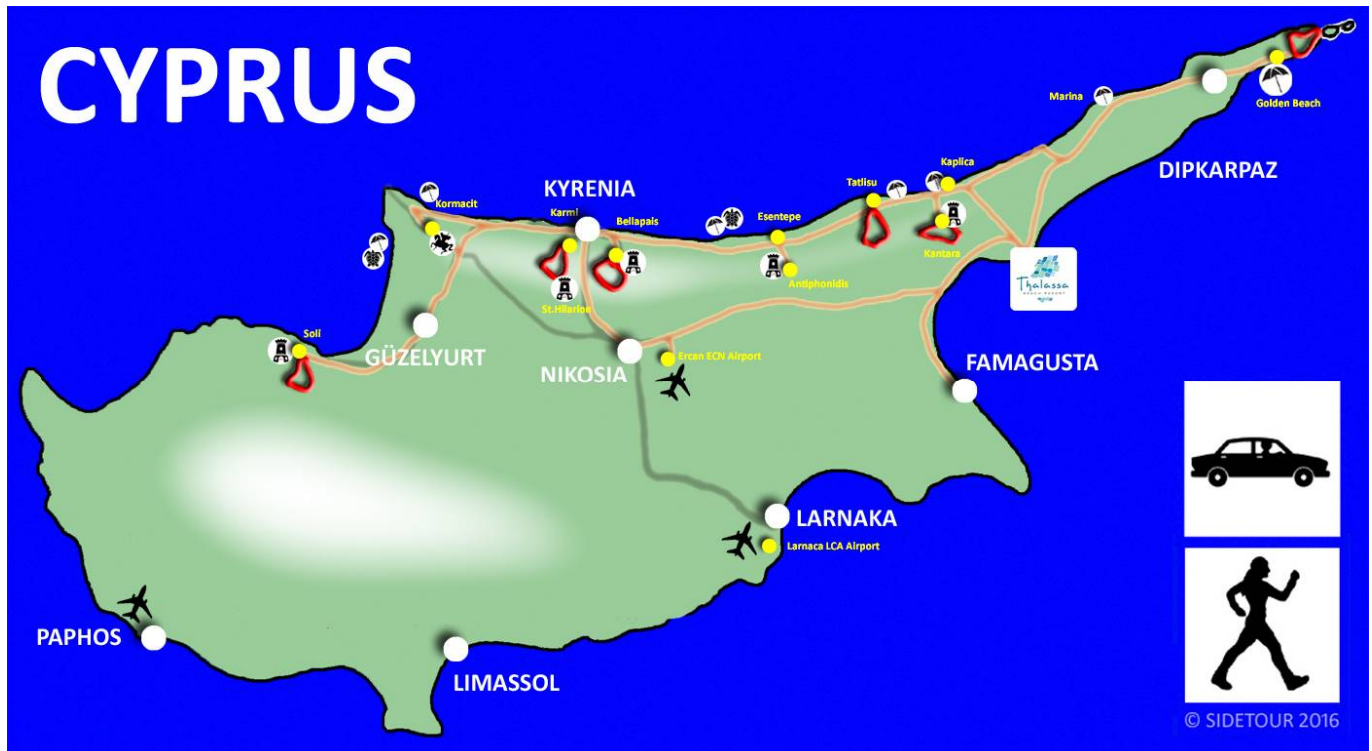


# WALKING IN NORTH CYPRUS – BEŞPARMAK TRAIL

## 7 nights / 8 days REF: WALKING-N-7-2015



### **(SAT) - DAY 1: FLIGHT TO LARNACA (LCA) OR ERCAN (ECN) AIRPORT – TRANSFER TO KORMACIT VILLAGE**

Our professional guide welcomes you at ERCAN / LARNACA Airport. In the Kormacit village, we are welcomed with a light dinner: cheese, bread and wine. Afterwards we check in for the first night in the Kormacit Village Houses. Kormacit is the last village of the Maronite catholic community in Cyprus. The Maronites came with the crusaders in the middle ages and stayed on the island until today.

Dinner: Maronite Dinner  
Overnight: Maronite Village Houses

### **(SUN) - DAY 2: VILLAGE LIFE (WITH ARAMAIC HOLY MASS) AND SOLI ROUND WALK 8,5KM**

In the early morning we have the exclusive chance to take part of a holy mass in Aramaic, the language of Jesus in the Holy Land! After breakfast we head for Soli. On the way south we visit an orange orchard near Güzelyurt, the centre of citrus fruit cultivation in Northern Cyprus. In Soli we visit the ruins of the ancient Byzantine church of Saint Auxibius and the Greek theatre.

Directly from the entrance of the excavations we start our first walk, a round trip in the foothills of the Troodos Mountains. On our walk up to the Ecovillage of Bağlıköy, where we will also have our lunch snack, we enjoy the marvellous views over the green mountains and the azure blue Mediterranean Sea.

The day ends with preparing our Dinner next to Ema's mud brick oven. The Maronite women will explain about the techniques of baking bread, making Halloumi cheese and Carob cake.

Difficulty level: easy/moderate

Lunch: Light lunch in the cafe of the Ecovillage Cooperative in Bağlıköy

Dinner: Dinner

Overnight: Maronite Village Houses

**PREMIUM EXTENSION:** Dinner with Maronite specialities like Kleftiko (Lamb from the oven) with local music



**(MON) - DAY 3: CAPE KORMAKITIS – KORMACIT WALK 16KM (11KM)**

Today's walk is the western starting section of the "Besparmak Trail". This trail has a total length of 260km from Cape Kormakitisto Cape Zafer, the eastern tip of the Karpaz peninsula.

After a 10 minutes transfer we start our walk at the Cape Kormakitis on sea level, pass the village of Sadrazamköy (which is the alternative starting point for the shorter walk) and the Chapel of St. George on the shore. From here we climb steadily higher and higher on the Kayalar cliffs to enjoy spectacular views. The endpoint of this walk is our village Kormacit.

Difficulty level: moderate/difficult

Lunch: self-prepared sandwiches with Maronite bread and cheese

Dinner: Dinner

Overnight: Maronite Village houses



**(TUE) - DAY 4: KORMACIT – ½ day NICOSIA NORTH AND ½ day KYRENIA / BELLAPAIS**

After visiting the Ethnographical Museum in Kormacit, we leave the village and drive 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, where we take our lunch), Bedestan and the Check point Lokmaci. Then we drive to Kyrenia (Girne). We visit the Bellapais Monastery, one of the most beautiful gothic style buildings from Lusignan period in Cyprus, the Venetian harbour and the impressive Kyrenia Castle with its Ship Wreck Museum.

Lunch: Lunch in Büyük Han in Nicosia  
 Dinner: Kyrenia Restaurant  
 Overnight: Kyrenia: city centre hotel

**PREMIUM EXTENSION:** *the highlight of this day is a boat trip with dinner, to see the island from a totally different point of view and enjoy the crystal clear waters of the Mediterranean Sea.*

**(WED) - DAY 5: WEDNESDAY MARKET AND KARMİ – SAINT HILARION CASTLE ROUND WALK 9,5km  
 (Alternative Walk: Zeytinlik – Saint Hilarion Castle round walk 14km)**

Wednesday is the day of the Weekly Market in Kyrenia. The market is a colourful mixture of fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade products from local farmers and a lot more. We are buying our lunchboxes there and drive to Karmi, to start our round walk to Saint Hilarion Castle. Overlooking Kyrenia, Saint Hilarion Castle is one of the 3 crusader castles in the Beşparmak Mountain range. A moderate to difficult walk with rewarding views!

Difficulty level: moderate/difficult

Lunch: Lunchbox from Wednesday market (or Bitaci Bakery in Kyrenia if not on Wednesday)  
 Dinner: Kyrenia Restaurant  
 Overnight: Kyrenia: city centre hotel

**PREMIUM EXTENSION:** *Exclusive traditional dinner with music 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 own caught fish.*

**(THU) - DAY 6: KARPAZ TOUR TO THE GOLDEN BEACH – ANTIFONITS WALK 4KM**

Today we start with a photo break at the Five Finger Rock (in Turkish: Beşparmak) and the Kyrenia Rock viewpoint. After a short visit of the Herbarium in Alevkaya we enjoy an easy walk to the Monastery of Antifonitis. Antifonitis (alt. Antiphonitis) is famous for the colourful frescos dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. After a picnic in the garden of the monastery we drive heading east towards Karpaz peninsula. In the village of Büyükkonuk we visit a traditional workshop that produces handmade goods from barley straw and reed. Here you have the chance to produce your unique souvenir with your name on it! From Büyükkonuk we drive directly to the Golden Beach, to end the day with jumping in the clear waters of the Mediterranean. Check-in at Blue Sea Hotel Karpaz.

Difficulty level: easy

Lunch: Picnick at Antifonitis Monastery  
 Dinner: Dinner at Blue Sea Hotel Karpaz  
 Overnight: Blue Sea Hotel Karpaz





**(FRI) - DAY 7: ROUND WALK IN KARPAZ 12KM**

We start our walk after a morning swim in the crystal clear waters of the Golden Beach to the very tip of the peninsula. On our walk we visit the Apostolos Andreas Monastery, well known amongst Cypriot and Orthodox Christians for its Holy Fountain. This water is said to be a remedy for eye and skin diseases! We continue our walk to Cape Zafer, which is also the eastern end point of the Beşparmak Trail! Walking back along the north coast we see remains of an ancient irrigationsystem that shows how important and rich Karpaz peninsula had been in the past.

Difficulty level: easy/moderate

- Lunch: Lunch box from Dipkarpaz Village
- Dinner: Dinner Blue Sea Hotel Karpaz
- Overnight: Blue Sea Hotel Karpaz

**(SAT) - DAY 8: TRANSFER TOLARNACA (LCA) AIRPORT - DEPARTURE**

After breakfast and check out from Blue Sea Hotel Karpaz we transfer to ERCAN or LARNACA airport, where we have to say good bye and gülegüle!



**Included Services in BASIC PACKAGE:**

- ERCAN AIRPORT return transfer
- 3 night accommodation in KORMACIT VILLAS
- 2 night accommodation in CITY CENTRE HOTEL KYRENIA
- 2 night accommodation in BLUE SEA HOTEL KARPAZ
- 5 guided walking tours including sightseeing and entrance fees (SOLI, KORMACIT, ST HILARION, ANTIFONITIS, KARPAZ)
- 3 guided excursion days (KORMACIT–½ NICOSIA, ½ KYRENIA, KARPAZ)
- 7 breakfasts
- 7 light lunches (program)
- 7 dinners (program)

**Price for BASIC PACKAGE PER PAX IN DOUBLE ROOM**

See attached price list. Ask for individual quotation

**Included services in PREMIUM EXTENSION € 110 per PAX:**

- *Day 2: Dinner with Maronite specialities and music*
- *Day 4: Boat trip with dinner on board*
- *Day 5: Traditional tavern KLEPINI with music*
- *Day 7: Dinner at Blue Sea Hotel & Restaurant with specially for our groups reserved fresh fish and mezes*

**Not included services:**

- Flight
- Sea view supplement for DOME Hotel: €30 per room for 2 nights
- SGL Supplement: €150 (for Kormacit, Dome / Nostalgia Hotel and Blue Sea Hotel Karpaz)
- Personal expenses, drinks during lunches and dinners (except included drinks according to itinerary), tips.

