

From LIMASSOL

Cyprus the land of Gods and Goodness A CROSSROAD OF CULTURES

Tour 8 Days / 7 Nights
Sunday - Sunday
& Monday - Monday



Leda Tour

DATES

27/12/2015 - 03/01/2016
28/12/2015 - 04/01/2015

New year tour to Cyprus

(*) TOURS are guaranteed for minimum of 4 persons .If the number of participants will be 6 or less, the tours will be made with a private car and driver / guide bilingual .

PROGRAM

SUN

Arrival and transfer to the hotel in Limassol.
Accommodation in hotel. Dinner and overnight.

MON

PAPHOS -

Breakfast at the hotel.

Spend half day sightseeing the wonders of Paphos: the whole town is included in the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage list. 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. Dinner in the hotel

TUE

NICOSIA NORTH AND SOUTH

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.

WED

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.

THU

CURIUM - KOLOSSI - APOLLO YLATIS - half day

Breakfast at the hotel.

Between history and mythology, we will be guided, today, across different ages. Proceeding Eastbound along the beautiful coast, we stop at Petra tou Romiou, where, according to Greek mythology, Aphrodite emerged from the foam of the water.

Then 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.

FRI**FAMAGUSTA -**

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'".

SAT

Free day for leisure . Half board in the hotel

SUN

Departure

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

LIMASSOL HOTELS

NAVARIA HOTEL3* O SIMILARE						
	27/12-03/01/16 28/12-04/01/16	EXTRA NIGHT				
DOUBLE	590.00	30.00				
SINGLE	690.00	45.00				
TRIPLEA	570.00	28.00				
CHILD	285.00	15.00				

MEDITERRANEAN BEACH O ELIAS BEACH O SIMILARE 4*						
	27/12-03/01/16 28/12-04/01/16	EXTRA NIGHT				
DOUBLE	830.00	60.00				
SINGLE	1090.00	95.00				
TRIPLEA	810.00	58.00				
CHILD	415.00	30.00				

PRICES INCLUDE

- Accommodation in a 3 , 3* sup or 4 star hotel in Limassol for 7 nights
- Half board in hotel
- Tours and transfers by bus or minibus. (*)
- Bilingual local guide
- Handling fees
- Entrance fees to museums and archaeological sites in the program
- Everything mentioned in the program

- New years eve in the hotel

Limassol Transfers (included)

Collective Return Transfer from Paphos or Larnaca airport airport to the hotel in Limassol , maximum waiting time at the airport 60 minutes) -

NOT INCLUDED

- Tips
- Meals during the excursion
- Air ticket

SUPPLEMENTS

- Private transfer supplement EUR 30.00 per person

IMPORTANT

PRICES ARE PER PERSON ** IN EURO.

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