

HALF- DAY EXCURSION TO PAPHOS (18/5/2011)

Description:

The entire town of Pafos is a listed UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring monuments of exquisite and unique beauty. Pafos was the capital of Cyprus for a long period of time in antiquity.

Departing from the venue hotel, we will make our first stop at the '**Tombs of the Kings**'. This area contains underground tombs said to rest noble men, carved out of solid rock, which date back to the 3rd century B.C and causing a sense of mystery and secrecy.



Continuing the trip to pure history, we will then walk to the nearby '**Roman Villas of Dionysos**', where the guests will see the ploughshare which accidentally uncovered part of a mosaic pavement in 1962. This was the beginning of a series of excavations that finally revealed a total of 22 rooms, 14 of them with mosaic floors representing scenes of hunting and Greek mythology of exquisite beauty and perfect geometry.

Just next to Paphos Archeological Park where the mosaics are located, we will meet **Paphos Fort**. This was originally built to protect the harbour but was dismantled by the Venetians in 1570. During the 16th century, the Ottomans restored and rebuilt the fort after they captured the island.

Our last stop will be the '**Forty Columns**' - a Byzantine Fortification, which is located near the harbour.



Time permitting we will visit the three- aisled, five- domed Ayia Paraskevi church.

Participation fee is €25 inclusive of:

- Transfers in luxurious fully air-conditioned coaches
- Officially C.T.O. licensed tour guide
- Entrance fees to all sites
- Organization and assistance by EasyConferences
- V.A.T. at 15% and taxes included

