

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

The journey from the airport at Dalaman to Sakli Vadi Cottages takes roughly an hour and a quarter.

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 are armed. Always carry your passport, diving 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).

Exit Dalaman Airport and proceed along the dual carriageway to the roundabout with traffic lights. Continue straight over the roundabout, along the dual carriageway. You will pass a Total petrol station on your right ; slow down. On your right, just before the dual carriageway bends to the left, you will see The Karisma Bar, with lots of Efes beer signs adorning it. Next to the bar is the Ekinci Market (corner shop). Turn right off the dual carriageway in front of the Ekinci Market. Follow this road and you will see a large green mosque on the left. The main Dalaman to Fethiye road is in front of you.

At the T junction turn right onto the main highway and you immediately drive past an Ipragaz filling station on your right. About 10 minutes out of Dalaman on the main road you will approach the Gocek Tunnel. It is a toll tunnel and you will need Ytl. 3.00 in cash. After the tunnel, just continue on this main road for about 20-25 minutes. On your left you will eventually see a Petrol Offisi service station with a Toyota car salesroom. The road begins to rise gently and you pass the blue Fethiye town sign (Nufus 76,000) on your right. As you crest the rise, you come to a large roundabout. Turn right here, following the signs for Fethiye, Sehir Merkezi (Centrum) and Oludeniz.

Follow this road all the way into town. You will eventually come to a roundabout with traffic lights. On the other side of the lights you will see a Carrefour Xpress and a Shell petrol station. Turn right here and proceed along this road straight 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 turning right.

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, as you begin to drive up the 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 ?).