

From AYIA NAPA / PROTARAS

# Cyprus the land of Gods and Goodness A CROSSROAD OF CULTURES

Tour 8 Days / 7 Nights

Sunday - Sunday  
& Saturday - Saturday

## Relaxing Tour 2021

### DATES

01/04/2021 - 31/10/2021

DATES Every  
Sunday to Sunday  
& Saturday to Saturday

Date :

26/6-03/7 & 27/6 - 04/7  
24/7-31/7 & 25/7-01/08  
21/8-28/8 & 22/8-29/8  
11/9-18/9 & 12/9-19/9  
9/10-16/10 & 10/10-  
17/10

(\*) TOURS are  
guaranteed for minimum  
of 2 persons .If the  
number of participants  
will be 6 or less,  
the tours will be made  
with a private car and  
driver / guide  
bilingual .

(\*\*) Arrivals on  
Saturday will have  
free day on Sunday .  
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Saturday . Excursions  
will start on Monday

### PROGRAM

**SUN** Arrival and transfer to the hotel in Ayia Napa/Protaras .  
Accommodation in hotel. Dinner and overnight..

**MON** Free day for leisure . Half board in the hotel

**TUE** NICOSIA NORTH AND SOUTH Due to the temporarily closure of  
check points, the northern part of Nicosia will not be visited  
until further notice

Breakfast at the hotel.

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.**

Return to the hotel in the afternoon.

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#### **CURIUM - PAPHOS ► Distances**

The drive to Paphos reveals ever - changing scenery from vineyards and citrus groves to archaeological sites, all in a beautiful Mediterranean frame.

Driving along the coast we head to the prominent archaeological site of Kourion. It is home of a magnificent Greco-Roman Theatre, stately villas and an early Christian Basilica with a baptistery attached to the north face, dating to the 5th century, which probably was the Cathedral of this city kingdom. Next stop is at Petra tou Romiou, regarded since ancient times as the birthplace of Aphrodite, goddess of love and fertility. Once in Paphos we head to the church of Panagia Crysopolitissa , built in the 13th century over the ruins of the largest Early Byzantine basilica on the island. Within the compound one can see St. Paul's Pillar, where, according to tradition, Saint Paul was flogged before the Roman Governor Sergius Paulus was converted to Christianity.

Next to the picturesque harbor, in the Houses of Dionysus, we have the chance to admire some of the finest Roman mosaics dating the 3rd to the 5th century AD. This restored Roman villa probably belonged to a member of the ruling Roman class or to a local wealthy family.

We finally visit the Tombs of the Kings. Spread over a vast area, these impressive underground tombs date back to the 4th century BC. They are carved out of solid rock with some being decorated with Doric pillars.

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#### **TROODOS - Byzantine Churches**

**(San Nicolaos, Kakopetria, Podithou, Asinou)**

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 Panagia Tis Asinou Church, in Nikitari village, one of the ten UNESCO World Heritage churches on the Troodos. Built in a pine-clad area, it has some of the finest examples of Byzantine wall painting on the island.

Return to the hotel in the afternoon.

**FRI** Free day for leisure or optional excursions ( see bottom of this page ) . Half board in the hotel ( Breakfast and Dinner in the hotel )

**SAT** Free day for leisure . Half board in the hotel

**SUN** Departure - Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and transfer to the airport

**AYIA NAPA/PROTARAS**

<b>3* HOTEL IN AYIA NAPA /PROTARAS - NISSIANA HOTEL O SIMILARE</b>						
	<b>26/6 -03/07 27/6 - 04/7</b>	<b>24/7-31/7 25/7-01/08</b>	<b>21/8-28/8 22/8-29/8</b>	<b>11/9-18/9 12/9-19/9</b>	<b>9/10-16/10 10/10-17/10</b>	
DOUBLE	891.00	989.00	1023.50	891.00	839.00	
SINGLE	1311.00	1518.00	1552.50	1311.00	1219.00	
TRIPLE	868.00	966.00	989.00	868.00	816.00	
CHILD 2-12	443.00	494.50	511.00	443.00	419.00	

<b>3* SUPERIOR HOTEL IN AYIA NAPA /PROTARAS - BOHEMIAN HOTEL O SIMILARE</b>						
	<b>26/6 -03/07 27/6 - 04/7</b>	<b>24/7-31/7 25/7-01/08</b>	<b>21/8-28/8 22/8-29/8</b>	<b>11/9-18/9 12/9-19/9</b>	<b>9/10-16/10 10/10-17/10</b>	
DOUBLE	948.00	1121.00	1121.00	1121.00	948.00	
SINGLE	1357.00	1518.00	1518.00	1518.00	1357.00	
TRIPLE	925.00	1098.00	1098.00	1098.00	925.00	
CHILD 2-12	477.00	546.00	546.00	546.00	477.00	

<b>4* HOTEL IN AYIA NAPA /PROTARAS - AMARANTE HOTEL /PAVLO NAPA / SUN N BLUE BOUTIQUE HOTEL , VRISSAKI BEACH HOTEL O SIMILARE</b>						
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DOUBLE	1058.00	1148.00	1148.00	1148.00	1058.00	
SINGLE	1472.00	1667.00	1667.00	1667.00	1472.00	
TRIPLE	1035.00	1127.00	1127.00	1127.00	1035.00	
CHILD 2-12	529.00	575.00	575.00	575.00	529.00	

**PRICES INCLUDE**

- Accommodation in a 3 , 3\* sup or 4 star hotel in AYIA NAPA - PROTARAS  
for 7 nights
- Half board in hotel
- Tours and transfers by bus or minibus. (\*)
- Bilingual local guide ( English/Italian)

- Handling fees
- Entrance fees to museums and archaeological sites in the program
- Everything mentioned in the program

#### **Transfers ( included)**

Collective Return Transfer from Larnaca airport airport to the hotel in AYIA NAPA - PROTARAS , maximum waiting time at the airport 60 minutes) -

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

- Tips
- Meals during the excursion
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- Air ticket

#### **SUPPLEMENTS**

- Private transfer supplement EUR 30.00 per person

#### **IMPORTANT**

PRICES ARE PER PERSON \*\* IN EURO.

\*\*\* THE PROGRAM MAY VARY ACCORDING TO THE WEATHER AND FESTIVE DAYS.

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#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

**FAMAGUSTA - Due to the temporarily closure of check points, the excursion to the northern part of the island ( Famagusta ) cannot be carried out. In its place, the excursion to the Venetian bridges - Kykkos - Kalopanayiotis will take place as follows)**

**( Famagusta not operated 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 palaestra.

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'".

## **Venetian Bridges - Kykkos - Kalopanayiotis**

Departure for an interesting guided tour to discover the Venetian bridges of Tszelefos and Elia. From Venetian and medieval times the two bridges cross the Diarizos river in the Paphos forest where gold mines were at the time. Next stop at the village of Kaminaria for a coffee. Continue to the Kykkos monastery founded in 1100 to venerate the Icon of the Madonna and Child attributed to San Luca. Free time for lunch near the convent and next stop at the village of Kalopanayiotis visiting the complex of San Giovanni Lampadistis, a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The main church of the monastery, dating back to the 11th century, is an arched structure with a Greek cross plan. The chapel of Agios Ioannis Lampadistis was built in the 12th century, north of the first church, on the tomb of the saint. Subsequently the chapel collapsed and was, for the most part, rebuilt in the 18th century. Another chapel was built north of Agios Ioannis during the second half of the 15th century. Later it became known as the "Latin Chapel", since it was believed to have been built for Catholics. The large wooden roof, which covers all three churches and gives the complex its particular appearance, was added at a later date.