

CYPRUS UNCOVERED



TRIP OVERVIEW

Explore beyond the sun-drenched beaches to appreciate the natural beauty, historical treasures and innate hospitality of this magical island. Discover compelling archaeological sites and picture-book villages and delight in the dazzling coastlines and delicious cuisine. Experience the pine-scented Troodos Mountains, the wine-growing regions and the delightful capital Nicosia.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information that you require for a smooth and comfortable trip to Iceland. Please take the time to read this dossier to familiarise yourself with all the aspects of our tour. It includes important details such as flight details, visa requirements and travel insurance.

Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

DAY 1: UK to Larnaca D

Depart the UK for your flight to Larnaca Airport. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for a welcome dinner

DAY 2: Larnaca B/D

After breakfast take a drive to the lovely village of Lefkara, famed for its fine embroidery and silversmithing. Visit a needlecraft workshop and the magnificent 14th century church dedicated to the Holy Cross. Continue on to Choirokitia village, admired for its beautiful stone and wood architecture and also noted for its UNESCO-listed Neolithic Settlement. See the world famous Halloumi cheese being made, whetting your appetite for an authentic Cypriot brunch. Return to Larnaca and enjoy some time before dinner.

DAY 3: Larnaca B/D

Today takes you to Nicosia, the ancient capital divided in 1963 by the 'Green Line' separating the Turkish North and Greek South. Explore the Greek Old Town of narrow streets enclosed by Venetian walls including St John's Cathedral and the Famagusta Gate, before passing through to the Turkish controlled portion of the city and Northern Cyprus. Here you will visit the ancient Buyuk Han, once a traveller's inn and now a vibrant cluster of shops and cafes, and the mammoth Selimye Mosque, formerly a 13th century Roman Catholic cathedral. Before lunch visit the beautiful village of Bellapais, home to the medieval 'Abbey of Peace', a ruined monastery once a refuge for Augustinian monks. Journey to the picturesque town of Kyrenia, famed for its harbour and impressive Lusignan castle.

DAY 4: Larnaca to Platres B/D

The pine-clad Troodos Mountains beckon this morning. First stop on the drive is the UNESCO-listed Church of Agios Nikoios tis Stegis, with walls entirely covered by Byzantine paintings. Continue to Kakopetria for a walk around this charming village. After lunch drive to the rustic village of Platres, known as the birthplace of the island's famous Brandy Sour. Visit the Lambouri winery, noted for its Xynisteri and Chardonnay grapes before checking into your hotel to relax before dinner.

DAY 5: Platres to Paphos B/D

Today begins with a visit to the village of Omodos, renowned for its pretty narrow alleyways and colourful houses. Embark on a short tour taking in the Monastery

of the Holy Cross, established around 330 AD, and the village's medieval wine press. You'll also be able to taste the famous Arkateno bread which is only baked in Omodos. Travel on to Limassol and the spectacular archaeological site of Ancient Kourion, perched high on a hill looking down to the sea. Continue on towards Paphos, pausing for a photo opportunity at Petra tou Romiou, an amazing geological formation of huge rocks where, according to legend, Aphrodite was born.

DAY 6: Paphos B/D

Paphos brims with archaeological and mythological fascination. Today's tour takes in the Kato Paphos Archaeological Park, including the world famous mosaics in the House of Dionysos. Before a relaxing lunch in the beautiful and serene harbour at Latchi, visit the nearby Akamas Peninsula and the mythical Baths of Aphrodite. Legend has it that this natural grotto, shaded by a fig tree, is where Aphrodite used to bathe and met her lover Adonis when he stopped for a drink while hunting. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore before dinner back at the hotel.

DAY 7: Paphos B/D

Enjoy a day at leisure exploring Paphos or embark on an optional tour of Limassol (at a supplement). In the evening enjoy a farewell dinner at your hotel.

DAY 8: Paphos to Larnaca to UK B

Transfer to Larnaca airport for your return flight to the UK or on to your chosen extension



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS & MAP

Hotel information

Larnaca (3 nights): 3★ Le Bay Hotel

Address: Mesopotamias 14, Dhekelia-Larnaca Road, Oroklini 7040, Cyprus
Telephone: 00357 24 205100

Platres (1 night): 4★ Forest Park Hotel

Address: Spyrou Kyprianou 62, Pano Platres 4820, Cyprus
Telephone: 00357 25 421751

Paphos (3 nights): 4★ Crown Resorts Horizon

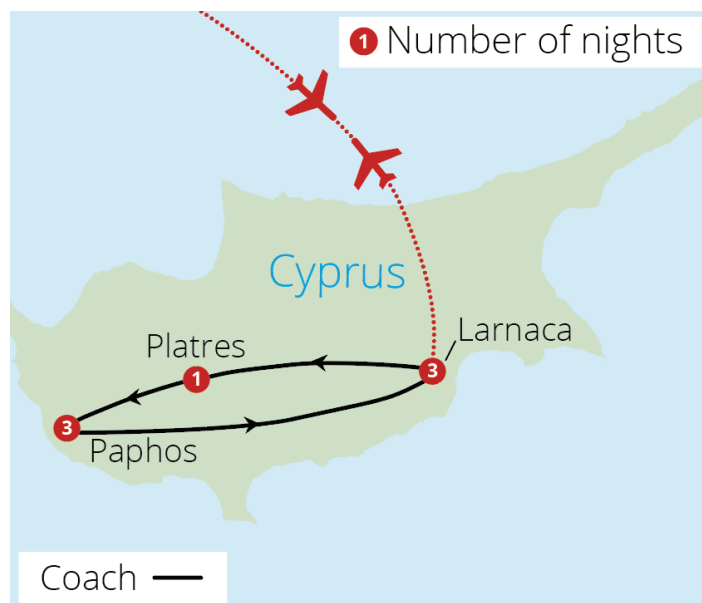
Address: Coral Bay Ave, Peyia 8068, Cyprus
Telephone: 00357 26 813800

Accommodation

All accommodation features an en suite bathroom, air-conditioning/heating and TV. Mercury Holidays has visited and inspected all of the hotels to ensure that they meet the high standards of service which we require for our clients. If the hotels detailed are not available, alternatives will be used of a similar standard. Final confirmation of your hotels will be sent in a document approximately 10 days before you travel.

Meals

Breakfast is always western style and served in the hotel each morning. Dinner where included will be taken in local restaurants or at the hotel. Any dietary requirements and dislikes should be made known to our reservations staff at the time of booking.



ON YOUR ARRIVAL

On your arrival into Cyprus you will be met by a representative from our local agent, holding a sign displaying: "Mercury Holidays". The Mercury Holidays/Louis Travel representative will show you to your transfer vehicle. Your guide will be able to answer any queries you may have, however if you need to contact Louis Travel during your stay the details are:

Louis Travel

Address: 11 Limassol Avenue, 2112 Nicosia, T.T 21301, 1506 Nicosia
Telephone Number: 00357 22 588 180

Emergency contact information

Please find below the emergency contact details for Louis Travel:
Mrs Fiona Baker: 00357 99 15 73 88

WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR TOUR

Visas

A visa is not required for your trip to Cyprus. Further advice should be sought from the applicable tourist authority for other nationalities and for general queries. We strongly advise you check your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy for the most up-to-date guidelines regarding passport validity.

Insurance

We strongly recommend that you and all members of your party are suitably insured as soon as you book your holiday. It is a condition of booking that you must have suitable travel insurance. It is important that you purchase travel insurance that suitably covers your participation in whatever activities you may undertake at the time that you make your booking. To assist you with this, we have arranged travel insurance in partnership with Holiday Extras. To arrange your travel insurance with Holiday Extras, please call 0800 781 4237 and quote 'WK830' for preferential rates. Please ensure you provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number as soon as possible. Sunspot Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

Health and Vaccinations

It is your responsibility to check any health and vaccination requirements applicable to your booked arrangements. We can only provide general information about this. Health and hygiene facilities and disease risks vary from country to country. You should take health advice about your own needs as early as possible and in good time before your departure. Sources of information include; www.fco.gov.uk, www.travelhealthpro.org.uk, www.hpa.org.uk, your General Practitioner or a specialist clinic.

Physical Accessibility

This tour is accessible to most people with a good level of fitness and normal mobility. It involves climbing of steep stairs and getting on and off coaches. This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties.

Group Size

The minimum number of travellers in your group will be 15, and the maximum will be 40. If in the unlikely event there are less than 15 people booked on your tour date, we will endeavour to reduce any disruption to your holiday and try to

operate your tour with lower passenger numbers. If we are not able to operate your departure date, then you may be asked to change to a different date and a full refund will be made available to you should this alternative not be suitable.

Tipping

It is customary to tip both your driver and guide approximately 2 Euros per person per day in total. Tips will be collected at the end of your tour.

Tour Guides

This is an escorted tour, meaning the you will have the services of an English-speaking guide during each excursion ensuring that you have first-hand knowledge at all times.

Currency Exchange

The currency in Cyprus is the Euro (€), most towns and cities do have cashpoints, banks and Bureau de change.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take some extra money with you to cover any meals not mentioned on your itinerary and personal purchases, such as souvenirs, drinks and snacks. Approximately £200-£300 per person should be sufficient for the duration of your tour. Please also bear in mind that there will be several shopping opportunities throughout your tour.

Credit Card Information

As normal practice you may be asked for your credit card details on check-in at the hotel in order to cover any extras incurred during your stay. If you do not have a credit card you may be asked for a cash deposit. American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted in hotels.

Itinerary changes

The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. The schedules of the domestic airlines in country are subject to frequent changes. For this reason, we have indicated approximate times only. Your local guide will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Some road construction &/or weather conditions may lengthen

the driving times. Our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions.

WHAT TO PACK

- Sunglasses, Sunscreen and hat in summer
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Camera and charger
- A plug adaptor - The electricity supply is 230V. You can use either a two or three pin plug adapter in Cyprus.
- Antibacterial hand gel
- Binoculars
- Personal first aid kit containing travel pills, rehydration powder, plasters, stomach settlers, antiseptic creams, aspirin etc
- Small day pack for excursions
- Waterproof, lightweight jacket
- Lightweight clothing
- Sweater and jacket for the cooler months

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Your initial flight is to **Larnaca, Cyprus** with **British Airways**, departing from **London Heathrow Terminal 5**.

IMPORTANT: Please note that final flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

Baggage Allowance

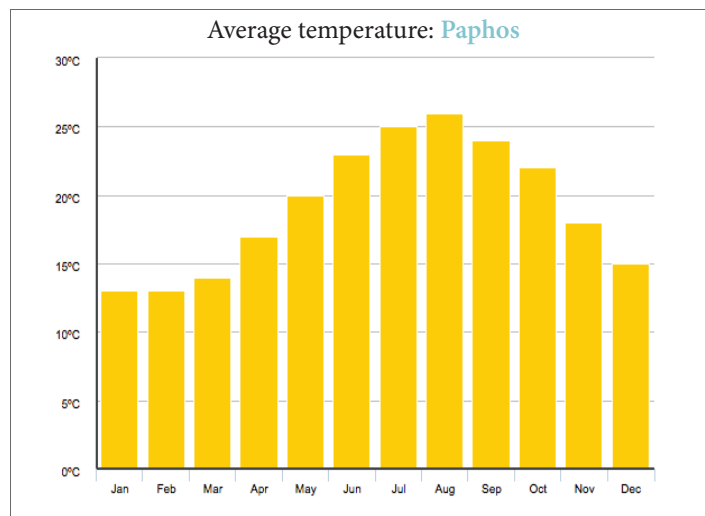
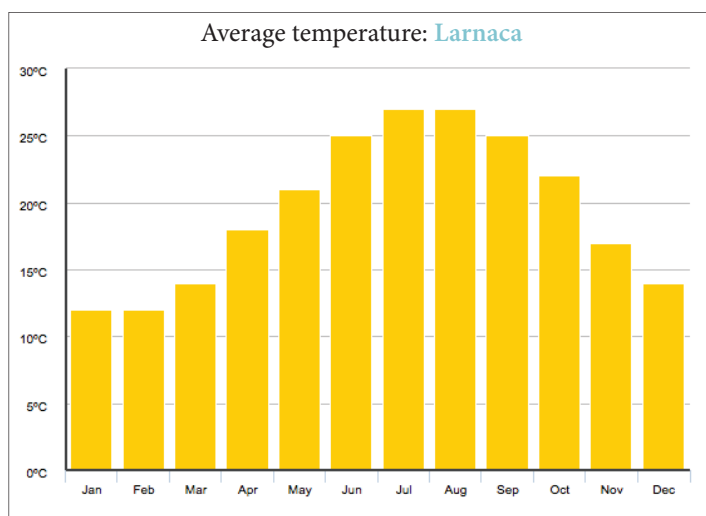
Each passenger is entitled to 23KG of hold luggage plus 1 item of hand luggage not exceeding (Max 7kg - 50cm/37cm/ 25cm) in size and 1 personal item such as a handbag, briefcase or laptop case. Weight restrictions will be finalized on E-ticket receipt. Should you wish to take additional luggage you will need to pay extra at check-in. Check-In should be at least 3 hours before departure.

Airport Extras

If you wish to arrange Airport car parking or accommodation at preferential rates, we recommend you book this in advance with Holiday Extras on 0871 360 2000, quoting HX313.

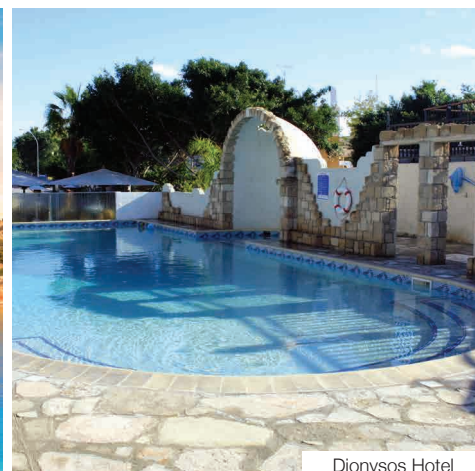
WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the climate chart below.



PAPHOS EXTENSION

If you have not yet booked this fabulous extension, there is still time to do so. Please contact 0843 224 0723



Dionysos Hotel

TRIP OVERVIEW

Spend three nights enjoying the historic charm of Paphos, an area of attractive landscapes, glorious beaches and untouched villages. Explore this stunning part of the world at your own pace, perhaps choosing to unwind on Paphos' relaxing beaches on this fabulous 3-night extension.

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This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your add-on in Paphos.

Hotel Information (3 nights)

Your stay will take place at either of these hotels:

3★ Dionysos Hotel on Bed & Breakfast.

The Dionysos Central Hotel is less than 100 yards from a beach and only a few minutes walk to the bustling and colourful Paphos harbour.

Address: 1 Dionysos Street, Paphos 8101, Cyprus

Contact number: 00357 26 933414

4★ Crown Resorts Horizon on Bed & Breakfast.

This impressive 4-star hotel offers superb guest facilities including an outdoor lagoon pool, indoor pool and fitness club and is ideally situated just over 300 metres from the sandy beach of Coral Bay near Paphos.

Address: Coral Bay Ave, Peyia 8068, Cyprus.

Contact number: 00357 26 813800

5★ King Evelthon on All Inclusive.

Lying on a stunning stretch of coastline, overlooking the sparkling waters of the

Mediterranean Sea, the King Evelthon Beach Hotel & Resort enjoys a picturesque seafront location, perfect for a luxurious and tranquil break

Address: Chlorakas, Chloraka, Cyprus.

Contact number: 00357 26 930100

Any alternative hotels or board basis will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure.

Final confirmation of your hotel will be sent in a document approximately two weeks before you travel.

Please note

After your extension you will transfer to Larnaca Airport for your flight back to the UK

Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any lunches and dinners, as well as personal purchases, such as souvenirs, laundry and drinks.

Tour Guides

Your stay in Paphos is not escorted by a tour guide and your time will be free to explore the area at your own pace. Transfers are included.



Crown Resorts Horizon



King Evelthon

FLIGHT INFORMATION

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For any further enquiries or for more information, call us on **0843 224 0723**