

Retrace your steps to the junction and continue E along the route towards the next hill. As you approach, the old road turns uphill; keep straight ahead on a very overgrown G3 path through open scrub scattered with stray olive trees. On a ridge, from a little olive grove you can see the white pebbly beach of Çakıl Plajı. The path continues straight down, passing a circular stone cistern on the way to the beach. Behind the beach the stream has formed a deep pool and behind that are green fields planted with regular rows of young pomegranate trees.

1hr 30mins

Cross Çakıl Plajı and find the path about 100m above the sea. It turns towards the sea and runs mostly on rocks at water level, occasionally climbing to avoid an obstacle. Approaching the beach at Sura, the path climbs to some cottages then turns N/uphill with the bay of Sura on the R. Here there is a junction; the R turn leads down to a bridge across the river mouth. Cross it to the beach at Çayağz and from there walk along the beach to Kale/Andriake.

1hr

The valley at **Sura** is a deep, flat-bottomed slot in the hillside opening onto the sea. The seaward side is dark brown with mud and a stream winds in meanders to the sea, leaving an escort of deep green bulrushes bowing and whispering along its banks. The river mouth and beach are now known as **Çayağz**; beyond it, you can see across the wide expanse of sand to the modern harbour at Kale, which has moved probably 2 km seawards from the original harbour of **Andriake**. Beyond that, a line of low hills prevent the sea from scouring out the harbours and conceal sandy beaches on the far side. Most of the year the valley is marshy and home to many wild birds. By crossing the bridge to the beach you can approach the oracle, the harbour, the ruins of Andriake and Myra. From the harbour, you can go to Kekova as a day cruise or to cut off part of the route.

In times of peace, boats could sail right up to the long quay on the S shore of the old harbour to load their cargoes. Hadrian's granary stands remarkably complete just behind the quay; it has an inscription along the full length. Nearby is a temple with a statue niche, presumably for the Emperor cult. There was a nymphaeum or perhaps a baths complex, linked to the aqueduct, part of which is still standing. Around the city were extensive graveyards but these have mostly disappeared under the silt. From Andriake, 4 km of straight road leads to Myra. Off this road, you may see the remains of a water mill; there are also sulphur springs.



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