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10.000 years of history

... and now is the best time to



LARNAKA REGION CYPRUS

Rarely you find so much diversity
and interesting places in such a small area.
And so conveniently located to be your base
from which to explore the rest of Cyprus.



enjoy larnaka region!

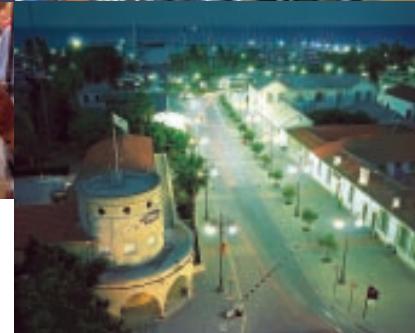
Welcome to a place where past and present blend magically into a delightful mosaic of sun, fun and culture. A region that will amaze you with its diversity and genuine hospitality of its people. There's a surprise in every corner, waiting for you to explore, discover and enjoy.



The famous Finikoudes palm-lined Larnaka seafront which has something for everyone!

larnaka

the gateway
to Cyprus



This is where East meets West, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities of the world and a fascinating blend of the many civilisations that shaped its history. The quiet sea front city of Larnaka, situated on the southeast coast of Cyprus, very near the island's main international airport, is a perfect starting point from which to explore Cyprus and especially the region with its endless possibilities close by. Villages offering agrotourism, beautiful beaches, sports and recreation options, cultural events, religious tourism and authentic Cyprus taverns are just some of the choices in and around town. Welcome to Larnaka, the gateway to Cyprus!

agrotourism

in the larnaka region

Stone built houses with character and charm provide traditional Cyprus accommodation, combining comfort and style, for a truly memorable stay

Agrotourism is a holiday offering an entirely different experience. It is an ecological way of enjoying nature, tasting local flavours, delicacies and wine, learning about the tradition of a different culture and the history of the villages. One can enjoy the hospitality and friendliness of the local people and get immersed in the original Cypriot life, just as past generations experienced it.



The Larnaka Region is dotted with beautiful villages where people have a different viewpoint of customs and festivities such as Christmas, Easter and other local celebrations. You may participate in these traditional village events such as weddings and local festivals or follow an untouched nature trail to the heart of Cyprus nature. The possibilities provided to you by agro-visiting are endless.



This mild form of sustainable tourism and multi-activity in rural areas is becoming increasingly popular, giving visitors a taste of authentic Cyprus life. Get acquainted with agricultural areas, agricultural occupations, local products, traditional cuisine and the daily life of the people. End your day with a Cypriot coffee or other traditional drink in the central village square in one of the charming villages that make Larnaka region so unique.



village life



Discover what Cyprus really is about by visiting beautiful traditional villages that seem to be a world away, just a short drive from Larnaka. Psematismenos, Lefkara, Tochni and Kalavastos villages are a few kilometres off the Larnaka - Lemesos (Limassol) highway, and they are a must, just like Agia Anna, Psevdas and Kornos which are much closer to Larnaka. On the East of Larnaka the scenery is different, with Voroklini, Pyla and further away Ormideia and Xylofagou, known for their basket making. These villages, although small and close to each other, have their own individual character and charm, and are certainly worth discovering.



Walking in the fields alongside a flock of sheep, is a tranquil sight not to be seen in a busy town

beaches

pebbles & sand



Endless rows of sunbeds on the famous Finikoudes beach in the heart of Larnaka



Miles upon miles of clean, safe beaches on either side of Larnaka make the whole area a paradise for water lovers. One of the most popular in the region is the Yannathes beach in Voroklini, just minutes from most hotels. A beautifully designed foot path surrounded by flowers and trees makes this beach ideal not just for swimming but also for a romantic midnight stroll. On the other side, the McKenzie beach is close to the airport, near many popular restaurants and cafeterias. Not forgetting the famous Finikoudes Seafront in the heart of Larnaka. For more privacy you can visit the more secluded beaches west of Larnaka airport. Many of them proudly display the Blue Flag, an annual award to beaches that meet very strict criteria, ranging from water quality to area management and safety.

Explore the Zinovia ship wreck, a magical underwater experience in Larnaka.



be active
on land & water



If you enjoy sports, then Larnaka is your heaven! Be it energetic, be it relaxing, Larnaka is sure to accommodate every desire. Water Sports on the numerous spots along the Larnaka coastline include Jet Ski, Banana Rides, Water Ski, Sailing and Paragliding. Fishing is very popular for both adults and children, with many ideal spots for many hours of tranquil escape. Scuba diving and deep-sea diving are also very popular, with some unusual diving sites of great interest.

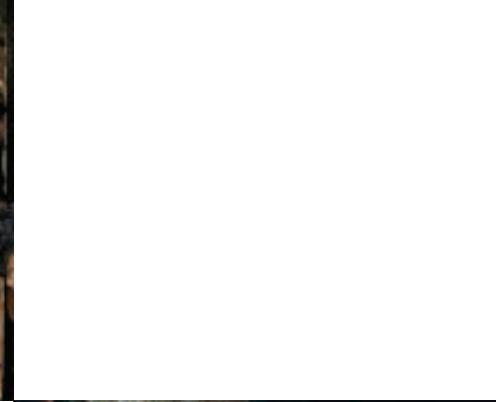
On land one could try out the local shooting club, a game of Tennis at the local Tennis Club, Go-Karts, professional training in one of the many playing fields or a more adventurous walk or bicycle ride in the countryside. Whether you want to get your feet wet or stay dry, Larnaka is the place to be!



eating & enjoying



Traditional Cypriot food enjoyed open-air in a stone-built village tavern should not be missed!



People in Larnaka know how to enjoy life, and this is reflected in their eating habits! There is a variety of restaurants, taverns, cafeterias and bars in town and the surrounding villages. Testimony to their quality is the fact that they are so popular among local connoisseurs from other areas of Cyprus. They come for an exotic International dish or a traditional Cypriot kebab. It's all at arms reach and offering real value. Highly recommended is Cyprus Meze in a traditional village tavern. This is a large selection of Cypriot dishes, all served in one long indulgent session - an experience not to be missed! You could also enjoy all this at the sounds of local bouzouki, being played live with a good old sing along, by everyone around. Now that's entertainment, the Cypriot way!



multicultural & cosmopolitan



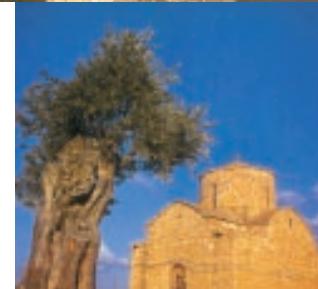
Through the centuries Larnaka has been at the crossroad of civilisations. This heritage is evident today in its open-minded welcoming attitude to all people, cultures and religions. Here Christians and Muslims exercise their faith, co-existing in perfect harmony. Places of worship include Muslim Mosques, Armenian, Catholic or Anglican Churches and many others - alongside the countless Greek Orthodox Churches that are an integral part of the scenery. Religion apart, Larnaka is a truly multi-cultural melting pot where locals and visitors feel free to express themselves in any way they like.

The majestic Stavrovouni Monastery on a rocky mountain top, with a breathtaking view of the whole region.

churches & monasteries



If you have an interest in Churches and Byzantine Art, Larnaka Region becomes an open museum. First to visit is Saint Lazarus church, one of the most important surviving Byzantine monuments in Cyprus. It was built in 890 AD above the resting place of Saint Lazarus, who lived and died in Larnaka after his resurrection. This is just the beginning of a mystical tour, immersed in history and legend, which will take you from countless Byzantine marvels to fascinating places of Muslim worship.



Everyone wants to be part of the entertaining Kataklysmos fair in Larnaka.

culture & events



Famous people lived and prospered in Larnaka. The great philosopher Zenon was born here, and later moved to Athens where he taught Stoic Philosophy. The Athenian General Kimon died at sea here, defending the city from the Persians. In Christian times St Lazarus lived and died here after his resurrection from Christ. Larnaka was culturally influenced by the Phoenicians, Byzantines, Crusaders, Ottomans and, more recently, the British Empire. So it's no surprise that today there is always something interesting going on, all year round. The biggest event is the Kataklysmos Fair in June, which attracts over 400,000 people and is buzzing with fun and festivities for a 2 week period. In the July cultural festival that follows the program ranges from West End Musicals to Concerts from top international performers. Other events include Carnival celebrations, Religious Processions, Village Traditions, Festivals of Classical Music, Flower Festivals, Dancing, Singing, Poetry and Films.

arts & crafts



The delicate hand-made lace from Lefkara even caught the eye of Leonardo Da Vinci.

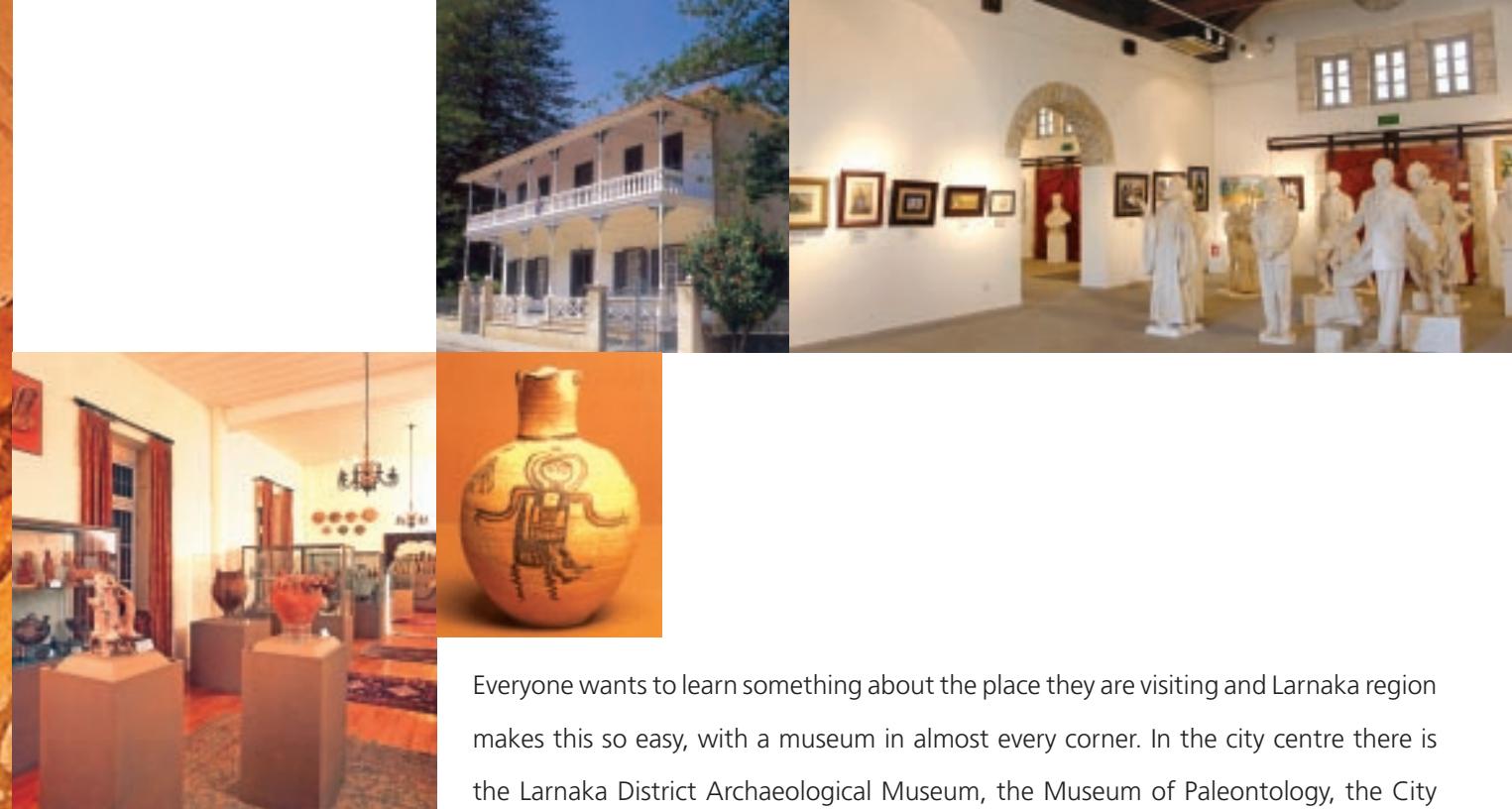


The artistic heritage of Cyprus is a reflection of the island's history and traditions that have endured for centuries. Larnaka Region is famous for its meticulous artifacts, made with skills handed down from generation to generation. These include Lace and Embroidery (an art that blossomed centuries ago in the village of Lefkara), Silverware, Ceramics, Icon Painting, Pottery, Basket making, Woodwork and exquisite Jewellery. The Government has actively strived to preserve local craftworks and here you can find official Craft Shops, Traditional Workshops, Folk Art Museums and a beautiful Embroidery & Silver Museum in Lefkara.

a museum in every corner



This amazing collection of clay bowls at the Pierides Museum even inspired the great Picasso.



Everyone wants to learn something about the place they are visiting and Larnaka region makes this so easy, with a museum in almost every corner. In the city centre there is the Larnaka District Archaeological Museum, the Museum of Paleontology, the City Museum and Archives, the Medieval Museum and the superb Pierides Museum close to the sea front, where one can find antiquities covering 9000 years of Cyprus history.

There is also the Ecclesiastical Museum of St. Lazarus at St. Lazarus Church, the Municipal Museum of Natural History and many thematic regional museums in the surrounding villages. Some of the most important archaeological sites in the region are the Ancient Kition, the Prehistoric Site near Tekke, the Ancient Port, the Larnaka Castle, the Kamares Aqueduct, the Choirokitia Neolithic Settlement and the Venetian Network of Watchtowers



Rocky cliffs and a fresh sea breeze, on a less visited part of Larnaka's coastline.

nature & tranquility



Becoming one with nature is essential for the harmony and balance in oneself. Larnaka Region is a place where nature comes alive. Here one finds rare escapes, retaining their original unspoilt beauty although close to modern development. This is clearly evident in the Larnaka Salt Lake which, although next to the busy airport, has a remarkable eco-system which makes it second home to thousands of migrating birds and is surrounded by rare plants and flowers. In recent years great attention is given to the preservation of the environment and the area has many unique spots to be enjoyed by nature lovers.



saying I do!



Saying 'I do...' sounds more romantic on the island of Love. And no wonder so many particularly choose to marry in Larnaka! To start with there are a number of both traditional and unique venues for wedding ceremonies in Larnaka, from churches dating back centuries to lush gardens located on the grounds of the local hotels where the newly wed couples can also spend their honeymoon.

One can be sure that the weather will be suitable for the wedding, virtually anytime of the year. Getting married in Larnaka is relatively easy as the Larnaka Municipality will provide all the necessary assistance to satisfy all requirements. The Civil Marriage ceremony takes place at the Municipal Town Offices, on the Larnaka Seafront, in a place especially arranged for the occasion. Enjoy your most memorable day in the city of Larnaka!



Larnaka
countless choices
...one destination!

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