

## **BODRUM CASTLE AND GULET SAILING (Duration: 7 ½ hours including lunch)**



This tour combines the best of what Bodrum has to offer. You'll visit the Bodrum Castle (St. Peter's Castle), set picturesquely in the harbor with its five imposing towers and seven gates. The castle, built by the Knights of St. John, is also home to the **Museum of Underwater Archaeology**. This unique museum, the most important of its kind in the world, contains priceless treasures from ancient shipwrecks in Turkish waters. Mycenaean and Canaanite artifacts recovered from a 12<sup>th</sup> century BC wreck off of Cape Gelidonya (near Antalya) in 1960 provide the original core pieces of the museum. On display in the castle's Gothic Chapel is a full-scale reconstruction of one-third of an Eastern Roman Empire-era shipwreck in the 7<sup>th</sup> century AD. You will also see the finds from the world's oldest known shipwreck, a 14<sup>th</sup> century B.C. vessel found near Uluburun (Kas).

In another section is the interesting **Carian Princess** exhibit which evokes the final days of the ancient greatness of Halicarnassus, the capital city of Caria and the site on which today's Bodrum stands. It gives a vivid picture of the Hecatomnid dynasty that ruled Caria from 392 B.C. until the city fell to the Macedonian armies of Alexander the Great (a disaster from which it never recovered).

After visiting the museum, board your handcrafted wooden **gulet** for a day of relaxed cruising in and around Bodrum Bay. Swim and snorkel in crystal-clear waters while a fresh and sumptuous lunch is prepared and served onboard - all before sailing onto another hidden cove for more swimming and sunbathing. In the afternoon, your gulet will return to Bodrum Harbor; you will return to the ship or perhaps have some free time in this beautiful coastal town to shop.