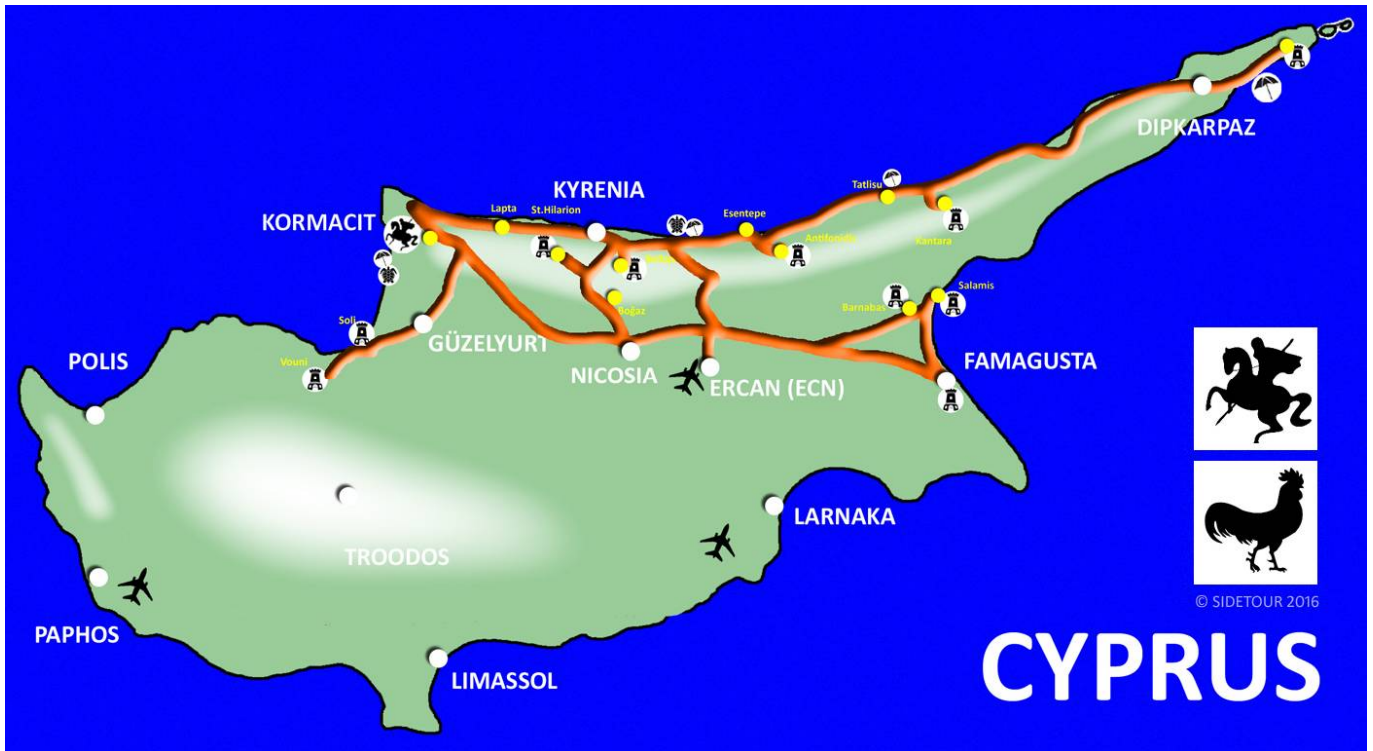


RELAX IN NORTHERN CYPRUS

7 nights / 8 days REF: RELAX-N-7-2015



SAT - DAY 1: FLIGHT TO CYPRUS Ercan (ECN) or Larnaca (LCA) AIRPORT AND TRANSFER TO BAFRA

Arrival in Cyprus. Welcome and pick up by our professional guide
Private guided group transfer to the apartments of Thalassa Resort in Bafra
Tasting of bread, wine and cheese, check-in

Overnight in Bafra

Our guide welcomes you at ERCAN (ECN) or LARNACA (LCA) airport. After our transfer to Bafra we are welcomed with a light dinner: cheese, bread and wine. Afterwards we check in for the first night in the luxury furnished apartments of Thalassa Resort in Bafra. The resort lies on a long sandy private beach and has 5 star hotel amenities such as sauna, massage, mini-golf, etc. It is the perfect starting point for exploring the Eastern part of Cyprus including Karpaz and Famagusta.

SUN - DAY 2: KARPAZ WALKING TOUR AND BÜYÜKKONUK ECOVILLAGE(OPTIONAL)

10:00 Transfer to Karpaz
11:00 Light walking tour (4 km or 8 km depending on fitness and preferences) in Karpaz
13:00 Lunch at one of the Golden Beach restaurants (Burhan or Sea Bird)
14:00 Free time at the Golden Beach for swimming break / relax
15:30 Transfer and visit of Sipahi ruins
16:30 Transfer to Büyükkonuk village: insights in the village life and artisanal handicrafts
18:00 Transfer back to Bafra or stay for optional dinner with cooking course
18:00 *PREMIUM EXTENSION: Cooking course + Traditional Cypriot dinner in Büyükkonuk

Overnight in Bafra

After breakfast we drive to the far end of the Karpaz peninsula, which is the starting point of our walking tour. On our walk we visit the Apostolos Andreas Monastery, well known amongst Cypriot and Orthodox Christians for its Holy Fountain. Walking along the north coast we see remains of an ancient irrigation system that shows how important and rich Karpaz peninsula had been in the past and gives us the opportunity to observe rare birds (The length and itinerary of the tour depends on the fitness and preferences of the group and varies between 4 and 8 km). Afterwards we take our lunch in one of the restaurants at the Golden Beach, one of the world's best and clearest beaches, with free time for swimming / relaxing. Our next stop is Sipahi with its famous floor mosaics. Our tour ends in Büyükkonuk village, where we get unique insights in the village life and production of artisanal handicrafts.

*PREMIUM EXTENSION: Cooking course and traditional dinner in Büyükkonuk



MON - DAY 3: FAMAGUSTA TOUR (OPTIONAL)

- 09:30 Departure from Bafra
- 10:30 "Ghost city" of Varoscha
- 11:00 Visit of Famagusta's Old Town
- 12:30 Lunch at Salamis Beach
- 13:30 Visit of the Salamis Ruins and short swimming break
- 15:30 Visit of the Monastery of Saint Barnabas
- 17:00 Visit of an ostrich farm

Overnight in Bafra

After breakfast we drive to Famagusta. Our first station is the "ghost city" of Varoscha, one of the visible remains of the war in 1974. Through the Venetian City Walls we drive into the old part of Famagusta. The Lala Mustafa Pascha mosque (former Saint Nicolas Cathedral) is one of the highlights during our walking city tour combining Crusader and Venetian heritage. After some free time in the city we continue to the Ruins of Salamis, where we have our lunch and a short swimming break. Salamis was also the birthplace of Saint Barnabas, who evangelized Cyprus together with Saint Paul. The Church of Saint Barnabas with its archaeological and icon museum is the last cultural spot of today's program. Heading back westwards, we visit an ostrich farm, where unique artworks are produced out of the huge eggs.



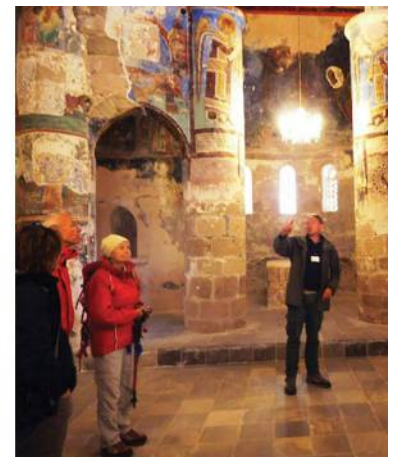
TUE - DAY 4: ANTIFONITIS WALKING TOUR

- 09:30 Departure from Bafra and transfer to the Five Finger Mountains
- 10:30 Start of our easy, 4km walk to Antiphonitis Monastery
- 12:30 Visit of Antifonitis Church and lunch picnic
- 15:00 Transfer to Kyrenia and free time at leisure
- 19:00 * PREMIUM EXTENSION: Klepini traditional village restaurant in Arapköy

Overnight in Kyrenia

We check out from our Bafra apartments and drive to the Five Finger Mountains (in Turkish: Besparmak), where we enjoy an easy walk to the Monastery of Antifonitis (alt. Antiphonitis). Antifonitis is famous for its colourful frescos dating back to the 12th and 15th centuries. After a picnic in the garden of the monastery we drive to the luxury Korineum Golf Resort, where we have an unforgettable half day of body care treatments including: 60 minutes Balinese massage, 60 minutes facial treatment and 60 minutes manicure and pedicure. Afterwards we drive towards Kyrenia.

*PREMIUM EXTENSION: Exclusive traditional dinner in the KLEPINI tavern. This restaurant in the village of Arapköy is famous amongst locals for its huge variety of Cypriot Meze (starters) and the quality of its special meat and home-caught fish.



WED - DAY 5: KYRENIA HIGHLIGHTS AND BOAT TOUR

- 09:00 Departure from Kyrenia Hotel
- 09:15 Visit of Harbour Castle
- 10:30 Boat tour including lunch and swimming break
- 16:00 Kyrenia Old City tour through special shops (Turkish delights, wooden boxes, etc)

Overnight in Kyrenia

In Kyrenia we visit the impressive Harbour Castle, a former Crusader fortification, rebuilt by the Venetians. We discover its showrooms of medieval practices and its ship wreck museum. Then we go on board of our boat Sabrina. This light cruise takes us along the shore of the Besparmak Mountains with stunning views of nature and city from the sea. We have time for a long swimming break and a nice lunch before we head back to the harbour. After we leave the boat we visit the old town of Kyrenia and stroll along shops with special Cypriot specialities such as Turkish delights, carved wooden boxes, etc. Overnight in Kyrenia.



THU - DAY 6: BELLAPAIS - ST HILARION – NICOSIA(OPTIONAL)

- 09:00 Departure from Kyrenia Hotel
- 09:15 Visit of Bellapais Monastery
- 10:30 Visit of Saint Hilarion Castle
- 12:15 Walking City tour Nicosia North
- 13:00 Lunch at the Büyük Han (Great Inn)
- 14:00 Free time at leisure
- 15:00 * PREMIUM EXTENSION: Visit of South Nicosia and traditional Tavern in the quarter of "Gönyeli" in Nicosia

Overnight in Kyrenia

After breakfast we visit the Bellapais Monastery, one of the most beautiful buildings from Lusignan period in Cyprus. Then we continue to St Hilarion Castle, another masterpiece of Gothic architecture. With stunning views overlooking the northern coastline we say farewell to Kyrenia and continue to Nicosia, the last divided capital of Europe. On a walking city tour we visit the Gothic style Selimiye mosque, the Büyük Han (Great Inn) and the Bedestan. After taking lunch in Büyük Han we have free time at leisure for shopping and relaxing.

*PREMIUM EXTENSION: Visit of South Nicosia and traditional Tavern in the "Gönyeli" quarter in Nicosia:

After crossing the border, we will visit the southern part of Nicosia where we see the St John Church in the Archbishop's palace, which is abundantly decorated with frescos and counts as one of the oldest Byzantine artworks in Nicosia. Then we have a relaxing stroll along the lively Ledra Street, before we head to Gönyeli to have a traditional dinner at an authentic Cypriot tavern with live music, where locals prefer to go out, away from the touristic spots.



FRI - DAY 7: KORMACIT AND THE WILD WEST (OPTIONAL)

- 09:00 Departure to Güzelyurt
- 10:00 St. Mamas and the Archaeological museum
- 12:00 Soli Ruins
- 13:00 Traditional Lunch in Kormacit
- 14:00 visit of the Maronite church and the ethnographical museum. Insight in the village life of the Maronites
- 19:00 *PREMIUM EXTENSION: Maronite Crusader Dinner with live Aramaic music

Overnight in Kyrenia

After breakfast we drive to Güzelyurt, where we visit the Monastery of Saint Mamas, the patron saint of the tax evaders and the nearby archaeological museum with the "Golden Leaves of Soli". In Soli we will visit the ruins of the ancient Byzantine church of Saint Auxibius and the Greek theatre. For lunch we continue to the Maronite village of Kormacit. After lunch we visit the Maronite Church and the ethnographical museum. We also get an insight in the village life of the Maronites and taste some of their local products.

*PREMIUM EXTENSION: Typical Maronite Crusader Dinner with Aramaic music

SAT – DAY 8: DEPARTURE

Check-out and transfer from Kyrenia Hotel to ERCAN or LARNACA airport.

According to the flight time, we have free time at leisure and then we bring you to the airport, where we have to say good bye and gülegüle!



Included Services in BASIC PACKAGE:

- Transfer ERCAN / LARNACA AIRPORT – Bafra and light dinner
- 3-night accommodation in BAFRA Thalassa Resort on BB basis
- 4-night accommodation in DOME HOTEL in Kyrenia on BB basis
- Dinner in Bafra on arrival day
- Antifonitis walking tour and picnic lunch
- Kyrenia City Tour and Boat trip including lunch
- Transfer Kyrenia –ERCAN / LARNACA AIRPORT

Price for BASIC PACKAGE with DOME 4* Hotel in KYRENIA:

See our attached price list. Ask for individual quotation

Price for BASIC PACKAGE with NOSTALGIA 3* Hotel in KYRENIA:

See our attached price list. Ask for individual quotation

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS: 160€ as package

Can be booked separately as below:

- Day 2: Karpaz walking tour including lunch: 45€
- Day 3: Famagusta tour including lunch: 45€
- Day 6: Bellapais – St Hilarion - Nicosia tour including lunch: 45€
- Day 7: Kormacit and West coast tour including lunch: 45€

PREMIUM EXTENSION FOR MEALS: 125€ as package

Can be booked separately (some only possible with booked excursions) as below:

- Day 2: Cooking course + Traditional Cypriot dinner in Büyükkonuk: 25€
- Day 3: Dinner at a traditional fish restaurant in the romantic fishermen village Bogaz: 15€
- Day 5: Unique KLEPINI tavern with drinks: 30€
- Day 6: Typical Cypriot “Meyhane” in Gönyeli: 25€
- Day 6: Dinner at Kyrenia Harbour: 15€
- Day 7: Typical Maronite Crusader Dinner with drinks: 30€

Not included services:

- Sea view supplement for DOME Hotel: € 60,-- per room for 4 nights
- SGL Supplement: € 210,-- for Dome Hotel and Bafra
- SGL Supplement: € 150,-- for Nostalgia Hotel and Bafra
- Personal expenses, drinks during lunches and dinners, tips.

