

## ANNUAL EVENTS 2023

### JANUARY

#### **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:

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| 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 harbor          |

#### **8,14,21,29                      HIKING AND NATURE ACTIVITIES**

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### FEBRUARY

#### **SUN, 19                      5<sup>TH</sup> Mitsero Mine Run**

Mitsero Mine Run is a Cross Country Run inspired by marathoner Costas Patinios and organized by SAS Sports Events Management from 2018, in collaboration with the local community council and Mitsero Youth Center, aiming at highlighting the historic village. For further information please visit the following link: [www.misterorun.com](http://www.misterorun.com) or call at +357 99693069.

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**5,12**

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**SUN, 19**

## **BLOOMING ALMOND TREE FESTIVALS**

The Annual Blooming Almond Tree Festivals 2023 will take place in the village of Limnatis (Lemesos area) and in the village of Giolou (Pafos Area). Time:11.00 For further information please call: +357 25432922/ 25 362756 (Limnatis Community Board) or +357 26632472 (Giolou Community Board).

**11/2-20/2**

## **THE CYPRUS GRAND PRIX**

The Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation organizes the annual CYPRUS GRAND PRIX in Trap, Skeet (Men - Men Junior - Women – Women Junior and Veterans), which will take place at the Cyprus Olympic Shooting Range 'Lakis Psimolophitis' in Latsia - Nicosia. . For further information, please visit the Federation's official website: [www.cssf-shooting.org](http://www.cssf-shooting.org)

**THU,16/2 - SUN, 26/2**

## **CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS**

Carnival, is a ten-day period of festivities and feasts, prior to fifty days of fasting, before Easter. The most famous events 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 please check the following link: [www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy](http://www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy)

**MON,27**

## **GREEN MONDAY**

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. For further information please contact the Deputy Ministry Tourist Information Offices at: +357 25362756/25421316/24654322/26932841/23721796

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## MARCH

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### 3<sup>RD</sup> CYPRUS ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL

For further information: <https://cyprusorienteering.com/>

### WED, 15 – SAT, 15/4 9<sup>th</sup> AGIA NAPA INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURES SYMPOSIUM

For further information: [www.ayianapa.org.cy](http://www.ayianapa.org.cy)

### FRI,24-TUE,28 33<sup>nd</sup> International Bridge Festival

For further information: <https://cyprusbridge.org/en/>

### SUN, 12 24<sup>TH</sup> LOGICOM CYPRUS MARATHON

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. For further information please call at: +35799436826 or visit the following link: [www.logicomcyprusmarathon.com](http://www.logicomcyprusmarathon.com)

### SAT,18 -SUN, 19 OPAP LIMASSOL MARATHON

Fully accredited by AIMS, the OPAP Limassol Marathon is a flat course which follows the Mediterranean coastline. From the centre of the city, along the beachfront, to the ruins of the ancient Royal city of Amathus, and back to the city. For further information: +357 25880100 or [www.limassolmarathon.com.cy](http://www.limassolmarathon.com.cy)

### SUN,12 3<sup>RD</sup> MADARIN FESTIVAL

The Dierona Community Council, together with the Women's and Young Women's Semi-Limassol Regional Association, organizes the 3<sup>RD</sup> MANDARIN FESTIVAL. Venue: Village Square. Time: 10:30am – 17.00. For further information: <https://www.facebook.com/dieronavillage/> or call at +357 99417244

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**SAT, 18 – SUN, 19**

## **AGIA NAPA TRIATHLON**

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. Venue: Nissi Beach Resort.

For further information: [www.nireas.org](http://www.nireas.org)

**27/3-2/4**

## **FAMAGUSTA TENNIS CUP U12**

For further information: <http://www.famagustatc.com> or call at: +357 25335952

Venue: 3 Mesaorias Street- Lemesos 3071

**25/3-6/4**

## **ISSF WORLD CUP IN SHOTGUN**

Organized by the Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation. The games will be held in Larnaka. For further information, please visit the Federation's official website: [www.cssf-shooting.org](http://www.cssf-shooting.org)

## **APRIL**

**SUN, 16**

## **GREEK ORTHODOX EASTER**

Easter, the most important Greek Orthodox religious feast is celebrated with great solemnity.

Evening services (mass) take place throughout the Holy Week.

**Easter Thursday evening-** the Liturgy of the Passion is chanted, liturgy that last many hours in which there is a re-enactment of the Crucifixion of Christ and during which the twelve gospels are read out.

**Good Friday evening-**the encomiums of the dead Christ are chanted and around 20.30 the Epitaphios (Sepulchre) is taken in procession through the streets of the towns and villages, while the bells are rung in mourning.

**Easter Saturday night** towards midnight, the Christ's Resurrection is celebrated out in open. Church bells ring joyously again and the children, after having collected wood during the whole of the Holy Week and light the so called Lambradja (great fire) to burn the figure of Judas.

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

Lefkosia District: Kakopetria, Moutoulas, Pedoulas, Kalopanayiotis, Kourdali, Spilia, Askas.

Lemesos District: Agios Tychonas, Germasogeia, Arsos, Kyperounta, 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.

For further information: [www.heartlandoflegends.com](http://www.heartlandoflegends.com)

**FRI, 31/3 -SUN, 2/4**

## **SKODA GRAND FONDO CYPRUS**

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

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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](http://www.activatecyprus.com)

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## WILD TULIP FESTIVAL

A festival organized by the community board of Polemi Village and the Tulip Club of Polemi. This flower, the 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

FRI, 8– SAT, 16

## CYPRUS FILM DAYS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

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>

SAT, 8– THU, 13

## AGIA NAPA YOUTH SOCCER FESTIVAL

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](http://www.ayianapasoccerfestival.com)

SUN, 2-TUE, 4

## MEDITERRANEAN BAR SHOW

The Mediterranean Bar Show is the long-awaited trade hub connecting the region's Consumers with companies and professionals of the hospitality industry. Aiming to make Cyprus the networking centre for exchanging products, ideas and expertise between the Mediterranean and the rest of the world. While educating local and regional consumers and professionals the MBS promotes and expands Cyprus' top-tier of the hospitality industry. Venue: Nicosia International Expo Further information: <https://mediterraneanbarshow.com/>

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**SUN,2-SAT,8**

**ITF S200 CYPRUS SENIORS CUP**

The ITF CYPRUS SENIORS CUP GRADE 2 tournament will see both local and international tennis players compete in an official International Tennis Federation cup. The competition will take place in Limassol Sporting Club. Further Information: [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com) or call at +357 99446723

## **MAY**

### **LANIA LANES AND COURTYARDS**

The sun-kissed southern slopes of the Troodos Mountains, just above Lemesos (Limassol) are known as the 'Krassochooria' 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 99464111

### **FLOWER FESTIVAL (ANTHESTIRIA)**

"Anthestiria" is a celebration for the coming of spring and the renewal of nature and life, dating back to Ancient Greece. Larnaka, Germasogeia and Pafos municipalities will have festivities for the flower festival during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of May. For further information please call at:

+357 26822270 (Pafos Municipality), +357 25879810 (Germasogeia Municipality), + 357 24653333 (Larnaka Municipality).

### **DORIANS COASTAL CHALLENGE - EUROLIFE**

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 please call at: +357 22109018

For further information: [www.dorianschallenge.com](http://www.dorianschallenge.com)

**MID MAY**

**15<sup>TH</sup> ROSE FESTIVAL**

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 at: +357 25521816 or visit the following link: <http://www.agros.org.cy/>

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## **SUN,21 INTERNATIONAL BEE DAY FESTIVAL**

The Bee Festival is organized every year in one of the nine Bee villages of Larnaka area. The event includes: Wax Ointment workshop using beeswax and essences, Make your own Bee hotel, Painting bees on recyclable materials, Handicrafts and jewelry using natural materials which are related to Bees, Traditional dancing and Live Music.

Time: 11.00 -19.00. For further information visit: [www.visitcyprus.com](http://www.visitcyprus.com) or contact the Deputy Ministry Tourist Information Offices at: +35725362756/25421316/24654322/26932841/23721796

## **END OF MAY 8<sup>th</sup> RELIVING FESTIVAL**

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 firsthand, then visit the Reliving Festival of Dora. For further information please visit the following link: <http://dora.org.cy/> or call at +357 25942035

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## **FRI,19-SUN,21 CYPRUS AMATEUR MEN'S OPEN 2023 GOLF**

Venue: Secret Valley GC For further information: [www.cfg.org.cy](http://www.cfg.org.cy)

## **22<sup>nd</sup> INTERNATIONAL PHAROS CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

The 22nd 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](http://www.pharosartsfoundation.org)

## **FIBA EURO CUP Cyprus 3X3-BASKETBALL - LEMESOS**

The biggest, most exciting and fun urban sports events are back to rock every corner of the island!

Cyprus 3X3 Team will be hosting the 2023 official FIBA satellite tournaments in all cities of the island and everyone expects a tremendous Series competition for all Ages, Genders and Abilities. For further information: <http://www.cyprus3x3.com.cy/> or call at +357 22449830.

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## JUNE

### CYPRUS CONTEMPORARY DANCE PLATFORM

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](http://www.cyprusdanceplatform.com).

### SUN,11 29<sup>th</sup> CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF AGIA NAPA & 15TH KIDS' SUMMER FESTIVAL

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.

For further information: <http://www.ayianapa.org.cy/>

### SUN,2 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

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.

For further information: Tel: 23811000 or <http://www.deryneia.org.cy/>

### 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CYPRUS ACCORDION FESTIVAL

Suitable for children and adults. Free Camping Space! Limited number of spots available for the Seminars-Workshops. The festival will take place in Ayios Theodoros village in Larnaca region.

For further information at: <https://cyprusaccordionfestival.com/>

### FIBA 3X3 EUROCUP QUALIFIERS-BASKETBALL -PAFOS

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### AROMATIC & HEALING HERBS OF CYPRUS

The festival takes place every year 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, an entertainment show, nature walks and visits to botanical gardens. For further information: +357 99410520, + 357 421020 or [www.mytroodos.com](http://www.mytroodos.com)



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## 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 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](http://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).

## TROODOS SPORT AND FUN FESTIVAL

After nine successful events, your favourite and challenging road event, the "0-2000" is back on the weekend of 4-5 of June 2022 as a two day-event. The most challenging and at the same time most popular road cycling event in Cyprus this year will meet new limits with an additional day of riding in the mountains! There are three roads that can take you up the top of the Cyprus Mountains, the Olympus peak at almost 2000m above sea level. We chose two of them to make the challenge more spectacular! The most scenic and toughest routes to the top! For further information: [www.cyclingcy.com](http://www.cyclingcy.com)

## CYHERBIA LAVENDER FESTIVAL

Cyherbia Lavender Gardens organize every year the lavender festival when lavender is in season. During these days you can go on a guided tour insider the lavender gardens, try the lavender tea and visit the Distillation Room. For further information: <https://www.cyherbia.com/>

## END OF JUNE SHAKESPEARE 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. 2022 is the 60th anniversary of our first production at Ancient Kourion and Shakespeare's The Tempest has been chosen to mark this celebration. For further information visit: [www.shakespeareatcurium.com](http://www.shakespeareatcurium.com)

## CHERRY FESTIVALS

The Cherry Festivals are organized in small beautiful villages in the mountain range of Troodos: Kambos tis Tsakkistras , Pedoulas , Treis Elies . For further information: + 357 25421020, [www.mytroodos.com](http://www.mytroodos.com)

## AGIA NAPA SUMMER CULTURAL EVENTS

Dances and music performances in Agia Napa that take place at the Agia Napa Square, Harbour, Amphitheatre of Thalassa Museum and Ayia Napa Farm House. Every Sunday at: 20.00.

For further information: [www.ayianapa.org.cy](http://www.ayianapa.org.cy)

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## **FRI,16                      RUNNING UNDER THE MOON –MALL OF CYPRUS**

The perfect bonding event for your company or team, Come for the fun come for the run: 10km and 5km.

For further information please call at: +357 99693069

or visit the following link: <https://www.runningunderthemoon.com/races>

## **SAT,17 –SUN 18                      CGF CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 GOLF**

Venue: Minthis GC For further information: [www.cfg.org.cy](http://www.cfg.org.cy) **HU,25 –FRI 26**

## **JULY**

### **16<sup>th</sup> PANCYPRIAN CULTURAL WATERMELON FESTIVAL**

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

### **26<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ANCIENT GREEK DRAMA**

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, Makarios III Amphitheatre - Lefkosia, Pafos Ancient Odeon.

For further information: [www.greekdramafest.com](http://www.greekdramafest.com)

### **LARNAKA ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL**

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](http://www.larnaka.com)

### **PARALIMNIA FESTIVAL**

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](http://www.paralimni.org.cy)

### **LAVENDER FESTIVAL**

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. Time:10.30-19.00

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## PANCYPRIAN POTATO FESTIVAL

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 communal football stadium of Avgorou with free entrance! For further information: + 357 23922680 + 357 99457014

## XARKIS FESTIVAL

This cultural event is organized by Xarkis\_ cultural non-profit organization for the past ten years. For further information: <http://Festival.xarkis.org/>. Venue: Agros village

## THE GREAT BALLET COMPANIES

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](http://www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy)

## THE AFROBANANA FESTIVAL

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. Venue: Gialia village. For further information visit: [www.afrobananarepublic.com](http://www.afrobananarepublic.com)

**SAT,22-SUN,23**

## 8th WINDCRAFT FESTIVAL

Windcraft Music Fest has been organised by the non-profit cultural association Windcraft Loud since 2014 in the village Katydata (Nicosia region, Cyprus) and aims in showcasing the musical work of local and international artists and in involving all visitors in the process of music creation through interaction. The festival focuses specifically on wind instruments and wind players, which are featured in different music styles and combinations. For further information: [www.windcraftmusicfest.com](http://www.windcraftmusicfest.com)

## AGLAN JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Aglan Jazz 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 and Aglantzia open air Theatre. Entrance fee: 5 euro For further information: [www.aglanjazz.com](http://www.aglanjazz.com)

## 9<sup>TH</sup> PROTARAS SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL

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](http://www.paralimni.org.cy)

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## 8<sup>th</sup> SHEPHERD'S FEAST

The event aims to present the basic elements of pastoral life. sheep and goat breeding and the production of dairy products. At the event there will be an exhibition of local dairy products , demonstrations of traditional professions connected to livestock farming, demonstrations of traditional sheep shearing and milking, entertainment for the children and artistic program with traditional dances and songs.

Venue: Pahna village. Time: 17.00-21.00

For further information: +357 25942755 or <https://www.facebook.com/koinotitapachnas/>

## End of July

## LEMESOS BEER FESTIVAL

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: <http://www.limassolbeerfestival.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

## SUMMER NIGHTS 2023 - NICOSIA

Nights filled with music, dance, theatre and art are organized by the Nicosia Municipality throughout July, August and September in various outdoor venues. For further information: [www.nicosia.org.cy](http://www.nicosia.org.cy)

## AUGUST

### MID AUGUST

### 41<sup>th</sup> LEFKARA FESTIVAL

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](http://www.lefkara.org.cy)

### THU,3-SAT,5

### FENGAROS FESTIVAL - FENGAROS MUSIC VILLAGE

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: [www.fengaros.com](http://www.fengaros.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/Fengaros/>

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## HAZELNUTS FESTIVAL

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](http://www.mytroodos.com)

SUN, 7

## 5<sup>TH</sup> GASTRONOMIC FESTIVAL

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](http://www.mytroodos.com)

WED, 15

## DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

The Dormition of Virgin Mary (Theotokos) on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## LOFOU AUGUST FESTIVAL

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](http://www.lofou.org)

## 23<sup>RD</sup> JAZZ PARADISE FESTIVAL

Venue : Val's Place - Gialia village. For further information at : <https://www.paradisejazzfestival.com/>

## AGIA NAPA FISH FESTIVAL

The three day fish festival includes a rich traditional music dance program, fishing craft demonstrations such as net sewing, craftsmanship, filleting and fish baking while visitors can try the various recipes for free.

For further information: [www.ayianapa.org.cy](http://www.ayianapa.org.cy)

THU, 10-SUN, 13

## 22<sup>ND</sup> Countryside Animafest Cyprus

Country Animafest Cyprus is one of the longest-running film festivals in Cyprus and it's taking place in the village of Salamiou. The official Animation Festival of Cyprus, showcases a selection of the world's latest productions, focusing on independent, non-commercial films.

For further information: <https://animafest.com.cy/>

## SUMMER NIGHTS 2023 - NICOSIA

Nights filled with music, dance, theatre and art are organized by the Nicosia Municipality throughout July, August and September in various outdoor venues. For further information: [www.nicosia.org.cy](http://www.nicosia.org.cy)

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## SEPTEMBER

### PAFOS APHRODITE FESTIVAL (OPERA)

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.pafc.com.cy](http://www.pafc.com.cy)

### 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](http://www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy)

### LEMESOS 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 barrels is on offer free of charge every evening. Organizer: Lemesos Municipality.

Venue: Lemesos Municipal Gardens. For further information: +357 25745919 or +357 25342153, [www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy](http://www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy)

### SEPTEMBERFEST NICOSIA BEER FESTIVAL

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.

<https://septemberfest.com.cy/>

### PAFOS BEER FESTIVAL

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/> Venue: Paphos Medieval Castle Square

### 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: <http://www.flyingawayfestival.com/> Venue: Orfeas Stadium-Lefkosia

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**SAT,9-SUN,10**

## **VEGAN FAM FESTIVAL**

Vegan Fam Festival is a celebration of all forms of life and an opportunity for everyone interested in a healthy zero harm lifestyle, to come together and enjoy an exciting day. Whether you are a committed vegan or vegan-curious, this festival offers you the opportunity to learn more in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Venue: The Ancient Olive Tree Park, Psematismenos village. For further information:

<https://veganfamfestival.com/>

## **KOLOKASI (TARO-ROOT) GASTRONOMY NIGHT FESTIVAL**

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 and Emba –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. For further information: +35726953135 Emba Community Board or Sotira Municipality [www.sotira.org.cy](http://www.sotira.org.cy)

## **5<sup>th</sup> 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 good old fashioned Cypriot way! Time:11.00-22.00

For further information please call: +357 24811370 or <http://www.athienou.org.cy/en/>

## **SPOON SWEETS FESTIVAL**

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](http://www.mytroodos.com)

## **HONEY BEE FESTIVAL**

This Festival is organized in Melini village in Larnaka region. 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 25622221 (Melini) or [www.mytroodos.com](http://www.mytroodos.com)

## **5<sup>th</sup> FRUIT AND DELI MEAT FESTIVAL**

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](http://www.mytroodos.com)

## **PASTRY AND BAKING GOODS FESTIVAL**

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

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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

## ORANGE FESTIVAL

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: +357 99450394.

## PASTELLI FEAST

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 feast 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.

## SEPT-OCT

## GRAPE FEASTS

The Wine villages of Ayios Amvrosios, Vasa Koilaniou, Vouni, Ayios Mamas, Ayios Constantinos –Pitsilia, Arsos, Pahna, Milikouri, Pedoulas and Panayia organize various events dedicated to wine and its products on weekends. 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: [www.mytroodos.com](http://www.mytroodos.com) or [www.heartlandoflegends.com/grape-festivals/](http://www.heartlandoflegends.com/grape-festivals/)

## THU,21-SUN,24

## 39<sup>th</sup> AGIA NAPA FESTIVAL

The Ayia Napa Festival is, undoubtedly, one of the most famous events of the island. It is always the last week of September, in order to coincide with the World Tourism Day. The festival has festive events, which reflecting the historical, cultural and agricultural traditions of Ayia Napa and all of Cyprus. Visitors have the opportunity to learn the traditions and customs of the local people, the musical traditions and folk art and specially to enjoy the warm Cypriot hospitality. The program includes, among others, theatrical performances, concerts and Cypriot and foreign folk dancing. These events created a warm atmosphere that reflects the friendliness and hospitality of the people of Ayia Napa. For further information: +357 23816307 or [www.ayianapa.org.cy](http://www.ayianapa.org.cy)

## TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL OF STATOS – AGIOS FOTIOS

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 traditional dances and music. Venue: Statos - Agios Fotios village square.

For further information: <https://www.statos-agiosphotios.org/en/>



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## PALOUZE FESTIVAL – LOFOU

Lofou Community Council and Lofou Association are cordially inviting you to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Palouze Festival at Lofou Primary School. Cypriot folklore music and dances, as well as a Kid's corner and free rides with Cypriot donkeys, free Palouse will be offered, free tour guiding in the village. For further information: [www.lofouvillage.com](http://www.lofouvillage.com)

## SAT, 23– SUN, 24 CYPRUS SENIOR AMATEUR MEN'S & LADIES' OPEN 2023 GOLF

Venue: Aphrodite Hill Golf Course. For further information: [www.cfg.org.cy](http://www.cfg.org.cy)

## FRI, 27– SUN, 29 CYPRUS RALLY 2023

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/>

## OCTOBER

### AFAMIA 2023 - 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, traditional deserts made from grape, folk dancing and other cultural performances are in offer during the Afamia festival. Koilani village: Community square. For further information: +357 25421020 or + 357 25471008

### "ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TRADITION & CULTURE"

It's a festival organised by the Ladies' Association of Rural Larnaka in a different village of the Larnaka region every year. Authentic taste of the handmade culinary traditions that are still lovingly produced by generations of women in Larnaka region's rural villages will be on display. For further information: +357 24657070 or [larnakaregion.com](http://larnakaregion.com)

### 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 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](http://www.mytroodos.com)

## SAT, 7– SAT, 14 18th MEDIEVAL AGIA NAPA FESTIVAL

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

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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](http://www.ayianapa.org)

## **11/10- 24/11 LARNACA BIENNALE 2023**

Larnaca Biennial 2023 will host a series of artistic and culture events in the city such as concerts, theatre, performances, lectures etc. Co-organizer 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/>

## **OLIVES AND AROMAS FESTIVAL**

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 22932228 or <https://www.visitsolea.com/community-council-of-evrycho>

## **"TRAVELLING TO THE ROADS OF TRADITION" FESTIVAL**

The Community Council of Fikardou invites you to the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 22661157 or <https://fikardou.org.cy/>

## **SUN,1 GRAN FONDO APOLLO AND APHRODITE-CYCLING**

A cycling route that takes you to locations where mythology was born and history was recorded. This is an idea that becomes reality through the "Aphrodite and Apollo Gran Fondo", a Cycling for All race taking place this October on the island of Cyprus. This is a race that suits all fitness levels, from beginners to pros! For further information: <https://www.activatecyprus.com/gran-fondo-apollo-and-aphrodite>

## **14<sup>th</sup> International Pharos Contemporary Music Festival**

The Pharos Arts Foundation opens its Fall season with a fantastic new edition of the International Pharos Contemporary Music Festival. Reflecting Pharos' deep commitment to music creativity and innovation, this was the first festival of new music ever to be established in Cyprus, and since its early days, it has been recognized as one of the most innovative annual events in Europe. Organized at The Shoe Factory in Nicosia, the 14th International Pharos Contemporary Music Festival presents four distinct and exciting concerts, alongside an array of ground-breaking interdisciplinary events, such as lectures, workshops, and educational activities for the youth. [www.pharosartsfoundation.org](http://www.pharosartsfoundation.org) & Tel. 22-663871 (Monday - Friday 10:00am-2:00pm)  
Tickets: €15 / €10 Concessions & members of the Pharos Arts Foundation  
All concerts begin at 8:30pm

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## LIMASSOL SPRINT TRIATHLON

Sprint Triathlon is ideal for those competitors who are new to the sport or those who are just into speed. The venue in the beautiful sea front of Lemesos (MOLOS) is made to order to offer just that. For further information: [www.nireas.org](http://www.nireas.org)

30/10-15/12

## 9<sup>TH</sup> AYIA NAPA INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE SYMPOSIUM

OCTOBER –DECEMBER

## INTERNATIONAL NICOSIA FESTIVAL

A festival with music, theatre and dance performances at multiple venues of the capital. For further information: [nicosiainternationalfestival](http://nicosiainternationalfestival) OR <https://www.facebook.com/NicosiaIntlFestival/>

## NOVEMBER

## ZIVANIA FESTIVALS

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, Pedoulas, Pelendri 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](http://www.mytroodos.com) or [www.pedoulasvillage.com](http://www.pedoulasvillage.com) or +357 99193080 (Fikardou)

## 7<sup>TH</sup> APHRODITE MEDITERRANEAN CUP-ARCHERY

Venue: Cap St George's Hotel – Pafos For further information: <https://archery.org.cy/>

SUN, 19

## RADISSON BLUE LARNAKA INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

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](http://www.larnakamarathon.com)

SAT, 4

## O3 OLYMPUSMAN TRIATHLON

O3 is not just a sport event. Is the hardest sport event in Cyprus. Its a challenge of human endurance, strength and self-believe! When you start you will be thinking of a challenge, when you finish you will be thinking, I have no limits! If you want to live something extraordinary you better start training! O3 OlympusMan cannot be compared to other iron distance triathlons. This journey through spectacular Cyprus landscapes is a unique and unforgettable experience! For further information: [www.activatecyprus.com](http://www.activatecyprus.com)

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## CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL 4 DAY CHALLENGE

The Cyprus International 4-day Challenge Event is a staged running event, covering a distance slightly longer than a marathon, which includes road, trail and cross-country running. It is an adventurous and challenging running event with 4 different races taking place for 4 days. The Event successfully combines a 6k time trial, an 11k mountain trail run, a multi-terrain half marathon distance and a 10k City Run over the four days. It takes place in the area of Paphos and for the most part in the Akamas Nature Reserve Park, in some of Cyprus most scenic routes, where every turn comes with a different stunning view, unfolding the beauty of the AKAMAS Peninsula in a panoramic sea-sky-earth motif. For further information: T. +357 26880877, [www.cypruschallenge.com](http://www.cypruschallenge.com).

SUN,5-SAT,11

## IFT MEN'S FAMAGUSTA TENNIS CUP

For further information: <http://www.famagustatc.com> or call at +357 25335952

## 5<sup>TH</sup> MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

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](http://www.mytroodos.com)

## DECEMBER

## 10th CYPRUS JAZZ & WORLD MUSIC SHOWCASE

The Rialto Theatre organizes the 10th Cyprus Jazz & World Music Showcase 2023 presenting a comprehensive picture of the local contemporary music creation. Venue: Rialto Theatre-Lemesos. For further information: [www.rialto.com.cy](http://www.rialto.com.cy)

## AGIA NAPA HALF MARATHON 2023

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](http://www.ayianapamarathon.com)

## CHRISTMAS VILLAGES 2023

The Deputy Ministry of Tourism invites you to discover beautiful traditional villages of Cyprus which will be decorated and illuminated festively, in the spirit of the days. For further information:

<https://www.visitcyprus.com/index.php/en/christmas-villages/>

## 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](http://www.nicosia.org.cy), [www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy](http://www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy), [www.larnaka.org.cy](http://www.larnaka.org.cy), [www.pafos.org.cy](http://www.pafos.org.cy), [www.ayianapa.org.cy](http://www.ayianapa.org.cy), [www.paralimni.org.cy](http://www.paralimni.org.cy).

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## WALKING TOURS

Guided tours in and around Lefkosia, Lemesos, Larnaka, Pafos, Agia Napa cities 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. **Lemesos (Limassol) "Historic Limassol Walk", POSTPONED TILL FURTHER NOTICE**

Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Lemesos Old Port

For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office: + 357 25362756

### *Every Wednesday*

#### 1. **Larnaka Walk**

Time:10.00

Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Larnaka

For information contact the Tourist Information Office: + 357 24654322

## **POSTPONED TILL FURTHER NOTICE**

### **Lefkosia Walking Tour**

Time:10.00

For further information please contact the Tourist Information Office: + 357 22674264

<https://www.nicosia.org.cy/en-GB/discover/walkthroughs/>

### *Every Thursday* **POSTPONED TILL FURTHER NOTICE**

#### 1. **"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

#### 2. **Pafos Walking Tour**

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

Time:9.15

Mar-Apr Oct -Dec

Please book in advance at: + 357 26 811 500

For further information please contact the Tourist Information Office: +357 26932841

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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.

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

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

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### Lefkosia District:

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| <b>Deputy Ministry of Culture</b>                | 22809845 |
| The Lefkosia Municipal Arts Centre               | 22797400 |
| Lefkosia Municipality Cultural Services          | 22797000 |
| State Gallery of Contemporary Cypriot Art        | 22458228 |
| 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                      | 22313010 |
| Cyprus Centre of International Theatre Institute | 22674920 |
| The Pharos Arts Foundation                       | 22663871 |
| Lefkosia Tourism Board                           | 22889600 |

### Lemesos District:

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| Lemesos Patticheion Municipal Theatre  | 25377277          |
| Rialto Theatre                         | 25343900,77777745 |
| Lemesos Municipality Cultural Services | 25745919          |

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| Municipal Arts Center - Apothikes Papadaki | 25 884300  |
| Municipal Art Gallery                      | 25 583 383 |

## **Larnaka District:**

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| Larnaka Patticheion Theatre            | 24657745 |
| Larnaka Municipal Theatre              | 24665795 |
| Larnaka Municipality Cultural Services | 24657745 |
| Larnaka Municipal Gallery              | 24658848 |
| Pierides Foundation                    | 24145375 |

## **Ammochostos District:**

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| Agia Napa Municipality Cultural Services | 23816307 |
| Paralimni Municipality                   | 23819300 |
| Deryneia Municipality                    | 23811000 |

## **Pafos District:**

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| Pafos Municipality Cultural Services | 26932014 |
| Pafos Aphrodite Festival Ltd         | 26822218 |
| Pafos Markideion Theatre             | 26932571 |
| Polis Chrysochous Municipality       | 26321321 |

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