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SAT, 6 EPIPHANY

Epiphany is one of the most important religious celebrations of the year. Following a special Mass at the Cathedral of each beach town, a religious procession takes place down to the sea, at about 10.30 A.M, leading to a ceremonial baptism of the Holy Cross. During the ceremony the Bishop throws the Holy Cross into the sea and young men dive into the water to retrieve the cross and return it to the priest.

Religious celebrations in all seaside towns:

Lemesos:	Agia Napa Church - Lemesos, old port
Larnaka:	Agios Lazaros Church - Larnaka marina
Pafos:	Theoskepasti Church - Pafos harbour
Polis:	Agios Andreas Church - Latsi fishing shelter
Agia Napa:	Agia Napa Church - Agia Napa harbour

JANUARY – MARCH

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

LARNAKA WINTER EXPERIENCES

The Larnaka Tourism Board organises weekly activities in town as well as in nearby villages, such as bird watching, basket weaving, guided tours and visits to the Mazotos Camel Park. Some of these activities are offered complimentary for guests staying at hotels within the Larnaka region, whereas some are open to all visitors! For further information: www.larnakaregion.com

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NOVEMBER –DECEMBER

AGIA NAPA CULTURAL WINTER

During the winter season, Agia Napa presents to its visitors and locals alike, a series of cultural events organized within the framework of its project called "Cultural Winter". The Cultural Winter events last from November till March. Its program includes symphonies, concerts and recitals, as well as art, theatre and dance performances by talented local and foreign artists alike. The main venue of the events, that are free for everyone, is the Municipal Town Hall. All performances take place every Thursday at 20:00. For further information: www.ayianapa.org.cy

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FEBRUARY

SUN, 9 – MON, 17 THE CYPRUS GRAND PRIX-TRAP/SKEET/DOUBLE TRAP

Organized by the Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation and held at the Larnaka Olympic Shooting Range. For further information please visit the Federation's official website: www.cssf-shooting.org

FRI, 14 – SUN, 16 NICOS SEVERIS CYPRUS YOUTH GOLF OPEN 2020

Since its inception in 2013 the annual Nicos Severis Cyprus Junior Open, initially ran as a 2-day 36-hole event, it has since evolved into a very popular fixture on the international junior golf calendar attracting an increasingly large quantity of young golfers from Cyprus, all across Europe and the Middle East.

Venue: Elea Estate Golf Course - Organizer: CGF, for further information: www.cgf.org.cy

FRI, 14 – THU, 27 FNL CUP-FOOTBALL

We are in the pleasant position to announce that our company as official partner of the FNL Russia is co-organizing the annual Football Tournament 'FNL Cup 2020' – the Football National League, in Cyprus. 16 football teams of the 1st division of the Russian Football National League are participating in this tournament. For further information: www.1fnl.ru or www.tecomaservices.com.cy

SUN, 16 BLOOMING ALMOND TREE FESTIVAL

The Annual Blooming Almond Tree Festival 2020 will take place in the village of Limnatis (Lemesos area). The Festival is organized by the Community Council and the Community Complex of the Kouris and Xylourikos Valley. The community will arrange bus transfers for the festival, accompanied by a guide. For further information please call: +357 25432922/ 25 323 211

THU, 20/2 - SUN, 1/3 CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS

Carnival, is a ten-day period of festivities and feasts, prior to fifty days of fasting, before Easter. Carnival parades and fancy-dress balls are very popular and take place in the main municipalities of the island. The most famous events though are organized in Lemesos, where the celebrations last for 10 days and have grown in scope so much, that with time they have become an integral part of the town's identity and culture. For further information: www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy

THU, 27/2-SUN, 1/3 CYPRUS SUNSHINE EPIC CUP 2020 (CYCLING)-AFXENTIA

Following 23 years of continuous evolution and growth, the organizing team wishes to give a new upgraded image to this authentic mountain biking race, which has been taking place in the mountain ranges of Cyprus since 1997. From 2020 onward, the race will be called Cyprus Sunshine Epic, emphasizing the history of the race as well as the difficulty of the routes and the challenges that the participants face, in their efforts to complete the race. Beyond the change of name, the team will also change the races' character, since the athletes will now compete in teams of two and not individually. The team classification is, at last, a common practice in the world of mountain biking. At Cyprus Sunshine Epic, amateur riders have the chance to experience something unique; cycling shoulder to shoulder with the biggest names of mountain biking, world champions and Olympians, who gather in Cyprus every end of February, making this event a true celebration of mountain-biking not to be missed!

Venues: Pyrga village, Lyhrodontas village, Machairas Forest.

For further information: www.activecyprus.com

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MARCH

CYPRUS CONTEMPORARY DANCE PLATFORM

The Ministry of Education and Culture having had the initiative to introduce and establish the "Dance Platform Dance Encounters" as an institution in 2001, has seen its contribution bloom and help in the advancement of Dance in Cyprus, by exposing works of artists and different dance groups, in the field of contemporary dance. It reveals the richness of creativity, imagination and determination of the choreographers, as well as, the hard work and skills of the dancers all of which enable Cyprus Dance to succeed and prosper. Venue: Rialto Theatre-Lemesos. For further information: www.cyprusdanceplatform.com.

MON, 2 – THU, 12 CYPRUS WOMEN'S CUP (FOOTBALL)

12 nations compete in the 13th Cyprus Women's World Cup. This annual women's football tournament takes place mainly in four Larnaka stadiums. For further information please contact: www.cypruswomenscup or www.larnakaregion.com

WE, 4 – FRI, 13 WORLD SHOOTING CUP (TRAP/SKEET/DOUBLE TRAP)

This sport event is organized by the Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation and will take place in Latsia Olympic Shooting Club. For further information please visit: www.cssf-shooting.org

MON, 2 GREEN MONDAY (50 days before the Greek Easter)

The first day of Lent, is a day of joy, laughter and vegetarian picnics. Green Monday is followed by a fifty day fasting period, during which Christians prepare themselves to receive the Redeemer, shunning meat and dairy products and living on a vegetarian diet. Events and activities take place in all towns and villages.

5th MEDIEVAL NICOSIA FESTIVAL

cancelled

Enjoy 5 days of medieval events: the events consist of guided tours of museums, musical events and outdoor festivities. The festival will be completed with the medieval parade and a tour of the old town.

Venue: Old Town of Nicosia

For further information please call at +357 22889600 or visit: www.nicosia.com.cy

18/3/2020 – 24/5/2020

CYPRUS WALKING FESTIVAL

postponed until further notice

Organised by the Deputy Ministry of Tourism and the Forestry Department, the Festival offers a number of walking tours in Akamas, Cape Gkreko and Troodos National Forest Parks, with varying levels of required fitness and completion time. For further information please contact the Cyprus Tourist Information Offices: www.visitcyprus.com or call at +357 25323211/25362756/25421316

The Annual Blooming Almond Tree Festival 2020 will take place in the village of Limnatis (Lemesos area). The Festival is organized by the Community Council and the Community Complex of the Kouris and Xylourikos

WED, 11 – MON, 15

1st CYPRUS ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL

cancelled

For further information: www.komoaap.eu

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SUN, 1/3 – THU, 30/4 7th AGIA NAPA INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURES SYMPOSIUM cancelled

The Agia Napa Municipality organizes the 7th Sculpture Symposium 2019-2020. The symposium will take place from 01/03/2020 to 30/04/2020. The two themes of the Sculpture Symposium will be: "Greek History and Mythology" and "History and Mythology of Cyprus". For further information: www.ayianapa.org.cy

SUN, 1 **22ND CYPRUS MARATHON** **postponed-new date 21/3/21**

The main distance of the event features breath-taking scenery from Start to Finish. Starting at Aphrodite's Birthplace, the course follows a coastal route along the Mediterranean Sea. Throughout the course you will discover the small traditional villages of Pafos and enjoy their hospitality, with cheering support along most of the course. The course is accredited by AIMS (Association of International Marathons and Distance Races) and clearly marked at every kilometer. Groups of volunteer marshals will assist and guide runners throughout the course. Information/Entries: www.logicomcyprusmarathon.com

SAT, 21 -SUN, 22 **LIMASSOL MARATHON GSO** **postponed – new date 21/11/20**

As a well-known running expert once said: "I've learned that finishing a marathon isn't just an athletic achievement. It's a state of mind; a state of mind that says anything is possible". The coastal road of Lemesos provides all the conditions you will need to make your goals possible. The OPAP Limassol Marathon GSO provides the runner with an amazing 100% coastal and 100% flat course, which is optimal for newly introduced members of the Marathon Running Community to have a first great experience, and for older members to challenge their Personal Best time! Visit or run at the largest sports event in Cyprus (fully accredited by AIMS) and experience the magic and energy that Lemesos has to offer!

For further information: +357 25880102 or www.limassolmarathon.com.cy

SAT, 21 – SUN, 22	AGIA NAPA TRIATHLON	cancelled
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Agia Napa Triathlon is the most prestigious and biggest triathlon event in Cyprus. The scenery guarantees a unique experience. Crystal clear waters and sunny weather make this event the perfect choice to start the racing season as early as in March. The event includes Middle distance triathlon, Triathlon and Sprint triathlon and attracts hundreds of athletes including some of the sports' top names.

For further information: www.nireas.org

FRI, 27-SUN,29	CYPRUS GRAN FONDO	postponed-new date 26-28/3/21
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The Cyprus Gran Fondo is a 3-day Road "Cycling for All" event, which, since 2017, is featured among the biggest cycling events of the UCI as part of the Gran Fondo World Series for cyclists ranging from pros to beginners. The event provides the perfect opportunity for recreational riders to qualify for the World Gran Fondo Championships held every year. All participants will have the opportunity to earn their qualification in the Gran Fondo World Championship. Starting every day next to the Mediterranean coast, you will climb some of the prettiest mountains of the island and pass through traditional, rustic villages and then return back to some of the best hotels in Paphos to enjoy your off-the-bike time! For further information: www.activatecyprus.com

SAT, 28 - SUN, 29	THE CYPRUS GRAND PRIX -FITASC SPORTING	cancelled
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Organized by the Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation and held at the Lemesos Shooting Club.

For further information, please visit the Federation's official website: www.cssf-shooting.org

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TUE, 24 - WED, 25	THE CYPRUS GRAND PRIX -FITASC COMPAK	cancelled
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Organized by the Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation, this event will be held at the Larnaka Olympic Shooting Range. For further information, please visit the Federation's official website: www.cssf-shooting.org

SUN, 29	WILD TOULIP FESTIVAL	cancelled
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A festival organized by the community board of Polemi Village and the Tulip Club of Polemi. This large flower, wild tulip grows in profusion near the village of Polemi at the Paphos District of Cyprus. Years ago, they formed a blaze of colour in early April sprouting in vineyards from Stroumbi to Polemi and beyond, but increased agricultural use of the soil has reduced its habitat. For further information: +357 26632736, 26632833

APRIL

SUN, 19	GREEK ORTHODOX EASTER
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Easter, the most important Greek Orthodox religious feast is celebrated with great solemnity. Evening services (mass) take place throughout the Holy Week.

Good Friday - A procession of decorated Sepulchres takes place in all parishes at around 20:30.

Easter Saturday - At midnight an open-air mass takes place in every church.

ALL TRADITIONAL EASTER GAMES ARE CANCELLED

Easter Sunday & Monday- Traditional games are organised during the afternoon in towns and villages:

Lefkosia District: Kourdali and Spilia villages.

Lemesos District: Lemesos town, Agios Tychonas, Germasogeia , Pano Polemidia, Lania, Sykopetra, Kellaki, Pissouri, Episkopi, Anogyra and Agros villages.

Larnaka District: Pervolia, Kiti, Aradippou.

Pafos District: Pafos town, Geroskipou, Tala, Kathikas, Tsada, Kissonerga, Stroumbi and Neo Chorio villages.

Ammochostos (Famagusta) District: Agia Napa, Frenaros, Paralimni, Deryneia and Dasaki tis Achnas villages.

MON, 6 – SUN,	1 TSANEIO JUNIOR CUP – TEU 12	postponed until further notice
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For further information: www.tenniseurope.org

SAT, 23- WED, 2	1st NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING GRAND PRIX	cancelled
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This is the first International Swimming meet to be held in Nicosia Olympic Swimming pool in the last 10 years. What a great way to welcome swimmers from every part of the world, to the most exciting swimming event in Cyprus.

For further information: www.nicosiagrandprix.com

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SUN, 26	OCEAN LAVA TRIATHLON	postponed-new date 13/9/20
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A tried and tested Triathlon race will host a number of individual triathletes and relay teams (swimmer/biker/runner) that will take on the challenge. In April ambient temperatures are min/max 12 - 23 C° ideal for a Triathlon in crystal clear Mediterranean waters. The run course will cover one of the most scenic paths of Pafos, a few steps from the beach taking athletes from the transition area to Pafos coastal promenade and back to the Municipal baths for the finish line. Come and give it a go!

For further information: www.oceanlavacyprus.com

FRI, 3 – SUN, 11	CYPRUS FILM DAYS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL	cancelled
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Cyprus Film Days IFF is the official competition feature fiction film festival of the island of Cyprus. It consists of two main programs: The International Competition section - Global Images - and the non-competitive section -Viewfinder-, which comprises films that have been screened and awarded at major festivals over the past year. The Festival also includes a National Competition Section, exclusively showcasing Cypriot productions. Special tributes, parallel screenings, master classes, workshops and musical events, complete the event. For further information: <https://cyprusfilmdays.com>

SUN, 11 – FRI,16	AGIA NAPA EASTER YOUTH SOCCER FESTIVAL	cancelled
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Agia Napa Soccer Festival is organized by SoccerworldCyprus, an official member sports club of the Cyprus National Sports Organization. The tournament is officially recognized and approved by the Cyprus Football Association. The event is hosted at the modern athletic centre of Agia Napa which contains 15 natural grass football pitches, plus the Municipal Stadium of Agia Napa.

For further information: www.ayianapasoccerfestival.com

SAT, 11 – SUN,12	MEDITERRANEAN BAR SHOW	postponed-new date 5-6/9/20
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The Mediterranean Bar is the long-awaited trade hub connecting the region's companies professionals and amateurs at the drinks and hospitality industry. Consumers opportunities: food experience by the most renowned local street food and restaurants, sample more than 50 different brands, buy spirits special prices, discover the global bar scene trends. Companies opportunities: brand awareness, branded seminar, tasting rooms for sampling and mentoring, direct sales. Venue: Nicosia International Expo Further information please visit MBS web site.

SUN,26-SAT,2 MAY	ITF CYPRUS SENIORS CUP GRADE 2	postponed until further notice
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Organised by the Larnaka Tennis Club, the ITF CYPRUS SENIORS CUP GRADE 2 tournament will see both local and international tennis players compete in an official International Tennis Federation cup. Over 240 players from 30 different countries will take part. The Larnaka Tennis Club was the first tennis club to open in Larnaka in 1958. Further Information: www.itftennis.com

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SAT, 9 – SUN, 10	LANIA LANES AND COURTYARDS	cancelled
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The sun-kissed southern slopes of the Troodos Mountains, just above Lemesos (Limassol) are known as the 'Krassochoiria' and are renowned for their vineyards and delightful hillside villages. Lania is one of these beautiful villages surrounded by vineyards and orchards. The Women of Lania will be pleased to welcome you to walk along the picturesque lanes and visit their open courtyards Visiting hours 11:00 - 18:00.
For further information: +357 25432333, + 357 99929264

FLOWER FESTIVAL (ANTHESTIRIA)	1st or/and 2nd weekend of May	cancelled
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"Anthestiria" is a celebration for the coming of spring and the renewal of nature and life, dating back to Ancient Greece. Protaras, Larnaka, Germasogeia, Pafos and Agia Napa municipalities will have festivities for the flower festival during the 1st and 2nd weekend of May.

SAT, 9	DORIANS COASTAL CHALLENGE	cancelled
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The Dorians Coastal Challenge is an obstacle run amongst very few of its kind. It is a 5Km long route with 20+ obstacles and challenges along the sandy beach and in the shallow sea waters. During the Coastal Challenge, participants will conquer all our signature obstacles along with new obstacles that will challenge your endurance, perseverance, mental toughness, and team spirit. We won't tell you that it will be easy; we will however say that it will be a significant challenge of your mind and body, a fun day out, an unusual experience, and an event to remember and chat about for months to come. The Challenge is open to everyone over 16 years old and does not suffer from any serious health conditions. You can join the event as a Solo Dorian (individual) or as a member of a team.

For further information: www.dorianschallenge.com

SAT 8, 16 –SUN 9,17	ROSE FESTIVAL	cancelled
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This event is organized every year in Agros for two weekends. During the festival, visitors have the chance to visit the local workshops and learn all about the distillation of roses. They can also visit the rose exhibition and various kiosks that sell traditional products. At the same time, people can enjoy folk dances and music performances throughout the duration of the Rose Festival. All the sights of the village are open to the public. Location: Glafkos Clerides Sport Centre, Agros village.

For further information please call T.: +357 99352547 or +357 25521333.

END OF MAY	6th RELIVING FESTIVAL	cancelled
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This event is organized every year in the small picturesque village of Dora (Lemesos area). If you want to go back to the past, if you want to taste traditional flavours, if you want to listen to traditional music and experience our traditions first hand, then visit the Reliving Festival of Dora. For further information: + 357 25421020, www.mytroodos.com

END OF MAY	CHERRY FESTIVALS	cancelled
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The Cherry Festivals are organized in two beautiful villages in the mountain range of Troodos: Pedoulas and Treis Elies. For further information: + 357 25421020, www.mytroodos.com

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SUN, 10	LARNAKA TRIATHLON	postponed-new date 11/11/20
<p>The event is taking place at Makenzie area, a local and tourist hot spot. The event includes Triathlon and Sprint Triathlon and is open to individuals and teams. Larnaka Triathlon is a perfect opportunity to combine a triathlon race with vacation. Families and friends can enjoy a beautiful day by the beach while being part of the action. For further information: www.nireas.org</p>		
THU, 7 – MON, 10	LIMASSOL BOAT SHOW	postponed –new date 6-9/5/21
<p>The largest Boat Show in Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean region continues to grow more and more each year. More than 20.000 visitors. More than 100 exhibitors. The annual gathering of the industry professionals and prospective buyers will offer thousands of visitors the opportunity to view a wide range of the latest products and services in a unique setting. Including seminars, presentations of new products, activities on water and demonstrations. TPAKASOA Culture Centre Limassol Marina, Lemesos, Cyprus.</p> <p>For further information: https://limassolboatshow.com/ or +357 25577750</p>		
FRI, 15 – SUN,17	CYPRUS AMATEUR MEN’S OPEN 2020 GOLF	postponed until further notice
<p>Venue: Aphrodite Hills GC</p> <p>For further information: www.cfg.org.cy</p>		
FRI,30 – SAT, 31	CGF CHAMPIONSHIP 2020 GOLF	postponed until further notice
<p>Venue: Secret Valley GF</p> <p>For further information: www.cfg.org.cy</p>		
FRI,29/5 – MON,1/6	NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL WATER POLO CUP	NEW DATE: 5/6-8/6/20
<p>The Nicosia Water Polo Cup is an annually hosted tournament which aims to promote water polo in Cyprus. As an island, Cyprus is in great need of developing sports inherent in water, and water polo has known a great development in the last few years. The participation of teams from all over Europe, offers the opportunity to hundreds of people from abroad, to discover and explore Nicosia particularly and Cyprus in general. For further information: www.nicosiawaterpolocup.com</p>		
End of May	STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL	postponed- new date May 2021
<p>The name of Deryneia is directly linked to the cultivation of strawberries in our country, since the first strawberry plantations in Cyprus on a commercial basis were formed in Deryneia. The aim of the festival is to promote the innovative cultivation and distribution of the strawberry fruit and its by-products in combination with the presentation of its quality as part of a cultural and artistic program.</p> <p>For further information: Tel: 23811000 or http://www.deryneia.org.cy/</p>		
SUN, 31	24th CHILDREN’S FESTIVAL OF AGIA NAPA & 10th KIDS’ SUMMER FESTIVAL	cancelled
<p>This annual festival celebrates International Children's Day, and it showcases a string of fun activities ushered in for little ones. There are crafts, painting and pottery for the creative types, Cypriot cooking classes for mini chefs-in-the-making, and face painting, puppet shows and magicians for everyone else.</p> <p>For further information: http://www.ayianapa.org.cy/</p>		

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MAY – JUNE INTERNATIONAL PHAROS CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

The 19th International Pharos Chamber Music Festival will take place throughout the month of May and it will culminate with an extensive week of music-making, between the last week of May and the first week of June. The Festival is well known all over Europe and it hosts some of the world's most renowned musicians.

For further information: T.: +357 22663871 or www.pharosartsfoundation.org

JUNE

AROMATIC & HEALING HERBS OF CYPRUS

cancelled

The festival takes place every year at the Cultural Centre of Platres. For the 12th year in a row we welcome you with Mediterranean scents and flavours! Its purpose is to demonstrate the beneficial properties of the Cypriot herbs in people's health. The event includes a herb exhibition held by the growers, herb tasting, educational seminars, an entertainment show, nature walks and visits to botanical gardens. It is organised with the participation of speakers and delegates from Europe, through the MEDFEST Interreg Med Program.

For further information: +357 99410520, + 357 421020 or www.mytroodos.com

SAT, 6-MON,8

PENTECOST - KATAKLYSMOS (Flood festival)

cancelled

"Kataklysmos" is a religious and popular feast celebrated only in Cyprus. "Kataklysmos", which means flood, is found in the book of Genesis and in the Greek myth of Deukalion. In both cases it refers to the destruction by flood of almost all living creatures in order to give birth to a new and moral generation. The festivities last for a few days and take place in all seaside towns. Celebrations include various games, folk dances, swimming competitions and boat races. Larnaka holds the most important folklore festival in Cyprus lasting 6 days with music, dance, poetry, theatre, cultural and athletic competitions and firework shows at the Larnaka Seafront.

For further information: +357 24657745 or www.larnaka.org.cy

Agia Napa: Festivities at the Agia Napa Harbour, Paralimni: Festivities at Protaras area, Pafos: Festivities at Old Port area, Lemesos: Festivities at Lemesos's Multifunctional Seaside Park (Molos).

SAT 13 –SUN 14

TROODOS SPORT AND FUN FESTIVAL

Escape from the ordinary! The hardest and most challenging road cycling race in Cyprus has a name and is 0-2000 Road Tour! Starting from 0 metres Above Sea Level (ASL) to almost 2000 metres, at the highest peak of Cyprus, Olympus at 1952 metres (ASL)! Time is not the target, the top is! After 75km of uphill riding you will conquer the top of the highest mountain peak in Cyprus! MTB weekend - The Mountain Bike Marathon competition is OPEN to everyone who likes adventure in Troodos Mountains! Enjoy the breath-taking scenery of the MTB routes and your endurance with three wonderful routes through the most picturesque and scenic areas of the Troodos mountains starting from Olympus peak descending towards the villages around Troodos! For further information: www.cyclingcy.com

SHAKESPEARE AT CURIUM

new date 23-25/7/20

Every year, in late June, a production of one of Shakespeare's plays is performed by local amateur actors with all profits going to local charities.

For further information visit: www.shakespeareatcurium.com

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AGIA NAPA SUMMER CULTURAL EVENTS

cancelled

Dances and music performances in Agia Napa that take place at the Agia Napa Square, Harbour and Amphitheatre of Thalassa Museum. Every Friday and Sunday.

For further information: www.ayianapa.org.cy

CYPRUS CONTEMPORARY DANCE FESTIVAL

A very important international dance meeting with the participation of many European countries. A feast of contemporary dance meets all the trends, the dynamics and the new forms of the international contemporary scene through the works of representative groups of each country. The increased level of participation by EU member states, with performances and workshops, is a clear indication that the Dance Festival is becoming an annual highlight of the European arts and culture scene.

For further information: <https://rialto.interticket.com/>

JUNE

FANEROMENI FESTIVAL - NICOSIA

The events take place at the courtyard of the Bank of Cyprus Cultural Centre and they consist of dances, music and theatre.

For further information: +357 22128157

28/6 – 5/7

FIBA WOMEN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

For further information: www.fiba.basketball/europe/smallcountrieswomen/2020

JULY

FRI, 10

14th PANCYPRIAN CULTURAL WATERMELON FESTIVAL

cancelled

The festival will take place at the Community Stadium of Frenaros village and the program includes live music, dance performances, activities for children as well as food, drinks and sweets, such as watermelon delights and ice-cream. For further information: +357 23821389

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ANCIENT GREEK DRAMA

cancelled

An annual international theatre festival that hosts professional productions of ancient Greek drama plays from different cultures around the world. Organisers: Cyprus Centre of International Theatre Institute. Venues: Kourion Ancient Theatre, SKALI Amphitheatre Aglantzia- Lefkosia, Pafos Ancient Odeon.

For further information: www.greekdramafest.com

LARNAKA ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

cancelled

The Municipality of Larnaka organizes a festival during the month of July, full of music, dance and theatrical performances by national and international artists. The main venues of the festival are the Larnaka Fort and the Pattichion Municipal Theatre. For further information: +357 24629300 or www.larnaka.com

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FRI, 3 – SUN, 12	PARALIMNIA FESTIVAL	cancelled
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Paralimni Municipality invites you to Paralimnia Cultural Festival. This festival is dedicated to the cultural heritage of Paralimni that is renowned for its folk poets and strong traditions. The program of the event includes traditional dances, music performances and storytelling. Events take place in Paralimni and Protaras. For further information: www.paralimni.org.cy

LAVENDER FESTIVAL	cancelled
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The Lavender Festival takes place in the month of July in Platres village. This event includes seminars on the healing properties of Lavender, entrepreneurship and tourism; workshops for Lavender distillation and bouquets, culinary delicacies, arts and crafts based on Lavender, organic cosmetics and guided walks with herbalists in Lavender plantations around Platres. Location: Platres Cultural Centre. For further information: +357 99410520, + 357 25421020 or www.mytroodos.com

AGIA NAPA SUMMER CULTURAL EVENTS 2020	cancelled
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Dance and music performances in Agia Napa that take place at the Agia Napa Square, Harbour and Amphitheatre of Thalassa Museum. Every Friday and Sunday. For further information: www.ayianapa.org.cy

SUMMER DANCE FESTIVAL

The Summer Festival is an institution funded by the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture and is organised by Nea Kinisi - Cyprus New Movement of Dance Companies, Dancers and Choreographers. For further information: www.neakinisi.com

SAT, 25	PANCYPRIAN POTATO FESTIVAL	cancelled
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An open invitation to all to try alternative and traditional Cypriot recipes based on potatoes! Visitors will have the chance to taste the produce of the Kokkinochoria villages (fertile 'red soil villages') and enjoy a traditional artistic program. The festival will take place in the courtyard of the 1st Primary School of Avgorou with free entrance! For further information: +35799577757, +357 99349856 or +357 99236935.

THE GREAT BALLET COMPANIES	cancelled
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The Ballet Festival is ranked amongst the most important events in Cyprus attracting great numbers of both local and foreign visitors. For further information visit: www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy

THU, 13 – SUN, 16 AUGUST	THE AFROBANANA FESTIVAL	NEW DATE 13-16/8/20
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The major music and arts festival provides a platform for local artists to perform and also features daytime activities for families such as workshops, food and drink stalls, camping facilities, and other activities. As one of the biggest summer music festivals on the island, it has also been recognized as one of Europe's finest festivals and awarded the prestigious EFFE Label (2017-2018). Admission: Different ticket prices depending on amount of days attending.

For further information visit: www.afrobananarepublic.com

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FENGAROS FESTIVAL - FENGAROS MUSIC VILLAGE **cancelled**

The goals of Fengaros Music Village is the implementation of educational, interactive workshops (masterclasses), instructed by artists of international caliber, in the areas of modern and traditional creation. The themed sections of each workshop intend to approach the arts more broadly, yet effectively, whilst concentrating on original areas of artistic development. The encouragement of both organised and spontaneous performances executed by students and instructors, as well as the productive exchange of ideas and experiences between artists, students and participants of varied backgrounds, are part of the desired effects of the village. The creation of a long-lasting hybrid, artistic community, characterized by solidarity, both in the fields of collective creativity and in the production / distribution of artistic work is promoted.

For further information: T.: +357 22101163 or www.fengaros.com

AGLAN JAZZ FESTIVAL **new date 15/-16/9/20**

The Aglan Jazz Festival 2020 aims to showcase the best Cypriot musicians, alongside European and International artists, to promote awareness and appreciation for all forms of jazz. The Festival is committed to present a wide and varied line up. Bands that participate in the festival play both classic jazz works as well as their own original scores. Venue: Aglantzia Old Square. For further information: +35722462251 / +35722462233

Website: www.aglantzia.org.cy

13/7 – 11/8 **PROTARAS SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL** **cancelled**

Every year the Paralimni Municipality Youth Council organizes the summer film festival and promises wonderful evenings under the starry sky of Protaras. The festival attracts more than 10,000 visitors every year and the films are shown on a big screen at Lefkolla Square.

For further information: www.paralimni.org.cy

27/7-31/7 **LEMESOS BEER FESTIVAL** **cancelled**

More than 35 booths of imported and local beer producers and distributors, food for all tastes in a pleasantly arranged area are just a few of what the MedFest promises to its guests, who will have the chance to taste a huge variety of beers with more than 100 labels. The festival will feature well-known artists and bands from both Cyprus and Greece. The event will take place in Germasogeia tourist area. For further information: +357 22485420.

END OF JULY **10th BEER FESTIVAL (PAFOS)** **cancelled**

A selection of some 100+ beers from around the world will be presented by Local and International Breweries alike and will also be available for tasting. A Great Variety of Beer food and local delicacies along with your favourite beers, as well as a Kids Playground, Firework shows and Beer Drinking Competitions, all at one venue! For further information: <http://paphosbeerfestival.com/>

FANEROMENI'S FESTIVAL - NICOSIA

The events take place at the courtyard of the Bank of Cyprus Cultural Centre and they consist of dance, music and theatre performances. For further information: +357 22128157

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AUGUST

THU, 6 – MON, 10 14th EUROMEDITERRANEAN FESTIVAL OF TRADITIONAL DANCES FESTIVAL

Dance groups from Cyprus and from all over the world will be participating at this very popular festival. Organized by the Lemesos Municipality. For further information: www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy

HAZELNUT FESTIVAL

cancelled

At the annual Hazelnut Festival in the beautiful village of Platanistasa, you get to try freshly cut hazelnuts with some 'Zivania' for free. You can also walk through the hazel tree forest and visit the village's important Byzantine church and other monuments. There will be kiosks where visitors can buy food, drinks, traditional sweets and more local products. Visitors may also enjoy live traditional music and dancing.

For further information: + 357 25421020 or www.mytroodos.com

40th LEFKARA FESTIVAL

cancelled

Lefkara village's biggest celebration showcases its famous handicrafts of lace and silversmithing. Visitors can see demonstrations and exhibitions of the two intricate crafts, and enjoy traditional music and dance. There will also be other activities and events. Admission: Free

For further Information: www.lefkara.org.cy

4th GASTRONOMIC FESTIVAL

cancelled

This traditional event is organized at Ayios Ioannis Pitsillias, a small village in the mountain region of Troodos. During the event you will have the chance to taste local food and listen to traditional music.

For further information: +357 25421020 or www.mytroodos.com

2nd ROUTES OF WATER AND FOREST FESTIVAL

cancelled

This traditional event is organized at Moutoulas, a village located in the mountain region of Troodos.

For further information: +357 25421020 or www.mytroodos.com

WED,15 DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

The Dormition of Virgin Mary (Theotokos) on the 15th of August is a national and religious holiday. In Kiti village there is a big folk fair that lasts for a week and takes place at the square of the Church of Panagia tis Aggeloktistis. The festivities include theatre performances, traditional music and dance nights and children's night.

For further information: +357 24422233.

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LOFOU AUGUST FESTIVAL

cancelled

Lofou Association organises the annual four-day "Lofou August Festival", which includes a series of events at Lofou Primary School. A highly qualitative program is offered with different musical evenings, theatrical performances and competitions in order to attract different kinds of visitors to Lofou village.

For further information: www.lofou.org

Fri, 7- Sat 8

7th WINDCRAFT MUSIC FEST

cancelled

Windcraft Music Fest is organized by the non-profit organization Windcraft Loud and sponsored by the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Deputy Ministry of Tourism. The festival has been awarded the European EFFE Label for the period 2019-2020.

For further information: www.windcraftmusicfest.com

AGIA NAPA SUMMER CULTURAL EVENTS 2020

cancelled

Dance and music performances in Agia Napa that take place at the Agia Napa Square, Harbour and Amphitheatre of Thalassa Museum. Every Friday and Sunday.

For further information: www.ayianapa.org.cy

THU, 27/8 – SUN, 6/9

LEMESOS WINE FESTIVAL

cancelled

The Wine Festival was organised for the first time in 1961 and since then it has become an established annual event of merrymaking and fun, offering a joyful atmosphere to visitors from all over Cyprus and abroad. Wine from barrels is on offer free of charge every evening.

Organiser: Lemesos (Limassol) Municipality. Venue: Lemesos Municipal Gardens.

For further information: +357 25745919 or +357 25342153, www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy

SEPTEMBER

PAFOS APHRODITE FESTIVAL (OPERA)

cancelled

The Pafos Aphrodite Festival is an international annual artistic event with world famous opera performances which take place under the stars in front of the Medieval Castle in Pafos.

For further information: T.: +357 26822218 or www.pafo.com.cy

NICOSIA BEER FESTIVAL

The Nicosia Tourism Board, the Nicosia Chamber of Commerce and Industry and C.K.Matrix Exhibitions organize again this year the BEER FESTIVAL which will take place under the auspices of the celebrated Municipality of Nicosia. There will be various companies of production, import and distribution of beer, which will be offering all kinds of beers from around the world. The visitors, along with their beer, will be able to enjoy a variety of snacks. The Festival will include a rich variety of live musical and artistic performances, since the visitors will enjoy music performances from different kinds of musicians and artists.

For further information search for NicosiaBeerFest Facebook page online.

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FLYING AWAY FESTIVAL

Flying Away Art and Music Festival, the only festival in Cyprus that combines art and music, where yourself, friends, families and kids can see a lot and have a wonderful time creating great memories you will never forget. For further information please call at 70087171

Venue: Orfeas Stadium

Organizer and Presenter: Concepto TORO Under the auspices of the Municipality of Nicosia

AGIA NAPA SUMMER CULTURAL EVENTS 2020

cancelled

Dance and music performances in Agia Napa that take place at the Agia Napa Square, Harbour and Amphitheatre of Thalassa Museum. Every Friday and Sunday. For further information: www.ayianapa.org.cy

4th KOLOKASI (TARO-ROOT) GASTRONOMY NIGHT

cancelled

During this gastronomy night, the visitors will have the opportunity to taste both traditional and new gourmet recipes based on the local product of Sotira –Kolokasi-, which is the first Cypriot product that has been established by the European Union as a product with a designation of origin. Distinguished chefs, will be presenting at the gastronomic festival, their own unique inspired recipes with Kolokasi, giving the opportunity to both local and foreign visitors to taste. Enjoy a free tasting and a rich artistic program.

For further information: www.sotira.org.cy

SAT, 12

TASTES OF THE WORLD FESTIVAL

The Municipality of Paralimni and the Paralimni Youth Board are co-organizing this festival. The idea is to promote pluralism and multiculturalism in a vivid and cosmopolitan tourism resort such as Protaras. Join in to celebrate “Unity within Diversity” by tasting various local and non-local traditional cuisines, beverages and folklore music.

For further information: www.paralimniyouth.org

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FANEROMENI'S FESTIVAL - NICOSIA

The events take place at the courtyard of the Bank of Cyprus Cultural Centre and they consist of dances, music and theatre. For further information: +357 22128157

4th SPOON SWEETS FESTIVAL

cancelled

This event takes place in the beautiful village of Kakopetria. Visitors get the chance to taste or buy traditional “spoon sweets” made by the women of Kakopetria. There will be an entertainment program with traditional dance and music. For further information: +357 25421020 or www.mytroodos.com

4th HONEY FESTIVAL

cancelled

This Festival is organized in Kalopanayiotis village. It's a unique opportunity for the visitors to taste and buy local honey and other bee products as well as to wander around the historical areas of the village.

For further information: +357 25421020 or www.mytroodos.com

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4th FRUIT AND DELI MEAT FESTIVAL

cancelled

A 2-day event at Dymes village with traditional local products, music and entertainment for children. There will be zivania with delicacies available such as traditional sausages and fresh fruits.

For further information: +357 25421020 or www.mytroodos.com

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INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL "KYPRIA 2020"

The International Festival "Kypria" is the leading cultural event of Cyprus hosting a large number of cultural events from the field of Music, Dance, Opera and Theatre from Cyprus, Greece and Internationally. It takes place in all major towns of the island. For further information: T.: +357 22800985 or www.kypria.org.cy

PASTRY AND BAKING GOODS FESTIVAL AT GALATA

cancelled

The festival takes place at Galatas' square and it's dedicated to baking various pastries, as the area has a long tradition due to the many flour mills that exist scattered around the area for many years. There is pastry making and baking happening at the venue during the festival, while people can also enjoy a traditional cultural program. Guests have the chance to visit the villages' byzantine churches and Folk Art Museum. Location: Galata village-community council square. Contact phone: +357 22923250 or +357 99352547.

ORANGE FESTIVAL IN MILIOU VILLAGE

cancelled

The Orange Festival will take place at the Miliou village community square (next to the old school). Different kinds of local products made out of orange, such as liqueur, beer, and marmalade will be available and visitors will have the opportunity to both taste and buy them if they please. In the area of the festival there will be stalls with food, drinks and fresh orange products as well as traditional music and dance. Free Entrance. Miliou village is located 26 kilometres north of Pafos, just off the Pafos to Polis road between Stroumpi and Goudi, North-East of Kathikas village. For further information: T.: +357 99450394

PASTELLI FESTIVAL

cancelled

Anogyra is well known for its carob production, since the village has an abundance of carob trees. Carobs are picked between the months of August and November. Pastelli (carob brittle) and teratsomelo (carob syrup) are made from carob juice boiled on an open fire in a cauldron. In September, a much-anticipated carob festival is held in the village to celebrate the harvest, featuring demonstrations of Pastelli making, traditional dances and music, food, wine and other local delicacies. For further information: +357 25221496.

GRAPE FEAST

cancelled

The Wine villages of Vasa Koilaniou, Vouni, Omodos, Ayios Amvrosios and Pafna organise various events dedicated to wine and its products. During these events, people may observe the making of "palouzes" and "shoushoukos" at the venues and be offered various delicacies made of grapes. At the same time, there are wine tasting and entertainment shows (including folk music and dances, revival of old traditional customs).

For further information: +357 25421020 or www.mytroodos.com

THU, 24 – SUN, 27

AGIA NAPA FESTIVAL

cancelled

The Agia Napa Festival is, undoubtedly, the most popular and well anticipated event that takes place in the tourist resort of Agia Napa, and one of the most famous events of the island. The first festival took place in

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September 1985 and has since been established as an annual event. It is always the last week of September, in order to coincide with the World Tourism Day. The events of this festival reflect the historical, cultural and agricultural traditions of Agia Napa and the rest of the island. Visitors have the opportunity to learn the traditions and customs of local people, traditional music, folk art and above all enjoy the warm Cypriot hospitality. The program includes, among others, theatrical performances, concerts and both Cypriot and foreign folk dancing. Within the framework of the festival, plenty of other events are organised such as painting and photography exhibitions of contemporary and earlier life in Cyprus as well as exhibitions of shells, flowers and butterflies. These events create a warm atmosphere that reflects the friendliness and hospitality of the people of Agia Napa. For further information: T.: +357 23816307 or www.ayianapa.org.cy

TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL OF STATOS – AGIOS FOTIOS

cancelled

The community of Statos - Agios Fotios village has a long history in the production of local wines, trahanas, dried meat (tsamarella) and shoushoukos. Visitors will have the opportunity to taste the products of the village, visit the wineries, see the preparation of its traditional products and enjoy a rich traditional cultural program with the music band "Dias" and the dancing group "Afroditi". Young visitors' will enjoy various activities such as face painting, watercolor painting and micro sculpture making with clay. Venue: Statos - Agios Fotios village square.

PALOUZE FESTIAL – LOFOU

cancelled

Lofou Community Council and Lofou Association are cordially inviting you to the 31st Palouze Festival at Lofou Primary School. Cypriot folklore music and dances, as well as a Kid's corner and free rides with Cypriot donkeys and free palouze will be offered.

For further information: www.lofouvillage.com

FRI, 19 – SUN, 20

CYPRUS SENIOR AMATEUR MEN'S & LADIES' OPEN 2020 GOLF

Venue: Elea Estate Golf Course

Information/entries: www.cfg.org.cy

OCTOBER

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INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL "KYPRIA 2020"

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For further information: T.: +357 22800985 or www.kypria.org.cy

AFAMIA 2020 - GRAPE FESTIVAL

cancelled

A real treat for all visitors! The community of the beautifully preserved wine village of Koilani invites all to celebrate the wine producing heritage of the village and the end of harvest. Wine tasting, traditional deserts

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made from grape, folk dancing and other cultural performances are in offer during the Afamia festival. Koilani village: Community square.

For further information: T.: +357 25421020 or +357 99352547.

THU, 1	"ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TRADITION & CULTURE"	cancelled
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It's a festival organised by the Ladies' Association of Rural Larnaka in a different village of the Larnaka region every year. Stay tuned!

For further information: T.: +357 24657070 or larnakaregion.com

PANCYPRIAN FESTIVALS OF ATHIENOU PRODUCTS	cancelled
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Athienou village is renowned for the good quality of its wheat and milk yields. So, every year during the festival, visitors can taste Athienou's bread, bakery and dairy goods; enjoy music, dances and demonstrations on how to make bread and cheese the good old fashioned Cypriot way!

For further information please call: T.: +357 24811370.

APPLE FESTIVAL	cancelled
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The two-day festival takes place in Kyperounta and includes an open air market with fresh seasonal apples, traditional products, fresh apple juice, apple pies, apple vinegar as well as an apple exhibition featuring all the types of apples that grow in Cyprus, competitions for the best apple pie, and many more. There are also seminars about the beneficial properties of apples, as well as a full traditional entertainment show. Visitors are encouraged to stroll around the village and see the local museums and exceptional churches.

For further information: www.mytroodos.com

FOLKLORE - CULTURAL EVENTS	cancelled
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The feast of Apostle Lucas, patron of Aradippou village, is celebrated with events inspired by religious faith, customs and traditions, expressed through poem recitations, singing, dancing and theatre performances.

For further information: T.: +357 24811017.

SAT, 10 – SAT, 17	MEDIEVAL AGIA NAPA FESTIVAL	cancelled
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The Agia Napa Medieval Festival aims to reproduce a time that left its mark on our cultural heritage. All the activities are inspired by the Medieval period, representing everyday life and events during medieval times, including: Street theatre, Theatrical plays with the Medieval Monastery as a natural setting, Music concerts and dance shows, performed by groups from European countries, participation of schools and teams with Medieval costumes in the event "The streets of Crusaders", a medieval market with products for sale such as wine (in wooden barrels) and medieval food, medieval workshops such as pottery making, basketry and exhibitions of Medieval Objects. The program includes medieval performances by various European Groups.

For further information: T.: +357 23816307 or www.ayianapa.org

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THU, 8 – SUN, 11 **LI-NING CYPRUS M/W INTERNATIONAL 2020** **cancelled**

The Cyprus Badminton Federation is proud to announce the Li-Ning Cyprus M/W International 2020.

For further information: www.badmintoncyprus.com

FRI, 9 – SUN, 11 **CYPRUS RALLIES 2020**

Nicosia and Larnaka will feel the pulse and rhythm of this great celebration of motorsport that we know as the Cyprus Rally. For further information: <https://www.cyprusrally.com.cy/>

OLIVES AND HERBS FESTIVAL **cancelled**

This festival is organised by Evryhou village. The visitors can attend a demonstration of the distillation process of essential oils and watch the traditional way of extracting olive oil. The program also includes traditional dances and music.

For further information: + 357 25421020 www.mytroodos.com

8th FESTIVAL “TRAVELLING TO THE ROADS OF TRADITION” **cancelled**

The Community Council of Fikardou invites you to the 8th Festival “Travelling to the roads of tradition”. Visitors will have the chance to taste local food and buy traditional products. Traditional dance and music will take place. For further information: + 357 99193080

FRI, 30/10 – SAT, 1/11 **4th ARCHERY GAMES “APHRODITE MEDITERRANEAN CUP”**

The Cyprus Archery Federation has been organizing the annual International Archery Tournament Aphrodite Cup for the past 24 years, with the participation of athletes from Greece, Malta, Serbia, Lebanon, Poland, Russia, Finland, Iran and Cyprus, competing at 70m in the recurve bow and 50m in the compound bow categories. Venue: Agia Napa Community Stadium. For further information: www.archery.org.cy

OCTOBER –NOVEMBER **2nd INTERNATIONAL NICOSIA FESTIVAL**

A festival with music, theatre and dance performances at multiple venues of the capital. For further information: www.nicosia.org.cy

NOVEMBER

CYPRUS JAZZ & WORLD MUSIC SHOWCASE

The Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Cyprus Music Information Centre and the Rialto Theatre present, for the fourth consecutive year, a Showcase of the Cypriot contemporary music creation. For further information: rialto.interticket.com

14/10-27/11 **LARNACA BIENNALE 2020** **postponed-new date 13/10-26/11/21**

Larnaca Biennial 2020 will host a series of artistic and culture events in the city such as concerts, theatre, performances, lectures etc. Co-organiser is ARTION Cultural Association of Larnaca. Main supporter of the Biennial is the Municipality of Larnaca and a number of art organizations and institutions including “The Cyprus Chamber of Fine Arts, E.KA.TE” and “WAVA, World Association of Visual Arts”.

For further information: <http://biennalelarnaca.com/>

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ZIVANIA FESTIVALS

cancelled

Zivania is a traditional alcoholic beverage made in Cyprus, which has been produced here for centuries by distillation of the pomace, the residue of grapes that were pressed during the winemaking process mixed with high-quality dry wines, all harvested from the local grape varieties of Cyprus. The festivals take place in Alona, Pelendri, Pedoulas and Fikardou villages during two consecutive weekends. It includes the distillation process of zivania on site, promotional kiosks with traditional products, as well as music and dance programs. The local sights are open for visitors during the festivals.

For further information: www.mytroodos.com or www.pedoulasvillage.com or +357 99193080 (Fikardou)

SAT, 7

LEGION RUN

The Legion Run competition is far more than just a run; it's an experience of a lifetime. It is a thrilling, dirty, fun adventure that will give you and your friends an adrenaline buzz for days, weeks, even years. Each part of the course will challenge your body and mind and will require some teamwork. You will run, jump, crawl, sprint and swing while helping others do the same. You will play in the mud like a kid and cross the finish line alongside thousands of others. For further information: <http://legionrun.com>

SUN, 1

4th RADISSON BLUE LARNAKA INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

new date 21/11/21

The Radisson Blue International Larnaka Marathon situated at the coastal city of Larnaka, close to the International Airport of Larnaka, at the beautiful Palm Beach Avenue (Foinikoudes), next to the salt lakes where flamingos take a breath during the fall, is sure to excite every runner, from the more experienced ones to the newcomers. The Radisson Blue International Larnaka Marathon offers a number of different races on race day, apart from the full marathon, there are also a Half Marathon, a 10k Race, a 5k City Race, a 5k Corporate Team Race and a 1k Family Race. All the races offer a different experience for all ages and abilities. For further information: www.larnakamarathon.com

SAT, 31

O3 OLYMPUSMAN TRIATHLON

Do you have what it takes to be an OlympusMan?! OlympusMan O3 is a one of a kind Cyprus triathlon and one of those events every hard core triathlete must have in his/her "bucket list"! The concept here is pretty simple - you start from sea level in Pafos and finish 1952m above sea level, at Olympus peak, the highest peak of Troodos Mountain! Epic, isn't it? The course is without a doubt one of the most challenging Half Iron distances on the planet. An early morning 1.9k swim at Pafos harbour, followed by an 86km bike section with over a staggering 2,600 metres of ascent. The last leg would be an off-road half marathon with 350 metres of ascent gradually spiraling up to the summit of Olympus at 1952 metres. Olympus Man is a long day's challenge through some of Cyprus's most spectacular scenery. For further information: www.activatecyprus.com

SAT, 26 – TUE, 29

CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL 4 DAY CHALLENGE

The Cyprus International 4-day Challenge, is a staged running event, covering a distance slightly longer than a marathon with mountain running, trail running and cross country running. The event successfully combines a 6k time trial, a multi-terrain half marathon, an 11k mountain trail run and a 10k City Run over four days. The event takes place in the area of Pafos, and for the most part of it, participants have the opportunity to compete in the Akamas Nature Reserve Park, in some of Cyprus most scenic routes, where every turn comes

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with a different stunning view, unfolding the beauty of the Akamas Nature Reserve Park in a panoramic sea-sky-earth motif. For further information: T. +357 26880877, www.cypruschallenge.com.

21/11/20 CYPRUS APHRODITE HALF MARATHON

It is a very well organised event that incorporates a half marathon and 5 km fun run.

For further information: www.runclub.com.cy

16-22/11/20 15th CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Cyprus International Film Festival "Golden Aphrodite" holds the EFFE Label "Europe for Festivals, Festivals for Europe", is Under the Auspices of the Municipality of Nicosia and it is supported by the Deputy Ministry of Tourism and the foreign embassies in Cyprus. The Cyprus International Film Festival (CYIFF) takes place annually in Nicosia and its goal is to be the best European Film Festival for first shown filmmakers.

For further information: www.cyiff.eu

3rd MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

cancelled

The festival will be held in the village of Spilia. There will be an exhibition and sale of various mushroom products and traditional dishes at the event. Visitors will have the chance to learn about wild mushrooms and enjoy their walk through the village. For further information: www.mytroodos.com

DECEMBER

SAT, 12 – TUE, 15 LI-NING CYPRUS U17 AND YOUTH INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON

The Cyprus Badminton Federation is proud to announce the LI-NING Cyprus U17 & Youth International 2020. The U17 tournament will be held in Nicosia. After the very successful tournaments of the past years, we expect to have even more participants from many different countries taking part this year.

For further information: www.badmintoncyprus.com

SUN, 6 AGIA NAPA HALF MARATHON 2020

A running event that gives runners from Cyprus and abroad the opportunity to end their running year in perfect conditions. The course is a challenging Half Marathon taking athletes through the main streets of the town and out to the most iconic view of Agia Napa's coastal area towards Cape Gkreco Natural Park, along a mostly flat surface for the 10k and 5k course.

For further information: www.ayianapamarathon.com

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S EVE FESTIVITIES

Festivities take place all over Cyprus and the Christmas spirit can be felt everywhere, especially in the major cities.

For further information: www.nicosia.org.cy, www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy, www.larnaka.org.cy, www.pafos.org.cy, www.ayianapa.org.cy, www.paralimni.org.cy

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WALKING TOURS

Guided tours in and around Lefkosia, Lemesos, Larnaka, Pafos, Agia Napa cities and Germasogeia village (Lemesos area) **are offered free of charge** by the above Municipalities and are organised in collaboration with the Deputy Ministry of Tourism and the Cyprus Tourist Guides Association.

Every Monday

1. *Pallouriotissa and Kaimakli* Bus & Walking Tour, Lefkosia

Starting point: Tourist Information Office in Laiki Geitonia

For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office: + 357 22674264

Lemesos (Limassol) "Historic Limassol Walk",

Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Lemesos Old Port

For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office: + 357 25362756

Every Wednesday

1. *Larnaka* Walk "Past and Present"

Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Larnaka

For information contact the Tourist Information Office: + 357 24654322

2. *Germasogeia* Walks

a) Germasogeia - A Village Blessed by Water

b) Discover the Natural Environment of Germasogeia

Every Wednesday (October - April) - Each one every other week

Starting point: Dasoudi Parking Place, Germasogeia, Lemesos District

For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office: + 357 25362756/+ 357 25323211

Every Thursday

1. *Lefkosia* (Nicosia) Walking Tour

Starting point: Tourist Information Office in Laiki Geitonia

For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office: + 357 22674264

2. *"Agia Napa and the Sea: A Different Dimension"* (mid November - mid March)

Starting Point: Tourist Information Office, Agia Napa

For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office: + 357 23721796

3. *Pafos* Walking Tour (November-May)

Starting point: Pafias Aphrodite's street – near the Market

For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office: +357 26932841

Every Friday

1. *"Skala (Larnaka) - Its craftsmen"*

Starting point: Larnaka Medieval Castle

For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office: + 357 24654322

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RELIGIOUS FAIRS (Panigiria)

Many colourful fairs are held in villages, reviving traditional village life, when saint's name-days are celebrated around the main churches. Local products and sweets are sold at stalls especially set up for the occasion. A procession of the Saint's icon around the church takes place during the previous evening's church service.

February 2	Presentation of Jesus to the Temple Chrysorrogiatissa Monastery (Pafos District)
April 23	Saint George's Day Paralimni village (Ammochostos district)
May 21	Saints Constantine and Helena's Day Tsada village (Pafos District), Tochni village (Larnaka District)
July 17	Saint Marina's Day Xylotymbou village (Ammochostos district)
July 26	Saint Paraskevi's Day Geroskipou village (Pafos District) and Livadia village (Larnaka District)
August 6	Transfiguration of Jesus Christ the Saviour Sotira village (Ammochostos District)
August 15	Dormition of Virgin Mary (Assumption Day) Kykkos Monastery, Chrysorrogiatissa and Agia Napa monasteries, Chrysospiliotissa church at Deftera village (Lefkosia District), Liopetri village (Ammochostos District) and Kiti village (Larnaka District)
September 2	Saint Mama's Day Peristerona village, near Polis (Pafos District)
September 6	Archangel Michael's Day Frenaros village (Ammochostos District)
September 8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Agia Napa Monastery (Ammochostos District), Arakapas village (Lemesos District)
September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Omodos village (Lemesos District) and Lefkara village (Larnaka District)
September 22	Saint Foka's Day Athienou village (Larnaka District)
September 24	Saint Thekla's Day Sotira village (Ammochostos District)
September 28	Saint Neofyto's Day Agios Neofytos Monastery (Pafos District)
October 2	Saint Kypriano's Day Meniko village (Lefkosia District)
October 4	Saint John Lampadisti's Day Kalopanagiotis village (Lefkosia District)

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October 5	Saint Ermogeni's Day Agios Ermogenis church (Lemesos District)
October 6	Saint Kendea's Day Agios Kendeas church, Avgorou village (Larnaka District)
October 17-18	Saint Luke's Day Kolossi (Lemesos District), Kouklia (Pafos District) and Aradippou village (Larnaka District)
November 3	Saint George Konto's Day Agios Georgios Kontos Church, in Larnaka town
November 7 - 8	Archangels Michael and Gabriel's Day Archangelos Michael Church at Kaimakli, Lefkosia
November 20 - 21	Presentation of Virgin Mary to the Temple Pallouriotissa old church in Lefkosia and Agros village (Lemesos District)
November 30	Saint Andrew's Day Polis Chrysochous
December 16	Saint Modesto's Day Deryneia village (Ammochostos District)

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Lefkosia District:

The Lefkosia Municipal Arts Centre	22797400
Lefkosia Municipality Cultural Services	22797000
State Gallery of Contemporary Cypriot Art	22458228
Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture	22809845
Cyprus Theatrical Organisation	22864300
Famagusta Gate	22797660
Anastasios G. Leventis Foundation	22667706
Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation	22128157
Skali Cultural Centre	22462233
Strovolos Municipal Theatre	22313070
Cyprus Centre of International Theatre Institute	22674920
The Pharos Arts Foundation	22663871
Lefkosia Tourism Board	22889600

Lemesos District:

Lemesos Patticheion Municipal Theatre	25377277
Rialto Theatre	25343900
Lemesos Municipality Cultural Services	25745919
Limassol Tourism Board	25877350

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Larnaka District:

Larnaka Patticheion Theatre	24657745
Larnaka Municipal Theatre	24665795
Larnaka Municipality Cultural Services	24657745
Larnaka Municipal Gallery	24658848
Pierides Foundation	24651345
Larnaka Tourism Board	24657070

Ammochostos District:

Agia Napa Municipality Cultural Services	23816307
Paralimni Municipality	23819300
Deryneia Municipality	23811000
Ammochostos Tourism Board	23816305

Pafos District:

<i>Pafos Municipality Cultural Services</i>	26932014
Pafos Aphrodite Festival Ltd	26822218
Pafos Markideion Theatre	26932571
Polis Chrysochous Municipality	26321321
Pafos Tourism Board	26811500

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