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2017



ALL YEAR ROUND

PAFOS 2017



Pafos2017 European Capital of Culture Open Air Factory

The central concept of the Pafos2017 programme was developed based on a tradition spanning thousands of years when culture was enacted out in the open air and on the acknowledgement that there is a necessity for a new openness in our way of thinking, living and acting so that we may re-connect spaces and people in our region. The Open Air Factory guarantees a wider outreach into

of the region and community, mass exposure for the Pafos2017 activities and a shared space open to communication and collaboration. (Organiser's concept note). For the events calendar please visit www.pafos2017.eu

JANUARY

WED, 6

EPIPHANY

Epiphany is one of the most important religious celebrations of the year. Following a special Mass at the Cathedral of each town, a religious procession takes place down to the sea, at around 10.30 hrs, leading to a ceremonial baptism of the Holy Cross into the sea. 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

SAT, 28 & SUN, 29

PAFOS2017 OPENING CEREMONY

Inspired by the programme thematic Myth & Religion, invoking narratives from the history of Pafos, the Opening Ceremony will convert the heart of Pafos into an OPEN AIR FACTORY. Music, dance, theatre, shows and many other parallel events will take place throughout the city, giving locals and visitors a taste of what will follow throughout the year. For the events calendar please visit www.pafos2017.eu

WED, 25 – SUN, 29

“LIVE MUSIC IN SILENT FILM” FESTIVAL

A new, exciting and imaginative three-day Festival, during which silent films will be screened simultaneously with the live performance of music. The event, which will take place at The Shoe Factory in Nicosia, features a number of cinematic masterpieces of the Silent era all set to original music by contemporary composers, as well as short films by contemporary filmmakers set to the music of classical composers.

FEBRUARY

MON, 6 – MON, 13 THE CYPRUS GRAND PRIX 2017 (SHOOTING)

Shooting games: in Trap, Skeet, Double Trap (Men - Men Jr. - Women - Women Jr. - Veterans).
Organiser: Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation. Venue: Larnaka Olympic Shooting Range (Tersefanou - Klavdia). For further information: www.cssf-shooting.org

THU, 16 - SUN, 26 CARNIVAL

Carnival is a ten-day period of fun and eating, 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 town where the celebrations last for 10 days.

Lemesos (Limassol):

February 16: Entrance of King Carnival in the town

February 19: Children's Carnival Parade

February 25: Serenaders' Parade

February 26: Grand Carnival Parade

Pafos:

February 16: Entrance of King Carnival, at the commercial centre of Pafos

February 25: Carnival Parade of chariots and groups of people along Poseidonos Ave.

Agia Napa:

February 16: Carnival Parade & Dancing Party, Agia Napa Harbour

February 18: Children's Carnival Dancing Parade, at the Primary School at 14:00

THU, 23- SUN, 26 FEB CYPRUS SUNSHINE CUP 2017 (SHC) (stage 1)

Cyprus Sunshine Cup is one of the most famous Mountain bike series in the UCI Calendar. With the best mountain bikers in the world a permanent "feature" of the race, more and more amateur riders discover the beauty of Macheras Mountains and the great riding the area has to offer and line up next to their idols for some unique early season racing!. For further information: www.cyclingcy.com

MON, 27 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 days 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.





MARCH

FRI, 3 – SUN, 5 17TH CONTEMPORARY DANCE PLATFORM

The Ministry of Education and Culture had the initiative to introduce and establish “Dance Platform Dance Encounters” as an institution in 2001. The Dance Platform has contributed enormously to the advancement of Dance in Cyprus by exposing works by 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.

SUN, 5 CYPRUS SUNSHINE CUP 2017 (C1) (stage 2)

One very special attraction will be offered by the race course in Amathous/Agios Tychon. The venue at the sea side between the ruins of the ancient kingdom of Amathous will return into the 2017 Cyprus Sunshine Cup! The second race of Cyprus Sunshine Cup is a Class 1 registered race in the UCI Calendar. For further information: www.cyclingcy.com

SUN, 5 LOGICOM CYPRUS MARATHON

Marathon|Half Marathon| 10km Road Race|5km Fun Run

Join us for winter sun, run & have fun! Combining breath-taking and historic scenery with the traditional Mediterranean hospitality! The Logicom Cyprus Marathon starts at Aphrodite's Birthplace (Goddess of Love and Beauty) and follows a coastal route along the Mediterranean sea. The picturesque finish line (and start line of the other races) is the Pafos Medieval Fort Square right next to the the beautiful Pafos Harbour.

FRI, 7 – SUN, 9 MEDIEVAL LEFKOSIA

The festival aims to uncover and promote Nicosia's rich medieval heritage through the organisation of various events such as themed tours, conferences, theatre shows or concerts. For further information please call T. +357 22889600.

WED, 15 MARCH – SUN, 21 MAY 4th CYPRUS WALKING FESTIVAL

Organised by the Cyprus Tourism Organisation 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 CTO Information Offices, www.visitcyprus.com

SAT, 18- SUN, 19 LIMASSOL MARATHON GSO

Marathon|Half Marathon|10km Energy Race|5km City Race & Corporate Race|1km Kids & Students Race

The course of the Limassol Marathon GSO is of a low degree of difficulty. It is essentially a flat race with its unique characteristic being the long straight lines, and the greatest part of the marathon taking place along the coastal road of greater Limassol. Come and Run in Energetic Lemesos. There is a race for every age (from 6 to 106) and for every level of competence. We expect the atmosphere this year to be really cosmopolitan as the interest from runners from all over the World seems to be more than double than last year. The start and finish areas of the races are located in the town center near the Old Harbour. Lemesos Marathon runs in a bright, sunny environment on a flat course along Lemesos beautiful coastline.

For further information: T. 25880102, www.limassolmarathon.com.cy

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FRI, 24 – SUN, 26 VOLKSWAGEN CYPRUS CYCLING TOUR 2017-GRAN FONDO

The VW Cyprus Cycling Tour, as Cyprus Gran Fondo, is among the 19 biggest cycling events of the UCI. These events act as qualifiers for the world amateur championship to be held in August 2017 in Albi, France. All participants of Cyprus Gran Fondo will have the opportunity to earn their qualification in the Gran Fondo World Championship. It's an event where professional and amateur riders will ride shoulder to shoulder in Pafos area and enjoy the Cyprus weather and nature. The event is registered in the UCI Cycling-For-All Calendar and is under the Cyprus Cycling Federation auspices. For further information: www.bikincyprus.com.cy

APRIL

FRI, 14 - MON, 17 APR GREEK ORTHODOX EASTER

Easter the most important Greek Orthodox religious feast 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.

Easter Sunday & Monday- Traditional games are organised in the afternoons 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 village

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

Ammochostos (Famagusta) District: Agia Napa, Frenaros, Paralimni, Deryneia and Achna villages.

THU, 27 APRIL – SAT, 6 MAY 15th CYPRUS FILM DAYS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL 2017

The Festival consists of two main programmes: the international competitive section known as Glocal Images and the non-competitive section known as Viewfinder which comprises films that have been screened and awarded at major festivals over the past year. Special tributes, parallel screenings, master classes, workshops and musical events, complete the program of the official International Film Festival of Cyprus. The Festival takes place in Lemesos at Rialto Theatre and in Lefkosia at Zena Palace Cinema. For further information: T. 25343900, www.cyprusfilmdays.com

SUN, 30 APRIL – SUN, 7 MAY ISSF WORLD CUP SHOTGUN

Venue: Larnaka Olympic Shooting Range (Tersefanou-Klavdia) Organiser: Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation. For further information: www.cssf-shooting.org

WED, 12 MINTHIS HILLS MIXED OPEN

Golf Tournament. Format: 4BBB Stableford, Yellow/red tees | Full handicap allowance Max Handicap: Men/women 36 (EGA). For further information: www.minthishills.com



MAY

SAT, 6 & SUN, 7 LANIA LANES AND COURTYARDS

The sun-kissed southern slopes of the Troodos Mountains above Lemesos (Limassol) are known as the 'Krassochoia' and are renowned for their vineyards and delightful hillside villages. Lania is one of these beautiful villages surrounded by vineyards and orchards. Every May, the Women of Lania welcome visitors to walk along the picturesque lanes and visit their open courtyards. (Visiting hours 11:00 - 18:00). For more information please contact Mrs Jacqueline Owen T. +357 25432404 or the Lania Community Council T. +357 25432333.

SAT, 6 – SUN, 7 HERB FESTIVAL

The festival takes place at the Cultural Centre of Platres. 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 on the matter, an entertainment show, as well as organized nature walks and visits to botanical gardens.

For further information: T. +357 99410520 or 99427980

SAT, 13 – SUN, 14 FLOWER FESTIVAL (ANTHESTIRIA)

"Anthestiria" is a celebration for the coming of spring and the renewal of nature and life dating back to Ancient Greece. Every year the city of Lemesos organises a parade and other events.

Lemesos – Germasogeia: Flower exhibition, market and musical programme at the Potamos Germasogeias parking place. Organiser: Germasogeia Municipality.

SAT, 13 - SUN, 14 ROSE FESTIVAL SAT, 20 - SUN, 21

This event is organized every year in Agros and lasts 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 dance and music performances throughout the duration of the Rose Festival. All the sights of the village are open for the public to see.

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

THU, 15 – THU, 22 17th INTERNATIONAL PHAROS CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

The 16th International Pharos Chamber Music Festival will take place throughout the month of May at The Shoe Factory in Nicosia, and it will culminate with an extensive week of music-making, between the last week of May and the first week of June, at the Royal Manor House in Kouklia, Palaipaphos. The Festival is renowned all over Europe and it hosts some of the world's most renowned musicians, including pianists Yuja Wang and Yevgeny Sudbin, violinists Henning Kraggerud and Daishin Kashimoto, and clarinetist Paul Meyer.

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

FRI, 19 – SUN, 21 CYPRUS AMATEUR MEN'S OPEN

The Cyprus Amateur Men's Open is a counting event for World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR). For 2017 the event will be hosted by Aphrodite Hills GC and will be played between May 19 - 21 (Registration and Practice day on May 18). The Championship will be decided by Stroke Play in a 3-day event over 54 holes, and the player with the lowest gross score over 54 holes will be the Cyprus Amateur Men's Open Champion. Entries will be accepted from gentlemen players who conform in all respects to the current Amateur Status Rules of the R&A and hold a current

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handicap under the handicap system adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in their country. Information|Entries: www.cgf.org.cy

SUN, 23 PAFOS SPRINT & OLYMPIC TRIATHLON

The race venue will be the Municipal Baths (Mpania) in the heart of Pafos touristic area and the set-up will be magnificent. The organizers, Bikin Cyprus Events management and Pafos Municipality will present the only Triathlon to be held on the West part of the island. At the same time a Bicycle Expo will be stationed at the same area and on Sunday the 23rd of April the Pafos Triathlon will air. A tried and tested (Triathlon Race) - flat bike course (secured from traffic), will host a number of individual triathletes and relay-teams (swimmer / biker / runner) that will take upon the challenge. For further information: www.cyclingcy.com

SAT, 27 & SUN, 28 FESTIVAL "RE-LIVINGS" TRADITION, FLAVOURS CULTURE OF DORA

It is not just another Festival, but an amazing creative event of various themes and activities that derive from the community traditions and the culture of Cyprus. Traditional songs and dances, traditional flavours, crafts, stories, photography exhibitions, traditional recipe and product demonstrations (halloumi, palouze, trachanas), games, visits to the churches of the village, bicycle routes, hiking along the nature trail "Kordila" and a children's corner are some of the happenings that take place during the all-day event in Dora village.

For further information please call T. +357 25942035 or 99533740.

SAT, 27 & SUN, 28 MAY TROODOS SPORT AND FUN FESTIVAL SUN, 4 & MON, 5 JUNE SUN, 11 JUNE

Three Weekends full of Adventure in "The Green Heart of Cyprus":

"Road Race 0-2000" - Starting from 0 meters Above Sea Level (ASL) to almost 2000 meters, at the highest peak of Cyprus, Olympus at 1952 meters (ASL)! Time is not the target, the top is!

Sunday, 5th June is dedicated to the Mountainbike Enduro. The direction this time is reversed from the previous weekend, as riders will be starting from Olympus peak, the highest point in Cyprus and will be descending towards the villages around Troodos! Four different Mountain Bike routes (mainly descending) for the Enduro Mountainbike competition that will offer much fun and action to participants and spectators.

On Sunday 11th June the Running and Mountain Bike Marathon competitions will take place. Participation is open to everyone. Two specially designed events will be organised; the Adventure Run race of 3,5km and the Mountainbike short course race. There will be also a Running and a MTB race for children up to 14 years old. For further information: www.cyclingcy.com

SUN, 28 23rd CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF AGIA NAPA

Children's Activity corners: Painting

Painting, Basketball: Create paintings under the theme "Travelling with our imagination to the seas of Cyprus". Prove your basketball skills at the Basketball corner.

Crafts & Puppet show: express yourselves around the theme "Sea, Sea in the mind, in the soul and in our veins sea", enjoy the puppet show "Fairyland" by the group "Colourful Fun"

Original Creations: "Make your own icon" and have a look at the book exhibition.

Pottery: Try your skills in mixing clay and creating pots and vases.

Knitting/Baking: Come to the Farmhouse and learn how to knit and bake.

Candy corner: Enjoy various delicacies.

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CGF CUP 2017

Team event for all of CGF's Full and Associate member golf clubs that will take place at Eléa Estate GC, with each club fielding a team of 8 players. Club Teams are encouraged to include both Ladies & Men, depending of course on each club captain's pick. The competition will be by shotgun start and the format Stableford with full handicap allowance. The best 6 scorecards from each Club count. Men: maximum playing hcp 28. Ladies: maximum playing hcp 36.

Information| Entries: www.cgf.org.cy

JUNE

SAT, 3

MINTHIS HILLS LACHLAND GILCHRIST OPEN

Golf Tournament. Format: Individual Stableford. For more information please visit the website: www.minthishills.com

SAT, 3 – MON, 5

PENTECOST- KATAKLYSMOS (Flood Festival)

"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: 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 more information please call T. +357 24657745.

Agia Napa: Festivities at the Agia Napa Harbour

SAT, 3 – SUN, 4

SPORT AND FUN FESTIVAL IN THE MOUNTAINS

SAT, 10 – SUN, 11

The event includes bicycle races in nature trails, running races, as well as other sports activities that can be done on the mountain, such as hiking, archery, rock climbing etc. The event takes place in two consecutive weekends, one in Platres village and one in Troodos Square.

For more information on the Festival please call T. +357 99410520 or 99427980

FRI, 9 – SUN, 11

LEKFOSIA STREET FOOD FESTIVAL

A festival dedicated to street food which is now very trendy, which will also include entertaining events such as concerts, stand-up comedy, cooking shows, etc.

SUN, 11

SPECIAL OLYMPICS OPEN 2017

Special Olympics Cyprus Open 2017 is a single day Charity golf tournament taking place at Minthis Hills, with all proceeds in aid of Special Olympics Cyprus. Mixed competition with ladies, men and juniors holding a valid handicap of 36.0 or less all welcome to participate! The event is graced every year with the presence of a number of special athletes who along with their helpers and other volunteers compete in a parallel Special Olympics Golf event.

For further information: www.cgf.org.cy

WED, 21

WORLD MUSIC DAY

Concerts will be held all around the city of Lefkosia.

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FRI, 23 - SUN, 25

SHAKESPEAR AT CURIUM

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. In 2017, the group, known as "Shakespeare at the Curium" are proud to present their production "*The Comedy of Errors*". For further information: www.shakespeareatcurium.com

SAT, 24

MINTHIS HILLS JUNIOR OPEN

Golf Tournament. Format: 18 Hole & 9 Hole - Individual Stableford, 6 Hole, 3 Hole & 3 Hole Mini - Individual Gross Score Strokeplay. For more information: www.minthishills.com

MON, 19, MAY – SUN, 7 JUNE

CYPRUS WINE COMPETITION/EXHIBITION

All local wineries will take part in the exhibition and competition for the best Cyprus wines. Organisers: Lemesos Municipality. Venue: Panos Solomonides Cultural Centre. For further information: T. +357 25745919 or 25342153, www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy



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JULY

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ANCIENT GREEK DRAMA 2017

An annual international theatre festival that hosts professional productions of ancient Greek drama from different cultures around the world. Organisers: Cyprus Centre of International Theatre Institute. Venues: Kourion Ancient Theatre, Makarios III Amphitheatre in Lefkosia, Pafos Ancient Odeon. For further information: www.greekdramafest.com

LARNAKA ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

The Municipality of Larnaka organizes a festival during 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: T. 24629300, www.larnaka.com

SAT, 1 – THU, 20

CULTURAL NIGHTS

A unique cultural journey traced through a series of selected events. The events will take place in Aradippou village and include theatre festivals, music performances, and traditional shadow theatre as well as cinema screenings. Through this set of events, the unique cultural identity and history of the village's community is being displayed. For further information T. +357 24 811017.

SAT, 1 – SUN, 2

LAVENDER FESTIVAL

The Lavender Festival in Platres village takes place every first weekend of July. The 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.

For further information: T. +357 99427980

SAT, 15

KEO OPEN

Golf Tournament taking place at Minthis Hills. Format: Individual Stableford. For further information please visit www.minthishills.com.

NO DATES ANNOUNCED YET

THE GREAT BALLET COMPANIES

The Ballet Festival is ranked among the most important events in Cyprus attracting great numbers of both local and foreign visitors. For further information: www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy

THU, 27 JULY – SAT, 1 AUG

FENGAROS MUSIC VILLAGE

Artists from referents countries will be instructing workshops about music, theatre and storytelling, proposing alternative methods of learning and creating in Kato Drys village.

For further information please call T. +357 2434.

SUN, 30

HAZEL FESTIVAL

At the annual Hazel Festival in the beautiful village of Platanistasa, you get to try the year's freshly cut hazelnuts with some 'Zivania' for free. You can also walk through the hazel 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. Enjoy live traditional music and dancing.

For further information please call T. +357 99218713

AUGUST

THU, 3 – SAT, 5 FENGAROS

Fengaros is a three-day festival taking place in Kato Drys village and it is one of the top and most anticipated summer festivals of the island. It consists of international artists and groups. The goal of the festival is to become internationally establish.

For further information please call T. +357 24342833

TUE, 8 – TUE, 15 AUGUST 2017

The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is celebrated on the 15th of August and it is a national and religious holiday. In Kiti village the celebrations last for a week, take place at the square of the Church of Panagia tis Angeloktistis and include theatre performances, traditional nights, a children's night, music and dancing and lots of fresh water mellow.

For further information please call T. +357 24422233.

SAT, 12 LOFOU AUGUST FESTIVAL

Lofou Association organizes 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 kind of visitors to Lofou village. For further information please call T. +357 25470020.

SUN, 13 CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL 'ANDREAS NEARCHOU'

Kyperounda's Youth Centre organizes this annual charity Children's Festival in memory of the young Andreas Nearchou. A large team of volunteers transforms the village's square into a Fairytale Land spreading joy and happiness to the little kids. The event offers arts and crafts for children, inflatable castles, a clown, face painting, donkey rides, and many more surprises. For further information please call T. +357 99352547.

TUE, 15 – THU, 17 THE TYLLIRIA FESTIVAL OF CHALIKIOU & FIGS

The Tillyria Festival highlights the dairy dish "chaliki" made only Tylliria, and sykopitta, a traditional pie made of white figs. Dance groups from Cyprus and Greece will entertain the visitors.

Venue: Kato Pyrgos village

For further information please call T. +357 26522106, 99628183 or 99907474.

THU, 31 AUG - SUN, 10 SEP WINE FESTIVAL

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 the barrels is on offer free of charge every evening. Organiser: Lemesos (Limassol) Municipality. Venue: Lemesos Municipal Gardens.

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



SEPTEMBER

FRI, 1 – SUN, 3 PAFOS APHRODITE FESTIVAL (OPERA)

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

For further information: T. 26822218, www.pafc.com.cy

Sept – October INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL “KYPRIA 2017”

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. 22800985 www.kypria.org.cy

SUN, 10 GALATA PASTRY & BAKING GOODS FESTIVAL

The Pastry and Baking Goods Festival is dedicated to baking various pastries, of which the area has a long tradition, with many mills that existed there for ages. The festival features pastry making and baking at the venue, tasting of traditional delicacies, demonstration of traditional professions, while visitors can also enjoy a traditional cultural programme. Guests have the chance to visit the village’s byzantine churches and the Folk Art Museum.

For further information please call T. +357 22923250

SUN, 10 JOKE ALEXANDROU OPEN

Golf Tournament taking place at Minthis Hills. Format: Individual Stableford. For further information please visit www.minthishills.com.

SAT, 16 POMEGRANATE FESTIVAL

For pomegranate lovers this festival has it all; pomegranate liqueur, sweets, jam and other traditional products made with this healthy fruit. Children will enjoy a day with clowns and a ride with the touring train. Folkloric dancing and fireworks will follow, all welcome!

September - October GRAPE FEAST

The Wine villages of Vasa Koilaniou (10/9/17) Lofou (17/9/17) Arsos (24/9/17) and Koilani (1/10/17) will 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: T. +357 25421020.

THU, 21 – SUN, 24 33rd AGIA NAPA FESTIVAL

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 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 the local people, the traditional music, folk art and above all enjoy the warm Cypriot hospitality. The program includes, among others, theatrical performances, concerts and Cypriot and foreign folk dancing. Within the framework of the festival plenty of other events are organized such as exhibitions of

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paintings and photographs 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 Ayia Napa!

For further information: T. 23816307, www.ayianapa.org.cy.

SAT, 23 WORLD TOURISM DAY

In the context of World Tourism Day free tours are offered in the city of Lefkosia and its museums. For further information: T. +357 22889600

SAT, 23 & SUN, 24 CYPRUS SENIOR AMATEUR MEN'S OPEN 2017 CYPRUS SENIOR AMATEUR LADIES OPEN 2017

Both Championships will be played at Minthis Hills Golf Club. The Championship will be decided by Stroke Play in a 2-day event over 36 holes to be played. Entries will be accepted from players who are over the age of 50, conform in all respects to the current Amateur Status Rules of the R&A and hold a current handicap under the handicap system adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in their country. Information|Entries: www.cgf.org.cy.

PASTELLI FESTIVAL

Anogyra is well known for its carobs which are picked from the trees between August and November. Pastelli (carob toffee) and teratsomelo (carob honey) 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 on the making of Pastelli, traditional dances and music, food, wine and other local delicacies.



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For further information: T. 22800985 www.kypria.org.cy

SUN, 1 “ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TRADITION & CULTURE”

Organised by the Ladies’ Association of Rural Larnaka in a different village in the Larnaka region every year. For further information: T. 24657070

SUN, 1 AFAMIA 2017 – GRAPE FESTIVAL

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 par excellence, traditional deserts made from grapes, folk dancing and other cultural performances are in offer during the Afamia festival.

WED, 4 –WED, 11 8th INTERNATIONAL PHAROS CONTEMPORARY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Having established itself as one of the most innovative and cutting-edge annual music events in Eastern Mediterranean, the International Pharos Contemporary Music Festival is dedicated to the promotion of new music: The well-established masterpieces of the contemporary music literature of the 20th century as well as new works by the younger generation of composers. As part of the 8th International Pharos Contemporary Music Festival a number of exciting events such as concerts, screenings, lecturers and educational workshops will take place at The Shoe Factory, Lefkosia. For further information: T. 22663871, www.pharosartsfoundation.org.

SAT, 7 – SUN, 8 APPLE FESTIVAL

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 etc, 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 take a walk around the village and see the local museums and exceptional churches.

SAT, 7 - SAT, 14 12th MEDIEVAL AGIA NAPA FESTIVAL

The Agia Napa Medieval Festival aims to reproduce a time that left its marks in our cultural heritage. All the activities are inspired from the Medieval period, representing the everyday life and events of these times, including: Street theatre, Theatrical play with the Medieval Monastery as 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”, 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 programme includes medieval performances by European Groups.

For further information: T. 23816307, www.ayianapa.org.cy

SUN, 15 1ST PANCYPRIAN FESTIVAL OF ATHIENOU PRODUCTS

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 old traditional way!

For further information please call T. +357 24811370.

TUE 17 – THU, 19 28th FOLKLORE – CULTURAL EVENTS

The feast of Apostol Lucas, patron of Aradippou village, is celebrated with events that emanate from religious faith, customs and traditions and are expressed through poem recitations, singing, dancing and theatre performances.

For further information: T. +357 24811017

SUN, 22 LEFKOSIA CITY RUN

Nicosia Tourism Board organizes Nicosia City Run which includes 21km, 10,5km, 1km run routes during which the participants can admire the beauties of the capital.

For further information: T. +357 22889600

SAT, 28 – SUN, 29 HONEY FESTIVAL

It's all about bees and honey! See hives and learn how bees make honey in Miliou village. Enjoy local honey products, bee keeping and honey making demonstrations and hands on activities for all.



NOVEMBER

SUN, 5 & 12 ZIVANIA FESTIVAL

Zivania is a traditional alcoholic beverage made in Cyprus, which has been produced for centuries in Cyprus by distillation from 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 festival takes place in Alona (5/11/2017) and Pelendri (12/11/2017) villages in two consecutive weekends. It includes distillation of zivania at the venues, promotional kiosks with traditional products, and music and dance programmes. The local sights are open for visitors during the festival. For further information please contact Mr. Constantinou, T. +357 99352547, 25421020 or Mr. Eliades T. +357 99630414, email: chr.eliades@cytanet.com.cy

SAT, 11 & SUN 12 PITHOIGIA FESTIVAL

'Anthesteria' was an Athenian festival in honour of Dionysus, held annually to celebrate the maturing of the wine stored at the previous vintage. On the first day, the opening of the casks was taking place, hence the day was called 'Pithoigia', literally meaning in Greek "opening of the casks". Libations were offered from the newly opened casks to the god of wine. Nowadays, the people of Koilani village celebrate this day, but instead of libations they make salutations and offer free wine from the newly opened barrels to all attending the festival! And of course, there cannot be a festival without food and music!

SAT, 25 MINTHIS HILLS OPEN

Golf Tournament taking place at Minthis Hills. Format: Individual Strokeplay. For further information please visit www.minthishills.com.

THU, 23 – SUN, 26 CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL 4DAY CHALLENGE

This 4 day sport event will take place in Pafos and Akamas areas. Organiser: Arena DMC& Sport. For further information: T. 26880877, www.cypruschallenge.com.



DECEMBER

SUN, 3

RIDE THE CAPITAL

Ride the Capital offers the opportunity to everyone to discover the city and countryside of Nicosia by bike, through two routes: one in the old city of Nicosia and one in the nearby villages. The aim is to promote Nicosia as an ideal place for cyclists.

For further information: T. +357 22889600

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 where the Christmas festivities the last years has become a main annual event.



WALKING TOURS

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

Every Monday

1. *Chrysaliniotissa and Kaimakli* Bus & Walking Tour, Lefkosia
Starting point: Tourist Information Office in Laiki Geitonia, T. 22674264
2. *Lemesos (Limassol) "Historic Limassol Walk"*,
Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Lemesos
For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office, T. 25362756

Every Wednesday

1. Lefkosia outside the Venetian Walls: Its past and present, Lefkosia
Starting point: Tourist Information Office in Laiki Geitonia, T. 22674264
2. *Larnaka* Walk "Past and Present"
Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Larnaka
For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office, T. 24654322
3. *Germasogeia* Walks
 - a) Germasogeia - A Village Blessed by Water
 - b) Discover the Natural Environment of GermasogeiaEvery Wednesday (October - April) - Each one every other week
Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Germasogeia, Lemesos District
For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office, T. 25323211
4. "Agia Napa and the Sea: A Different Dimension" (November – 23/2/2017, by bus)
Starting Point: Tourist Information Office, Agia Napa
For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office, T. 23721796

Every Thursday

1. *Lefkosia (Nicosia)* Walking Tour
Starting point: Tourist Information Office in Laiki Geitonia, T. 22674264
2. *Pafos* Walking Tour
Starting point: Tourist Information Office, 8 Agoras str.
For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office, T. 26932841

Every Friday

1. "Skala (*Larnaka*) - Its craftsmen"
Starting point: Larnaka Medieval Castle
For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office, T. 24654322

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 Leivadia village (Larnaka District)
August 6	Transfiguration of Jesus Christ the Saviour Sotira village (Ammochostos District)
August 15	Dormition of Virgin Mary (Assumption Day) Kykkos, Chrysorrogiatissa and Agia Napa monasteries, Chrysospiliotissa church at Deftera village (Lefkosia District), Liopetri village (Ammochostos District) and Kiti village (Larnaka District)
September 2	Saint Mamas' 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 Fokas' Day Athienou village (Larnaka District)
September 24	Saint Thekla's Day Sotira village (Ammochostos District)

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September 28	Saint Neofytos' Day Agios Neofytos Monastery (Pafos District)
October 2	Saint Kyprianos' Day Meniko village (Lefkosia District)
October 4	Saint John Lampadistis' Day Kalopanagiotis village (Lefkosia District)
October 5	Saint Ermogenis' Day Agios Ermogenis church (Lemesos District)
October 6	Saint Kendeas' Day Agios Kendeas church, Avgorou village (Larnaka District)
October 17-18	Saint Luke's Day Kolossi (Lemesos District), Kouklia (Pafos District) and Aradippou villages (Larnaka District)
November 3	Saint George Kontos' 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 Modestos' Day Deryneia village (Ammochostos District)

Useful Telephones (Country code +357)

Lefkosia District:

The Lefkosia Municipal Arts Centre	22797400
Lefkosia Municipality Cultural Services	22797000/-4
State Gallery of Contemporary Cypriot Art	22458228
Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture	22800933, 22809845
Cyprus Theatrical Organisation	77772717
Famagusta Gate	22797650/3, 99206895
Anastasios G. Leventis Foundation	22667706
Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation	22128157
Skali Cultural Centre	22336363
Strovolos Municipal Theatre	22313010
Cyprus Centre of International Theatre Institute	22674920
The Pharos Arts Foundation	22663871
Lefkosia osia Tourism Board	22889710

Lemesos District:

Lemesos Patticheion Municipal Theatre	25343341
Rialto Theatre	25343900, 77777745
Lemesos Municipality Cultural Services	25745919, 25342153
Limassol Tourist Board	25877350

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Larnaka District:

Larnaka Patticheion Theatre	24629300
Larnaka Municipal Theatre	24665795
Larnaka Municipality Cultural Services	24657745, 24629333
Larnaka Municipal Gallery	24658848
Pierides Foundation	24651345
Larnaka Tourist Board	24657070

Ammochostos District:

Agia Napa Municipality Cultural Services	23816307
Paralimni Municipality	23819300
Deryneia Municipality	23811000
Ammochostos Tourist 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 Tourist Board	26818173

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