

TROODOS
(21/05/2011)

Description:

We will depart from the hotel at around 9.00 am and travel towards the imposing Troodos mountain range that offer a spectacular scenery and breathtaking views.



Our first visit will be to '**Panayia**' village. The monastery of 'Panayia Chrysorroiyatisa' is a landmark of the village not to be missed. Panayia village is also the birthplace of late Archbishop Makarios. His real size statue as well as his residence will be included in our walk within the village.

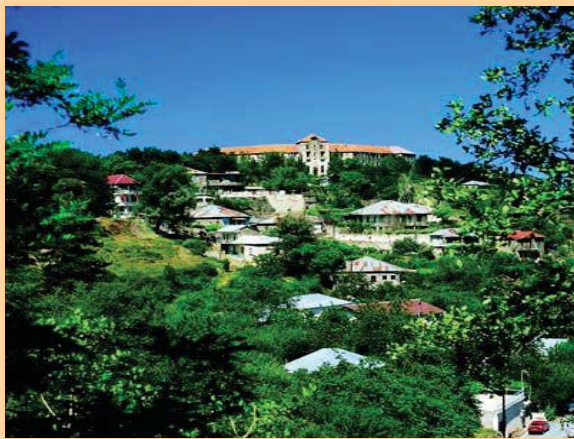
We will then proceed to '**Stavros tis Psokas**'. We will have the opportunity to visit the secluded area which is the only natural habitat for '**moufflons**' in the world. Moufflons are a rare species of the heraldic wild sheep which is under extinction and is under government protection.

The next place to follow is **Kykkos Monastery**. It is the largest Orthodox monastery in Cyprus, founded in 1080. The Monastery is built on a prime location amidst the dense forests of Troodos. We will be toured in the monastery and visit the main church area where the miraculous golden icon of the Virgin Mary, allegedly painted by St. Luke, is kept and which many visitors come here to pray to.



The Monastery also features a contemporary museum with priceless ecclesiastical relics and pontificals of late Archbishops and bishops.

Our next stop will be **Prodromos** village, (the highest village in Cyprus: 1530m above sea level), which is well-known for its excellent cherry and apple varieties. At this point; we will make a stop for traditional meat 'meze lunch' at a traditional family- run tavern.



After traveling among idyllic pine scented forests, we will pass by **Platres village**; the largest and most stylish mountain resort in Limassol district. The beauty of the area was immortalized in a poem by the Greek Nobel laureate George Seferis.

Participation fee is €50 inclusive of:

- Transfers in luxurious fully air-conditioned coaches
- Traditional 'meze' lunch with locally produced wine
- Officially C.T.O licensed tour guide
- Entrance fees
- Program as described above
- Organization and assistance by Easy Conferences
- All taxes and VAT (currently 15%)