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KEMPINSKI HOTEL BARBAROS BAY, BODRUM

Where is it?

Located in its own private bay on the Aegean Coast of Turkey, close to the popular holiday city of Bodrum. It is secluded enough to enjoy the solitude of the area without feeling too far away from civilisation and outside nightlife.

What's the appeal?

A grown-up resort without the long-haul flight. Tucked away on the Turkish Riviera, on an untouched part of the peninsula, this hotel offers everything you would expect from a five-star

establishment, including tailored wellness packages and multiple dining options.

What makes it special?

Between the Shisha Sommelier, mountain meditation, candlelit yoga and adults-only beach, finding something that doesn't set the hotel apart is difficult. There is also a private marina and marina butler, along with a private day cruiser if you wish to see the sights from the sea and explore the wonderful coastline.

Dining

Six different dining options are on offer, including Barbarossa, an Aegean fish speciality restaurant, and the casual Pool, which serves light lunchtime snacks and cocktails by the hotel's main infinity pool. Sublime Sundeck – a hip hang out that is adults only – enjoys a live DJ set from 5pm onwards.

Wellness

The 5,500-square-metre spa complex is home to luxury treatment rooms, an indoor pool, a whirlpool, Hammam,



sauna and steam rooms. The balancing of body and mind is also on the agenda, with resident water-healer and therapist Deniz Susever on hand.

Our favourite room

Two presidential suites of 201 square metres are available – one designed with Asian influences and the other with the charm of the Ottoman era. Both suites enjoy their own 24-hour butlers, in-room Jacuzzi baths, and amazing views out onto the Aegean Sea.

How to get there

Flights to Bodrum via various international carriers make arriving by plane easy. Private jets are also catered for. The airport can arrange a Mercedes people carrier to take you to the hotel, or a helicopter transfer is also available.

www.kempinski.com

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● MANATHAI, KHAO LAK

A boutique experience is top of the agenda for this Thai hotel, which includes a traditional water blessing upon arrival. Make the most of the pristine beach and diving opportunities. www.manathai.com



● COLONNA PEVERO, PORTO CERVO

This resort includes five pools hidden discreetly in the hotel gardens, a helipad and private access to the famous waters of the Costa Smeralda. www.colonnapeverohotel.it



● PENINSULA, PARIS

Boasting an illustrious history dating back to 1908, including serving as the UNESCO headquarters, this hotel is now the epitome of contemporary Paris chic, with a coveted roof terrace. www.peninsula.com/paris



● FOUR SEASONS, DOHA

April saw the opening of the latest instalment of the famous restaurant Nobu, in a specially designed 26,000 square foot edifice. The private beach resort also boasts a three-storey spa. www.fourseasons.com/doha