

GENERAL INFO



Antalya is the tourism paradise of Turkey with a very long summer and offering natural, historical and cultural beauties. Modern and liberal life makes everything easier for gay people too. The city is also known as Turkish Riviera internationally. Lots of bars, nightclubs on the seafront, restaurants and shops adorn Antalya.

In early 2007 there was an attempt to open a big gay-exclusive hotel - then called Planet Victorya- in Kemer district of Antalya. It was not successful probably because it was too big for the capacity of gay tourists coming to Kemer and the administration did not know much about the basics of gay tourism. The outlook and the inner decoration of the chosen hotel building was also far from gay-taste.

Visitor feedbacks for gay life in Antalya:

"As a gay tourist looking for some fun you are best off visiting Istanbul and maybe Antalya and Bodrum, cause these are the gay friendliest places in the country. My visits to Antalya and Bodrum were very impressive, not so much because of the rich history, but all the more because of their gay friendliness. Antalya really has something to offer: there are several gay bars and discos frequented by gay Turks. They even have a special Gay Night every Monday night with various activities. The location can be seen from the main boulevard and it offers a nice view for "slightly surprised" gentlemen. The Alexander Bar in Antalya is worth a visit when it comes to ambiance and young clientele. The boys are friendly and curious to know just where you're from. There are other gay bars of course, but they are not that easy to find, since they are generally tucked away in small alleys. Antalya has the feel of a larger city and there are large areas with gorgeous hotels and resorts." (11 September 2006)

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BARS AND CLUBS

Exclusive Gay Bars and Clubs in Antalya:

7 BUCUK : 23:00 – 05:00

Address: Hasim Iscan Mahallesi (locality) 1295. Sokak (Street) No: 41 (building no) Muratpasa (district), Antalya - Turkey.

The gay bars in Antalya change their name or location almost every year. This one was called My Angel in 2009. The venues is the same but the name and manager of the club has been changed in 2010. Located right across ETV television building, or behind Pamukkale textile company in Muratpasa; central district of Antalya which also covers old city Kaleici. (01/07/2009)

Visitor reviews:

"Now club is called "7 Bucuk". The club is localized the same place behind "Pamukkale store" across the ETV building. And it also opens at 11 p.m. Music was ok and video installation was interesting. Friendly staff and nice ginger barman were also there) Advice: if you do not live in Antalya you'd better take a detailed map before visiting that club. (Posted by Ivan & John from Russia on July 11 2010)

"I am the former manager of My Angel. I left this place 2 months ago. The new managers has changed the name of the club." (January 10 2010)

"Phoned a couple of times to get opening hours and visited Friday night 8.1.10 Not many in when we arrived owner and a few others only. Busted by police at midnight and we were informed the club had been shut-down. Owner and a few others said they would take us to another club. I ended up paying for taxi ride for everyone, and was left holding a huge bar bill at the second club which others said they had no money to contribute towards. Turned out later that at least some of the guys we had been with were prostitutes. Altogether a weird, expensive and nasty night out." (Posted by Nick and Scott from UK on January 12 2010)

"We visited the club on a few occasions on our 11 nights in Antalya during August 2009. Very friendly staff and a good atmosphere on the Saturday nights. This was the only gay venue that we could find in Antalya as the other bars and clubs listed had all closed down." (Posted by Jon from United Kingdom on 29/08/2009)

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ALEXANDER CLUB (Closed Down in 2008)

ROMEO 07 (Closed Down in 2008)

Gay Friendly Antalya Bars and Clubs and Other Popular None-Gay Night Clubs:

MARJINAL BAR 21:00-05:00

Address: Antalya. Yat I imani (Marina)

Address: Antalya, Turkey

A place recommended by a Turkish website visitor briefly as a gay friendly club in January 2008.

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NORTH SHIELD PUB 21:00-05:00

Address: Kilic Aslan Mah. Park Sok. No: 14, Kaleici, Antalya.

Norht sheild has a chain of pubs and bars in major cities of Turkey. Although it is not totally true, the one in Antalya is listed on some internet pages as the only gay bar of Antalya. For that reason it should be possible to see some gay men going there once in a while. It is definitely not a homophobic place, anyway.

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RESTAURANTS & CAFE SHOPS

Gay or Gay-Friendly Restaurants and Cafe Shops in Antalya:

There is not any considerable information we obtained so far which is worth listing under this category.

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Other Recommended Non-Gay Restaurants and Cafe Shops in Antalya:

There is not any considerable information we obtained so far which is worth listing under this category.

Visitor Feedbacks:

'**FAVORI Restaurant** in Antalya is a nice restaurant situated in old town-Kaleici; 200 m below the clock tower. Narghile (water pipe) is possible <http://www.favori-restaurant.com> ' (Posted by Janod from Germany on 11/09/2009)

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BLUE MOVIE & CINEMAS

Gay Friendly Cinemas in Antalya:

Almost in all porno or erotic movie cinemas, it is possible to see gay or bisexual men, although their owners do not want to be classified as gay-venues. Make sure that you are approaching the right person because they are not gay-exclusive venues and are visited by straight men as well. There may also be pick-pockets in such places occasionally.

Attention: Below venues were reported by website visitors and the information is not necessarily accurate.

Aspendos Sinemasi (11:00-21:00)

Address: Somewhere across the Ayakkabicilar Carsisi (shoe shops/market) in Dogu Garaji neighborhood (the area around the old eastern bus terminal about 1 km from the old city center called Kaleici).

Submission Date: 04/02/2007

Kent Sinemasi (10:00-19:00)

Address : When you walk from Muratpasa Mosque towards Kaleici (the castle) take the fist turn on the left. The mosque is located at the square in Muratpasa neighborhood of city center.

Submissin Date: 16/05/2008

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SAUNA AND BATHS

Gay Friendly Sauna or Bath Houses in Antalya:

Homosexuality is not and has never been illegal in Turkey and individuals can not be punished by any law for homosexual action, but any sexual action (gay/straight) is still forbidden in public venues and can be a reason for periodical closure of the venues by the authorities. Probably for that reason most owners of action places such as cinemas, baths and saunas do not like to be mentioned on gay websites or guide books even if they want them to come to their venues for business reason. The places listed under this category are not gay venues and do not necessarily allow gay action inside. So, it is advised to be discrete.

CUMHURİYET HAMAMI (06:00-24:00)

Address: Sarampol Caddesi (street) Kalekapisi (quarter) Antalya

This bath house has been recommended to gay people on some internet websites and guidebooks since many years. It may have been re-opened but we received a message that this bath was closed some time in 2006. According to a message received in September 2009 this hamam (Turkish bath) has been renovated in 2007 by the new owners who have changed its name as **Carsi Hamami**, and it is more clean now and still highly recommended to gay people.

Kalekapisi quarter houses the statue of King Attalus II of Pergamum, who is supposed to be the founder of Antalya city. When his statue was decided to be erected here in 2004, there has been a big opposition by some local radical nationalists, but their accusation was mainly based on the claim that King Attalus was gay. This conflict had been widely covered by the national media at those times.

AKDENİZ HAMAMI

Address: Hasan Subasi Caddesi (street) 46. Sokak (lane), Building No: 22, Muratpasa (down town) Antalya

This place was reported by a website visitor as below:

"Walk towards sea side from the street right in front of Murat Paşa mosque (possibly Sarampol street), it is inside a small lane. Muratpasa mosque is near the old intercity bus terminal. I haven't been there personally, but heard from friends that it is a quiet bath, not a gay-friendly place, but it may be possible to see some gay men. (12/01/2009)

Visitor feedbacks:

The directions given previously are incorrect. From the statue, head AWAY from the sea along the pedestrian street. At the first road crossing, turn right and the baths are about 150m along the street. (Posted by A.C. form UK on 26/07/2009)

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BEACHES & CRUISING AREAS

Gay Cruising and Gay Beaches in Antalya:

In general, the cruising areas - especially parks and secluded beaches are where gay men should be more selective with the people they meet. It is always possible to come across to some bad guys who want to trap the gay men in such places. Especially, be careful at night time and do not carry very valuable things and a lot of money on you, just in case.

The most visible cruising places in Antalya are these:

*Cumhuriyet Meydani (the square at the Antalya city center) especially in the evening around the sculpture/monument.

*Yacht marina (especially along the breakwater), amphitheatre and its neighborhood in Kaleici, old city district, downtown, Antalya. It is not very dangerous, but still be selective. There may be hustlers in the vicinity.

*Karaoglan Park, especially the part closer to the sea. Watch out hustlers and thieves especially late at night. The park is close to the football stadium, not far from Kaleici (the old city)

*The park opposite of Selekler Carsisi. Selekler Carsisi is a kind of small shopping mall at the junction of Gulluk and Konyaalti streets, where they sell jewelry, accessories, musical instruments and similar goods in the shops. There are some cafe shops in front of the building.

*The walkway and parks between the flag at Fener (the quarter named after the lighthouse) up to Moonlight Hotel along *Eski Lara Yolu* (old Lara street connecting down-town Antalya to Lara district). This place was reported by a website visitor in July 2010.

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There are no gay-exclusive beaches in Antalya, but the below mentioned ones are where you can see cruising gay men more often.

Konyaalti beach,

Konyaalti beach is the nearest public beach with respect to the city center and old city called Kaleici on the west side of Antalya. It is a long strand of pebbles and rough sand backed by park, some hotels, and residential areas. It is a pleasant walk to get to Konyaalti from city center but you can also take the tram westward from Kalekapisi at the center of Antalya to the end of the line near the Antalya Museum and the Falez and Sheraton Voyager hotels, then walk downhill 10 minutes to reach Antalya Beach Park and the eastern end of Konyaalti Plaji. Antalya Beach Park has shade trees, snack stands, restaurants, cafes and bars, showers and other services, as well as beach chairs and sun umbrellas for rent.

Lara beach.

Lara is the most popular beach district near Antalya city center, about 16 km but easily accessible by frequent public buses and shuttle-like public taxis called "dolmush" in Turkey. Lara Plaji (Lara Beach) east of Antalya is a long beach of gentle waves, darkish sand, and some small pebbles. Most parts of the beach are backed by commercial services offering beach chairs, sun umbrellas, snacks and drinks, showers and perhaps even some entertainment. The beach begins east of Antalya's falez (cliffs), just past the Lower Düden Waterfall (Asagi Düden Selalesi). East of the waterfall a point of land extends into the Gulf of Antalya. Hotels, restaurants and other services host visitors who swim mostly from docks and platforms.

The real sand beach starts on the east side of the point and extends for several kilometers. The first major installation is Lara Halk Plaji, with beach services organized by the city of Antalya.

Adalar Beach.

This place was suggested by a website visitor as below.

When you walk into the Karaoglan Park, and reach the place called "balkon" (Balcony) it is right down under. This place is often visited by local gay men as well as gay tourists and even some transgender. It is a secluded place inside the rocks.