

THE DISCERNING TRAVELLER

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In an enviable location, just a short stroll from Kalkan's old town, on the Turkish Mediterranean coast, is the impressive Asfiya Sea View Hotel. With only 34 rooms, 15 have their own plunge pools and three have direct access to the communal swimming pool – yet all enjoy breathtaking views.

The Asfiya Sea View Hotel is part of the specialist tour operator, Discerning Collection. Developed by the Aykan Group, the team behind award-winning luxury hotels such as the Likya Residence & Kas Peninsula Gardens and Spa, Asfiya Sea View Hotel promises to offer the same exceptional quality and service in an exclusive setting, with a range of facilities that the whole family can enjoy. After a winter renovation in 2014, the private pool rooms have been extended and their large terraces are now accessorised with comfy sunbeds and rattan furniture.

Guests can relax at the swimming pool, on the terrace and in the wonderful restaurant and bar. All Discerning Collection guests also receive complimentary access to the nearby Yali Beach Club so pop along and show them your room key. With panoramic views and decking scattered with comfy sunbeds, this is a truly idyllic spot and once you've found your favourite place to relax you won't have to move far as Yali Beach Club has everything you need for a relaxing day, including a restaurant, bar and plenty of water sports to try your hand at such as water-skiing, sailing, and paddle boarding.

Once a traditional fishing village, Kalkan has grown to become one of the prettiest and most exclusive resorts in Turkey. Still retaining its delightful old town feel, Kalkan has developed with a special charm that ensures visitors return year after year. With over 100 restaurants to choose from in such a small place, the quality of food here is renowned, making it a food-lovers dream.

The town's beach with clear shallow waters is perfect for small children to paddle in, while a choice of beach clubs around the bay offer something for everyone. Just 15 minutes from Kalkan is the famed Kaputas beach and 25 minutes drive will find you at the 15km sandy beach of Patara.

The Discerning Collection is a privately owned, specialist tour operator offering an exclusive, handpicked selection of hotels and villas across Europe. The company officially launched back in 2011 with founder & CEO Nick Wrightman wanting to build the UK's most successful boutique tour operation.

The Discerning Collection (www.discerningcollection.com; 01784 817 720) offer 7 nights at Asfiya Sea View Hotel in a Superior Sea View Room on a B&B basis from £675pp based on 2 guests sharing a room. Price includes flights from the UK with pre-booked seats and 20kg luggage per person, and airport transfers.

For more information, head to www.discerningcollection.com ■

