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Kameriye Island and Church

She was sailing with her family in their yacht last summer, in August 2020. There were daily trip boats anchored near the coast. Because it was crowded, they didn't want to get closer and land on the island. Her photo (top) shows us the little ancient monastery and the church on Kameriye Island, dated back the 2nd century. This island is a tiny land, 1,1 km², in the Hisaronu Bay near Marmaris.

There is a short pathway of small rocks leading to the church. While walking, the island goats watch the visitors behind the scrubs if the new comers can walk on the path as skillful as themselves.

The orthodox monastery is not well protected. The ruins of the little church are in better condition but still need a restoration. There is a floor mosaic made of black and white stones in the courtyard. Due to the collapses in recent years, the mosaics are continuously suffering damages.

Sometimes the visitors also make a wish of marriage. For this, a piece of colored cloth is tied to the olive tree at the gate of the church with a hope that the God hear their wishful prayers.

(The top photo belongs to a participant of the Chest Photo Contest, Safak Yurtseven.)



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