

# Cruise Destination Cyprus





# Lifestyle Introduction

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As you sail towards Cyprus, the island's landscape of coastline and mountain peaks rises to greet you, promising an experience filled with authenticity, adventure, and activity.

You will be amazed at how much you can see and do during a stopover or a stay on the island...





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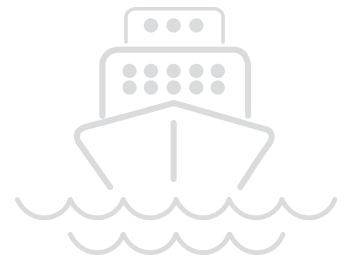
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# Destination Cyprus

Nestled in the Mediterranean, Cyprus is an island of experiences.

Its golden sands and sparkling seawaters are bathed in the sunshine of extended summer seasons, making Cyprus a favourite holiday destination. But visitors soon discover that the island is a rich tapestry of so much more, all-year-round.

Cities and coastlines unfold to reveal traditional rural communities that trail upwards to the charming mountainous villages. The changing landscape of each region is as unique as its cherished customs, creating an alluring balance of authentic and contemporary.

Whatever the season, there are myriad adventures and activities to enjoy across the island. Visitors can immerse themselves

in sports and leisure, from diving and cycling, to golf and spa retreats, or savour delicious local gastronomy and boutique wines.

History and culture thrive through UNESCO heritage sites, ancient landmarks, age-old handicrafts, and folkloric pastimes. The tranquillity of waterfalls, lakes and fragrant pine forests are in appealing contrast with the bustling cities where days of family-fun and retail therapy are followed by evenings out at promenades and squares. And with a year-round calendar of arts, entertainment and festivals that is as vibrant as the nightlife, the island is always engaging.

Whatever the duration of your visit, you are sure to be captivated by Cyprus' charms.



# Cruise Connectivity

Cyprus' deep connection and infinity with sea voyages has endured since ancient times when the island enjoyed top status as a major trading post.

Today, the island's connectivity is unrivalled. Its favoured Mediterranean position at the crossroads of three continents ensures short sailing times from main ports in the wider region, Europe, the Middle East and Northeast Africa, whilst its state-of-the-art

ports and marinas are found in the heart of the island's main coastal cities for easy disembarking and exploring.

There is always a warm welcome for cruise passengers disembarking at Lemesos, Larnaka, Ayia Napa and Pafos, and the ability to quickly access the pulse of each city and region, making the most of short stopovers or longer visits.

## Sailing Distances Cyprus - Major Destinations

**Greece:** 900 kilometers

**Lebanon:** 245 kilometers

**Malta:** 1690 kilometers

**Egypt:** 545 kilometers

**Turkey:** 790 kilometers

**Israel:** 330 kilometers

Some of the world's best known international brands and cruise liners, as well as superyachts, include the island in their schedules and visits, making Cyprus a highly popular cruise stop destination.



# PORT OF CALLS/HOMEPORTS

Cyprus' modern ports and marinas all boast central locations that offer easy access to the island's main city centres and attractions, along with state-of-the-art facilities for passengers.



## Limassol Port

Located on the southern coast, Limassol Port (Lemesos) is the island's main cruise-liner destination and one of the most active and thriving ports in the wider Mediterranean region. It attracts - and can accommodate - the largest, leading cruise lines from around the world.

The Port is operated by DP World Limassol Port. In 2018 its 7000 m<sup>2</sup> passenger terminal was inaugurated, quickly establishing the port as a major regional cruise hub. In 2019 it earned the accolade of 'Most Efficient Cruise Terminal' at the 'MedCruise Awards' for its full range of marine services and high international standards.

The terminal offers fast turnaround times for connections to both Larnaka and Pafos international airports and is centrally located just five minutes (2km) from the heart of the city, offering speedy access to the promenade, beach, city and entertainment areas, as well as the elegant Limassol Marina.



**Discover more about cruise stops at DP World Limassol Port's website:**

<https://limassolcruise.com/>





## Larnaka Port & Marina

Located on the southeast coast, the original port of Larnaka started operating in 1973. It is now set for major redevelopment through the integrated Larnaka Port & Marina project that is currently being developed in phases and will see the island's largest ever infrastructure project take shape over the next five years.

The Port's new operator - Kition Ocean Holdings - is expanding and modernising the existing facilities, accommodating larger cruise liners, and eventually creating 10 piers and a state-of-the-art passenger building, alongside its proposed leisure facilities.

The Port is just 15 minutes from Larnaka International Airport for easy flight connections and just five minutes (2km) from the compact city centre and the parallel, main Foinikoudes (Palm Tree) Promenade, with beach, museums, monuments, drinking, dining and shopping options.



**Discover more about cruise stops at Kition Ocean Holding's website:**

<https://kitionoceanholdings.com>





# Ayia Napa Marina

Located on the southeast coast (Ammochostos region), the new, luxury Ayia Napa Marina began initial operations in 2022 and is an integrated marina, residential and leisure destination currently being developed in phases. It offers anchorage for cruise vessels.

Passengers disembarking here can enjoy the facilities of the marina itself, with its idyllic waterfront drinking and dining establishments, or can easily access the resort of Ayia Napa with its famous stretch of stunning beaches. A large, themed water park is found in the vicinity of the marina, whilst the bustling coastal road is filled with other options for leisure and entertainment and is particularly popular for its nightlife.

The wider region can also be explored; Protaras resort with its iconic Fig Tree Bay Beach and promenade, Paralimni town for shopping and entertainment, and a plethora of smaller coastal and countryside villages that each offer their own attractions and experiences.



**Discover more about cruise stops in Ayia Napa at the Ayia Napa Marina website:**

<https://www.marinaayiana.com/>







## Pafos Port

Located on the southwest coast, Pafos Port is one of the most ancient ports of the island. The history of its old harbour is symbolically preserved under water, beneath the modern port that now offers anchorage for cruise vessels and is operated by Cyprus Port Authority.

Passengers disembarking at Pafos are instantly immersed in its rich history with the UNESCO archaeological site of Kato Pafos and historic Pafos Castle found in the immediate vicinity, along with idyllic harbour-side drinking and dining establishments. The adjoining promenade with easy beach access then leads to the town centre.



**Discover more about cruise stops at the Cyprus Port Authority's website:**

<https://www.cpa.gov.cy/>





## Latsi Port

Latsi (Latchi) Port is located in Polis Chrysochous (Pafos region), at the northern entrance of the spectacular Akamas National Forest Park. The port is a quaint and charming, former fishing harbour that offers anchorage for cruise vessels and is operated by Cyprus Port Authority.

As one of the most picturesque areas of the island - with turquoise, crystal seawaters - passengers are met with views of immense natural beauty as they disembark. Time can be spent in this tranquil, small area; relaxing at the fresh fish restaurants of the harbour or exploring its natural treasures, whilst the main town of Polis Chrysochous is just 3km away.



**Discover more about cruise stops on the Cyprus Port Authority's website:**

<https://www.cpa.gov.cy/>





## Limassol Marina

Located on the southern coast, the luxury, integrated Limassol Marina was the island's first residential marina project that was launched in 2010 and completed in 2021, offering the island's first properties on the sea and facilities for superyachts.

The multi award-winning facilities include Blue Flag beach and the status of Five Gold Anchor Platinum Marina.

The marina's waterfront drinking and dining options are a popular and bustling meeting point. Further leisure and entertainment includes a parade of high-end retail shops, wellness centre and a calendar of seasonal events, including the annual Limassol Boat Show. With its central location, visitors can easily access the heart of Lemesos on foot or take a short bus ride to the main attractions.



**Discover more at the Limassol Marina website:** <https://www.limassolmarina.com/>



# Enjoy & Experience Cyprus

One of the most appealing elements of visiting Cyprus is how compact and varied the island is, with each city and its region offering something different and unique.

## Cosmopolitan Lemesos

Lemesos (Limassol) is the second largest city on the island, its shipping capital, and the epicentre of the wine industry, with a reputation for being a thriving, modern destination that is rapidly advancing.

It is also considered to be the 'party' city of Cyprus, thanks to its long-standing traditions of the Limassol Carnival and Limassol Wine Festival – two of the largest annual events on the island.

With Limassol port just 2km from the vibrant heart of this cosmopolitan city, a plethora of attractions are a short walk or bus ride away, including:

1. **Molos Promenade (beach, playgrounds, shops, food, drink)**
2. **Limassol shopping centre**
3. **Limassol Castle & Carob Mill Area**
4. **Saint Andrews traditional shopping street**
5. **Limassol Art Walks (a self-guided tour of the city's art district)**
6. **Limassol Marina**
7. **Limassol Agora (indoor food hall)**
8. **Pattichion Municipal Museum**
9. **Sanctuary of Apollo Hylates**
10. **Kolossi Medieval Castle**

If you have more time, a visit to the wine villages is just 30 minutes by bus and takes you from cityscape to sprawling countryside and mountainous landscape.

**Visit the Limassol Tourism Board website:**

<https://www.limassoltourism.com/> for more information. All the most easily accessible attractions are included on the handy tourist map available to cruise passengers docking at Lemesos and at the Limassol Port Info Desk and the passenger area.



# Compact Larnaka

With a history that dates back thousands of years, Larnaka is Cyprus' oldest city, and its most centrally positioned.

The modern city is delightfully compact with many attractions within a small vicinity, making it very easy to explore by foot. Known for its authentic character, this extends to its rural and mountainous communities where award-winning handicrafts and old pastimes are practised and preserved.

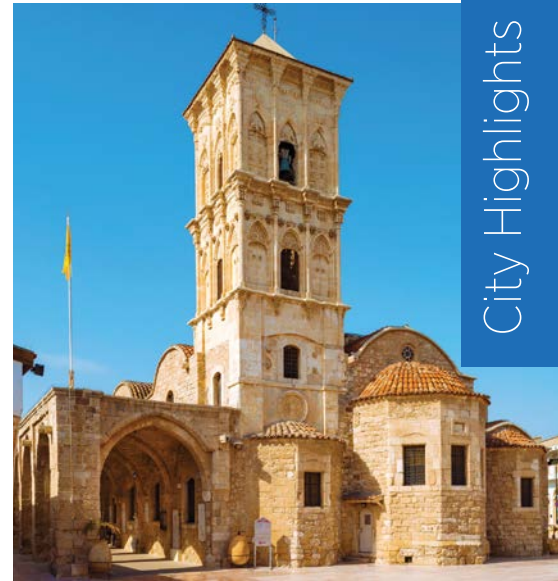
With the Larnaka Port just 2km from the popular Foinikoudes (Palm Tree) Promenade and parallel commercial centre, Larnaka city offers many attractions in one central area, including:

1. **Foinikoudes (Palm Tree) Promenade with organised beach and lined with food and drink options.**
2. **Larnaka Storytelling Statues**
3. **Larnaka Municipal Art Gallery**
4. **Larnaka Historic Archives Museum**
5. **Larnaka Medieval Castle (Fort)**
6. **Agios Lazaros Byzantine Church & Square**
7. **Historic shopping centre**
8. **Pierides Museum – Bank of Cyprus Cultural Centre**
9. **Archaeological Museum of the Larnaka District**
10. **Piale Pasha coastal walkway & Larnaka Art Workshops Neighbourhood (a self-guided tour of the city's art district)**

For passengers on overnight stays, the mountainous communities of Larnaka, such as Lefkara (UNWTO Best Tourism Village) and the Rural Larnaka Honey Villages make the perfect daytrip.

## Visit the Larnaka Tourism Board website:

<https://larnakaregion.com/> for more information, which includes a suggested itinerary for what to see and do during a short visit. All the most easily accessible attractions are included on the handy tourist map available to cruise passengers docking at Larnaka.



## Historic Pafos

Pafos is an archaeological treasure trove with the whole of Kato Pafos declared an UNESCO World Heritage Site, whilst its high-star resort hotels and modern tourist area are in harmonious balance with its ancient monuments.

Some of the island's most stunning areas of natural beauty are found in Pafos region, including the Akamas Peninsula – incorporating the dramatic Avakas Gorge and Lara beach where Green Turtles nest - as well as Latsi with its mesmerising Blue Lagoon.

Passengers disembarking at Pafos port have immediate access to the harbour area which is perfect for a stroll or a relaxing drink or meal, with a plethora of other attractions within the area, including:

1. **Pafos Harbour & Castle**
2. **Pafos promenade (beach, food, drink)**
3. **Kato Pafos Archaeological Park**
4. **Pafos town centre**
5. **Pafos Mosaics**
6. **Forty Columns Fortress**
7. **Pafos Walkway - Fabrica Hill**
8. **Pafos Municipal Market**
9. **Ibrahim's Khan (old inn – artist workshops)**
10. **Tombs of the Kings**

**Visit the Pafos Tourism Board website:**

<https://www.visitpafos.org.cy/> for more information. All the most easily accessible attractions are included on the handy tourist map available to cruise passengers docking at Pafos.



## Iconic Ayia Napa & Protaras

The neighbouring resort towns of Ayia Napa and Protaras form part of the Ammochostos region that is most famous for its stunning beaches of powdery white sands and crystal-clear seawaters, as well as its iconic summer nightlife in vibrant bars and clubs.

With its long, pristine coastline ideal for diving and water sports, the beach life is prevalent and popular, but the region is also home to cultural gems, such as quaint chapels and themed indoor and outdoor museums.



Passengers disembarking at Ayia Napa Marina can quickly access all the attractions of Ayia Napa on foot or with a short bus ride, whilst Protaras is a 10-minute drive and offers a similar resort vibe on a smaller scale.

#### Highlights include:

1. **Ayia Napa Square**
2. **Nissi Beach (Blue Flag - awarded among world's best beaches)**
3. **Museum of Underwater Sculpture Ayia Napa (MUSAN)**
4. **Ayia Napa Sculpture Park**
5. **Thalassa Ayia Napa Municipal Museum**
6. **Ayia Napa Medieval Monastery**

#### Protaras

7. **Fig Tree Bay Beach**
8. **Profitis Elias Chapel**
9. **Cape Gkreko National Forest Park**
10. **Protaras Tourist Strip (food, drink, fun fair, mini gold, dancing waters show)**

#### Visit the Ayia Napa & Protaras Tourism Board website:

<https://visitfamagusta.com.cy/>

for more information. All the most easily accessible attractions are included on the handy tourist map available to cruise passengers docking in the area.



## Bustling Lefkosia

The inland capital of the island (Nicosia) offers a diverse city experience away from the coast.

With a wealth of museums, galleries and monuments, the capital's culture thrives, and its rich history is evident in old neighbourhoods and architectural landmarks from contrasting civilisations. Its past comfortably mingles with the modern and fast-paced city life that offers trendy bars, malls of retail and entertainment, and international flavours.

Due to its inland position, daytrips are best suited for passengers disembarking at Cyprus ports with a full day or overnight stay.

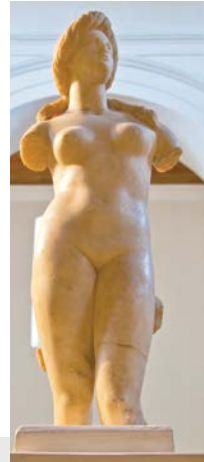


**Highlights include:**

1. **Medieval Walls of Lefkosia**
2. **Ledra & Onasagorou Streets (shopping, culture, food, drink)**
3. **Leventis Municipal Museum**
4. **Eleftheria Square**
5. **Ermou Street (architecture)**
6. **Omerie Mosque and Baths**
7. **Nicosia Walks**
8. **Athalassa National Forest Park**
9. **Cyprus Handicraft Centre**
10. **Church of Panagia Faneromeni (vibrant coffeeshop neighbourhood)**

**Visit the Nicosia Tourism Board website**

<https://www.visitnicosia.com.cy/> for more information on what to see and do in the capital.



## Green Troodos

Lush, green and tranquil Troodos is comprised of quaint and traditional mountain communities that trail up through the range, interspersed with forest, groves, orchards and remnants of the past seen in the architecture and remains of Venetian bridges and painted churches.

A range of folkloric handicrafts and pastimes continue to be practised in the small villages, along with the production of handmade, traditional products, including meats, cheeses, preserves and desserts.

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**Highlights include:**

1. **Troodos Wine Routes**
2. **10 UNESCO painted churches**
3. **Waterfalls (Kaledonia, Millomeris Falls, Mesa Potamos)**
4. **Cobbled Village Squares**
5. **Troodos Botanical Gardens**
6. **Kakopetria Linos Museum**





7. Picnic at Troodos camp sites (Troodos, Platania, Stavros tis Psokas, Kambi tou Kaloyirou)
8. Cyprus Railways Museum
9. Nature Trails (Artemis, Atalanti, Kampos tou Livadiou, Loumata ton Aeton, Kannaoures)
10. Monasteries (Kykkos, Trooditissa, Timios Stavros, Machairas)



Visit the Troodos Tourism Board website: [www.mytroodos.com](http://www.mytroodos.com) for more information on the different villages and attractions found within the mountain range.

## Ready-made Travels

The Deputy Ministry of Tourism (DMT) has curated a series of 32 themed itineraries based on its destination labels. Visitors can quickly find the sights and activities that reflect their interests with the self-guided routes that include indicative duration and are suitable for

both groups and lone travellers. Discover your ideal ready-made itinerary by scanning the QR code.

**QR CODE**



## Introducing the Heartland of Legends

Complementing the curated itineraries is the Heartland of Legends Route.

The circular route through mountainous and remote areas focuses on the island's rich customs and culture and offers truly authentic experiences. Evocative stories are woven with niche, traditional activities, products, gastronomy and attractions, embracing the richness of village life and all the beautiful elements of the relaxed-pace, rural Cypriot life; like eating together, sharing tales in the village's coffee shop, celebrating local festivals, picking fresh produce, and learning about traditional arts and crafts.

Heartland of Legends offers visitors hands-on enogastronomy workshops, events, folkloric festivals and nature-based excursions, as well as themed tours and routes. This is supported by a digital world that presents insightful articles, maps, stunning audio-visual material and updates on all the events and activities taking place throughout the year, including cycling, hiking and bird watching, along with a seasonal crop calendar.

Explore the traditions and stories of Heartland of Legends at the website: [heartlandoflegends.com](http://heartlandoflegends.com) or scan the QR code below to discover the authentic delights of Cyprus.

# USEFUL CONTACTS PORT AUTHORITIES

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## BUS CONNECTIONS

Cyprus Public Transport is the island's bus authority with each city having its own operator within its city limits. The Intercity service then links the different cities as a separate service, whilst a separate shuttle bus service is operated exclusively for Larnaka and Pafos International Airports.

### Cyprus Public Transport

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### EMEL - Limassol Buses (Lemesos Operator)

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### Zenon Larnaca Buses (Larnaka Operator)

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### OSYPA - Pafos Transport Organization Ltd (Pafos Operator)

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## CYPRUS KEY FACTS

**Official Name:** Republic of Cyprus

**European Union:** Full member since May 1, 2004

**Location:** Situated at the north-eastern end of the Mediterranean basin.  
**Coordinates:** 35°N / 33°E

**Total Area:** 9250 km<sup>2</sup>

**Climate:** Mediterranean climate with an average of 340 days of sunshine per year.  
Average temperatures of 34°C (summer), 13°C (winter), 23°C (mean temperature year-round).  
Warm and dry long summers, May – October  
Short, mild winters, December – February

**Capital:** Lefkosia (Nicosia)

**Major Towns:** Lemesos (Limassol), Larnaka, Pafos, Paralimni, Ayia Napa  
**Languages:** Greek, Turkish (official) / English, German, Russian, French (widely spoken)

**Population (de jure):** 918.100 (Republic of Cyprus)

**International Airports:** Larnaka & Pafos

**Currency:** Euro (€)

**Time:** +2 hours GMT

**Measures:** Metric System

**Voltage:** 3-pin 240V, 50Hz, 5amp or 13amp square

**Dialling Code:** +357

**Legal system:** Based on English Common Law with civil modifications

**Other Memberships:** Council of Europe (CoE), Commonwealth, World Trade Organization (WTO), World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), United Nations (UN)

# DESTINATION LABELS

Our destination labels have been created to make sure you get the most out of your stay at our beautiful Mediterranean island! Go through our list of quality-assured activities and find the one that matches your own unique taste. All you have to do, is look for the accreditation labels along your chosen route and enjoy a quality experience at your own pace!



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