

Traditional Sheep & Goat Halloumi Festival



Sunday 3rd of May 2026 - Prastio(Avdimou)

Location: Multipurpose Center & surrounding square

Time: 11.00-19.00

Under the auspices of President of the District Local Government Organisations: Mr. Yiannis Tsouloftas

The picturesque, and spotlessly clean, village of Prastio (Avdimou), honors every aspect of the history and culture of halloumi, for another year, with a purely thematic festival, which will indulge your senses with the interactive and experiential activities, and will take you on a gastronomic, historical and religious journey, while experienced instructors will give unique experiences to the children.

The halloumi made with sheep and goat's milk, is considered the flag of authentic Cypriot cuisine and a part of the cultural heritage of Cyprus. Its history "travels" to the depths of the centuries, making it one of the oldest cheeses in the world. Its production is directly linked to the traditional rural life and social solidarity that characterizes the community of Prastio (Avdimou).

Halloumi is history. Halloumi is culture.

In addition to the rich traditional gastronomy, and the live music, the festival provides the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the nearby chapel of St. John the Theologian, where Father Athenodoros will talk to you about the history and art of iconography.

The halloumi Festival is organized by the Community Council and all the organized groups of the village. and the gold sponsor is the Deputy Ministry of Tourism.

Program

12 .00 Opening Ceremony & twinning with the municipality of kardista

12 .30 Traditional Dances & live Music

15 .00 Musical Program & Traditional dances with the band ENORA

17.00 Folklore Poems

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19.00 Closing of the Festival

Experiential Gastronomy Activities

- Halloumi Making Demonstration & Tasting
- Trahanas experiential workshop

Thematic Children's Activities

12.00- 19.00 Skill development for children with experienced trainers

Our small farm-Experiential activity with lambs

Wellness Activities

Rebirth of the tradition of the village to use milk for face beauty and protect the skin from the sun.

Religious Activities

Pilgrimage to the church of Agios Ioannis the Theologian, and acquaintance with Father Athenodoros, the hagiographer of the village.

Get to know the village

A tour of the historic part of the village, by a small train

Thirty exhibitors, halloumi producers of the region, traditional gastronomy, cosmetics, arts and crafts on the theme of halloumi. Traditional food and drinks and hospitality.



Organizers:

Golden Sponsor:

& all the organized groups of the village

Information: 99410520



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