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#### Authentic Cyprus

Cyprus is an enviable worldwide sun and sea holiday destination with year-round sunshine, blue skies and warm waters. However, this fascinating island has much more to offer. Away from the tourist areas, the Cyprus countryside has a diverse wealth of its own with traditional villages, vineyards and wineries, tiny fresco-painted churches, and remote forests.

Enjoy a different kind of holiday in Cyprus off the beaten track in peace and tranquillity by staying in a restored traditional house in one of the island's many picturesque villages. Awaken to the sound of a cock crowing, or a donkey braying, take your breakfast in the shade of a vine with the smell of jasmine or wild thyme in the air, go for a long walk in the pine-scented forest, watch how the local bread and 'halloumi' cheese are made and experience rural living at first hand. And when the sun goes down, just lie back and enjoy Cyprus' magical evenings gazing at one of the starriest skies you will ever see, lulled by the gentle sounds of the night crickets.



You will be given the warmest of welcomes, as Cypriots have a reputation for being hospitable, and you will certainly end up making many good friends before you leave. Don't be surprised if your hosts go out of their way to treat you as one of the family, lavishing a veritable feast of local delicacies upon you. Try everything by ordering 'mezedes' and wash it all down with one of the local beers or wines. Cyprus' sweet Commandaria wine is one of the oldest in the world, and if you're brave enough, have a shot of 'zivania', which is almost pure alcohol and packs a neat punch.

More than just for summer, Cyprus is perfect at any time of year. Blessed with an abundance of sunshine and warm year-round temperatures, it is a great place to enjoy winter sun, to avoid the crowds in the autumn and to marvel at nature's springtime tapestry of colour. With rugged coasts and mountain peaks, sunny vineyards and cool pine forests, flat expanses of wheat fields and lush citrus orchards, the island has something for everyone.



And when you've had your fill of relaxing, you'll find that in Cyprus there's much to see and do. Play a round of golf, go cycling, or hiking round the countryside, or take up a new sport. Or wonder at spectacular Greek temples, opulent Byzantine churches and ancient artefacts that are the remnants of a civilisation going back 10,000 years.

The properties we offer are a great base from where to explore the island. Carefully renovated to maintain their distinctive character, while including all modern conveniences, they are ideal for those seeking comfort and privacy in friendly and attractive surroundings.



# Welcome to Rural Cyprus

If you are looking for an alternative rural experience with traditional accommodation in a **natural environment**, **countryside activities, meeting the locals, tranquility, local gastronomy, wine routes, small spa centers, nature trails, cycling routes, old churches and hidden monasteries, bird watching and sports**.





#### Troodos Mountains "The Green Heart of Cyprus"



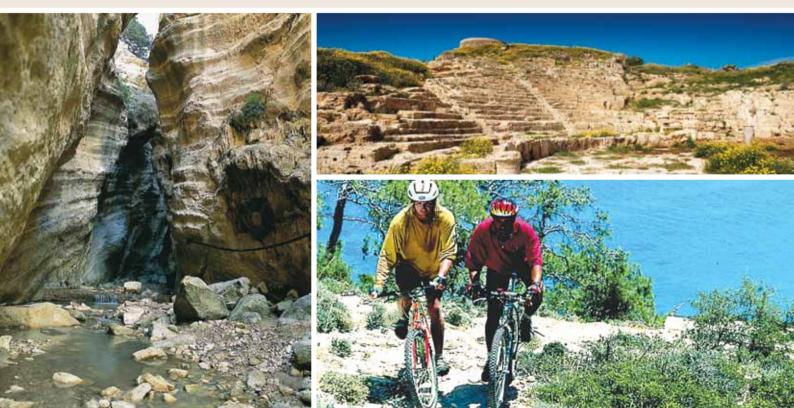
The imposing Troodos massif rises to 1,952m above sea level, stretching across most of the southwestern part of Cyprus. Troodos provides a wide range of traditional houses and small hotels. The region offers an abundance of things to do and see. It is an area of fresh air, winding nature trails and scenic panoramas.



Walking or cycling through forests on mountain trails, attending village festivals, experiencing the local traditional gastronomy, or discovering the cultural treasure of the UNESCO World Heritage churches are among the main pursuits. Birdwatchers, botanists, geologists, ramblers, bikers, photographers and nature lovers seeking a relaxing break.

# Pafos Region

The region offers the possibility of combining sea and mountains as well as getting a taste of culture with its many archaeological sites. The Akamas peninsula is an area of natural wilderness with dramatic coastlines and sandy coves. You can find traditional lodgings around Pafos in the villages of **Arodes, Droushia, Episkopi, Goudi, Giolou, Choulou, Kathikas, Kallepia, Akourdalia, Miliou, Polis Chrysochous, Panayia, Nikokleia.** 



#### Limassol Region

The sun-kissed southern slopes of the Troodos Mountains with their vineyards form a pleasant green backdrop to the city, dotted with delightful hillside villages known collectively as the 'Krassochoria' (or wine villages). The old forms of viticulture are still kept alive here producing the island's best dry red wines. The most famous of all the wines is Commandaria, one of the oldest named wines in the world, having had the same name for eight centuries. You can find traditional lodgings around Limassol in the villages of Anogyra, Apsiou, Arsos, Episkopi, Vasa Kilaniou, Vouni, Lemithou, Lofou, Potamitissa, Fasoula, Sykopetra, Omodos, Kyperounta.





# Nikosia Region

In the countryside you'll find olive groves and orchards leading up into the pine forest of the Machairas mountains, on the peak of which, set in a scenic valley with a superb view over the plains, sits a centuries old monastery.



Picturesque villages abound, with their cobbled streets and preserved stone and adobe houses, offering a glimpse of rural life in Cyprus. You can find traditional lodgings around Nicosia in the villages of **Askas**, **Galata, Kakopetria, Palaichori, Kalopanayiotis, Lythrodontas, Spilia.** 



### Larnaka Region

The mountainous area of Larnaka is dotted with charming villages. From the gentle sounds of nature to the glorious scent of fresh village bread, experience the warm hospitality and friendship of rural Larnaka, perfect for any time of year. You can find traditional lodgings around Larnaka in the villages of Choirokitia, Kalavasos, Kato-Drys, Maroni, Psematismenos, Skarinou, Tochni, Troulloi, Lefkara, Vavla.











We can help you organize your holiday in the Cyprus countryside.

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