

## CYPRUS DISCOVERY



## TRIP OVERVIEW

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 capital Nicosia.

## ITINERARY &amp; DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information that you require for a smooth and comfortable trip to Cyprus. 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 Paphos D**

Depart the UK for your flight to Paphos Airport. Upon arrival you will be met by your airport representative who will show you to your coach that will transfer you to your hotel.

**DAY 2: Paphos B/D**

Brimming with archaeological and mythological fascination, Paphos is a treasure trove waiting to be explored. A morning tour commences in the Geroskipou village, famous for its sweet local delicacy known as 'Geroskipou loukoumi', whose staple ingredient of sugar is a tantalising treat. Discover the striking five domes of Agia Paraskevi Byzantine Church, a unique construction dating back to the 9th century and a sublime example of Byzantine architecture, before returning to Paphos to visit the breath-taking ancient monuments of Kato Paphos Archaeological Park. Overlooking the azure waters of the Mediterranean Sea and astonishingly dating back to the prehistoric era, witness the world-famous mosaic floor, richly decorated with mythological and hunting scenes within the House of Dionysos, before ending your morning tour with a visit to St Pauls' Pillar and early Christian Basilica. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore Paphos at your own pace.

**DAY 3: Paphos B/D**

Enjoy a day at leisure to indulge in the facilities of your resort, explore the island independently, or unwind upon the sun-drenched beaches, washed by the Mediterranean's crystal clear waters.

**DAY 4: Paphos B/D**

Today begins with a visit to the village of Omodos, renowned for its pretty narrow alleyways and colourful houses, stopping en route at Petra tou Romiou, an amazing geological formation of huge rocks, where, according to legend, Aphrodite was born. Embark on a short tour, commencing at the Monastery of the Holy Cross, which remarkably conceals a rare remnant believed to have been the cross upon which Jesus was crucified. Established in around 330AD, this Greek Orthodox Monastery is one of the oldest of its kind in the world. Whilst in Cyprus's principle wine growing region, take a leisurely stroll to discover the village's medieval wine press nearby, before pausing for lunch. Later, continue to the Cypriot Village of Mandria to taste the refreshing flavours of herbal tea, brewed with locally produced "Castellanos" herbs, and finally, your last stop

today will be at the rustic village of Platres; enjoy a wine tasting at the Lambouri winery, famously renowned for its Xynisteri and Chardonnay grapes, before returning to your hotel for a leisurely evening.

**DAY 5: Paphos B/D**

Spend a day at leisure, taking the opportunity to admire the dazzling coastline, exploring local sights or tasting delectable local delicacies.

**DAY 6: Paphos B/D**

Take a short journey to Agios Neofytos to explore the Monastery positioned at the head of a picturesque valley; founded in the 12th century and carved into a mountain rock, some of the greatest examples of Byzantine frescoes adorn a cave enclosure named Enkleistra encircled within one of the best known Monasteries in Cyprus. On the journey back to Paphos, stop off in a local village to taste the salty flavours of Halloumi that Cyprus is so famous for.

**DAY 7: Paphos B/D**

Enjoy a day at leisure today.

**DAY 8: Paphos to the UK B**

After breakfast, transfer to Paphos airport for your return flight back to the UK or chosen extension.



## ACCOMMODATION DETAILS & MAP

### Accommodation

Your accommodation is selected for convenience, location, comfort or character. Hotel accommodation is generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but please note there is no international classification system for hotels, and differences in facilities and quality do exist between the UK and Cyprus. All group tours hotels have private bathroom facilities and air-conditioning, where needed. Rest assured that all accommodation used by Mercury Holidays is regularly inspected by our staff and partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. If you have booked a triple share please note that your room will be a twin room with a rollaway bed or sofa bed added. This may limit the floor space in the room.

**Please note the hotels listed on our website and brochure are provided for guidance only and final confirmation of your accommodation will be sent in a document, along with your final flight information, 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.



① Number of nights spent — coach — air — rail — boat

## ON YOUR ARRIVAL

On your arrival into Paphos you will be met by a representative from our local agent, **Louis Travel**, 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. Mercury Holidays 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](http://www.fco.gov.uk), [www.travelhealthpro.org.uk](http://www.travelhealthpro.org.uk), [www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk), your General Practitioner or a specialist clinic.

### Physical Accessibility

All our tours feature a "Tour Pace" to help find the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights, climb stairs and get on and off coaches and boats. Our tour paces are marked with dots out of 3, with the differences being as follows:

- 1 Dot the tour is Easy-Going
- 2 Dots the tour is Intermediate
- 3 Dots the tour is Advanced

Cyprus Discovery is rated as 1 Dot meaning that the tour pace is Easy-Going. A reasonable level of fitness is required as you will be spending some time on your feet each day though there are no large distances to cover. You will be walking around the sights at a leisurely pace, and may be getting on and off coaches, trains and boats and climbing some steps.

Our guides will always endeavor to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

### 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/at your discretion to tip both your driver and guide. We would recommend to tip approximately 2 Euros per person per day. This is a total of €12 per person to budget for tips on your trip. Tips will be collected at the beginning/end of your tour. Tips are accepted in the local currency.

### Tour Guides

This is an escorted tour meaning that you will have the services of an English-speaking guide during each excursion ensuring that you have first-hand knowledge at all times. Should the tour not meet minimum numbers, then it will be operated with local guides only.

### Currency Exchange

The currency in Cyprus is the Euro (€), most towns and cities do have cashpoints, banks and Bureau de change. We recommend that you exchange your currency before you leave the UK. It is important that you budget carefully and ensure you have the right form of currency before you arrive in the country. Cash machines will also be available throughout the tour in order to withdraw money in your local currency.

### Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry, any meals not included in the itinerary as well as drinks and any additional snacks. Approximately £200- £300 per person will be sufficient for the duration of the 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 adaptor 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 **Paphos Airport** with **Easy Jet**, departing from **London Gatwick North Terminal**

**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

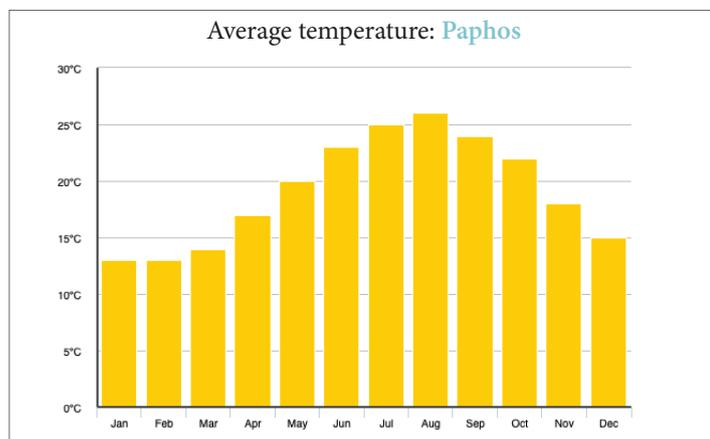
Each passenger is entitled to 23KG of hold luggage plus 1 item of hand luggage not exceeding (56cm/45cm/25cm) in size. Weight restrictions will be finalized on E-ticket receipt. Should you wish to take additional luggage you will need to pay extra at check-in. Check-in should be at least 3 hours before 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.

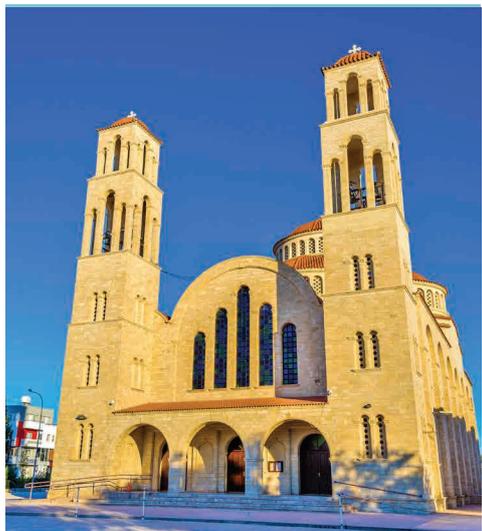
## WEATHER AND CLIMATE

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



## CYPRUS EXTENSION

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



Leonardo Plaza Cypria Maris

### 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 after your Escorted Tour, perhaps choosing to unwind on Paphos' relaxing beaches on this fabulous 3-night extension.

### ITINERARY & DETAILS

*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 the 4★ Leonardo Plaza Cypria Maris on Half Board

The four-star Leonardo Plaza Cypria Maris is located in a popular area, ideal for exploring Paphos' top sights, from the harbour to the old town. Overlooking the Mediterranean Sea and positioned directly on the beach, this adults-only resort is just a short walk away from a selection of local cafes, restaurants and Paphos' renowned Archeological Park.

**Address:** 10, Theas Afroditis Avenue, 8204 Yeroskipou, Cyprus P.O.Box 60456, 8127 Paphos, Cyprus

**Contact number:** 00357 2696 4111

Any alternative hotels or board basis will have been confirmed at booking. Please

speaking 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

This extension will take place after your Escorted Tour.

#### 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.



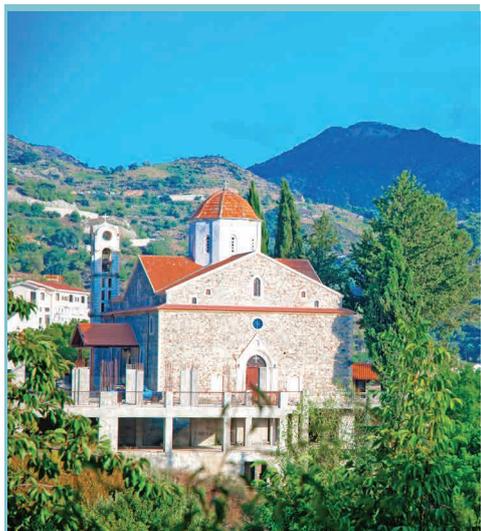
### FLIGHT INFORMATION

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

## TROODOS MOUNTAINS EXTENSION

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Troodos Hotel

### TRIP OVERVIEW

After your epic 8-day Cyprus Discovery tour, why not extend your travels with a 3-day Troodos Mountain stay. Located in the centre of the island and the largest mountain range in the country, this location is an ideal place to partake in some skiing, hiking and or exploring the famous Mount Olympus.

### ITINERARY & DETAILS

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

#### Hotel Information (3 nights)

Your stay will take place at one of the following hotels:

#### 3★ Troodos Hotel on Bed & Breakfast.

Offering incredible mountain views from your room, this superb hotel is situated in an idyllic mountainside location, positioned just 5km from the top of Mount Olympus.

**Address:** 16 Troodos Square, 4800 Troodos, Cyprus

**Contact number:** 00357 25 420 000

Or

#### 4★ Forest Park Hotel on Bed & Breakfast.

Nestled amidst an idyllic backdrop of cascading waterfalls and towering mountainsides, this four-star hotel offers excellent guest facilities, with well

appointed rooms boasting beautiful views overlooking the gardens.

**Address:** 62 Spyrou Kyprianou Street, Platres, Cyprus

**Contact number:** 00357 25 421751

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#### Please note

This extension will take place after your Escorted Tour.

#### 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 the Troodos Mountains is not escorted by a tour guide and your time will be free to explore the area at your own pace. Transfers are included.



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