

**FULL- DAY EXCURSION TO LARNACA**  
**( 21/5/11 )**

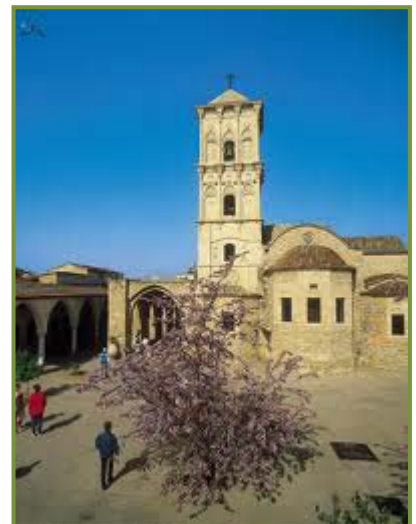


The city of Larnaca can boast for its own contribution to the cultural heritage of Cyprus as well as for being a meeting area for people from all other cities. Our trip will start with a visit to **Kition Archaeological site**; which was discovered in 1960's. The site offers a historical insight into the temple area of the **ancient city-kingdom of Kition**. Apart from the temples, the site reveals Cyclopean walls and the long history of copper metallurgy of the town.

Our next stop will be **the church of Virgin Mary 'Panayia Angeloktisti'** (meaning "built by angels" in Greek). There is one of the finest examples of 6<sup>th</sup> century Byzantine art in

the world kept in this church: a fine mosaic of the Virgin Mary and Child between the Archangels Michael and Gabriel.

Another church to be visited will be the **church of Saint Lazarus**. This early 10<sup>th</sup> century church was built to enshrine the tomb of St. Lazarus; which can be seen in the crypt. The church was also the second home of Lazarus, who, after raised from the dead by Jesus Christ, came to Kition and became the first Bishop of Larnaca.



Our trip will continue to **Phinikoudes** (palm trees in Greek) **promenade**. An array of elegant restaurant-bars and cafeterias with fine international cuisine lay along the palm line. During our stroll towards the marine, we will pass by Larnaca Municipal Centre at Europe Square and see the bust of Kimon, the Athenian General who liberated Cyprus from the Persian rule in 450 BC. At the very end of the palm line, we will also be able to visit Larnaca castle. Afterwards, we will rest for lunch at a traditional fish tavern situated at Phinikoudes waterfront which serves fresh fish 'meze'.



Our last stop before leaving Larnaca town centre, will be **Hala Sultan Tekke Mosque** of Umm Haram. This is one of the most important moslem pilgrimages in the world, ranking immediately after the shrines of Mecca, Medina and al Aksha in Jerusalem. Just by the Tekke Mosque, we can view **Larnaca Salt Lake**. The lake is a natural sanctuary for all kinds of migrating birds including the endangered pink flamingos during springtime.

**Participation fee is €50 and is inclusive of:** Transfers in luxurious fully air-conditioned coaches, officially C.T.O licensed tour guide, entrance fees to all sites, fish 'meze' lunch with wine and coffee, V.A.T. (currently at 15%) and taxes.