

Antalya Airport To Fethiye And Then On To Sakli Vadi Cottages By Car

The journey from Antalya airport to Sakli Vadi cottages takes around three and a half hours, depending on the traffic. Once you leave Antalya city, the route takes you through the mountains and is a spectacular drive.

First though, some traffic and driving information about Turkey. The nominal highway speed is 90 klms/hr (100 klms/hr if you are overtaking) but if you see a blue and white police patrol car, we recommend you slow down anyway ! If you are asked to stop by the highway police (blue & white cars and uniforms) or the Jandarma (very smart, brown military style uniforms and blue vehicles), we recommend you do so ! All police and Jandarma in Turkey are armed. Always carry your passport, driving license and hire car papers. Normal international road rules apply in Turkey, except for roundabouts. In Turkey, cars on roundabouts have to stop and give way to cars entering the roundabout (Dur on a red road sign means Stop).

As you exit Antalya airport, you pass the IC Hotel on your right and join the main highway, following the signs for Antalya, Liman and Kemer. You pass through two sets of traffic lights and at the next roundabout turn right, following the signs to Otogar, Liman, Kemer and Burdur. Pass through one set of traffic lights and at the following set, turn right at the Petrol Offisi garage, following the Otogar signs. At the next traffic lights turn left. You will now pass straight through three sets of traffic lights, heading for the Otogar. After passing the second set of lights, you drive under a blue painted pedestrian bridge. At the fourth set of lights there is a roundabout. Take the slip road to the right onto this six lane main road, following the signs for Otogar, Denizli and Burdur. This main highway has a tramway running down the central reservation. This is the D650 road and you are going to stay on it all the way out of the city.

At the next traffic lights, carry straight on, passing the Otogar on your left. Continue through two more sets of traffic lights. If you look up at the cliffs ahead, you will see the head of Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey, carved into the rock face. The road now climbs steeply and as you crest the top, you will see several main routes signposted. Turn left, following the D350 road towards Korkuteli, Denizli and Mugla.

Korkuteli is roughly 55 klms from Antalya. This newly made road climbs up into the mountains and is dual or six lane highway all the way to Korkuteli, passing the villages of Sogutcuik and Datkoy. Soon after you pass the Korkuteli town sign there is a set of traffic lights. Turn left here onto the D350 ring road, signposted for Elmali, Cavdir, Fethiye and Denizli. As you approach the next set of lights, move into the middle lane, which signposted for Cavdir, Fethiye and Denizli. Pass straight through these lights, climbing up the hill away from Korkuteli.

After about 30-40 minutes, you approach the village of Sogut (which means willow) on a broad, tree lined boulevard. If you feel hungry, the village is famous for it's whole roast lamb and there are lot's of restaurants on both sides of the boulevard. As you drive through Sogut, you will come to a main intersection. Turn left here, following the signs for Fethiye and Mugla, staying on the D350. You stay on this road for about 75 klms, all the way to a large roundabout with traffic lights, close by a village called Kemer. Proceed straight ahead at this roundabout, on to the D400 road, signposted for Fethiye.

In approximately 16 klms, you will see a Petrol Offisi service station on your right hand side and a little further along is a roundabout in the centre of a crossroads with traffic lights. On the right of the crossroads is a large advertisement for Yigit Tel. Turn left at these lights, signposted to Fethiye. In 1.2 klms you will come to a small roundabout with an Opet Petrol station. Turn left and drive over the river bridge. In about 250 metres you come to a small roundabout signposted Fethiye and Oludeniz. Turn right here onto the dual carriageway and follow this road all the way into town.

You will eventually come to a roundabout with traffic lights. On your left on the other side of the lights you will see a Carrefour Xpress and a Shell petrol station. Proceed straight across these lights continuing along this road, through the next two sets of traffic lights. About 100 metres before the third set of lights, with a pedestrian bridge above, you will see on your left, a No Left Turn sign and above that a small blue and white road sign saying 109 Sokak. Drive slowly past this turning and take the next road on the left in about 50 metres, with another small white and blue road sign, this time saying Kaya Caddesi (TN 11). Drive along this street to the cross roads at the end. Continue straight over the intersection signposted to Kaya Koyu/Karmylassos/Levisi (the last two are the ancient names for Kaya).

If you miss the Kaya Caddesi (TN 11) turning, proceed under the pedestrian bridge to the traffic lights and turn left. After 100 metres there is a T junction ; turn left and then take the first right turning.

The road bears right up the hill, with a brown and white sign saying Kaya Koy. You pass a sarcophagus in the middle of the road – yes, really ! The road starts to climb steeply out of the town. Stay on this road and exit the town. You pass the Kale Park restaurant on your right and then you come to a T junction with a yellow cube shaped water pumping station facing you. Turn left and follow the brown and white sign for Karmylassos. You now begin to drive up a steep, winding mountain road. Set your trip clock.

As you turn onto the mountain road, please call our manager Gonul on +90-535-583-8833 and tell her you are just leaving Fethiye. As you come to the top of the cliffs after 3.8 klms, you enter a small forest ; just continue along this road. As you exit the forest, the road turns sharply to the left and begins to fall steeply, down to the valley floor. On the valley floor in 2.8 klms, the first village you come to is called Keciler. Stay on the road and in about 2 klms, you will come to a crossroads, with a small road island in the middle with a stone column in the centre. This is Kaya Village and you have only another 2.2 klms to go. Continue straight through the village centre, passing the water well immediately on your right. Carry straight along the road past a small hotel/pension called the Villa Rhapsody. You will shortly come to your destination, Kinali Village. On the right hand side of the road you will see an appropriately named restaurant, The Kinali Restaurant. Gonul will be waiting for you at the restaurant and will take you to your cottage. There is off road parking and all the cottages are a minute or less walk from the restaurant.

If you have any difficulty during your journey, just give Gonul a ring. If you ask anyone for directions say ... "Kaya Vadi Lutfen ?" (Kaya Valley please ?).