



View of Marmaris bay

# Marmaris Cruise Port Newsletter



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## Why Marmaris?

- **A sheltered bay and natural harbour protected from all sea and weather conditions.**
- **Safe, 305m long, deep draft berths.**
- **Ancient town & ruins, covered bazaar, sandy beaches, cafes and restaurants all a few minutes walk away.**
- **Many shore excursion possibilities to nearby historic sites and places of natural beauty.**
- **Fully ISPS compliant, secure passenger terminal with all facilities.**
- **Year round good weather for a pleasant port call.**



Lycian rock tombs at the ancient city of Caunos

## Maiden Calls 2009

Marmaris

**Costa Concordia**

**AIDA Diva**

**Golden Iris**

**Festival**

**Club Med II**

**Costa Mediterranea**

**Adriana III**

**MSC Splendida**

Didim

**Club Med II**

**Sea Dream 1**

**Columbus**

**Arion**

## Europa guests step off their ship onto their yachts...

Guests aboard MS Europa were treated to a minimum effort shore excursion recently in Marmaris, when they took a few steps along the pier from their cruise ship to an awaiting fleet of traditional wooden Turkish "gulets". Once aboard guests were greeted by their local crews, anchors were hauled and a leisurely pace was set for the charming bays and unspoiled coves around Marmaris.



Guests swam in the famed turquoise waters of this region, before kicking back on deck cushions with a good book or taking in the breathtaking mountain scenery whilst their chef prepared some delicious local specialities for lunch.

Traditional Turkish gulets line up on the pier to take cruise guests on a leisurely tour of local bays



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## Didim Cruise Port starts to attract more ships...

Managed by Marmaris Cruise Port, the newly opened port of Didim in Turkey has started to attract more cruise ships. After welcoming Windstar ships and The World last year, the port has recently seen maiden calls from Club Med 2 and SeaDream 1, and is expecting two further maiden calls from MV Columbus and MV Arion later in the year. It seems that Didim Cruise Port will be a popular call for small ship cruise lines and niche cruise operators.



Club Med 2 tendering at Didim Cruise Port

Didim was busy during the first week of August with two maiden calls; Club Med 2 and SeaDream 1. Passengers were met on the pier by girls in traditional Turkish costume handing out flowers and Turkish delight as well as posters and souvenirs of the town and its historic sites.

Club Med 2 brought 262 passengers and 2 days later SeaDream 1 cruised in with 107 passengers, many of whom took advantage of the port's proximity to Ephesus (100km) to see the Temple of Artemis, one of The Seven Wonders of the World, whilst others chose to visit the nearby ruins of Didyma and the oracle shrine of Apollo, Miletus, cradle of ancient philosophy, and Priene.

Crew members and some passengers also came into town to take advantage of the golden sandy beach of Altinkum, just a few minutes' walk from the pier, as well as the bustling shops of Didim town. Some cruisers remained onboard and took advantage of the ships' water sports facilities whilst anchored in the calm bay which is ideal for waterskiing, kayaking and more.

Please visit the new Didim Cruise Port website at [www.didimcruiseport.com](http://www.didimcruiseport.com)