

CYPRUS



Cyprus is an island in the eastern Mediterranean Sea. It is geographically a part of West Asia, but its cultural ties and geopolitics are Southeast European. Its capital and largest city is Nicosia. The Turkish invasion of Cyprus began on 20 July 1974 and it led to the Turkish capture and occupation of the northern part of the island.



Limassol

- ▶ The Promenade in Limassol is hugely popular because of its view of the sea, the sandy beaches, and the palm-coated surroundings. Furthermore, you can explore the historical centre of Limassol by walking through the old streets and discover its long history.
- ▶ The Ancient Theatre of Kourion is one of the most stunning archaeological sites on the island. It was an important ancient Greek city-state on the southwestern coast of the island of Cyprus. In the twelfth century BCE, after the collapse of the Mycenaean palaces, Greek settlers from Argos arrived on this site.
- ▶ In the seventeenth century, Kourion suffered from earthquakes, but the city was mostly rebuilt.



Larnaca

Larnaca itself is famous for its palm tree-lined seafront but its old town is well worth a visit and boasts a rather splendid 14th century fort. There are many places worth visiting like Finikoudes beach, Larnaca marina, salt lake where flamingos gather, medieval castle



Paphos

Even though Aphrodite is a Greek goddess, her birthplace is said to be in Paphos. There is a huge rock named “Petra tou Romiou” along a beautiful coastline, is the place where Aphrodite was born. According to legends, the Greek goddess rose from the waves and was then brought on a shell to this specific beach. Some popular myths say that if you swim around the rock three times it'll bring you eternal youth, good luck, fertility, true love, and beauty!



Famagusta

Famagusta is known for its beautiful beaches, crystal-clear waters as well as its history. It is one of the two occupied cities in Cyprus.



Kyrenia

Kyrenia is a city on the northern coast of Cyprus, noted for its historic harbour and castle. It is described as the tourism capital of Northern Cyprus and it is one of the two occupied cities.



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Nicosia

Nicosia is the last divided capital in the world. The dividing line running through Nicosia became a demilitarised zone that remains under the control of Cyprus while heavily policed by the United Nations; it is now known as the United Nations Buffer Zone in Cyprus between the Republic of Cyprus, which is internationally recognised, and Northern Cyprus, which is recognised only by Turkey. Being divided into two parts also means the country has two different official languages. In the south, the everyday spoken language is Cypriot Greek whereas, in the north, people communicate in Cypriot Turkish.

