

FULL- DAY EXCURSION TO NICOSIA

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Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus, lies roughly at the center of the island with a rich history which can be traced back to the Bronze Age. The heart of the city, enclosed by the 16th century Venetian Walls, is dotted with museums, ancient churches and medieval buildings preserving the nostalgic atmosphere of past years. However, Nicosia outside the Walls features a modern outlook.



Starting from Coral Bay, we will first make a stop at the **Neolithic site of Choirokoitia**. The exceptional architectural activity of its inhabitants at this early stage is evidenced by the remains of the circular structures, which imply organized collective work used for collective or private use.

Once reaching Nicosia, we will visit the **Cyprus Archeological Museum**. We will be able to observe the priceless collection of Cypriot antiquities and the evolution of art in pottery, sculpture and other artifacts from the Neolithic Age to the Early Byzantine period.



The religious and artistic forms which developed in the Byzantine and Medieval periods will be shown also at the **Byzantine Museum at Archbishop Makarios III Foundation**. This will be followed by a short walk in **Chrysaliniotissa**, the oldest neighborhood of Nicosia; which gives the picture of the development of architecture within the walled city. This is one of the most important examples of traditional bourgeois architecture of the 18th century; currently under restoration.



At this point, we will have a sumptuous lunch with drinks at a local restaurant. What follows, will be a visit to **Apocalypse Art Gallery**; which will give you a flavor of modern artistic trends in Cyprus.

On the way back to Paphos, the tour will be completed by a stop at **'Petra tou Romiou'**. There, we will be able to enjoy the sunset during a coffee break while being mesmerized by the breathtaking views of the sea, from which the Goddess of Love and Beauty, Aphrodite, emerged.

Participation fee is only €50 and is inclusive of (V.A.T. at 15% and taxes included in the price):

- Transfers in luxurious fully air-conditioned coaches
- Officially C.T.O. licensed guide
- Entrance fees to all sites
- Lunch including drinks at a traditional restaurant,