

# 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. Also please browse FAQ at [www.VillaLale.com/faq](http://www.VillaLale.com/faq)

#### Before

■ Towels for indoor use are provided but don't forget to pack your poolside/ beach towels. The villa has a hair dryer, washing machine, dish washer, and filtered water system. As Turks believe that only running water is clean, please take a large International plug with you if you want one for the sink.

■ You will also find that a small torch is essential: many of the village tracks are unlit and there are occasional power cuts. We provide emergency back-up lights for use in the villa.

■ We provide a family first aid kit, but please bring your own preferred lo-tions, potions and pills for minor ailments and accidents, such as headache tablets, antihistamine and sting relief.

■ We aim to provide you a home from home so we supply basic supplies such as salt, pepper, tea, coffee, soap, washing powder and toilet rolls.

■ Tourist rates outside of Turkey are now not much different than in Turkey, although if you need to exchange a lot of cash you may get a better rate at a Turkish bank (but that means going into Marmaris). We advise you not to change money at Dalaman airport as the rates are dreadful. There is now an ATM in Orhaniye, but we do not rely on machines in Turkey as they are often unreliable. 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. They will NOT accept Scottish bank notes or Turkish Lira. The queue can be long, but it gives you something to do whilst waiting for the luggage to come through.



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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 to exit 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 the villa you may need to get petrol before being able to tour around the peninsula. If you only need a small amount, or don't mind paying over the top you can get this in the Marina, or there is a petrol station a 10-15 minute drive away on the main road to Marmaris.

■ 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 also coach stops prices are extortionate, but the toilets are good!

### Arriving at Villa Lale

■ We ask you to arrive at the villa by no earlier than 4:00 pm on your arrival day. If you have an early flight and will arrive in the area before this time please contact us or Dorothy about options for making the most of your first day.

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

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

■ There is a detailed guide at the Villa that gives you lots of information about the house, white goods, locality, where to shop, etc.

■ Please bear in mind that as the villa is in rural Turkey, we cannot guarantee 100% availability of all utilities. We try our very best but the utilities in Orhaniye are sometimes erratic.

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



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