

A NEWBIE'S GUIDE TO

GEYIKBAYIRI



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Introduction

A newbie's survival guide to rock climbing in Geyikbayiri, hopefully telling you all the things that the guide book doesn't.

UK planning

Very little time is needed to organise this trip except for booking flights, arranging accommodation and buying the guide book.

Guide book

The guide book is called "A rock climbing guide to Antalya" by Ozturk Kayikci. Make sure you get the latest Fourth Edition 2011 since there are numerous website selling the 2009 copy. The guide is written in Turkish and English.

Flights

Geyikbayiri is about 40 km from Antalya Airport, Turkey. Numerous operators fly direct from the UK to

Antalaya - we flew with Thomas Cook for about £130.00. No visa's are required for UK citizens but you will need to purchase a 90 day visa for £10.00 on arrival.

Logistics

We decided to base ourselves in Geyikbayiri and walked to the crags on a daily basis - anything from 5 - 40 minutes.

The main accommodation providers advertise in the guide book and these are all cheap, friendly and clean. They are becoming very popular and as a result overcrowding seems fairly common. It is possible to hire tents and sleeping mats for a small fee to save carrying out from the UK. They all provide transfers to and from the airport for around 40 Euros.

Transport

All the climbing sectors are easily accessed by walking, so you will not



require to hire a car. It is possible to hire a car on a daily basis if you wish to climb in the other areas, approx 25 Euros.

There are 3 direct buses from Antalya (Ottoman) to Geyikbayiri - roughly 3 Lira. Ottoman is about 1 hours walk to the old town. If you miss the bus, there are regular buses from Antalya to Cakirlar and then it is very easy to hitch a ride up the valley.

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Money

Local currency is the Turkish Lira - approx 2.8 to £1.00. There are numerous ATM's around Antalya. There are no ATM's in Geyikbayiri. The other common currency is the Euro. Sterling is not really accepted, especially Scottish notes.

Food

All the accommodation providers offer a cafe menu, including evening meals. An evening meal will cost anything from 8 - 15 Euro's. There is a very small shop in Geyikbayiri, but if you are self catering you would need to purchase your supplies in Antalya.

Equipment

Normal sport climbing kit is perfect - the guide book even tells you how many quick draws are required for the routes. The routes are all generally very well bolted.

Temperature

Very hot during the day to slightly chilly in the evening - i.e. down jacket.

Rest days

The ancient city in Geyikbayiri is worth a visit if you fancy playing at Indiana Jones. Failing that, hike a ride into Antalya and chill out on the beach, take a boat trip and mooch around the old town. The old town is very popular with tourists.



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