

DALYAN RIVER AND ANCIENT CAUNOS (Duration: 5 1/2 hours)



A memorable adventure awaits as you explore the protected wetlands of the Dalyan River, and view spectacular cliffside Lycian tombs and capped off with a visit to the ancient ruins of Caunos.

Drive to Dalyan village and board a private flat-bottomed boat; you'll glide past tall river reeds and see some wildlife in the government-protected Dalyan Delta wetlands (Köycegiz-Dalyan Special Environmental Protection Area). Journeying further down the gently twisting emerald-green river, you will marvel at the dramatic Hellenistic-inspired **Lycian tombs**. These iconic symbols of Dalyan date back to the time of Mausolus in the 4th century BC.

Next, explore the ruins of **Caunos**, once a thriving seaport beginning in the 10th century BC before the silting up of the Dalyan delta and its ports. Before a malaria epidemic hit in the 15th century AD and wiped out the city, it had been successively ruled by the Carians, Lycians, Persians, Greeks, Romans and Byzantines, making Caunos a true example of the richness of past Asia Minor civilizations. Journey back up the river and enjoy a leisurely lunch in the charming town of Dalyan.

Enjoy free time in the town before returning to the ship.