

Private Excursions from Paphos
Valid from 01/04/2021-31/10/2022

PAPHOS - Half Day day

Spend a half day sightseeing the wonders of Paphos: the whole town is included in the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage list. Proceeding Westbound along the beautiful coast, we stop at Petra tou Romiou, where, according to Greek mythology, Aphrodite emerged from the foam of the water. We start our daily visit at church of Ayia Paraskevi, one of the most interesting Byzantine churches on the island, dating from the tenth century.

Then we will be guided through the famous mosaics of the House of Dionysus. The floors of these villas dating back to a period between the third and fifth centuries AD and are considered among the most beautiful mosaics in the Eastern Mediterranean.

We continue to the Tombs of the Kings dating back to the fourth century BC, cut into the rock and decorated with Doric columns.

Next stop at the monastery of Ayios Neophytos founded in the late twelfth century by the Cypriot hermit and writer Neophytos. The Engleistra contains some of the most beautiful Byzantine frescoes (XII and XV century).

The last visit will take place at the church of Panagia Chrysopolitissa, built in the thirteenth century, in the complex where you can see the column of St. Paul, where, according to tradition, the saint was scourged.

PAX	PAX	PAX
1-4	5-9	10-14
324€	470€	649€

Curium – Kolossi (Half Day)

Between history and mythology, we will be guided, today, across different ages. We visit Curium, an important city-state, today one of the most important archaeological sites on the island. Amongst the rest, It features a magnificent Greek-roman amphitheatre of the second century BC and the house of Eustolios, originally a Roman villa, used as a public center for recreation activities, next to an early Christian basilica dating from the fifth century, which was probably the Cathedral of Kourion. Next stop at Kolossi Castle, a fine example of medieval military architecture, originally built in the thirteenth century. After the fall of Acre in 1291, became the military base of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem.

The last visit will take us to the Temple of Apollo Ylatis, god of the woods, whose cult was celebrated between the eighth century BC and the fourth century AD. Excavations have brought to light spas, places for pilgrims, a gym and a sacred garden.

Return to the hotel in the afternoon.

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Nicosia Nord e Sud. (Full day = departure at 08.30) * Due to Covid check points are closed and excursion can be changed . We will not visit the Turkish part .

Meeting with the guide and departure for Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus, whose city centre is hedged by majestic Venetian walls.

It is renowned for the archaeological and artistic treasures collected in its museums and, especially, to be the last city in the world divided by a wall.

First visit at Archbishopric complex, which hosts the famous Byzantine museum, one of the most important museums in Europe of its kind, featuring the largest collection of icons on the island, and the Cathedral of St. John the inside contains a fresco cycle dating 1731.

Through the Venetian Walls, via Famagusta Gate, we get to the Archaeological Museum where you can admire the fascinating collection of Cypriot artefacts and treasures of inestimable value.

We continue to the old town of Nicosia (Laiki Yitonia), [across the check-point, we will be guided to the Caravanserai, Buyuk Han, one of the best preserved Ottoman architecture. The Buyuk Han stands in the centre of the traditional market, within the walls, nearby the Selimiye Mosque, known formerly as the St.Sophia Cathedral.](#)

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1-4	5-9	10-14
369€	515€	705€

FAMAGUSTA – (* excursion paused due to the closure of the check points until further notice)

Departure in the morning for Famagusta. After we cross the check point we will visit Salamis, founded by Teucer in 1180 BC, on his return from the Trojan War . We will visit the theater, the amphitheater, the gymnasium , the spa and palestra.

Then we will move to the 'medieval city of Famagusta, whose mighty walls bear witness to the glorious past and the historical needs' to defend against enemy attacks.

Next visit to the Cathedral of St. Nicholas (turned in the mosque of Lala Mustapha Pasha) in which, at the time of Lusignan, took place the coronation of many of the kings of Cyprus and Jerusalem . Free time to stroll in the streets of Famagusta and we will then visit the Castle of Othello (Venetian governor of Cyprus), and finally we have the "visit" of the part of Famagusta notorious as the "city 'ghost'".

PAX	PAX	PAX
1-4	5-9	10-14
610 €	590 €	680 €

TROODOS - Byzantine Churches
(San Nicolaos, Kakopetria, Podithou, Omodos)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure to the Troodos mountains and guided tour of some of the famous Byzantine churches, included in the 'UNESCO "World Heritage list: the Church of Ayios Nicolaos, completely painted with frescoes ranging from the eleventh to the seventeenth century , and the Byzantine church of Panagia of Pothithou.

Free time for lunch.

We continue our journey visiting the village of Omodos, well-known for its enchanting cobblestone streets and the monastery of the Holy Cross, founded by St. Elena in 327 A.D. Return to the hotel in the afternoon.

PAX	PAX	PAX
1-4	5-9	10-14
347€	492€	683€



NICOSIA - KERYNIA – BELAPAI (* excursion paused due to the closure of the check points until further notice)

The Byzantines and the Crusaders built three fortresses in northern Cyprus, among them that of San Hilarion was to control the western part. The castle, one of the best preserved on the island, took its name from the hermit San Hilarion who came here from Palestine in the seventh century to purify the mountain from pagan demons. A monastery was built around the tomb of the saint and subsequently the fortress. Over the centuries this was a stronghold for the Crusaders, the Genoese and the Venetians. It was also used as a royal palace and refuge from the plague. Still today they can admire different parts of the original structure, including the Byzantine chapel (the oldest part of the castle), numerous rooms at various levels including the monastic refectory, the royal apartments and the vaulted lookout. From the upper wall it is possible to climb the two towers at a height of 732 m above the sea. Continue to bellapais where you visit the convent founded at the end of the XII century. from Amaury de Lusignan. Departure for Kerynia, an enchanting port town, of which you can visit the 11th century castle. with the museum that preserves the wreck of a ship wrecked around 300 BC.

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650 €	590 €	680 €

Rates include

- 1) *for a minimum of 1 pax and a maximum of 4 pax the excursions will be carried out with private car and tourist guide / driver)*
- 2) *Excursions with 10-seater bus (5-9 people) and 20-seater Minibus for 10-14 people (*)*
- 3) *Professional speaking guide (any language)*
- 4) *Entrance in the archaeological sites*
- 5) *Handling fees*

Not including

- 1) *Tips:*
- 2) *Accommodation*
- 3) *meals*

Rates are per car and do not include accommodation.