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Cyprus Highlights
8 nights/9 days 22 – 30 April 2020
From £2,099 per person



Cyprus is a stunningly beautiful island, scattered with historical sites from its ancient past, and reminders of its modern challenges. This special nine-day journey provides you with the opportunity to experience the past and present of this divided island.

The Past: Visit the extensive archaeological remains of ancient cities, and admire the architectural legacy of mountaintop castles and Byzantine churches. Discover the island's myths and folklore, with photo stops at the birthplace of Aphrodite, and an excursion into the Troodos mountains.

The Present: Cross the line of this divided island, exploring the cultures and the people from both the Greek south and the Turkish north. Experience demonstrations of local crafting, from silversmithing and embroidery to halloumi production.

Your immersive journey is, of course, completed by offering the most authentic Cypriot cuisine, coffee, and wine.



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What's Included

- Return flights from London Heathrow to Larnaca with British Airways
- 8 nights' accommodation in good standard hotels
- Daily breakfast, two lunches and eight evening meals
- All excursions and entrance fees
- All overseas transport and English-speaking guides
- Escorted by Michael Eaves, who has over 50 years of travel experience

Highlights

- Experience both sides of Nicosia, the divided capital
- Explore the extensive Roman ruins at Salamis and Pahpos
- Immerse yourself in the mountainous landscape of Troodos, complete with a wine tasting
- Demonstrations of traditional silversmithing, embroidery and halloumi production



Kyrenia Castle



Limassol



Troodos



Salamis

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Wednesday 22nd April 2020 (D)

Provisional Flights:

British Airways BA664

Departs London Heathrow 11:50

Arrives Larnaca 18:25

On arrival in Larnaca, transfer to the north coast of Cyprus to your hotel in Kyrenia. Check-in before dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight: Arkin Colony Hotel, Kyrenia (or similar)

Thursday 23rd April 2020 (B, D)

Explore the ancient Roman city of Salamis, before continuing to Famagusta, known for its Venetian walls. Visit Othello's Tower and Lala Mustafa Pasha Mosque (previously St Nicholas Cathedral) before free time for lunch.

Drive outside Varosha, Famagusta's 'ghost town', still sealed off to visitors. This afternoon, visit Bellapais Abbey and Kyrenia's castle.

Overnight: Arkin Colony Hotel, Kyrenia (or similar)

Friday 24th April 2020 (B, D)

Spend a day exploring Nicosia, one of the few physically divided capital cities in the world.

Visit Selimiye Cami, once a Roman Catholic cathedral and now a mosque, and Buyuk Han, a stunning 16th century Ottoman Inn. Enjoy a Cyprus coffee before crossing Ledra's checkpoint on foot.

Free time for lunch. Continue to St John's Cathedral and a photo stop at Famagusta gate. Visit the Archaeological Museum, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Hilton Park Hotel, Nicosia (or similar)

Saturday 25th April 2020 (B, L, D)

Transfer to Lefkara, known for its silver and lace. Visit the 14th century Church of the Holy Cross, followed by demonstration of the town's silversmithing and lace embroidery.

Continue to Choirokitia to watch the production of halloumi cheese, followed by an authentic Cypriot brunch.

En route to Polis Chrysochous, stop at Petra tou Romiou, the birthplace of Aphrodite, for a photo stop.

Overnight: Stephanos Hotel, Polis Chrysochous (or similar)

Sunday 26th April 2020 (B, L, D)

Visit the Baths of Aphrodite at Akamas Peninsula, followed by time at leisure in the tranquil Latchi harbour.

Transfer to Drousia and enjoy a rich brunch buffet with home-made viands.

Return to Polis Chrysochous for free time, before dinner in a local restaurant.

Overnight: Stephanos Hotel, Polis Chrysochous (or similar)

Monday 27th April 2020 (B, D)

Visit the Tombs of the Kings, a magnificent rock-cut necropolis and UNESCO site, followed by the Paphos Archaeological Park, to see the wonderful mosaics at the House of Dionysos.

Lunch at your leisure in Paphos before continuing to Limassol. Explore the remains of Kourion, an important ancient city boasting impressive Roman and Byzantine remains, followed by a coffee break.

Transfer to Limassol for check-in. Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Poseidonia Hotel, Limassol (or similar)

Tuesday 28th April 2020 (B, D)

Depart to the Troodos Mountains. Visit St Nicholas of the Roof, a Byzantine painted church and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Continue to Omodos village, one of the most famous wine-producing villages on the island. Walking tour followed by a wine tasting accompanied by local products.

Return to Limassol for dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Poseidonia Hotel, Limassol (or similar)

Wednesday 29th April 2020 (B, D)

Visit Limassol's Medieval castle and museum before a walking tour in the historical centre.

Free time for lunch and an afternoon at leisure for self-exploration, before a special farewell dinner in a local restaurant.

Overnight: Poseidonia Hotel, Limassol (or similar)

Thursday 30th April 2020 (B)

Depart to St Lazaros, a ninth-century church boasting a unique Baroque woodcarving iconostasis, before a short time at leisure.

Transfer to Larnaca's airport for your return flight.

Provisional Flights:

British Airways BA663

Departs Larnaca 19:35

Arrives London Heathrow 22:30

Prestige Holidays booking conditions apply. Price is based on twin/double occupancy. Single rooms are on request at a supplement of £200 — subject to availability. Itinerary may be subject to slight alterations due to operational restrictions. Hotels are subject to change and a hotel of similar standard in the overnight locations may be provided. Flight times are provisional and subject to change due to airline schedules.

In order to book your place on the tour, a £350 per person deposit is required.