CHRISTMAS VILLAGES

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART OF

Lofou

EVENTS PROGRAMME
2026 - 2027

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The days of the festival

THE PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

NOVEMBER 2026

Sat 21 p. 4 · Sun 22 p. 5 · Sat 28 p. 6 · Sun 29 p. 7

DECEMBER 2026

Sat 5 p. 8 · Sun 6 p. 9 · Fri 11 p. 10 · Sat 12 p. 11 · Sun 13 p. 12 · Fri 18 p. 13 · Sat 19 p. 14

Sun 20 p. 15 · Mon 21 p. 16 · Tue 22 p. 17 · Wed 23 p. 18 · Thu 24 p. 19 · Fri 25 p. 20 · Sat 26 p. 21

Sun 27 p. 22 · Mon 28 p. 23 · Tue 29 p. 24 · Wed 30 p. 25 · Thu 31 p. 26

JANUARY 2027

Fri 1 p. 27 · Sat 2 p. 28 · Sun 3 p. 29 · Mon 4 p. 30 · Tue 5 p. 31 · Wed 6 p. 32



FESTIVE SURPRISES

Train & Santa

The Christmas Train

A Christmas train will be going around the village, with its starting point at the school. Hop on for a festive ride through the alleys of Lofou!

Starting point: the School

Santa Claus in his wooden hut

On weekends, between 15:00 and 17:00, Santa will be taking pictures with the children at his wooden hut at the school. He will also be visiting on 23, 24 and 31 December.

Wooden hut at the School · 15:00 – 17:00

SANTA'S DAYS

☐ Weekends ■ Additional days

NOVEMBER 2026

Sat 21	Sun 22	Sat 28	Sun 29

DECEMBER 2026

Sat 5	Sun 6	Sat 12	Sun 13	Sat 19	Sun 20	Wed 23	Thu 24	Sat 26	Sun 27	Thu 31

JANUARY 2027

Sat 2	Sun 3



EVENT PROGRAMME

Saturday

21

November

2026

11:00 – 13:00

Traditional weaving and knitting workshop

Traditional weaving and knitting workshop, with a presentation of traditional techniques and a demonstration of the creative process, using suitable materials and tools. Visitors can take part and get to know these traditional crafts up close.

Square or Guesthouse

14:30 – 16:00

Music, sounds and movement

An interactive activity in which children listen to sounds from a tambourine, reed maracas, guiro and other improvised instruments and express them with body movements. They then take turns producing sounds and acting them out through movement and mime, and finish by creating sounds of nature and everyday moments, through teamwork and active participation.

Primary School

16:00 – 17:00

Entrance of a traditional dance group

Entrance of a large traditional dance group from the Folklore Society "Chrysospiliotissa" of Deftera, accompanied by laouto and violins, together with the little train and Santa Claus, from the Square to the Primary School.

From the Square to the Primary School

17:00 – 17:30

Welcome – Greeting of visitors

The Community Council welcomes visitors to the Christmas Village with an opening greeting. Speech by a representative of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism.

Primary School

17:30

Grand Lighting of the Lofou Christmas Village

The Grand Lighting of the Lofou Christmas Village by the Community Council, marking the start of the festive season in the village.

Primary School

18:00 – 20:30

Music programme with carols and a celebration

A music programme of traditional carols from Cyprus and regions of Greece, followed by a celebration with lyra, laouto, violin and two singers.

Primary School



Sunday

22

November

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

11:00 – 12:30
&
13:00 – 14:30

Traditional koulouria with epsima workshop

An introduction to the traditional making of Cypriot koulouria with epsima (tzierdzieloúthkia with epsima), in a private traditional courtyard, run by the Lofou Women's Committee.

Private traditional courtyard

11:30 – 12:30

Treasure hunt

Participants form teams of five. They follow a story and solve riddles, working together to discover the next clues and reach the treasure.

In the village centre

15:30 – 16:30

Interactive storytelling of the Christmas tale "Angeliki and the Yellow Scarf – A Christmas Story of Warmth"

An interactive Christmas story for the whole family, with the participation of children and an emphasis on warmth, care and giving.

Square

18:00 – 20:30

Music evening with a string and wind ensemble

Music evening with violins, viola, cello, clarinet and saxophone.

School



Saturday

28

November

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

10:30 – 11:30

Hike along the nature trail

A hike along the area's nature trail, with a chance for gentle exercise and to get to know the landscape and natural environment of Lofou, together with the village's volunteer youth group.

Elitzis Trail

11:00 – 13:00 & 15:00 – 17:00

Clay ornament workshop

Participants will decorate ready-made clay ornaments and creations, using paints and various painting and decorating materials. Through creative combinations of colours and designs, young and old will add their own personal touch, making unique handmade keepsakes from their visit to the Lofou Christmas Village.

School

11:30 – 13:00

Free sketching in the alleys of Lofou

Free sketching with pencil and colours in the alleys of Lofou. Participants capture in their own way what the village means to them, drawing inspiration from its architecture, its corners and its everyday life.

Square

12:00 – 13:00 & 13:30 – 14:30

Traditional trahanas-making workshop

A traditional trahanas-making workshop, with a presentation of the main stages of the process and an introduction to this Cypriot culinary tradition, run by the Women's Committee.

Private courtyard

14:00 – 15:30

Introduction to the magical world of chess

The workshop is for children, teenagers and adults, beginners and experienced players alike. It includes learning the moves, chess quizzes and puzzles, basic tactics and friendly games. Children also enjoy Christmas drawings, crafts and creative games inspired by chess.

School

16:00 – 17:00

Puppet theatre: "Rudolph Who Wanted a Day Off"

A children's puppet show, "Rudolph Who Wanted a Day Off", by MeliX Productions.

School

18:00 – 20:30

A musical journey through the Greek repertoire

A musical journey through the Greek repertoire, with stops at laiko and elafrolaiko songs, by the music group "The Most Beautiful Laika_Lofou".

School



EVENT PROGRAMME

Sunday

29

November

2026

11:00

Walk through the alleys of the village

A walk through the alleys and points of interest of the village with a Lofou resident as guide, to get to know its architecture and corners up close.

In the village centre

11:30 – 13:00

Introduction to the magical world of chess

The workshop is for children, teenagers and adults, beginners and experienced players alike. It includes learning the moves, chess quizzes and puzzles, basic tactics and friendly games. Children also enjoy Christmas drawings, crafts and creative games inspired by chess.

Square

11:30 – 13:00
&
15:00 – 17:00

Ceramics workshop for children and adults

A ceramics workshop for children and adults with the visual artist Maria Michael. Participants learn basic clay-shaping techniques and create their own piece.

School

14:00 – 16:00

Introduction to wood carving

An introduction to wood carving and the basic techniques of working with wood, with a demonstration and a creative activity.

School

15:00 – 16:00
&
16:00 – 17:00

Experiential fairy-tale storytelling

Experiential fairy-tale storytelling that invites children to take part in the story. It takes place in two groups: group 1 at 15:00 – 16:00 and group 2 at 16:00 – 17:00.

Square

18:00 – 20:30

Music evening with voice and guitar

A music evening with Giannis Stylianou on voice and guitar, with a festive Greek and international repertoire.

School



Saturday

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December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

10:30 – 11:30

Organised cycling route

An organised cycling route around Lofou, to discover the natural landscape and the village through an outdoor activity, with the Lofou volunteer youth group.

Around the village

11:00 – 13:00

"I Discover the Art of Mosaic"

Participants learn the mosaic technique and make their own handmade coaster step by step, guided by the workshop's artist.

School

14:00 – 15:30

Workshop on making improvised musical instruments

A workshop on making improvised reed musical instruments such as flute, guiro and rattles. For ages 12 and over.

Primary School

15:00 – 17:30

Decorating a gourd (ploumisma)

A traditional folk art workshop: ploumisma of a gourd, that is, decorating the gourd in the traditional way.

Square

16:30 – 18:30

Miniature of the traditional "tsaeras" chair

A workshop on making a miniature of the traditional "tsaeras" chair. Participants discover a characteristic piece of folk tradition and build their own miniature.

School

18:00 – 20:30

Guitar and song

A music programme with guitar and song, with Greek elafrolaiko tunes, for a relaxed evening in the village.

School



Sunday

6

December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

11:00 – 12:00

Treasure hunt

Participants form teams of five, follow a story and solve riddles, working together to discover the next clues and reach the treasure.

In the village centre

11:00 – 14:00

Ppalouzes-making workshop

A ppalouzes-making workshop and an introduction to the traditional tools and machines used to prepare it, run by the Women's Committee.

Ppalouzes Hall

11:30 – 13:00
&
15:30 – 17:00

Sourdough bread kneading and baking workshop

A sourdough bread kneading and baking workshop in which participants learn how the bread is made and take an active part in preparing and kneading the dough, discovering traditional techniques and baking methods.

Archontariki

16:30 – 17:30

Children's ventriloquist show: "Little Worm and the Little Drummer"

A children's theatre show with a ventriloquist, ideal for the village's young visitors.

Square

18:00 – 20:00

Entechno song

A lyrical musical journey through selected entechno songs, with Spyridonas Georgiou and Anastasia Kozakou.

School



EVENT PROGRAMME

Friday

11

December

2026

11:00 – 13:00	**Traditional Cypriot halloumi-making workshop**	A unique introduction to Cypriot culinary tradition! Participants will see the traditional halloumi-making process up close, discover the secrets of cheesemaking and take an active part in the various stages of making this beloved Cypriot cheese. School
15:00 – 17:00	**Painting and creative expression workshop**	A creative workshop in which participants experiment with different painting materials and techniques, using canvases, pebbles or other materials as a base, combining colours, glue and decorative elements to create their own unique works. School
16:00 – 17:00	**Historical tour of the Chrysolofitissa Church**	A historical tour of the Chrysolofitissa Church by Father Fotios, with a guided visit of the building and information about its history, in the village centre. Church in the village centre
17:00 – 18:30	**"I Paint the Pomegranate of Lofou"**	Participants paint wooden pomegranates, a fruit tied to Lofou's local tradition, and turn them into good-luck charms to take home as a keepsake. School
18:00 – 19:00	**Tour of the "Agrovino" Wine Bar**	A tour of the Wine Bar and a tasting of local pomegranate products such as zivania, jam, wine and liqueur. Agrovino Wine Bar
18:00 – 20:30	**Music programme**	A music programme with guitar, piano and two singers. The repertoire includes jazz, pop, musicals, Greek and Cypriot songs in special arrangements. School



Saturday

12

December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

10:30 – 11:30

Organised cycling route

An organised cycling route around Lofou, to discover the natural landscape and the village through an outdoor activity, with the Lofou volunteer youth group.

Around the village

11:00 – 13:00
&
15:00 – 17:00

Painting and creative expression workshop

A creative workshop in which participants experiment with different painting materials and techniques, using canvases, pebbles or other materials as a base, combining colours, glue and decorative elements to create their own unique works.

School

11:30 – 13:00

Christmas biscuit making and decorating workshop

Participants will make their own biscuits and decorate them with colourful materials and sweets, letting their imagination and creativity run free.

Guesthouse

15:30 – 16:00
&
16:30 – 17:00

Children's dance schools

Children's dance schools present dance performances, in two short slots: 15:30 – 16:00 and 16:30 – 17:00.

School

18:00 – 20:30

Rebetiko evening

A traditional rebetiko evening with three singers, with favourite rebetiko melodies.

School



Sunday

13

December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

11:00 – 12:00

Walk through the alleys of the village

A walk through the alleys and points of interest of the village with a Lofou resident as guide, to get to know its architecture and corners up close.

In the village centre

11:00 – 12:30

Traditional sourdough bread-making workshop

A traditional sourdough bread-making workshop, with kneading and baking using traditional techniques, at the village guesthouse.

Guesthouse

11:30 – 13:30

Decorating a gourd (ploumisma)

A traditional folk art workshop: ploumisma of a gourd, that is, decorating the gourd in the traditional way.

Square

13:30 – 15:30

Miniature of the traditional "tsaeras" chair

A workshop on making a miniature of the traditional "tsaeras" chair. Participants discover a characteristic piece of folk tradition and build their own miniature.

School

15:30 – 17:00

Christmas biscuit-making workshop

Participants will make their own biscuits and decorate them with colourful materials and sweets, letting their imagination and creativity run free.

School

16:30 – 17:00

Concert by the Mesa Geitonia Philharmonic Orchestra

A thirty-minute live concert by the Mesa Geitonia Philharmonic Orchestra, in the village square.

Square

17:00 – 18:00

Choir of the Municipality of Aradippou

The Choir of the Municipality of Aradippou presents a choral programme at the Christmas Village.

School



Friday

18

December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

11:00 – 13:00

Traditional Cypriot halloumi-making workshop

A unique introduction to Cypriot culinary tradition! Participants will see the traditional halloumi-making process up close, discover the secrets of cheesemaking and take an active part in the various stages of making this beloved Cypriot cheese.

School

15:00 – 17:00

Painting and creative expression workshop

A creative workshop in which participants experiment with different painting materials and techniques, using canvases, pebbles or other materials as a base, combining colours, glue and decorative elements to create their own unique works.

School

16:00 – 17:00

Tour of the local Bes brewery

A tour of the local Bes brewery, an introduction to the production process and a tasting of its available products.

Bes Brewery

17:00 – 18:30

"I Paint the Pomegranate of Lofou"

Participants paint wooden pomegranates, a fruit tied to Lofou's local tradition, and turn them into good-luck charms to take home as a keepsake.

School

18:00 – 19:00

Telling of Cypriot folk tales

Telling of Cypriot folk tales in the village square, for young and old.

Square

19:00 – 20:30

Music evening with saxophone

A music evening with live saxophone at the village school, to end the day in a festive mood.

School



Saturday

19

December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

10:30 – 11:30

Hike along the nature trail

A hike along the area's nature trail, with a chance for gentle exercise and to get to know the landscape and natural environment of Lofou, together with the village's volunteer youth group.

Nature trail

11:00 – 13:00
&
15:00 – 17:00

Clay ornament workshop

Participants will decorate ready-made clay ornaments and creations, using paints and various painting and decorating materials. Through creative combinations of colours and designs, young and old will add their own personal touch, making unique handmade keepsakes from their visit to the Lofou Christmas Village.

School

13:00 – 15:00

"Louvana" soup-making workshop

A workshop on making the traditional "Louvana" soup and fragrant mulled wine, in a private courtyard, run by the Women's Committee.

Private courtyard

16:00 – 18:00

Bread decoration workshop

A bread decoration workshop, accompanied by fairy tales, myths and folklore stories about bread, customs and Cypriot folk culture.

Guesthouse

17:00 – 18:00

Traditional carols through the alleys

A route through the village alleys with traditional carols from a group of 20 people from the ROMIOSYNI Cultural Association, from the school to the square.

From the school to the square

18:00 – 20:00

Christmas music

Christmas music in an international repertoire, in an acoustic live set.

School



Sunday

20

December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

11:00 – 12:00	**Treasure hunt**	Participants form teams of five, follow a story and solve riddles to reach the treasure. In the village centre
11:00 – 13:00	**Traditional weaving on the loom and the vouffa**	Demonstration of weaving and knitting. School
11:30 – 13:00	**Traditional trahanas-making workshop**	Fresh trahanas made from scratch, in the courtyard of a Lofou resident. Private courtyard
14:00 – 16:00	**Experiential wooden decorations workshop**	Making and decorating wooden decorations, for young and old. School
15:00 – 17:00	**Clay ornament workshop**	Decorating ready-made clay ornaments with paints and materials, for a unique handmade keepsake. School
15:30 – 16:00	**Children's choir**	Square
16:30 – 17:30	**Storytelling of "Lola and Her Friends (Not)"**	Interactive reading workshop based on the children's book. Square
17:30 – 18:30	**Traditional dances of Cyprus and Greece**	A music and dance experience with the rhythms and movements of our folk tradition. School
18:30 – 20:30	**Jazzy Christmas**	Christmas music in an international and retro repertoire, with live saxophone. School



EVENT PROGRAMME

Monday

21

December

2026

11:30 – 13:30

Traditional weaving on the loom and the vouffa

A demonstration of traditional weaving on the loom and the vouffa, as well as of weaving and knitting, to see up close how traditional woven pieces are made.

School

11:30 – 13:00

Herb and lavender craft workshop

Participants make their own fabric decoration and fill it with lavender seeds, combining craft with the scents of nature. An activity that brings young and old closer to herbs and their natural properties.

Square

15:00 – 16:30

Workshop on making the traditional Cypriot flute (avlos)

A craft workshop: making the traditional Cypriot flute (avlos). For adults.

School

15:00 – 16:30

Truffle-making workshop with natural ingredients and herbs

A creative workshop dedicated to making truffles with natural ingredients and aromatic herbs. Participants learn about combinations of flavours and aromas and make their own truffles, in a hands-on experience that combines gastronomy with the gifts of nature.

Guesthouse

18:00 – 20:30

Traditional music with the ANeraides

Traditional music with 4 young women, by the ANeraides group.

School



Tuesday

22

December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

11:00 – 12:00	**Walk through the alleys of the village**	To the points of interest of Lofou, with a local resident as guide. In the village centre
11:00 – 13:00	**Little Scientists**	Interactive activity for children about physics: phenomena and experiments with harmless materials. School
11:30 – 12:30	**Tour of the local Bes brewery**	Introduction to the production process and tasting of the available products. Bes Brewery
11:30 – 13:30	**"I Discover the Art of Mosaic"**	Introduction to the mosaic technique and making your own handmade coaster. Square
14:00 – 16:00	**"Musical Games & I Build My Own Orchestra"**	Based on the El Sistema method, with or without musical knowledge. Instruments will be available for use on site. School
15:30 – 17:30	**Cooking workshop: "soupouthkia with epsima"**	Preparing the beloved traditional dish of Cypriot cuisine. Guesthouse or Square
17:00 – 18:00	**Limassol Folklore Society**	The children's dance group presents traditional dances of Cyprus and Greece. School
18:00 – 20:00	**Music programme**	Jazz, swing, musicals and Broadway, pop classics, film music and Christmas melodies. School



Wednesday

23

December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

11:00 – 12:30

Melomakarona-making workshop

A festive workshop dedicated to one of the most beloved Christmas sweets. Participants learn how melomakarona are made, take part in making them and enjoy the scents and flavours of Christmas traditions.

Guesthouse

11:30 – 13:00

Free sketching in the alleys of Lofou

Free sketching with pencil and colours in the alleys of Lofou. Participants capture in their own way what the village means to them, drawing inspiration from its architecture, its corners and its everyday life.

In the village centre

14:30 – 16:30

Experiential wooden decorations workshop

Participants make their own wooden decorations, giving their creations a personal character through creative choices and decoration. A workshop that combines craft with imagination, for young and old.

School

15:30 – 16:30

Shadow puppet making workshop

Participants make their own shadow theatre puppet, getting to know a beloved part of Greek and Cypriot folk tradition. Through choosing designs, making and decorating it, they take it home as a keepsake.

Square

16:30 – 17:30

Shadow theatre show – Karagiozis

A shadow theatre show with Karagiozis, a beloved part of Greek and Cypriot folk tradition, for young and old.

Square

18:00 – 21:00

Concert with Giannis Margaris and his ensemble

A concert with Giannis Margaris and his music ensemble, with laoutos and violins.

School



EVENT PROGRAMME

Thursday

24

December

2026

11:00 – 12:00

Organised cycling route

An organised cycling route around Lofou, to discover the natural landscape and the village through an outdoor activity, with the Lofou volunteer youth group.

Around the village

11:30 – 13:00

Traditional trahanas-making workshop

A workshop on making traditional fresh trahanas, in the courtyard of a Lofou resident, with an introduction to the stages of the process.

Private courtyard

11:30 – 12:30

Experiential theatre workshop "The Snowman with the Warm Heart"

Through theatre play and dramatisation, children travel into the world of the story "The Snowman with the Warm Heart". With movement, expression and imagination they take part in its unfolding, discovering the meaning of love, friendship, giving and solidarity.

Square

15:00 – 16:00

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School

15:00 – 17:00

Herb and lavender craft workshop

Participants make their own fabric decoration and fill it with lavender seeds, combining craft with the scents of nature. An activity that brings young and old closer to herbs and their natural properties.

School

18:00 – 20:30

Giannis Stylianou

Giannis Stylianou in a dynamic festive programme of Greek and international hits.

School



Friday

25

December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

16:00 – 17:00

The Elves and the Shoemaker – Fairy-tale storytelling

A warm Christmas telling of the beloved fairy tale, taking young and old into a world full of magic, kindness and surprises. Through the story of the shoemaker and the little elves who help him, the value of giving, solidarity and gratitude shines through.

Square

16:00 – 18:00

Relaxed Christmas music

A pleasant musical gathering with relaxed rhythms and favourite melodies from the international Christmas repertoire, creating a warm, festive atmosphere and accompanying visitors on their stroll through the village.

School

17:00 – 18:00

Christmas theatre games for children

An interactive activity in which children take an active part through theatre games, improvisation, movement and group activities with a Christmas theme, nurturing their imagination and creativity.

Square

18:00 – 19:00

Christmas theatre games for children

An interactive activity in which children take an active part through theatre games, improvisation, movement and group activities with a Christmas theme, nurturing their imagination and creativity.

School

19:00 – 21:00

Laiko and elafrolaiko

Live music by a four-piece band playing laiko and elafrolaiko tunes, by the group "Asikides".

School



Saturday

26

December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

11:00 – 12:00

Hike along the nature trail

A chance for gentle exercise and to get to know the landscape and natural environment of Lofou.

Elitzis Trail

11:00 – 13:00

"I Make My Own Christmas"

Crafts with eco-friendly materials: origami, clay, candle-making and painting, with a Christmas and Cypriot theme.

School

11:30 – 13:00

Traditional trahanas-making workshop

Fresh trahanas, in the courtyard of a Lofou resident.

Private courtyard

14:00 – 16:00

Adventure – escape game

For visitors of all ages: solve riddles and decode messages to escape from the room.

Guesthouse

15:00 – 16:00

The Elves and the Shoemaker – Fairy-tale storytelling

A warm Christmas telling about the value of giving, solidarity and gratitude.

Square

15:00 – 16:30

Truffle-making workshop with natural ingredients and herbs

Combinations of flavours and aromas for your own truffles.

School

16:30 – 17:30

Theatre: "The Little Christmas Storytellers"

A festive show with stories full of imagination, love and the Christmas spirit.

School

18:00 – 20:30

Music evening

Greek rock and entechno hits with the sounds of cello and piano.

School



Sunday

27

December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

11:00 – 12:00	**Walk through the alleys of the village**	To the points of interest of Lofou, with a local resident as guide. In the village centre
11:00 – 13:00	**Little Scientists**	Interactive activity for children about physics: phenomena and experiments with harmless materials. School
11:30 – 13:00	**Experiential wooden decorations workshop**	Making and decorating wooden decorations, for young and old. School
11:30 – 13:00	**Introduction to the magical world of chess**	For children, teenagers and adults: moves, quizzes, puzzles, friendly games and Christmas creations for the children. Square
14:00 – 16:00	**Adventure – escape game**	For visitors of all ages: solve riddles and decode messages to escape from the room. Guesthouse
15:30 – 16:30	**Tour of the "Agrovino" Wine Bar**	Tasting of local pomegranate products: zivania, jam, wine and liqueur. Agrovino Wine Bar
16:30 – 17:30	**Interactive storytelling "Angeliki and the Yellow Scarf"**	With the participation of children and an emphasis on warmth, care and giving. School
18:00 – 20:00	**Voice n Keys**	Christmas songs in English and Greek, in modern pop and swing rhythms. School



Monday

28

December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

10:00 – 12:00

Local pomegranate jam-making workshop

A workshop dedicated to the pomegranate, a product tied to the local tradition and culinary identity of the area. Participants learn how pomegranate jam is made, discovering ways of using the fruit and the local flavours of Lofou.

Taverna I Lofou

11:00 – 12:00

Traditional pitta tis satzis-making workshop

A workshop dedicated to traditional Cypriot cuisine, focusing on making pitta tis satzis. Participants learn the process and come into contact with the techniques and flavours that are part of our culinary heritage.

Guesthouse

11:30 – 12:30

Historical tour of the Chrysolofitissa Church

A historical tour of the Chrysolofitissa Church by Father Fotios, with a guided visit of the building and information about its history, in the village centre.

Church in the village centre

12:00 – 13:00

Pisiia-making workshop

A workshop dedicated to a beloved traditional dish of Cypriot cuisine. Participants learn how pisiia is made, from preparing the dough to shaping and baking it, discovering techniques and flavours passed down through generations.

Guesthouse

15:00 – 17:00

"I Discover the Art of Mosaic"

Participants learn the mosaic technique and make their own handmade coaster step by step, guided by the workshop's artist.

School

18:00 – 20:00

Music evening with saxophone

Christmas melodies with saxophone, to end the day in a festive mood.

School



Tuesday

29

December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

11:00 – 12:00

Treasure hunt

Participants form teams of five, follow a story and solve riddles, working together to discover the next clues and reach the treasure.

In the village centre

11:30 – 13:00

Traditional kourabiedes-making workshop

A festive workshop dedicated to traditional kourabiedes, one of the most characteristic Christmas sweets. Participants learn the basic stages of making them and take part in making and decorating them with icing sugar.

Guesthouse

15:30 – 16:30

Shadow theatre – "The Grinch"

The Grinch, a lonely grump, lives outside the village of Whoville. He does not like Christmas at all and decides to "steal" it, taking all the villagers' presents and decorations.

Square

16:30 – 17:30

Shadow puppet making workshop

Inspired by the show "The Grinch", participants make their own shadow theatre puppet, inspired by the world of the Grinch and Christmas, and discover the art of shadow theatre through painting and decoration.

Square

18:00 – 20:30

Guitar and song

Music with guitar and song, mostly in an entechno repertoire, for a calm evening at the Christmas Village.

School



Wednesday

30

December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

11:00 – 12:00

Walk through the alleys of the village

A walk through the alleys and points of interest of the village with a Lofou resident as guide, to get to know its architecture and corners up close.

In the village centre

11:00 – 12:30
&
14:00 – 15:30

Biscuit making and decorating workshop

Participants will make their own biscuits and decorate them with colourful materials and sweets, letting their imagination and creativity run free.

School

15:30 – 16:30

Shadow theatre: "Forgotten Christmas Toys"

A shadow theatre show about the forgotten toys of Christmas, for young and old.

Square

16:30 – 17:30

Shadow puppet making workshop

An experiential workshop on making a shadow theatre puppet: participants make their own puppet and learn about the art of shadow theatre.

Square

18:00 – 20:00

Music evening "On Santa's Sleigh"

A music evening titled "On Santa's Sleigh". The show combines the Greek tradition of carols with melodies from the international Christmas music heritage, creating an atmosphere that is both reverent and joyful.

School



Thursday

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December

2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

10:30 – 12:00

Vasilopita-making workshop

A festive workshop dedicated to making the traditional vasilopita, one of the most characteristic dishes of New Year. Participants learn the basic stages of making it and its meaning as a custom tied to good luck, prosperity and welcoming the new year.

Guesthouse

11:30 – 12:00

Traditional re-enactment of the custom "Agios Vasilis the King"

A traditional re-enactment reviving the custom "Agios Vasilis the King", bringing visitors elements of folk tradition and the festive habits of our region.

Square

15:30 – 16:30

Shadow puppet making workshop

Participants make their own shadow theatre puppet, getting to know a beloved part of Greek and Cypriot folk tradition. Through choosing designs, making and decorating it, they take it home as a keepsake.

School

16:30 – 17:30

Shadow theatre show – Karagiozis

A shadow theatre show with Karagiozis, a beloved part of Greek and Cypriot folk tradition, for young and old.

School



Friday

1

January

2027

EVENT PROGRAMME

08:30

Church service and cutting of the Vasilopita

Church service and cutting of the Vasilopita at the Church, with Father Fotios, to welcome the new year together.

Church

11:00 – 12:00

Treasure hunt

Participants form teams of five, follow a story and solve riddles, working together to discover the next clues and reach the treasure.

In the village centre

15:00 – 16:30
&
16:30 – 18:00

"I Paint Good-Luck Charms for the New Year"

Participants make their own good-luck charms for the new year, decorating them with colours, designs and craft materials. Through painting they give their creations a personal character, combining imagination with traditional symbols of good fortune, prosperity and renewal.

School

18:00 – 20:00

Guitar and song

Music with guitar and song, mostly in an entechno repertoire, for a calm evening at the Christmas Village.

School



Saturday

2

January

2027

EVENT PROGRAMME

11:00 – 12:00

Hike along the nature trail

A hike along the area's nature trail, with a chance for gentle exercise and to get to know the landscape and natural environment of Lofou, together with the village's volunteer youth group.

Elitzis Trail

11:30 – 13:00

"Christmas Window on Lofou"

Participants create their own Christmas paintings on small frames, inspired by the traditional architecture, the picturesque alleys and the festive atmosphere of Lofou, making a special handmade keepsake.

School

14:30 – 15:30

Theatre show "Christmas in the Rainbow"

A festive theatre show that takes children to a colourful world full of imagination, joy and Christmas magic, by Piccolo Theatre.

School

16:00 – 17:00

The Elves and the Shoemaker – Fairy-tale storytelling

A warm Christmas telling of the beloved fairy tale, taking young and old into a world full of magic, kindness and surprises. Through the story of the shoemaker and the little elves who help him, the value of giving, solidarity and gratitude shines through.

Square

18:00 – 20:30

Music programme

A music programme with guitar, piano and two singers. The repertoire includes jazz, pop, musicals, Greek and Cypriot songs in special arrangements.

School



EVENT PROGRAMME

Sunday

3

January

2027

11:00 – 12:00

Organised cycling route

An organised cycling route around Lofou, to discover the natural landscape and the village through an outdoor activity, with the Lofou volunteer youth group.

Around the village

11:30 – 13:00

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School

15:30 – 16:30

Interactive storytelling "Angeliki and the Yellow Scarf – A Christmas Story of Warmth"

An interactive Christmas story for the whole family, with the participation of children and an emphasis on warmth, care and giving.

Square

17:30 – 18:00

Aerial audiovisual drone show

An aerial audiovisual drone show, designed as a special spectacle for visitors to the Christmas Village.

School

18:00 – 20:00

Entechno and elafrolaiko

Entechno and elafrolaiko songs, from the 60s and 70s to today, in a music evening for all ages.

School



Monday

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January

2027

EVENT PROGRAMME

11:00 – 12:00

Traditional pitta tis satzis-making workshop

A workshop dedicated to traditional Cypriot cuisine, focusing on making pitta tis satzis. Participants learn the process and come into contact with the techniques and flavours that are part of our culinary heritage.

Guesthouse

12:00 – 13:00

Tour of the local Bes brewery

A tour of the local Bes brewery, an introduction to the production process and a tasting of its available products.

Bes Brewery

15:30 – 16:30

Tour of the "Agrovino" Wine Bar

A tour of the Wine Bar and a tasting of local pomegranate products such as zivania, jam, wine and liqueur.

Agrovino Wine Bar

18:00 – 19:00

Theatre show "Souxou Mouxou and the Lost Christmas Letter"

A theatre show by Teatro Angelico, about a lost Christmas letter.

Square

18:00 – 20:00

Music programme

A music programme of jazz, swing, musicals and Broadway, pop classics, film music and timeless Christmas melodies. Mostly English-language repertoire, with selected Greek songs.

School



Tuesday

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January

2027

EVENT PROGRAMME

10:00 – 12:00

Local pomegranate jam-making workshop

A workshop dedicated to the pomegranate, a product tied to the local tradition and culinary identity of the area. Participants learn how pomegranate jam is made, discovering ways of using the fruit and the local flavours of Lofou.

Taverna I Lofou

11:00 – 13:00

Traditional village "Kalantisma" (carolling)

On the route to carol at all the houses of the village, together with Father Fotios, we will gain many experiences and much knowledge.

Throughout the village

11:00 – 13:00

"I Discover the Art of Mosaic"

Participants learn the mosaic technique and make their own handmade coaster step by step, guided by the workshop's artist.

School

15:00 – 17:00

Traditional weaving on the loom and the vouffa

A demonstration of traditional weaving on the loom and the vouffa, as well as of weaving and knitting, to see up close how traditional woven pieces are made.

School

15:30 – 17:00

Free sketching in the alleys of Lofou

Free sketching with pencil and colours in the alleys of Lofou. Participants capture in their own way what the village means to them, drawing inspiration from its architecture, its corners and its everyday life.

In the village centre

18:00 – 20:00

Laiko and elafrolaiko songs

A music programme of Greek laiko and elafrolaiko songs, film hits and well-known works by Greek composers.

School



Wednesday

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January

2027

EVENT PROGRAMME

11:00 – 12:00
&
15:00 – 16:30

Experiential loukoumades-making workshop

A sweet workshop dedicated to making traditional loukoumades, a beloved treat tied to the flavours and culinary traditions of our region.

Guesthouse

12:30 – 13:00

Traditional re-enactment with kalikantzaroi

A traditional re-enactment with kalikantzaroi in the village centre, with the song of the custom "Titsin titsin loukaniko".

In the village centre

15:30 – 16:30

Theatre show "The Little Mouse Who Wanted to Touch a Star"

A theatre show by TheamArt at the village school.

School

18:00 – 20:00

Music evening with saxophone

Christmas melodies with saxophone, to end the day in a festive mood.

School



2027

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART OF

Lofou

Merry Christmas
and a Happy 2027!

