Recreational Program

Welcome Cocktail

Date: Thursday, 25th April

Time: 19.30 – 22.30

Venue: Catamaran "SALONE" docked in the

Old Harbor (transportation by bus).

Dress Code: Smart Casual



This event offers finger food and open bar drinks. It is sponsored by the Cyprus Dental Association and the Republic of Cyprus - Deputy Ministry of Tourism.

Gala Dinner – Cypriot Night

Date: Friday, 26th April

Time: 20.00

Venue: Karatello Taverna (next to Limassol

Medieval Castle – transportation by bus).

Dress Code: Smart Casual



This event offers a taste of Cyprus cuisine and live music. It is sponsored by the Cyprus Dental Association and its Sponsors.

Half Day Tour - A Journey Through History

Date: Saturday, 27th April

Time: 12.30 – 17.30

Price: € 80 (min. 50 persons)

Highlights: Petra tou Romiou – the Birthplace of Aphrodite, Ancient City/Kingdom of Kourion,

Kolossi Medieval Castle

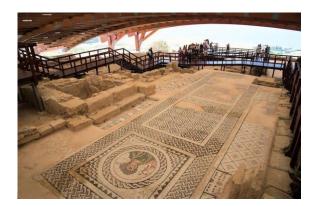


We will travel by coach to **Petra tou Romiou – the Birthplace of Aphrodite**, an interesting geological formation of huge rocks along one of the most beautiful coastlines on the island. According to the legend, the Ancient Greek Goddess of Love and Beauty, Aphrodite, was born of the sea foam here.

Legend says that she rose from the waves and was escorted on a shell to this beach. The giant rock formations, which are seen at the same location, are linked with another more recent legend which tells that the Byzantine hero "Digenis Akritas" heaved them there to keep off the invading Saracens Arabs (7th-10th centuries). The name of Petra tou Romiou ('rock of the Greek' in Greek) comes from the hero.

You will have some time for pictures and then we will have lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Next stop will be the ruins of the ancient city/kingdom of **Kourion**, one of the most important and impressive archaeological sites in Cyprus, dating back in the 8th century BC. The magnificent <u>Greco-Roman theatre</u> - the site's centerpiece - was built in the 2nd century BC and extended in the 2nd century AD. The theatre has been restored and is now used for open-air musicals and theatrical performances.





Nearby the theatre are the remains of a prominent building, the 'House of Eustolios', which was originally a private villa that was turned into a public recreation center during the Early Christian period. Its remains consist of four panels of beautiful 5th century mosaic floors in the central room, and a bathing complex that is located on a higher level.

Travelling back to Limassol, we will make a stop at **Kolossi Medieval Castle**, which was built in the 13th century and rebuilt in its present form in the 15th century. After the fall of Acre in 1291, it served as the Grand Commandery of the Knights of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and in the 14th century came under the domain of the Knights Templar. During their stay in Cyprus, the Knights produced and exported a sweet wine, which became known

as the "<u>vin de Commanderie"</u>. Today, Commandaria wine is one of the island's traditional wines and one of the oldest named wines in the world, having had the same name for eight centuries.

PRICE INCLUSIVE OF:

- Bus transfer from the hotel and back
- English speaking licensed guide
- Entrance to Kourion archaeological site
- Lunch (fish buffet or meat buffet)



PRICE EXCLUSIVE OF:

- Personal expenses

Casual Dinner at a Local Taverna

Date: Saturday, 27th April

Time: 20.00

Venue: Proavlio Taverna (transportation by bus)

Dress Code: Casual

Price: € 60 (min. 50 persons)

This event offers a delicious Cypriot meze experience in a traditional Taverna in the village of Parekklisia just outside Limassol, in a historic, picturesque churchyard of the Holy Cross, which has been a major site of the area for centuries.





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