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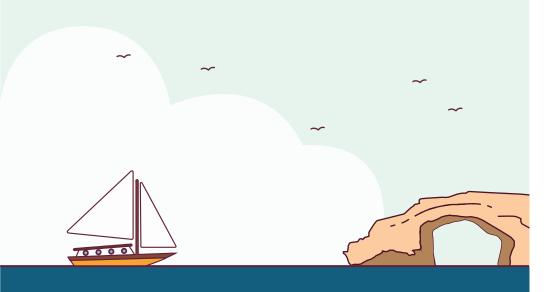
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A GUIDE TO THE CITY







Agia Napa is the largest tourist resort in Cyprus, located on the eastern coast of the island, near Cape Gkreco. The coast here is famous for its beaches with soft, golden sands and sparkling and crystal waters. The scenic landscape around Agia Napa is dotted with quaint villages where traditions are still upheld and where some of the island's tastiest, fresh produce is grown, because of the mineral-rich soil of the region.

## Arriving at Agia Napa from Larnaka Airport

During the summer season (May-October), there is a direct shuttle bus from Larnaka Airport. Find the schedule on <u>www.kapnosairportshuttle.com</u>

Alternatively, throughout the year the passengers can take bus No 425 from the airport to Larnaka center and from there change into Intercity buses to Agia Napa. Find the schedules on: https://intercity-buses.com and https://www.publictransport.com.cy

# Agia Napa – Most interesting historical facts

Agia Napa region was said to have been covered with thick forests in the past, hens the Latin name Napa, which means wooded area. According to legend, a local hunter was in pursuit of his prey, when he discovered an icon of the Virgin Mary in a cave. To honor this discovery a monastery was built around the cave and given the name Virgin Mary of Napa, which was eventually shortened to Agia Napa. The word "Agia" means holy in Greek. Another legend has it that a Venetian noblewoman came here to live as a nun, after she left her parents, who forbade her from marrying a commoner. It was actually the Venetians who built a church here in c. 1500.

According to folklore the area (except for the monastery) was uninhabited until about 1790, when a man, Nikolaos Kemitzis, arrived from Thessaloniki, Greece and settled in the village of Panayia, located at the northeastern part of Agia Napa. Later on, Kemitzis came into conflict with the Ottoman authorities, who ruled Cyprus at the time, and decided to move near the monastery of Agia Napa. The area was agricultural and it was only during the 80s with the tourism influx that it rapidly developed into a popular tourist resort.

### Useful Information

#### Transportation

Private taxis offer service on a 24hour basis. Taxis must have

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website: https://osea.com.cy/en/

There is frequent connection from Agia Napa to Cape Gkreco and Protaras with Bus No 101 and to Paralimni and Dheryneia swimming is enjoyable throughout the year. with Bus No 501. The ticket costs €1.50 for each trip.

#### Climate and Weather:

Agia Napa has an intense Mediterranean climate with a hot, dry ummer which begins in mid-May and lasts until mid-Septembe taximeters, and the charge commences from the minute the and with a rainy, but very moderate winter from November untimid-March. Spring and autumn are very brief periods, charactersed by very good weather. The duration of the day, with a very clear sky and sunshine throughout the year, ranges from 9.8

> The temperature during the day in summer ranges between 22 and 36 degrees Celsius, while in winter it ranges between 1 and 18 degrees Celsius depending on the altitude of the area. The winter and 24 degrees Celsius in August and September. So

### Useful Telephone Numbers:

Cyprus Ports Authority	+357 22817200	Fire Station	112
Agia Napa Fishing shelter	+357 23821830	First Aid	112
Osea buses	80005200	Airports/Flight information	77778833
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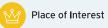
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# Explore the City

Agia Napa is built around the old Monastery and the town square and towards the fishing shelter. The area is packed with restaurants, bars and clubs. Most of the accommodation establishments are located on the beaches along the coast line both to the east and the

#### 1. Agia Napa Medieval Monastery / Square

This imposing medieval monastery, dedicated to "Our Lady of the Forests", stands in the middle of the town square and is enclosed within a high wall. Its 14th century church is partially underground, carved into a rock. An ancient sycamore tree, believed to be over 600 years old, stands in front of the south



#### 2. "Love Avia Napa" Sculpture

The stone Sculpture "Love Ayia Napa" i located at the entrance of the town square. The dimensions of the sculpture are 8m. X 2.60m and was created by the sculptor Yiannis Yianni. It is a popular spot for Instagram photos.



#### 3. Thalassa Municipal Museum

The Thalassa Museum showcases the marine heritage of Cyprus, from prehistoric times to present day, and is a modern, interactive museum, housed in a multi-purpose cultural center. Among the exhibits are a life-size replica of a 4th century Greek trading ship «Keryneia II», as well as bones and skulls of Cypriot pygmy mammals.



#### 4. The Agia Napa Aqueduct

The Aqueduct was originally built during the Roman Period and was remodeled by the tery of Agia Napa. The Aqueduct supplied Agia Napa with water until the 19 th century.

## 5. Agia Napa Fishing shelter

The picturesque Agia Napa fishing shelter is a landmark. It has evolved from a small fishing shelter to a facility that berths fishing boats, speed boats, sailboats and small cruise ships. The area around the fishing shelter features an open theatre, fountains, quaint cafes, fish taverns and restaurants.

#### 6. Feeling lucky – Ayia Napa Casino

The Ayia Napa Casino is located at the heart of Agia Napa resort, near the fishing shelter. It is designed so that each guest experiences luxury, style and comfort. It has 50 state-of-the-art gaming machines and is open daily from 3pm to 6am. Entrance is free but you must be 21+. Regulated by the Cyprus Gaming and Casino Supervision Commission.

#### 7. Shopping in Agia Napa

Walking along Archbishop Makarios III Avenue and Nissi Avenue you can have not only a modern shopping experience you would expect, but also discover unique, locally made items. With a rich history and many local handicrafts still practiced today you can choose an authentic piece of the island's heritage, like intricate lace tablecloths and rustic pottery. The island is also popular for its custom-made silver and gold jewellery.

#### 8. Where to eat – local delicacies

The area surrounding Agia Napa is also known as "Kokkinochoria" (red soil villages) due to its fertile red soil that produces some of the tastiest potatoes and fresh vegetable in Cyprus. Visit one of the many tavernas in and around Agia Napa and taste local foods such as red soil potatoes (Gr. Patata kokkinogis). Another local delicacy is kolokasi (Eng. Taro root), which is an edible root vegetable grown in the nearby village of Sotira (registered as "Protected Designation of Origin" and Protected Geographical Indication").

#### 9. Agia Napa Sculpture Park / Park of Mediterranean Plants, Cacti and Succulents

Located at the crossing of Cape Gkreko and Kryou Nerou Avenue, the 20.000 square metres sculpture park and its adjoining cactus park offer a beautiful setting, with panoramic views of the Mediterranean Sea. It is a perfect spot for a walk and there are benches along the way to relax and breathe in the scenery. There is also a large collection of sculptures on



### 10. Agia Napa Waterpark

Venetians when they were building the Monas- The Agia Napa Waterpark is a great place both for families and adrenaline enthusiasts. Themed after Greek mythological figures, it offers a variety of water slides as well as other 14. Pernera Beach exciting water activities. It is located on the west of Agia Napa, at 19 Ayia Theklis Street.



#### 11. Agia Napa Marina

The Agia Napa Marina is an official port of entry in Cyprus with Immigration and Passport control and a customs office. At the heart of the Marina there is signature, contemporary lifestyle focus point with high-end shops and Located 2 km from the centre of Agia Napa, dining options. The Marina offers world-class vachting facilities, luxurious residences and recreational and entertainment experiences.

Bus No 101 connects Agia Napa Marina with the town center.



#### 12. Musan – Museum of Underwater Sculpture Agia Napa

For the diving and snorkeling enthusiasts Agia Napa has something unique to offer, an aquatic underwater forest museum consisting of 93 works of Artist Jason De Caires Taylor, one of the most famous representatives of the eco-art movement, is the creator of this oneof-a-kind museum. The MUSAN is located near Pernera Beach west of Agia Napa Fishing shelter



# Beach

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Discover golden sandy beaches with crystal blue waters and enjoy the day to the fullest. protected area of the Natura 2000 network. The beaches offer amenities such as showers, Next to Makronissos beach is the Makronissos sun beds and umbrellas (for a fee), eateries necropolis archaeological site. It is a Hellenistic and a wide range of exciting water sports. and Roman Period cemetery, which consists of Most of the beaches are awarded with the Blue 19 underground tombs. They all have a rectan-Flag label, have the best water quality in the gular trench in the middle, slightly lower than EU and are named "Cleanest Bathing Waters in the floor and three benches at the sides of the Europe" year after year. Due to their underwa-chamber. ter visibility, they are ideal for diving and snorkeling.

#### 13. Sandy Bay Beach

Sandy Bay has fine white sands and calm waters and is a popular choice for families. There are watersports available and the rocky headlands on either side of the bay attract norkeling enthusiasts and divers.

Pernera Beach is located at the opposite end from the fishing shelter towards the edge of Sandy Bay Beach and because of its calm and crystal-clear waters is also a popular choice

#### 15. Ammos tou Kambouri

Located east of Agia Napa, this beautiful bay is an ideal wedding location. The beautifully decorated romantic and elegant venue on this beach offers a stunning setting for couples who wish to celebrate their wedding at a spot. where the sky and the sea create a unique backdrop setting.

#### 16. Limnara (Kermia) beach

within the Cape Gkreko National Forest Park, the 350-metres long beach of Limnara (Kermia) is a beautiful coastal stretch with fine, golden sands and calm, crystal-clear seawaters. Charming rock pools form at the edge of the bay.



#### 17. Nissi beach

Located 3.5 km west from the centre of Agia Napa, the 300-metres long beach has fine, golden sand and calm, crystal-clear waters and is a landmark of the region. A rocky - islet in front of the beach safely shelters its lagoon bay from the winds. You can reach the islet on foot on a narrow strip of sand. It is considered among the most beautiful beaches on the island and is often listed in the TOP 25 most beautiful beaches of the world.



### 18. Makronissos Beach and Archaeological Site

350-metres long beach of Makronissos is actually a picturesque cluster of three small bays. The beach has fine, golden sands and relatively calm, crystal-clear waters. The southwestern part is located within a special

Located 5 km from the centre of Agia Napa, the



# Stunning Coastal **Rock Formations**

The sea caves stretch along the coastline of Agia Napa all the way round Cape Gkreko National Park and are very popular for snorkeling and fishing. Cape Gkreko caves have a long geological history and have been carved out of the limestone by the sea over hundreds of thousands of years.

#### 19. Palatia sea caves

One of the most fascinating landmarks of Agia Napa is known as the Palatia, which means palaces in Greek. Situated between Limnara beach and Cape Gkreko, Palatia are actually a rock formation which, has been sculpted over thousands of years by the sea waves.

#### 20. Korakas Bridge

The naturally formed limestone bridge of Korakas frames the turquoise blue waters of the Mediterranean. You'll fall in love with its charm, the peace and quiet, and the sheer natural beauty of it.



### 21. Sea cave (Love bridge)

The "Bridge of Love" is a famous rocky arch formation with an edge extending into the crystal, turquoise sea from an elevated coastal plateau. The Bridge is located on the coast near Glyki Nero Beach.



# Around Agia Napa



#### 22. Cape Gkreko National Forest Park and the Environmental Information Center

The National Park of Cape Gkreko is an area of 28. Achna Lake Donkey Farm can admire magnificent cliff formations. Many of the different orchid species growing on the island are found here as well as crocuses and lilies. The Park's nature trail links the area with the Aphrodite Culture Route. At the heart of Cape Gkreko National Forest Park stands the Cape Gkreko Environmental Information and Education Centre.



# 23. Kavos nature trail & view point

Cape Gkreko's highest peak is called Kavos. Here the visitor can take time to sit on the benches and enjoy the stunning unobstructed views; the Peninsula (Pidalio), the Lighthouse, the National Forest Park, the crystal blue waters of the sea and the rugged coastline. A 2.5 kilometers long circular nature trail starts at Kavos peak.

#### 24. Agioi Anargyroi Chapel and Sea cave

The chapel is dedicating to Saints Kosmas and Damianos, also known as Agioi Anargyroi. They were doctors who treated and cured patients without receiving any payment, hence their name "anargyroi" (without receiving payment). According to the local folklore, during their journeys they faced rough seas and their boat drifted into a cave which has been turned into a chapel ever since. Nearby is the Agioi Anargyroi picnic Site.



#### 25. Potamos (River) of Liopetri

Located 15 km west of Agia Napa centre, Liopetri Potamos (river) is a picturesque fishing boat anchorage. Arthur Rimbaud, the French poet whose work influenced the surrealists (1854-1891) worked in this area in the early 1880s.

# Family friendly activities

### 26. Cyherbia Botanical Park and Labyrinth

The park is in Avgorou village and features 9 themed organic herb gardens, where a cluster of cypress trees has been planted in the shape of the island. There is a large hedge maze, and a lavender meditation labyrinth in the park.

#### 27. Antelia Bee Park

It is located next to Achna Dam and covers an area of about 18.5 acres. The park has outdoors beekeeping exhibits, gazebos in the shape of honeycombs and a little museum that exhibits items related to the production and processing of honey, pollen and royal jelly.

The farm is located near Achna water reservoir and has in addition to donkeys, also other domestic animals such as bunnies, goats, pigs, birds. The animals are kept within a nice area with winding paths for everyone to

### 29. Hadjigiorkis Flourmill Museum

The museum contributes to the promotion of the Cypriot rural and cultural heritage. It offers an interactive experience. Visitors get acquainted with the history behind Cypriot wheat production, the grinding of wheat using hand-mills and the kneading traditional sourdough Cypriot bread.

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