LINGEN

Elizabeth Warkentin

BODRUM, Turkey — The Naviga 1 sliced through the Popsicle blue water.

Down the southwest coast of Turkey we sped, the sailboat riding the waves of the Mediterranean Sea, the wind rushing at our sun-kissed faces.

“Woooooeeeeee!”

Woosooooooooooooo!”

We girls up on the forward deck of the gulet (pronounced goulette), a traditional Turkish wooden ketch, whooped with pure joy.

The moving carpet of water was heaving below us, the wind whipping the sails in a thrilling rhythm — fffffffffff, fffffffffff, fffffffffff, thwack!

And down we careened again, the sea spraying us as though we rode a liquid roller-coaster.

We had boarded the Naviga 1 on a sweltering afternoon in July in Ortakent, a seaside town on Turkey’s Bodrum peninsula. Ahead of us was a one-week cruise aboard the gleaming teak and mahogany beauty. Thirteen strangers we were, a motley group of varying

ages from the Netherlands, Germany, Canada and England. Strangers perhaps, but it wasn’t long before we were bonding — conversing over meals, playing rummy with the crew after dinner, and sipping wine or raki, the local drink, late into the night.

The Naviga I is one of four boats owned by Sailing Cruises in Comfort, which offers friendly, impeccable service and serves succulent Mediterranean cuisine.

The 88-foot-long, 19-foot-wide gulet consists of eight cabins with ensuite bathrooms and comfort-

ably sleeps up to 16 passengers. The double cabin that I occupied with my cousin, Johanne, seemed impossibly small at first, but we soon adapted.

As a group, the passengers aboard our particular cruise had chosen to sail as much as possible rather than simply motor from port to port trying to follow a rigid itinerary of chosen sights and activities.

Not for us, we agreed. Take us where the wind blows.

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Fogo Island Inn aims to attract travellers with expensive tastes

Sue Bailey

FOGO ISLAND, N.L. — On a gorgeous rocky shoreline where slabs of granite meet the moody North Atlantic, one of the most intriguing gambles in Canadian tourism will soon play out on Fogo Island off Newfoundland.

The new Fogo Island Inn looms over the brightly painted salt box homes and fishermen’s sheds in Barr’d Islands, one of 10 distinct communities that are home to about 2,400 people. It was buzzing with construction earlier this month as workers hit the home stretch of a three-year building project expected to cost more than \$25 million.

And the inn won’t be just any place for weary travellers to rest their heads.

Its 29 rooms with panoramic ocean views, hand-crafted furniture and quilts, locally inspired cuisine, rooftop hot tubs, saunas, conference space and a publicly accessible art gallery, library and cinema are meant to please expensive tastes.



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The Fogo Island Inn, now under construction, is part of an effort to create a top-class tourist destination.

Word on Fogo Island during a recent visit was that rates will range from about \$1,800 for the most basic elegance to \$5,000 a night for the top-floor “money suite” with a loft bed and 32 windows. Each room has a window that opens 180 degrees to the fresh salt-sea air.

But who on earth would pay that kind of money to visit a rocky island off another rocky island in the North Atlantic?

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Top 10 beach boardwalks

Where there’s a beach, there’s often a boardwalk. Cheapflights.ca produced this list of the world’s best beach boardwalks.

- Atlantic City Boardwalk in New Jersey**
Expands over six kilometres and several piers.
- Kemah Boardwalk in Kemah, Texas**
Galveston Bay area’s most popular entertainment park.
- Coney Island Beach in Brooklyn, N.Y.**
An icon featured in dozens of movies.
- Wildwood Boardwalk in Wildwood, N.J.**
Boasts more rides than Disneyland.
- Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk in Santa Cruz, Calif.**
Established in 1907 and still a bustling hot spot.
- Promenade des Anglais in Nice, France**
Breathtaking views over the Mediterranean Sea.
- Changi Point Coastal Walk in Singapore**
Much more subdued than the typical boardwalk.
- Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**
Two-toned, wave-shaped walkway bustles with people.
- Brighton Beach in East Sussex in England**
Just an hour train ride south from London.
- Gold Coast Oceanway in Queensland, Australia**
A 36-kilometre path that links several beaches.

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