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Hotel Villa Mahal  
Kalkan, Turkey

The über-chic Hotel Villa Mahal is quite simply breath-taking, her curved white walls spilling down across a hillside towards the endless expanse of blue Mediterranean. Winner of the *Condé Nast Johansens'* award for Most Romantic Hotel in Europe in 2007, boutique hotels simply don't come more stylish than this.

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Exclusive Boutique Hotel



Exclusive Escapes

The owner Ipek has a flare for design which is nowhere more evident than at Hotel Villa Mahal. Located across the bay from the main harbour at Kalkan, the sea-front situation affords panoramic views across the water towards the town in one direction, and the open sea in the other.

The picture post-card spot was hand-picked by Ipek when she first moved to Kalkan over 20 years ago, and having gathered all in one place the essential ingredients of an award-winning boutique hotel, Hotel Villa Mahal has paved the way for others to follow. Joined by her brother, Murat, and his wife, Sebnem, they have created a haven for the more discerning traveller in the most wonderful location.



You arrive at the Mahal's reception from the dusty track outside, and crossing the threshold you quite simply enter another world. With overtures of a stylish Ibiza retreat, you look down across the cobbled steps past nooks and crannies that tumble down to a heavenly water front.

Paths criss-cross hither and thither leading to just 13 stylish rooms spread across the hillside, each one retaining a degree of privacy reflecting the hotel's intimate atmosphere. Steps lead to a terrace overlooking the sea, where breakfast is taken. Choose from an array of local yoghurt, honey, succulent fruits, a variety of Turkish breads, pancakes and home-made jams.

Exploring the Mahal you'll discover her bountiful assets at every turn. The mature gardens waft a variety of sublime scents across the air from the various plants, including lime, olive and fig trees. Nearby the enchanting, triangular infinity pool beckons with a tempting glint of sunlight falling on her cool waters, accompanied by plump cushions and grassy areas on which to relax and unwind. Take a nap together in the impossibly romantic double swing chair, located in one of the shady corners. Top up your tan on one of the wooden sun loungers, strategically positioned on a grassed roof terrace taking advantage of those die-for views.

On reaching the water's edge, however, you'll discover her hidden gem – the Mahal Beach Club. Abutting the water's front are layers of platforms built into the rocks, under the shady olive groves. Here and there are dotted hammocks and loungers on which to curl up and relax with a good book. A stone's throw out to sea are swimming platforms from where guests can while away the hours, enjoying nothing but the sound of the gently lapping water.

The active can enjoy sailing at Mahal with nothing to disturb the perfect ambience – simply the wonderful image of white sails on a perfect bay! Alternatively, guests can call-up a motor boat to whisk them away to a cove where all manner of water-sports are provided.

While the main Beach Club is open to all *Exclusive Escapes*' guests in Kalkan, hotel residents benefit from a private beach club area, immediately below the hotel, for their sole use.

By night the loungers and parasols are replaced by starched napkins and gleaming glasses, which under twinkling fairy lights provide an incredibly romantic dining spot. Attentive waiters will tend to your every need, serving a selection of classic, Mediterranean dishes accompanied by surprisingly good local wines. For those who prefer to venture into Kalkan, a water-taxi will whisk you away to the main harbour whose bougainvillea-covered streets are home to a host of tasteful bars and roof-terrace restaurants.

In short, a chic, romantic, sassy bolt-hole – the Hotel Villa Mahal has it all, in spades.




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## Food & Wine

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We believe good food and wine are vital ingredients to any holiday – a view shared by Villa Mahal.

Guests usually dine at the Beach Club. The waterside setting, the imaginative lighting and the sound of the sea all make for a wonderfully romantic evening and, if the mood takes, you can follow dinner with a refreshing moonlit dip!

Several special evenings are held each week on the spectacular roof terrace. As you would expect, these are gracefully presented and provide the opportunity to dine under the bright stars to the accompaniment of live music which is fitting to the atmosphere.

Breakfast is served on the roof terrace every day with the only exception of Sundays, when guests can enjoy a welcoming brunch throughout the morning in the cool waterside setting of the Beach Club.

### À LA CARTE EVENING MEAL SUPPLEMENT £22

Waterside dining is also open to non-resident *Exclusive Escapes* guests at this special rate which is only available if pre-booked. Rates are inclusive of special evenings, and can be booked for any number of days and applied on a completely flexible basis. Simply inform reception on the day or, subject to availability, even on the evening you wish to dine.

This rate does constitute a saving. Drinks are not included.

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## The Mahal Rooms

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Hotel Villa Mahal is spaciouly laid out, and its design is contemporary. It has just 13 rooms, nine of which are reserved for *Exclusive Escapes* with four kept back by Ipek for her own long-established guests (non-UK).

The rooms are a real highlight providing, in our opinion, amongst the highest quality available in coastal Turkey. Much thought has been given to peace and privacy. Each of these tasteful and romantic rooms differ in terms of size and facilities, maximising the impact of its wonderful setting.

Each room has a shower/WC, air-conditioning, direct dial telephones, safety deposit box, mini-bar, iPod dock, hair dryer, and a bathrobe and slippers are provided for guests to use.

### MOONLIGHT ROOMS (4 ROOMS)

Spacious rooms each with a double bed (one room has twin beds) and floor-to-ceiling French windows, which lead onto a private terrace with fabulous sea views. The terraces are furnished with reclining cane chairs and a table.

### MOONLIGHT DELUXE (2 ROOMS)

Larger than a Moonlight Room and both with double beds, the Moonlight Deluxe also has a more spacious private terrace with sun loungers. One has a bath tub as well as a separate shower in the bathroom.

### SUNSET DELUXE (4 ROOMS)

Larger still than the Moonlight Deluxe these rooms have the added bonus of a magnificent floor-to-ceiling glass wall which provides amazing sea views. Sunset Deluxe rooms also have a kingsize double bed and a large private terrace with sun loungers. The bathroom has a bath tub as well as a separate shower for added luxury (one room has the shower in the bath).

### THE POOL SUITE (1 ROOM)

A truly glorious room! The open-plan two-storey Pool Suite is large, light and airy and comes highly recommended.

Entrance is from your private terrace into a secluded seating area. Steps lead up to the double bed and bathroom with deluxe massage shower. The views from the bed, sitting area and, of course, the large private terrace are wonderful, looking across your private swimming pool directly out to sea. A fabulous hideaway!



### THE CLIFF HOUSE (1 ROOM)

The Cliff House is a stunning one-bedroom villa with private swimming pool.

The villa is laid out over two storeys: upstairs has a large double bedroom with en suite shower/WC. Downstairs is a large open-plan split level sitting and dining room complete with sofa bed. French windows open out onto a large private terrace and garden with private swimming pool.

The Cliff House is situated close to the Beach Club, and therefore has the easiest access to the sea. The views, as you would expect, are breathtaking no matter what your vantage point!

### SUNSET SUITE (1 ROOM)

This room type is occasionally available only on request.



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### Massage by the Sea

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Hotel Villa Mahal does not offer a full spa facility, but it does provide a selection of high-quality massages. The setting is, of course, unique – relax in the cool shadows of a natural cave right on the waters' edge with nothing but the sound of the sea to disturb you!

A full treatment list is available on our website and massages can be pre-booked prior to your departure.

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Complimentary water –taxi  
09:00 – 19:00 (18:00 in low season)

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Hotel Villa Mahal is a short five- to ten-minute journey away from Kalkan either by water-taxi across the bay or by taxi round the mainland. The Mahal offers a complimentary boat service throughout the day to and from the harbour. The last boat departs at 19:00 and guests are welcome to take this into Kalkan returning very easily by taxi.

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Children at Hotel Villa Mahal  
(applicable to children under nine years)

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Due to the steep hillside location of this property and also the general atmosphere, Mahal is not suited to young children. Therefore regretfully, children under the age of nine cannot be accommodated.

Property Features  
Exclusive Boutique Hotel

Airport Transfer: 1 hour and 40 minutes

Complimentary Items Include

- A gulet cruise (if places available at the time of booking)
- A Turkish Bath at The Kalkan Regency (see online)
- Water-taxi service to harbour 09:00 – 19:00
- An Exclusive Escapes beach towel to keep
- Bed & Breakfast

Property Facilities

- Speciality massages (treatment list on website)
- Beach & Terrace restaurant
- Beach, Pool & Terrace bars
- Laundry services (no dry cleaning)
- Internet access at reception and wireless access
- Credit cards are accepted with a 4% charge
- Use of Kalkan Regency Wellbeing Centre, Sauna & Turkish Bath (not pool)

Swimming

- Private Beach Club
- Hotel freshwater swimming pool. Dimensions: 9 x 19m (triangular). Depth: 2m
- Pool Suite pool: 3 x 11m. Depth: 1.50 – 2.00m
- Cliff House pool: 8 x 3m. Depth: 1.50 – 2.20m

- Complimentary pool & beach club towel service
- Water sports available from Beach Club (activities on website)

Room Details

- Number of rooms in property: 13
- All rooms are air-conditioned/heated with private shower/WC
- All rooms with mini-bar at normal bar prices and tea & coffee-making facilities
- All rooms with hair dryer, bath robe & slippers
- All rooms with direct dial phone, safety deposit boxes, iPod dock & internet access

Distances

- 500m/10-minute water-taxi to Kalkan Harbour
- 1.5km/35-minute walk to Kalkan village or 10-minute drive

Sporting Activities & Cultural Sites

- see online

Suitability

- Not suitable for children under nine
- Not suited to persons of limited mobility due to steep hillside location
- There are approximately 180 steps from the terrace to the beach club

Prices

- Please refer online for Live Availability and prices.

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## Flights to the Lycian Coast

Departure Airport	Departure Day	Airline	Series	Flight number	Terminal	Depart UK	Arrive Dalaman	Depart Dalaman	Arrive UK	Business Class
Heathrow	Saturday	bmi	1 May – 30 Oct	BD 7007/8	1	11:25	17:40	18:30	20:15	£400*
Manchester	Saturday	bmi	1 May – 30 Oct	BD 7365/6	3	09:15	15:30	16:20	19:00	£400*
Gatwick	Saturday	Monarch	1 May – 30 Oct	MON 728/9	South	09:10	15:00	16:15	18:20	n/a

\*Business Class: Offers can apply – please see online.

All timings are local. Turkey is two hours ahead of UK time. At the time of going to press, timings are approximate, though will not alter significantly.

Infants (under two years of age on the return journey): An airline charge of £30 is applicable.

Flexible Durations, other flights and accommodation only: refer online.