

Villa Lale

Pre-arrival Top Tips

Ann's pre-arrival top tips

Some people like to travel without care, and take what comes. If you prefer to know a bit more about what to expect, here are some tips to help you on your way.

Before

- Don't forget to pack your beach towels, but remember the villa has a hair dryer, washing machine, dish washer, and filtered water system.
- You may also find that a torch is helpful: some of the local tracks are unlit and there are occasional power cuts.
- Turkey is one country where you will get a better exchange rate in the country rather than before you leave. It's worth getting some lira (YTL) in advance to cover initial costs, but otherwise you can change money at Dalaman airport (during 'normal' office hours), or you will get a better rate in Marmaris. We normally just take sterling cash as you get a better rate – in the villages Turkey is mostly a cash economy.

The journey

- The first thing you need to do on getting off the plane is queue for your tourist visa. This costs £10 per person in cash, without exception. The queue can be long, but it gives you something to do whilst waiting for the luggage to come through. It's only then that that you go through passport control.
- If you have hired a car or organised a transfer through Dorothy, they will all take payment in cash (pound sterling).



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■ If you're driving a car from the airport you will need to pay a few lira at the main gate on leaving the airport.

■ You will probably find your hire car has very little petrol, this is normal for Turkey. There is a petrol station a few miles along the main road straight out from the airport. Be warned, petrol in Turkey is even more expensive than in the UK. By the way, if you have a car delivered to Villa Lalee, you may need to head into Marmaris to get petrol before being able to tour around the peninsula. The petrol station is very easy to find. It is on the main road as you come into Marmaris, on the left. Otherwise there are a couple at the far end of town, again on the main road.

■ It is extremely hot in mid Summer. Think about finding room in your hand luggage for a small bottle of water each, to keep you going until you reach the villa.

■ If you need a comfort break en route to Orhaniye there are a couple of big petrol stations, open 24 hours, on the main road about 1/2 hour to one hour away from the airport. As these are used as coach stops prices are extortionate, but the toilets are good!

Arriving at Villa Lale

■ There will be someone there to meet you on your arrival. This will be either our friend Dorothy or our neighbour Rafet, who looks after the house and pool.

■ Waiting for you in the kitchen will be a welcome pack of village food and Turkish wine to tide you over until you can get to the shops.

■ There is a detailed guide at the Villa that gives you lots of information about the house, locality, where to shop, etc. If you can't wait, e-mail John at john@VillaLale.com and he can send you a pdf of the guide.

We hope you have a good journey, and an excellent holiday.



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