

PROGRESSION COURSE

Ölüdeniz, Turkey

Who it's for

This course is designed for active speedflying pilots who've completed the FLYLAB basic course or training at another speedflying school and already have post-course solo flying experience — as well as for solo pilots of any level looking to upgrade their takeoff/piloting/landing technique.

Why Ölüdeniz

Ölüdeniz is the mecca of paragliding. Mount Babadağ has stable weather and easy aerology. The cable car lifts us to 1,200–1,900 meters and lets us do up to 4 training flights a day from one of 4 launches set up for different conditions — minimizing physical load and freeing us up to focus on the technical aspects of flight. Each flight is 4–7 minutes of piloting, so over the course you stack up a huge amount of airtime.

Goals

While the basic course focuses primarily on fundamental takeoff/landing techniques and the pilot's mental preparation, the progression course both keeps sharpening those fundamentals and tackles harder takeoff and landing variants. We pour huge attention into piloting — from weight-shift control and breaking the most common bad habits, all the way to spirals, barrel rolls, and energy management close to the terrain for the most efficient and safe proximity flights. In parallel we dive into the nuances of mountain weather, the psychology of decision-making in big mountains, and test different wings so you can make an informed choice of your own personal wing.

Program

Day 1: gear check, ground handling, takeoff/landing briefing, evening orientation and warm-up flight.

Days 2–6: training flights. We aim for 1–3 flights in the morning and 1 flight in the evening, weather and pilot headspace permitting.

Day 7: reserve day for weather issues earlier in the week — or solo flights under supervision as part of the group.

Over the course we plan up to 15 training flights. We film and debrief every takeoff/landing, set objectives for each flight, and review your 360-camera footage.

Logistics

The closest airport is Dalaman, about 1 hour away. You can get in by bus (to Fethiye, then taxi/minibus), by taxi, or by booking a transfer in advance — we recommend Moonlight, a company we've used for years (text on whatsapp/telegram — Yunus +905324603406, mention FLYLAB). Another option is to fly into Antalya and then take an intercity bus to Fethiye station (the cheapest option), book a transfer (handy in a group), or rent a car.

Accommodation

The team rents apartments in Ovacık ("upper" Ölüdeniz). If you want to stay near us, message Sasha Kozelkov on Telegram to book: @sasha_kozelkov. You can also look at staying down by the beach — much more convenient logistically, but pricier. The closest hotel to the LZ is Belcekiz. Plenty of hotels and villas are available via Booking/Airbnb. We strongly recommend booking in advance.

Gear

Wing, harness, helmet — required. You can rent gear from us for an additional fee. We strongly recommend back protection and an airbag. Reserve parachute — at your discretion. We'll publish a clothing guide in the camp chat closer to the date.

360-camera — can be mounted on the helmet or on a stick rigged to your backpack; plan your mount ahead.

Insurance

Insurance is mandatory for all camp days. If you arrange it yourself, it must cover paragliding, third-party liability, and helicopter evacuation. You can arrange it through us (coverage \$100,000) — cost 500 RUB/day = 3,500 RUB for the camp dates. Note: you must be inside Russia at the time of issue.

License

To fly in Ölüdeniz you need a paragliding license — APPI-2 or higher — registered in advance on the local federation website. Detailed registration guide. If needed, we can help you get a student license — message Sasha Kozelkov on Telegram: @sasha_kozelkov.

Camp price — 90,000 RUB / 1,160 USDT

Deposit: 45,000 RUB / 580 USDT to reserve your spot.

Spots are limited!

Second payment: 45,000 RUB / 580 USDT.

Fees are non-refundable.

Paid separately

- Gear rental (wing, harness, back protection, airbag) — 35,000 RUB / 450 USDT
- Lift access: 330 TRY (cable car), 900 TRY (launch access — refunded if flight isn't possible due to weather)
- Insurance 500 RUB/day — 3,500 RUB for 7 camp days
- License 4,000 RUB / 50 USDT

For RUB/USDT payment details and insurance, contact Alexey Chizhov @albalex.