

1. NICOSIA: A divided capital

- ◆ Full day excursion
- ◆ Visits:
 - Handicraft Centre
 - Archaeological Museum
 - Byzantine Museum and Art Galleries
 - Laiki Gitonia

A visit to any capital is a must, but Nicosia unique in that it is the only remaining divided capital in the world today.

The contrast of the old and new is most evident in Nicosia, with its modern architecture and old city within the Venetian ramparts of 16th century; a city boasting many important historical monuments and interesting museums.

The first stop is at the Handicraft Centre. The centre aims to promote and enrich the traditional folk art and craft skills. It has various workshops and a showroom/shop at its premises, as well as shops in Laiki Gitonia.

The excursion continuous with a visit to Nicosia's Archaeological Museum with artefacts going back to 7000 years BC.

The next visit is Byzantine Museum and Art Galleries, an Archbishop Makarios III Foundation Cultural Centre with the largest collection of icons on the island, covering the period from the 9th to 18th century. The Art Galleries contain oil paintings, maps and lithographs.

The excursion will end at the 'Laiki Gitonia' the restored commercial quarter of the old city, where the participants will have free time for lunch, for a stroll and visit the picturesque shops which sell traditional items.



PRICE:

€32,00 per person

The following services are included in the above price:

- ◆ Private coach transfers
- ◆ Licensed English speaking Guide
- ◆ All relevant entrance fees for archaeological sites
- ◆ Organisation, assistance and escort by Smart Events

MINIMUM PARTICIPATION: 20 PERSONS



2. KOURION - PAPHOS: A World Cultural Heritage Site

- ◆ Full day excursion
- ◆ Visits to:
 - Kourion Theatre
 - Kourion Basilica and Baptistry
 - Kourion Residence of Eustolios
 - Aphrodite's Rock (Petra tou Romiou)
 - Paphos Mosaics
 - Paphos Old Harbour "Limanaki" (free time)
 - Tombs of the Kings

A beautiful boulevard of Cypress trees and citrus plantations will guide the participants to the former city kingdom of Kourion founded in 12th century BC. Here they will visit the Greco-Roman theatre with its breathtaking coastal view and the early Christian mosaics in the House of Eustolios and the Kourion Basilica.

The journey will then follow the breathtaking coastline of "Petra tou Romiou", the legendary birthplace of the goddess of fertility, Aphrodite. A stop here is without any doubt a must. This has been regarded as the gateway to Paphos for centuries!

Paphos founded in 4th century B.C. by the last king of the city kingdom of Palaepaphos thanks to its natural harbour. It soon became the capital of Cyprus during the Hellenistic and Roman periods and is featured on the World Cultural Heritage List of UNESCO since 1980.

Our visit will continue with a visit to the picturesque harbour, where the residences of the Roman capital are located including that of the Roman Proconsul with their outstanding floor mosaics recounting the stories from Greek Mythology: The House of Dionysos, Aion, Orpheus and the Villa of Theseus.

Some free time will be given to the participants at the picturesque harbour for lunch, a stroll and souvenir shopping!

Last stop will be that of the impressive necropolis, the so-called Tombs of the Kings, with its most interesting architecture evoking an element of mysticism.

PRICE:

€34,00 per person

The following services are included in the above price:

- ◆ Private return coach transfers
- ◆ Licensed English speaking Guide
- ◆ All relevant entrance fees for archaeological sites
- ◆ Organisation and assistance by Smart Events

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