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to the meeting point

of continents &

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ATAKÖY *MARINA*

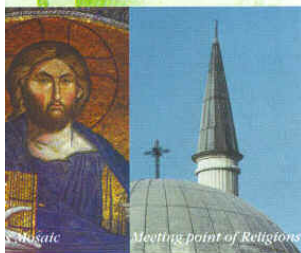
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# ISTANBUL; THE MEETING POINT OF CONTINENTS AND CIVILISATIONS



Ortakoy Mosque  
and Bosphorus Bridge



Mosaic

Meeting point of Religions



Girl Tower



Old Bazaar

*Bridging the continents and uniting the cultures of Asia and Europe, this city has been the focal point of world's history for many centuries serving as the capital of the three successive empires: The Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman. Home to the traces of a myriad of civilisations over thousands years, a cultural link between the East and the West and a commercial hub for Europe, Middle East, Balkans, Russia and Asia, Istanbul attracts and absorbs everything surrounding it. There is no other city in the world where the huge historical heritage of diverse civilisations and religions of the past and modern sophistication of the present so harmoniously interact. It is Istanbul's endless variety that fascinates most. Museums, churches, palaces, grand mosques, bazaars and sights of natural beauties seem innumerable. The city possesses some of the greatest works of Ottoman and Byzantine architecture: Topkapi Palace, the Blue and Suleymaniye Mosques, St.Sophia and Chora Churches, the underground cistern, Dolmabahce Palace, the world's biggest covered historic bazaar, Rumeli and Anadolu fortresses and Archaeological museum.*

*Istanbul's unique geographical position has ensured a rich and manifold historical heritage. Habitations had existed in the whereabouts of Istanbul as early as in the Neolithic age. The first tribes are thought to settle about 3000 thousand years ago. First settlements forming the nucleus of Istanbul were the Megarians escaping from the Dors in the 7th century BC. They sailed across the Sea of Marmara and landed at the Cape Moda in Kadikoy situated on the Asian coast thus founding the city of Khalkedon in the VII century B.C. Another group of Megarians, having left the Dors behind, settled down in Sarayburnu on the European coast under Byzas' leadership in 657 BC.*

## THE CAPITAL OF ENDLESS PEACE

The city that was founded on the opposite shore of Khalkedon, Byzantium, progressed rapidly and became an important center.

This progressive city became subject to Roman sovereignty and, being surrounded by the city walls, was adorned with temples and public squares during the period of Constantinus. With the transfer of the Roman capital from Rome to Byzantium, Istanbul gloriously entered the world history.

The city was made the capital of Rome in the year 330 and named Constantinopolis and, after Roman Empire was divided into Eastern and Western, it became the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire.

After several attempts over half a century, the Ottoman Sultan Mehmet II, the Conqueror finally sieged and conquered the city in 1453. When conquered by Ottoman Turks, Istanbul was a decaying city with diminishing population. Sultan Mehmet, the Conqueror breathed a new life into it and brought in newcomers, Moslems and Christians alike. When the Ottomans conquered Byzantium in the year 1453, the city was converted into the capital of the Ottomans. While the Greeks, Armenians, Jews and other nationalities continued to enjoy religious and cultural autonomy, the city continued its magnificent architectural traditions. Benefiting from the wealth of the Ottoman Turks, the city boomed and reached its golden age in the 16th century, the Ottoman rule maintaining a lifelong peace and prosperity which lasted for almost 500 years. After the declaration of the Turkish Republic founded by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk in 1923, a new name still in use today has been given to the city – Istanbul.

Although earthquakes, fires and the rampage of the Crusaders in 1204 have took their toll and resulted in heavy destruction, one can still see architectural treasures across the city reflecting the past splendour.

The most important historical remain belonging to Byzantium is Hagia Sophia. Justinianus had this most imposing house of worship in the world constructed between the years 532-537 in the place of a temple which had existed there formerly. It contains very valuable mosaics and is a museum today.

When Istanbul was conquered by Fatih Sultan Mehmet in 1453, the buildings of Byzantium were repaired and new ones were built, and the architectural activities were continued. For example, the magnificent Topkapi Palace, the domicile of the Sultan, was constructed. It is a gorgeous museum today which contains the seraglio and where the treasures belonging to the Ottomans are on display.

The Dolmabahçe Palace was constructed during the years 1843-1853 and the Ottoman sultans started to use it as their residence. Besides the palaces, which are used as museums at present, many grand mosques forming the silhouette of Istanbul add enormously to Istanbul's lavish cultural heritage.

The biggest and the most impressive of them is The Blue Mosque, one of the most prominent landmarks of Istanbul, named so due to the colour of the tiles its interior adorned with. Sultan Ahmet had it constructed in 1609 – 1616 to reflect the grandeur of the Ottomans to the full.

The Archaeological Museum of Istanbul is one of the richest museums in the world. There are many other museums, such as The Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts, Museum of Tapestry and Museum of Sadberk Hanım that are worth having a look.

Today Istanbul still retains its original characteristic of being a matchless link between exotic and mystic Orient and trendy and progressive Occident. The city now is the modern metropolis proud of its past, confident in its present, and optimistic in its future safeguarding the treasures of history while meeting the requirements of the 21st century citizens and visitors alike. What will be lingering in your mind for long - long afterwards is the city's compelling atmosphere of vivid dynamism of the crowd beneath the overwhelmingly powerful and solemn skyline of domes and minarets, the pervasive sounds of the azan calling to prayer mingling with the rumbling of vehicles along the beaten cobble roads and the random cries of street vendors. And the panorama over the Bosphorus makes one realise why this city is considered one of the most glorious cities in the world.

**ATAKÖY MARİNA**  
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THE GATEWAY TO THE MEETING  
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Ataköy Marina, the biggest and the most up-to-date equipped and facilitated marina in Turkey and one of the few worldwide lies at the end of the Bosphorus, the heart of one of the most spectacular cities in the world, Istanbul.

# Ataköy Marina is the first Marina in Turkey awarded "Five Golden Anchors"

by the Yacht Harbour Association to meet International standards. Ataköy Marina is also entitled by FEE (Foundation for Environmental in Europe) to fly the "Blue Flag"



*ATAKÖY MARINA, situated at the southern end of the Bosphorus, is the gateway to the meeting point of the two continents and the diverse cultural civilizations of ancient yet modern and sophisticated Istanbul.*

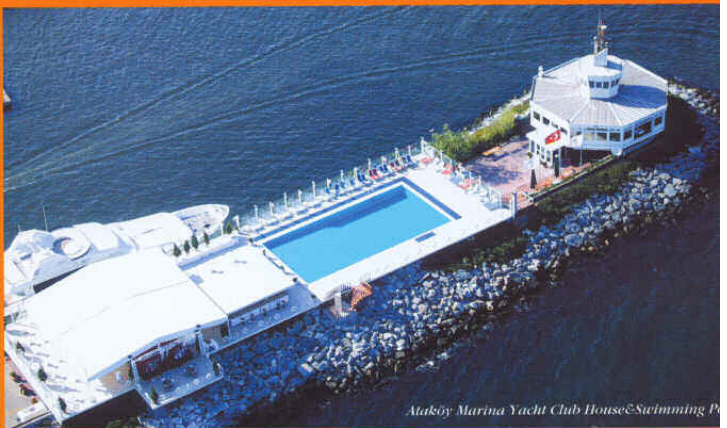
*Ataköy Marina has the privilege of being the first and only marina in Turkey and one of 16 worldwide to have been awarded "FIVE GOLDEN ANCHORS" by the International Yacht Harbour Association. ATAKÖY MARINA is also entitled by FEEE (the Foundation for Environmental Education in Europe) to fly the "BLUE FLAG".*

*It lies only 8 km from International Atatürk Airport and not far from the city center. Construction of Ataköy Marina was completed in 1989 with a breakwater of 780 metres length creating a protected area of almost 150,000 sq m. There are 7 pontoons each of 150 metres, with fingers providing 700 berths and hard standing for 100 yachts equipped with a travelift of 70 tons lifting capacity where yachts can be maintained and repaired or just docked. A fuel station at the pier supplies diesel, gasoline and all sorts of lubeoil for the yachts. There is a service box to which every yacht can be connected on arrival to get the supplies of electricity, water, telephone and satellite TV.*

Within the Ataköy Tourism complex, one of the largest projects in Turkey, adjacent to Ataköy Marina are:

- The five star "Crowne Plaza" and the four star "Holiday Inn Marina"
- A big shopping mall "Galleria",
- An entertainment and leisure center "Regatta"
- A private fitness center "Sports International"
- A large supermarket "Tansaş" and a DIY store "Tekzen".

Situated at the end of the breakwater, is **Ataköy Marina Yacht Club**, a luxurious and air-conditioned members' Clubhouse, offering **comfort** and coziness, superb **meals and wines** to both its members and the owners of visiting yachts from abroad. Besides, the private lounge with a **marvelous view** of the **Marmara Sea** and the feelgood chimney-room are excellent places for business meetings or socializing. The time spent at the Yacht Club's spectacular turquoise open-air swimming pool with crystal clear seawater where you can look across the Marmara swell, cruising ships, fishing boats and colourful sails is guaranteed to be the brightest spot in anyone's day.



Ataköy Marina Yacht Club House & Swimming Pool



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Ataköy Marina Conference Hall



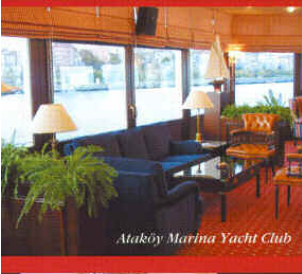
Information



Internet Room



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Ataköy Marina Yacht Club



One can have free unlimited access to the Internet and obtain all kind of information about Ataköy Marina and Istanbul from our Internet office which is located inside the Management Building. In 2000 the Yacht Club together with Ataköy Marina published the books "Cruise The Black Sea" and "Cruise Ukraine" written by experienced Scottish yachtsmen Doreen and Archie Anman. The books are the right guides for those who intend to explore the Black Sea and want to get the most of their trip. "Cruise the Black Sea" is the guide giving details on 180 harbours and anchorages in Turkey, Georgia, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Romania and Bulgaria with photographs and chartlets. Apart from this, the authors also talk about their travel experience giving the helpful tips on various situations that may be encountered during the trip. The descriptions of the destinations visited with a personal touch are not overlooked. The most in-depth and substantial guide on the Black Sea so far, a must for those interested. One can buy these books at the Front office.



## TECHNICAL SERVICES

The following kinds of **repair** maintenance work can be handled by marina's **skilled technicians** at **special prices**;

- Diesel and gasoline engines,
- Shafts and propellers,
- Hull in wood, metal or GRP,
- Mechanical, hydraulic or pneumatic all devices
- Riggs, standing and running,
- Sails,
- Electrics and electronics.
- Ataköy Marina is an International Akzo Nobel Gelshield Application Center in İstanbul.

### In addition;

- Servicing outboard engines,
- Servicing life rafts,
- Winterizing, oil changing,
- Hull - Superstructure and underwater inspections,
- Portable waste oil bilge water tanks,
- Hull pressure washing
- Painting, antifouling, etc.



## MISCELLANEOUS

Shower rooms, WC's, laundry, first aid, marina super market, Red Fish restaurant, the Marmara Congress Hall, car parking with capacity of 982 vehicles, diving centre, front office services such as phones, faxes, mail-boxes, internet room, reservations and bookings for travel are all presented at **Ataköy Marina** which make living aboard easy, **comfortable** and joyful. It is observed by security cameras and is **guarded 24 hours** a day by marina's special security staff. Marina traffic control, from the breakwater tower is on the duty round the clock, **VHF channel 73**, as is free of charge mooring assistance. Entering the marina you must inform the control tower on VHF Channel 73 and request a dinghy service.





- 1- Main Office
- 2- TAYK (Turkish Offshore Racing) Club  
AMYC (Ataköy Marina Yacht Club)  
Marjara Conference Center
- 3- Repair & Maintenance Office
- 4- Dinghy Service
- 5- A) Travelift Office  
B) Travelift Pool
- 6- Fuel Station
- 7- A) Ataköy Marina Yacht Club  
B) Yacht Club Swimming Pool  
C) Control Tower
- 8- Marin Market and Workshops
- 9- Car Parks
- 10- Sports International
- 11- Red Fish Restaurant



ACTIVITY  
THAT HAS  
BECOME A  
TRADITION



## KAYRA (BLACK SEA YACHT RALLY)



In 1997 Ataköy Marina along with Ataköy Marina Yacht Club organised the Black Sea Yacht Rally, Kayra, to cruise the Turkish coast of the Black Sea and thus encourage yachting tourism. This was such a success that in 1998 Ukraine was added to the sailing route. In 1999 Kayra circumnavigated the Black Sea visiting Bulgaria, Romania, adding more stops in Ukraine, Russian Federation, Georgia and the eastern end of Turkey. There was a great demand for Kayra to be held again and in 2001 the Rally sailed the complete circuit of the Black Sea. The 52 yachts cruised along the part of the Danube for the first time in sailing history!

In every country the yachts were received with great enthusiasm by welcoming and educated people who have an open attitude to foreign tourists. It's through the undertaking of Kayra that these countries now open their doors to cruising yachtsmen

## MAYRA (MARMARA YACHT RALLY)



In 1998 Ataköy Marina, together with Yacht Club, organised another project, the Rally across the Sea of Marmara, Mayra. The purpose of this Rally is to explore the potential of the Marmara Sea for yachting tourism. Completely different from the Mediterranean and Aegean coastlines full of high-rise hotels and noisy clubs, the coastline of the Sea of Marmara is an escape for those longing for serenity. The scenery with the ruins of ancient historic sights is truly atmospheric. Tiny fishing villages, simple friendly hotels and open-air superb restaurants – what more could one wish for a good rest.

## EMYR (EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN YACHT RALLY)



For more than 10 years Ataköy Marina has been the place where the largest yacht rally organised by amateur sailors for amateur sailors, EMYR, has been started to cruise the waters of Southern Turkey, Northern Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon and Israel accomplishing in Egypt. The Eastern Mediterranean Yacht Rally is truly an international event. Since 1990 yachtsmen from all over the world have been gathering in Ataköy Marina to participate in the Rally. Beginning with a small fleet of 17 boats it expanded to a fleet of 120 yachts from 17 different countries. The object of the Rally "To open all ports and harbours to yachtsmen in the Eastern Mediterranean" is steadily being achieved. The friendship established among the people of various nationalities also continues to grow.

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Yacht entering the marina has to inform the control tower on VHF channel 73



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