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JANUARY

SAT, 6 EPIPHANY

Epiphany is one of the most important religious celebrations of the year. Following a special Mass at the Cathedral of each beach town, a religious procession takes place down to the sea, at about 10.30 A.M, leading to a ceremonial baptism of the Holy Cross. During the ceremony the Bishop throws the Holy Cross into the sea and young men dive into the water to retrieve the cross and return it to the priest.

Religious celebrations in all seaside towns:

- Lemesos: Agia Napa Church - Lemesos, old port
- Larnaka: Agios Lazaros Church - Larnaka marina
- Pafos: Theoskepasti Church - Pafos harbour
- Polis: Agios Andreas Church - Latsi fishing shelter
- Agia Napa: Agia Napa Church - Agia Napa harbor

SUN, 14

#RUNICOSIA RACE

A unique race, in the heart of the city, where runners must encounter so many different surface elements. Strolling in tile paved pedestrian roads, running up marble staircases and speeding over clay sections parallel to the city Venetian walls comprise an interesting, yet very different racecourse. The #runicosia event comprises a 4km run4fun race for run and walk, 8km, and a 4x4km relay race, all of them starting at the upper concourse of the Eleftherias Square. For further information: <https://run2d.com/organization/>

SUN, 21

1ST WINTER SWIMMERS FESTIVAL

A Festival of Winter Swimmers will be organized by the Ayia Napa Winter Swimmers Club, with the aim of turning this event into an international festival by 2025, with the participation of winter swimmers from abroad as well.

For further information: https://www.facebook.com/AyiaNapaWinterSwimmersClub/?locale=is_IS
or call: +357 99 678132

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FEBRUARY

SUN, 11 **6TH MITSERO MINE RUN**

Mitsero Mine Run is a Cross Country Run inspired by marathoner Costas Patinios and organized by SAS Sports Events Management from 2018, in collaboration with the local community council and Mitsero Youth Center, aiming at highlighting the historic village. For further information please visit the following link: www.misterorun.com

19-29/2 **CYPRUS WOMEN CUP-FOOTBALL**

For further information: <https://www.cypruswomenscup.net/>

SUN,18 **1ST MANDARIN FAIR**

The Arakapas Community Council organizes the 1st MANDARIN FEAST. Venue: Village Square. Time: 11:00am – 18.00. For further information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/arakapas/> or call: (+357) 25 622 818

SUN,25 **BLOOMING ALMOND TREE FESTIVALS**

The Annual Blooming Almond Tree Festival 2024 will take place only in the village of Giolou 25/2/24 (Pafos Area). Limnatis (Lemesos area) Annual Almond Blooming Festival is postponed. Venue: Giolou Primary School Time:11.00 For further information please call: +357 26632472 (Giolou Community Board).

MARCH

18/3 **Green Monday**

The first day of Lent, is a day of joy, laughter and vegetarian picnics. Green Monday is followed by a fifty day fasting period, during which Christians prepare themselves to receive the Redeemer, shunning meat and dairy products and living on a vegetarian diet. Events and activities take place in all towns and villages. For further information please contact the Deputy Ministry Tourist Information Offices at: +357 25362756/25421316/24654322/26932841/23721796

THU,7/3-SUN,17/3 **CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS**

Carnival, is a ten-day period of festivities and feasts, prior to fifty days of fasting, before Easter. The most famous events are organized in Lemesos, where the celebrations last for 10 days and have grown in scope so much, that with time they have become an integral part of the town's identity and culture. For further information please check the following link: www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy

8/3-16/3 **THE CYPRUS GRAND PRIX-SHOOTING**

The Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation organizes the annual CYPRUS GRAND PRIX in Trap, Skeet (Men - Men Junior - Women – Women Junior and Veterans), which will take place at the Cyprus Olympic Shooting Range in Tersefanou - Larnaka. For further information, please visit the Federation's official website: www.cssf-shooting.org

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13/3-17/3

3RD CYPRUS ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL

For further information: <https://cyprusorienteering.com/>

FRI,22-SAT,23

8th CYPRUS BAR SHOW & NATIONAL COCKTAIL CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

For further information: <https://www.facebook.com/Cyprusbarshow/>

SUN, 3

24TH LOGICOM CYPRUS MARATHON

The main distance of the event features breath-taking scenery from Start to Finish. Starting at Aphrodite's Birthplace, the course follows a coastal route along the Mediterranean Sea. Throughout the course you will discover the small traditional villages of Pafos and enjoy their hospitality, with cheering support along most of the course. The course is accredited by AIMS (Association of International Marathons and Distance Races) and clearly marked at every kilometer. Groups of volunteer marshals will assist and guide runners throughout the course. For further information please call at: +35799436826 or visit the following link: www.logicomcyprusmarathon.com

SAT,23-SUN,24

4TH MANDARIN FESTIVAL

The Dierona Community Council, together with the Women's and Young Women's Semi-Limassol Regional Association, organizes the 4th MANDARIN FESTIVAL. Venue: Village Square. Time: 11:-00am – 17.00. For further information: <https://www.facebook.com/dieronavillage/>

SAT, 16– SUN, 17

AGIA NAPA TRIATHLON

Agia Napa Triathlon is the most prestigious and biggest triathlon event in Cyprus. The scenery guarantees a unique experience. Crystal clear waters and sunny weather make this event the perfect choice to start the racing season as early as in March. The event includes Middle distance triathlon, Triathlon and Sprint triathlon and attracts hundreds of athletes including some of the sports' top names. Venue: Nissi Beach Resort. For further information: www.nireas.org

11-17/3

FAMAGUSTA TENNIS ITF J100

For further information: <http://www.famagustatc.com> or call at: +357 25335952

Venue: 3 Mesaorias Street- Lemesos 3071

8-16/3

ISSF WORLD CUP IN SHOTGUN

Organized by the Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation. The games will be held in Tersefanou -Larnaka. For further information, please visit the Federation's official website: www.cssf-shooting.org

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FRI, 29/3 -SUN, 31/3

SKODA GRAND FONDO CYPRUS-CYCLING

The Cyprus Gran Fondo is a 3-day Road "Cycling for All" event, which, since 2017, is featured among the biggest cycling events of the UCI as part of the Gran Fondo World Series for cyclists ranging from pros to beginners. The event provides the perfect opportunity for recreational riders to qualify for the World Gran Fondo Championships held every year. All participants will have the opportunity to earn their qualification in the Gran Fondo World Championship. Starting every day next to the Mediterranean coast, you will climb some of the prettiest mountains of the island and pass through traditional, rustic villages and then return back to some of the best hotels in Paphos to enjoy your off-the-bike time! For further information: www.activatecyprus.com

APRIL

SAT,13-SUN,14

OPAP LIMASSOL MARATHON

Fully accredited by AIMS, the OPAP Limassol Marathon is a flat course which follows the Mediterranean coastline. From the centre of the city, along the beachfront, to the ruins of the ancient Royal city of Amathus, and back to the city. For further information: +357 25880100 or www.limassolmarathon.com.cy

SUN, 14/4 -SUN, 21/4

BEDROCK GRAVEL FESTIVAL CYPRUS-CYCLING

An unforgettable week of adventure for all gravel cyclists. During this event the cyclists will have the opportunity to explore and discover some of the most beautiful areas of the island. For further information: <https://www.activatecyprus.com/gravel-events>

SUN,7

WILD TULIP FESTIVAL

A festival organized by the community board of Polemi Village and the Tulip Club of Polemi. This flower, the wild tulip grows in profusion near the village of Polemi at the Paphos District of Cyprus. Years ago, they formed a blaze of colour in early April sprouting in vineyards from Stroumbi to Polemi and beyond, but increased agricultural use of the soil has reduced its habitat. For further information: +357 26632736, 26632833

FRI,12– SAT, 20

22nd CYPRUS FILM DAYS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Cyprus Film Days IFF is the official competition feature fiction film festival of the island of Cyprus. It consists of two main programs: The International Competition section - Global Images - and the non-competitive section -Viewfinder-, which comprises films that have been screened and awarded at major festivals over the past year. The Festival also includes a National Competition Section, exclusively showcasing Cypriot productions. Special tributes, parallel screenings, master classes, workshops and musical events, complete the event. The 22nd edition of Cyprus Film Days IFF will take place both in Nicosia and Limassol. For further information: <https://cyprusfilmdays.com>

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5-9/4 34th INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE FESTIVAL

For further information: <https://cyprusbridge.org/en/>

27/4-2/5 AGIA NAPA YOUTH SOCCER FESTIVAL

Agia Napa Soccer Festival is organized by SoccerworldCyprus, an official member sports club of the Cyprus National Sports Organization. The tournament is officially recognized and approved by the Cyprus Football Association. The event is hosted at the modern athletic centre of Agia Napa which contains 15 natural grass football pitches, plus the Municipal Stadium of Agia Napa.

For further information: www.ayianapasoccerfestival.com

SUN,28 PAFOS TRIATHLON

The event is open for age group triathletes as well as Cyprus Triathlon Federation athletes and has two different distances, Olympic and Sprint. Pafos triathlon due to its high organizational standards it has been selected for some years now to be the Cyprus Championships for Olympic distance. So on the 28th April 2024. Pafos triathlon will crown the Cyprus National Champions in the Men's and Women's categories.

For further information: <https://www.activatecyprus.com/the-pafos-triathlon>

MAY

SUN,5 GREEK ORTHODOX EASTER

Easter, the most important Greek Orthodox religious feast is celebrated with great solemnity.

Evening services (mass) take place throughout the Holy Week.

Easter Thursday evening- the Liturgy of the Passion is chanted, liturgy that last many hours in which there is a re-enactment of the Crucifixion of Christ and during which the twelve gospels are read out.

Good Friday evening-the encomiums of the dead Christ are chanted and around 20.30 the Epitaphios (Sepulchre) is taken in procession through the streets of the towns and villages, while the bells are rung in mourning.

Easter Saturday night towards midnight, the Christ's Resurrection is celebrated out in open. Church bells ring joyously again and the children, after having collected wood during the whole of the Holy Week and light the so called Lambradjia (great fire) to burn the figure of Judas.

Easter Sunday & Monday- Traditional games are organised during the afternoon in towns and villages:

Lefkosia District: Kakopetria, Moutoulas, Pedoulas, Kalopanayiotis, Kourdali, Spilia, Askas.

Lemesos District: Agios Tychonas, Germasogeia, Arsos, Kyperounta, Lania, Sykopetra, Pareklissia, Kellaki, Pissouri, Episkopi, Anogyra and Agros villages.

Larnaka District: Pervolia, Kiti, Aradippou, Kato Drys.

Pafos District: Pafos town, Geroskipou, Tala, Kathikas, Tsada, Kissonerga, Stroumbi and Neo Chorio villages.

Ammochostos (Famagusta) District: Agia Napa, Frenaros, Paralimni, Deryneia and Dasaki tis Achnas villages.

For further information: www.heartlandoflegends.com

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SAT 18-SUN 19

LANIA LANES AND COURTYARDS

The sun-kissed southern slopes of the Troodos Mountains, just above Lemesos (Limassol) are known as the 'Krassochoxia' and are renowned for their vineyards and delightful hillside villages. Lania is one of these beautiful villages surrounded by vineyards and orchards. The Women of Lania will be pleased to welcome you to walk along the picturesque lanes and visit their open courtyards. Visiting hours 11:00 - 18:00.

For further information: +357 25432333, + 357 99464111

FLOWER FESTIVALS (ANTHESTIRIA)

"Anthestiria" is a celebration for the coming of spring and the renewal of nature and life, dating back to Ancient Greece. Larnaka (19/5) , Germasogeia (25-26/5) and Pafos (26/5) municipalities will have festivities for the flower festival . For further information please call at: +357 26822270 (Pafos Municipality), +357 25879810 (Germasogeia Municipality), + 357 24653333 (Larnaka Municipality).

18-19/5

MEDITERRANEAN BAR SHOW

The Mediterranean Bar Show is the long-awaited trade hub connecting the region's Consumers with companies and professionals of the hospitality industry. Aiming to make Cyprus the networking centre for exchanging products, ideas and expertise between the Mediterranean and the rest of the world. While educating local and regional consumers and professionals the MBS promotes and expands Cyprus' top-tier of the hospitality industry. Venue: Nicosia International Expo Further information: <https://mediterraneanbarshow.com/>

THU, 23 – SUN, 26

LIMASSOL BOAT SHOW 2024

This dynamic 4-day boat show will showcase a unique range of high-end marine products and services from premier brands, manufacturers and suppliers operating in the maritime sector. This includes the latest models across the industry, from trailer boats and tenders to superyachts, as well as charter operators, equipment suppliers, recreational fishing and diving products, water-sports specialists, jet-skis, accessories and more. Product launches, brand experiences and hospitality from sponsors and partners combine to deliver a truly landmark gathering of the industry in the East Med region.

For more information visit: www.limassolboatshow.com or contact +357 25 577 750

11-12/5 & 18-19/5

16TH ROSE FESTIVAL

This event is organized every year in Agros for two weekends. During the festival, visitors have the chance to visit the local workshops and learn all about the distillation of roses. They can also visit the rose exhibition and various kiosks that sell traditional products. At the same time, people can enjoy folk dances and music performances throughout the duration of the Rose Festival. All the sights of the village are open to the public. Location: Glafkos Clerides Sport Centre, Agros village.

For further information please call at: +357 25521816 or visit the following link: <http://www.agros.org.cy/>

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JUNE

SUN,2 30th CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF AGIA NAPA & 16TH KIDS' SUMMER FESTIVAL

This annual festival celebrates International Children's Day, and it showcases a string of fun activities ushered in for little ones. There are crafts, painting and pottery for the creative types, Cypriot cooking classes for mini chefs-in-the-making, and face painting, puppet shows and magicians for everyone else.

For further information: <http://www.ayianapa.org.cy/>

1-2/6 VEGAN FLAVOURS-STREET FESTIVAL

Vegan Flavours Festival is a celebration of all forms of life and an opportunity for anyone interested in a healthy zero harm lifestyle, to come together and enjoy two exciting days. Visitors will have the opportunity to taste vegan food, drinks and sweets, watch cooking shows, participate in cooking competitions, shop and listen to DJ 's and live music performances. Visiting hours: 14.00-23.00.

Venue: Ancient Olive Tree Park in Psematismenos Village. For further information: <https://veganfamfestival.com/>

31/5-2/6 6th ANNUAL CYPRUS ACCORDION FESTIVAL

Suitable for children and adults. Free Camping Space! Limited number of spots available for the Seminars-Workshops. The festival will take place in Ayios Theodoros village in Larnaca region.

For further information at: <https://cyprusaccordionfestival.com/>

SAT,22-MON,24 PENTECOST - KATAKLYSMOS (Flood festival)

"Kataklysmos" is a religious and popular feast celebrated only in Cyprus. "Kataklysmos", which means flood, is found in the book of Genesis and in the Greek myth of Deukalion. In both cases it refers to the destruction by flood of almost all living creatures in order to give birth to a new and moral generation. The festivities last for a few days and take place in all seaside towns. Celebrations include various games, folk dances, swimming competitions and boat races. Larnaka holds the most important folklore festival in Cyprus lasting 6 days with music, dance, poetry, theatre, cultural and athletic competitions and firework shows at the Larnaka Seafront. For further information: +357 24657745 or www.larnaka.org.cy

Agia Napa: Festivities at the Agia Napa Harbour, Paralimni: Festivities at Protaras area, Pafos: Festivities at Old Port area, Lemesos: Festivities at Lemeso's Multifunctional Seaside Park (Molos).

SAT,1-SUN,2 TROODOS SPORT AND FUN FESTIVAL-O-2000 CYCLING CHALLENGE

After ten successful events, your favourite and challenging road event, the "O-2000" is back on the weekend of 1-2 of June 2024 as a two day-event. The most challenging and at the same time most popular road cycling event in Cyprus this year will meet new limits with an additional day of riding in the mountains! There are three roads that can take you up the top of the Cyprus Mountains, the Olympus peak at almost 2000m above sea level. We chose two of them to make the challenge more spectacular! The most scenic and toughest routes to the top! For further information: <https://www.activatecyprus.com/O-2000-the-route>

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12th CYHERBIA LAVENDER FESTIVAL

Cyherbia Lavender Gardens organize every year the lavender festival when lavender is in season. During these days you can go on a guided tour insider the lavender gardens, try the lavender tea and visit the Distillation Room. For further information: <https://www.cyherbia.com/>

14-16/6

4th International Ayia Trias Beach Tennis Tournament

The Youth of the Municipality of Paralimni organizes the 4th International Beach Tennis Tournament on the beach of Agia Triada in Paralimni, with the support of the Municipality of Paralimni. The tournament is held under the auspices of the International Tennis Federation, big names of professional athletes from all over the world will take part. The tournament includes three days full of beach tennis and lots of fun. For further information: <https://ayiatriasbeachtennistournament.com/>

20-22/6

SHAKESPEARE AT KOURION

Every year, in late June, a production of one of Shakespeare's plays is performed by local amateur actors with all profits going to local charities. This year they will present King Lear.

For further information visit: www.shakespeareatcurium.com

CHERRY FESTIVALS

The Cherry Festivals are organized in small beautiful villages in the mountain range of Troodos: Kambos tis Tsakkistras (1-2/6) , Pedoulas (15-16/6) , Treis Elies(1/6) , Platanistassa (15/6) . For further information: + 357 25421020, www.mytroodos.com

AGIA NAPA SUMMER CULTURAL EVENTS

Dances and music performances in Agia Napa that take place at the Agia Napa Square, Harbour, Amphitheatre of Thalassa Museum and Ayia Napa Farm House. Every 2nd Sunday at: 20.00.

For further information: www.ayianapa.org.cy

FRI,14

RUNNING UNDER THE MOON –MALL OF CYPRUS (Lefkosia)

The perfect bonding event for your company or team come for the run: 10km and 5km.

For further information please call at: +357 99693069 or visit the following link:

<https://www.runningunderthemoon.com/races>

SAT,15 –SUN 16

CGF CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 GOLF

Venue: Secret GC For further information: www.cfg.org.cy HU

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18th AGLAN JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Aglan Jazz Festival is committed to present a wide and varied line up. Bands that participate in the festival play both classic jazz works as well as their own original scores. Venue: Aglantzia Old Square and Aglantzia open air Theatre. Entrance fee: 5 euro For further information: www.aglanjazz.com

JULY

Fri,12 17th PANCYPRIAN CULTURAL WATERMELON FESTIVAL

The festival will take place at the Community Stadium of Frenaros village and the program includes live music, dance performances, activities for children as well as food, drinks and sweets, such as watermelon delights and ice-cream. For further information: +357 23821389

19/7-9/8 27th INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ANCIENT GREEK DRAMA

An annual international theatre festival that hosts professional productions of ancient Greek drama plays from different cultures around the world. Organisers: Cyprus Centre of International Theatre Institute. Venues: Kourion Ancient Theatre, Makarios III Amphitheatre - Lefkosia, Pafos Ancient Odeon. For further information: www.greekdramafest.com

LARNAKA ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

The Municipality of Larnaka organizes a festival during the month of July, full of music, dance and theatrical performances by national and international artists. The main venues of the festival are the Larnaka Fort and the Pattichion Municipal Theatre. For further information: +357 24629300 or www.larnaka.com

PARALIMNIA FESTIVAL

Paralimni Municipality invites you to Paralimnia Cultural Festival. This festival is dedicated to the cultural heritage of Paralimni that is renowned for its folk poets and strong traditions. The program of the event includes traditional dances, music performances and storytelling. Events take place in Paralimni and Protaras. For further information: www.paralimni.org.cy

SUN,7 LAVENDER FESTIVAL

The Lavender Festival takes place in the month of July in Platres village. This event includes seminars on the healing properties of Lavender, entrepreneurship and tourism; workshops for Lavender distillation and bouquets, culinary delicacies, arts and crafts based on Lavender, organic cosmetics and guided walks with herbalists in Lavender plantations around Platres. Location: Platres Cultural Centre. Time:10.30-19.00 For further information: +357 99410520, + 357 25421020 or www.mytroodos.com

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SAT,27 PANCYPRIAN POTATO FESTIVAL

An open invitation to all to try alternative and traditional Cypriot recipes based on potatoes! Visitors will have the chance to taste the produce of the Kokkinochoria villages (fertile 'red soil villages') and enjoy a traditional artistic program. The festival will take place in the communal football stadium of Avgorou with free entrance! For further information: + 357 23922680 + 357 99457014

4-7/7 THE AFROBANANA FESTIVAL

The major music and arts festival provides a platform for local artists to perform and also features daytime activities for families such as workshops, food and drink stalls, camping facilities, and other activities. As one of the biggest summer music festivals on the island, it has also been recognized as one of Europe's finest festivals and awarded the prestigious EFFE Label (2017-2018). Admission: Different ticket prices depending on amount of days attending. For further information visit: www.afrobananarepublic.com. Venue: Lefkara Village.

SAT,13-SUN,14 9th WINDCRAFT FESTIVAL

Windcraft Music Fest has been organized by the non-profit cultural association Windcraft Loud since 2014 in the village Katydata (Nicosia region, Cyprus) and aims in showcasing the musical work of local and international artists and in involving all visitors in the process of music creation through interaction. The festival focuses specifically on wind instruments and wind players, which are featured in different music styles and combinations. For further information: www.windcraftmusicfest.com

10-27/7 10TH PROTARAS SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL

Every year the Paralimni Municipality Youth Council organizes the summer film festival and promises wonderful evenings under the starry sky of Protaras. The festival attracts more than 10,000 visitors every year and the films are shown on a big screen at Protaras Central Square. For further information: www.paralimni.org.cy

7/7 9th SHEPHERD'S FEAST

The event aims to present the basic elements of pastoral life. sheep and goat breeding and the production of dairy products. At the event there will be an exhibition of local dairy products, demonstrations of traditional professions connected to livestock farming, demonstrations of traditional sheep shearing and milking, entertainment for the children and artistic program with traditional dances and songs.

Venue: Pahna village. Time: 17.00-21.00 For further information: +357 25942755 or <https://www.facebook.com/koinotitapachnas/>

23-27/7 LEMESOS BEER FESTIVAL

More than 35 booths of imported and local beer producers and distributors, food for all tastes in a pleasantly arranged area are just a few of what the MedFest promises to its guests, who will have the chance to taste a huge variety of beers with more than 100 labels. The festival will feature well-known artists and bands from both Cyprus and Greece. The event will take place in the Mall of Lemesos.

For further information: <http://www.limassolbeerfestival.com/>

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HAZELNUTS FESTIVAL

At the annual Hazelnut Festival in the beautiful village of Platanistasa, you get to try freshly cut hazelnuts with some 'Zivania' for free. You can also walk through the hazel tree forest and visit the village's important Byzantine church and other monuments. There will be kiosks where visitors can buy food, drinks, traditional sweets and more local products. Visitors may also enjoy live traditional music and dancing.

For further information: + 357 25421020 or www.mytroados.com

AUGUST

10-17/8

LEFKARA FESTIVAL

Lefkara village's biggest celebration showcases its famous handicrafts of lace and silversmithing. Visitors can see demonstrations and exhibitions of the two intricate crafts, and enjoy traditional music and dance. There will also be other activities and events. Admission: Free

For further information: www.lefkara.org.cy

For further information: www.fengaros.com or <https://www.facebook.com/Fengaros/>

THU,1-SAT,3

FENGAROS FESTIVAL-KATO DRY'S MUSIC VILLAGE

The goals of Fengaros Music Village is the implementation of educational, interactive workshops (masterclasses), instructed by artists of international caliber, in the areas of modern and traditional creation. The themed sections of each workshop intend to approach the arts more broadly, yet effectively, whilst concentrating on original areas of artistic development. The encouragement of both organised and spontaneous performances executed by students and instructors, as well as the productive exchange of ideas and experiences between artists, students and participants of varied backgrounds, are part of the desired effects of the village. The creation of a long-lasting hybrid, artistic community, characterized by solidarity, both in the fields of collective creativity and in the production / distribution of artistic work is promoted.

For further information: www.fengaros.com or <https://www.facebook.com/Fengaros/>

SUN,4

5TH GASTRONOMIC FESTIVAL

This traditional event is organized at Ayios Ioannis Pitsillias, a small village in the mountain region of Troodos. During the event you will have the chance to taste local food and listen to traditional music.

For further information: +357 25421020 or www.mytroados.com

15-18/8

LOFOU AUGUST FESTIVAL

Lofou Association organises the annual four-day "Lofou August Festival", which includes a series of events at Lofou Primary School. A highly qualitative program is offered with different musical evenings, theatrical performances and competitions in order to attract different kinds of visitors to Lofou village.

For further information: www.lofou.org

23-24/8

24TH JAZZ PARADISE FESTIVAL

Venue : Val's Place - Gialia village. For further information at : <https://www.paradisejazzfestival.com/>

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9-11/8 6th AGIA NAPA TRADITIONAL FLAVOURS FESTIVAL

The three-day festival includes a rich traditional music dance program, exhibition of traditional products and presentation of traditional crafts.

For further information: www.ayianapa.org.cy

10-13/8 23rd Countryside Animafest Cyprus

Country Animafest Cyprus is one of the longest-running film festivals in Cyprus and it's taking place in the village of Salamiou. The official Animation Festival of Cyprus, showcases a selection of the world's latest productions, focusing on independent, non-commercial films.

For further information: <https://animafest.com.cy/>

11/7-29/9 SUMMER NIGHTS 2024 - NICOSIA

Nights filled with music, dance, theatre and art are organized by the Nicosia Municipality throughout July, August and September in various outdoor venues. For further information: www.nicosia.org.cy

22-25/8 PAFOS BEER FESTIVAL

A selection of some 100+ beers from around the world will be presented by Local and International Breweries alike and will also be available for tasting. A Great Variety of Beer food and local delicacies along with your favourite beers, as well as a Kids Playground, Firework shows and Beer Drinking Competitions, all at one venue! For further information: <http://paphosbeerfestival.com/> Venue: Paphos Medieval Castle Square

SEPTEMBER

6-7/9 PAFOS APHRODITE FESTIVAL (OPERA)

The Pafos Aphrodite Festival is an international annual artistic event with world famous opera performances which take place under the stars in front of the Medieval Castle in Pafos. This year

For further information: T.: +357 26822218 or www.pafc.com.cy

30/8-5/9 SEPTEMBERFEST NICOSIA BEER FESTIVAL

There will be various companies of production, import and distribution of beer, which will be offering all kinds of beers from around the world. The visitors, along with their beer, will be able to enjoy a variety of snacks. The Festival will include a rich variety of live musical and artistic performances, since the visitors will enjoy music performances from different kinds of musicians and artists.

<https://septemberfest.com.cy/>

6/9 KOLOKASI (TARO-ROOT) FESTIVAL

During this festival, the visitors will have the opportunity to taste both traditional and new gourmet recipes based on the local product of **Sotira village** which is the first Cypriot product that has been established by the European Union as a product with a designation of origin. Distinguished chefs, will be presenting at the gastronomic festival, their own unique inspired recipes with Kolokasi, giving the opportunity to both local and foreign visitors to taste. For further information please Sotira Municipal Quarter Tel: +357 23821404

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29/9 SPOON SWEETS FESTIVAL

This event takes place in the beautiful village of Kakopetria. Visitors get the chance to taste or buy traditional “spoon sweets” made by the women of Kakopetria. There will be an entertainment program with traditional dance and music. For further information: +357 25421020 or www.mytroodos.com

15/9 MELENIO - HONEY CHILDRENS FESTIVAL

This Festival is organized in Melini village in Larnaka region. It's a unique opportunity for the visitors to taste and buy local honey and other bee products as well as to wander around the historical areas of the village. For further information: +357 25622221 (Melini) or www.mytroodos.com

14-15/9 6th FRUIT AND DELI MEAT FESTIVAL

A 2-day event at Dymes village with traditional local products, music and entertainment for children. There will be zivania with delicacies available such as traditional sausages and fresh fruits.

For further information: +357 25421020 or www.mytroodos.com

SUN,8 TRADITIONAL AND GASTRONOMY FESTIVAL

The festival takes place at Galatas' square and it's dedicated to local gastronomy and traditional life. Guests have the chance to visit the villages' byzantine churches and Folk Art Museum. Location: Galata village-community council square. Contact phone: +357 22923250

13-15/9 11th Xarkis Festival

This cultural event is organized by Xarkis_ cultural non-profit organization for the past eleven years. For further information: <http://Festival.xarkis.org/>. True to its nomadic tradition, the 11th Xarkis Festival will move to the old town of Nicosia and will be held from September 13-15th, 2024. It will include an Artist Multi-residency Programme from September 1-12th. For 11 days a group of selected artists are invited to work with our team and the local community, to prepare works that will contribute to the programme of the three-day festival.

14/9 ORANGE FESTIVAL

The Orange Festival will take place at the Miliou village community square (next to the old school). Different kinds of local products made out of orange, such as liqueur, beer, and marmalade will be available and visitors will have the opportunity to both taste and buy them if they please. In the area of the festival there will be stalls with food, drinks and fresh orange products as well as traditional music and dance. Free Entrance. Miliou village is located 26 kilometres north of Pafos, just off the Pafos to Polis road between Stroumpi and Goudi, North-East of Kathikas village. For further information: +357 99450394.

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FRI,20

MOONWALK/RISING MOON

Paralimni Municipality and the Paralimni Youth Association organize every year this music event. Moonwalk is an amazing experience as you walk by the sea and you get the chance to listen live music from different bands. Venue: Coastal Promenade of Protaras. Time:20.00-23.00 For further information: www.moonwalk.com.cy

SUN,22

PASTELLI FEAST

Anogyra is well known for its carob production, since the village has an abundance of carob trees. Carobs are picked between the months of August and November. Pastelli (carob brittle) and teratsomelo (carob syrup) are made from carob juice boiled on an open fire in a cauldron. In September, a much-anticipated carob feast is held in the village to celebrate the harvest, featuring demonstrations of Pastelli making, traditional dances and music, food, wine and other local delicacies. For further information: +357 25221496.

SEPT-OCT

GRAPE FEASTS

The Wine villages of Ayios Amvrosios(1/9) , Vasa Koilaniou (15/9) , Vouni (22/9) , Dora (14/9) , Ayios Constantinos –Pitsilia , Arsos(29/9) , Pahna (1/10) , Milikouri, Salamiou (29/9) , Panayia (15/9) , Ayios Mamas(13/10), Pedoulas organize various events dedicated to wine and its products on weekends. During these events, people may observe the making of "palouzes" and "shoushoukos" at the venues and be offered various delicacies made of grapes. At the same time, there are wine tasting and entertainment shows (including folk music and dances, revival of old traditional customs). For further information: www.mytroodos.com or www.heartlandoflegends.com/grape-festivals/

26-29/9

40th AGIA NAPA FESTIVAL

The Ayia Napa Festival is, undoubtedly, one of the most famous events of the island. It is always the last week of September, in order to coincide with the World Tourism Day. The festival has festive events, which reflecting the historical, cultural and agricultural traditions of Ayia Napa and all of Cyprus. Visitors have the opportunity to learn the traditions and customs of the local people, the musical traditions and folk art and specially to enjoy the warm Cypriot hospitality. The program includes, among others, theatrical performances, concerts and Cypriot and foreign folk dancing. These events created a warm atmosphere that reflects the friendliness and hospitality of the people of Ayia Napa. For further information: +357 23816307 or www.ayianapa.org.cy

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SUN,22 TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL OF STATOS – AGIOS FOTIOS

The community of Statos - Agios Fotios village has a long history in the production of local wines, trahanas, dried meat (tsamarella) and shoushoukos. Visitors will have the opportunity to taste the products of the village, visit the wineries, see the preparation of its traditional products and enjoy a rich traditional cultural program with traditional dances and music. Venue: Statos - Agios Fotios village square.

For further information: <https://www.statos-agiosphotios.org/en/>

29/9 PALOUZE FESTIVAL – LOFOU

Lofou Community Council and Lofou Association are cordially inviting you to the 34TH Palouze Festival at Lofou Primary School. Cypriot folklore music and dances, as well as a Kid's corner and free rides with Cypriot donkeys, free Palouse will be offered, free tour guiding in the village. For further information: www.lofouvillage.com

24-29/9 17TH EUROMEDITERRANEAN FESTIVAL OF TRADITIONAL DANCES FESTIVAL

Dance groups from Cyprus and from all over the world will be participating at this very popular festival. Organized by the Lemesos Municipality. For further information: www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy

SAT,28-SUN,29 GRAN FONDO APOLLO AND APHRODITE-CYCLING 2024

A cycling route that takes you to locations where mythology was born and history was recorded. This is an idea that becomes reality through the "Aphrodite and Apollo Gran Fondo", a Cycling for All race taking place on the island of Cyprus. This is a race that suits all fitness levels, from beginners to pros! For further information: <https://www.activatecyprus.com/gran-fondo-apollo-and-aphrodite>

SAT, 21– SUN, 22 CYPRUS SENIOR AMATEUR MEN'S & LADIES' OPEN 2024 GOLF

Venue: Elea Golf Course. For further information: www.cfg.org.cy

27-29/9 CYPRUS RALLY 2024

Feel the pulse and rhythm of this great celebration of motorsport that we know as the Cyprus Rally. For further information: <https://www.cyprusrally.com.cy/>

6TH MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

The festival will be held in the village of Spilia. There will be an exhibition and sale of various mushroom products and traditional dishes at the event. Visitors will have the chance to learn about wild mushrooms and enjoy their walk through the village. For further information: www.mytroodos.com

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OCTOBER

28/9 -6/10

LEMESOS WINE FESTIVAL

The Wine Festival was organised for the first time in 1961 and since then it has become an established annual event of merrymaking and fun, offering a joyful atmosphere to visitors from all over Cyprus and abroad. Wine from barrels is on offer free of charge every evening. Organizer: Lemesos Municipality.

Venue: Lemesos Municipal Gardens. For further information: +357 25745919 or +357 25342153,

www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy

13/10

7th PANCYPRIAN FESTIVAL OF ATHIENOU PRODUCTS

Athienou village is renowned for the good quality of its wheat and milk yields. So, every year during the festival, visitors can taste Athienou's bread, bakery and dairy goods; enjoy music, dances and demonstrations on how to make bread and cheese the good old fashioned Cypriot way! Time:11.00-22.00

For further information please call: +357 24811370 or <http://www.athienou.org.cy/en/>

6/10

AFAMIA 2024 - GRAPE FESTIVAL

A real treat for all visitors! The community of the beautifully preserved wine village of Koilani invites all to celebrate the wine producing heritage of the village and the end of harvest. Wine tasting, traditional deserts made from grape, folk dancing and other cultural performances are in offer during the Afamia festival. Koilani village: Community square. For further information: +357 25421020 or + 357 25471008

1/10

"ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TRADITION & CULTURE"

It's a festival organised by the Ladies' Association of Rural Larnaka in a different village of the Larnaka region every year. This year the Festival will take place in Ayii Vavatsinias. Authentic taste of the handmade culinary traditions that are still lovingly produced by generations of women in Larnaka region's rural villages will be on display. For further information: +357 24657070 or larnakaregion.com

12-13/10

APPLE FESTIVAL

The two-day festival takes place in Kyperounta and includes an open air market with fresh seasonal apples, traditional products, fresh apple juice, apple pies, apple vinegar as well as an apple exhibition featuring all the types of apples that grow in Cyprus, competitions for the best apple pie, and many more. There are also seminars about the beneficial properties of apples, as well as a full traditional entertainment show. Visitors are encouraged to stroll around the village and see the local museums and exceptional churches.

For further information: www.mytroodos.com

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12-19/10

19th MEDIEVAL AGIA NAPA FESTIVAL

The Agia Napa Medieval Festival aims to reproduce a time that left its mark on our cultural heritage. All the activities are inspired by the Medieval period, representing everyday life and events during medieval times, including: Street theatre, Theatrical plays with the Medieval Monastery as a natural setting, Music concerts and dance shows, performed by groups from European countries, participation of schools and teams with Medieval costumes in the event "The streets of Crusaders", a medieval market with products for sale such as wine (in wooden barrels) and medieval food, medieval workshops such as pottery making, basketry and exhibitions of Medieval Objects. The program includes medieval performances by various European Groups. For further information: T.: +357 23816307 or www.ayianapa.org

SUN,6

"TRAVELLING TO THE ROADS OF TRADITION" FESTIVAL

The Community Council of Fikardou invites you to the 10th Festival "Travelling to the roads of tradition". Visitors will have the chance to taste local food and buy traditional products. Traditional dance and music will take place. For further information: + 357 22661157 or <https://fikardou.org.cy/>

International Pharos Contemporary Music Festival

The Pharos Arts Foundation opens its Fall season with a fantastic new edition of the International Pharos Contemporary Music Festival. Reflecting Pharos' deep commitment to music creativity and innovation, this was the first festival of new music ever to be established in Cyprus, and since its early days, it has been recognized as one of the most innovative annual events in Europe. Organized at The Shoe Factory in Nicosia, the 15th International Pharos Contemporary Music Festival presents exciting concerts, alongside an array of ground-breaking interdisciplinary events, such as lectures, workshops, and educational activities for the youth. For further information: www.pharosartsfoundation.org

Sun,6

LIMASSOL SPRINT TRIATHLON

Sprint Triathlon is ideal for those competitors who are new to the sport or those who are just into speed. The venue in the beautiful sea front of Lemesos (MOLOS) is made to order to offer just that. For further information: www.nireas.org

30/10-15/12

10TH AYIA NAPA INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE SYMPOSIUM

For further information: www.ayianapa.org.cy

OCTOBER –DECEMBER

INTERNATIONAL NICOSIA FESTIVAL

A festival with music, theatre and dance performances at multiple venues of the capital. For further information: nicosiainternationalfestival OR <https://www.facebook.com/NicosiaIntlFestival/>

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NOVEMBER

ZIVANIA FESTIVALS

Zivania is a traditional alcoholic beverage made in Cyprus, which has been produced here for centuries by distillation of the pomace, the residue of grapes that were pressed during the winemaking process mixed with high-quality dry wines, all harvested from the local grape varieties of Cyprus. The festivals take place in Alona ,Pedoulas ,Pelendri(9-10/11) and Fikardou villages during two consecutive weekends. It includes the distillation process of zivania on site, promotional kiosks with traditional products, as well as music and dance programs. The local sights are open for visitors during the festivals. For further information: www.mytroodos.com

SUN, 17

RADISSON BLUE LARNAKA INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

The Radisson Blue International Larnaka Marathon situated at the coastal city of Larnaka, close to the International Airport of Larnaka, at the beautiful Palm Beach Avenue (Foinikoudes), next to the salt lakes where flamingos take a breath during the fall, is sure to excite every runner, from the more experienced ones to the newcomers. The Radisson Blue International Larnaka Marathon offers a number of different races on race day, apart from the full marathon, there are also a Half Marathon, a 10k Race, a 5k City Race, a 5k Corporate Team Race and a 1k Family Race. All the races offer a different experience for all ages and abilities. For further information: www.larnakamarathon.com

SUN,2

03 OLYMPUSMAN TRIATHLON

O3 is not just a sport event. Is the hardest sport event in Cyprus. Its a challenge of human endurance, strength and self-believe! When you start you will be thinking of a challenge, when you finish you will be thinking, I have no limits! If you want to live something extraordinary you better start training! O3 OlympusMan cannot be compared to other iron distance triathlons. This journey through spectacular Cyprus landscapes is a unique and unforgettable experience! For further information: www.activatecyprus.com

21-24/11

CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL 4 DAY CHALLENGE

The Cyprus International 4-day Challenge Event is a staged running event, covering a distance slightly longer than a marathon, which includes road, trail and cross-country running. It is an adventurous and challenging running event with 4 different races taking place for 4 days. The Event successfully combines a 6k time trial, an 11k mountain trail run, a multi-terrain half marathon distance and a 10k City Run over the four days. It takes place in the area of Paphos and for the most part in the Akamas Nature Reserve Park, in some of Cyprus most scenic routes, where every turn comes with a different stunning view, unfolding the beauty of the AKAMAS Peninsula in a panoramic sea-sky-earth motif. or further information: T. +357 26880877, www.cypruschallenge.com

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CYPRUS CONTEMPORARY DANCE PLATFORM

The "Dance Platform Dance Encounters" as an institution in 2001, has seen its contribution bloom and help in the advancement of Dance in Cyprus, by exposing works of artists and different dance groups, in the field of contemporary dance. It reveals the richness of creativity, imagination and determination of the choreographers, as well as the hard work and skills of the dancers all of which enable Cyprus Dance to succeed and prosper. Venue: Rialto Theatre-Lemesos. For further information: www.cyprusdanceplatform.com.

DECEMBER

11th CYPRUS JAZZ & WORLD MUSIC SHOWCASE

The Rialto Theatre organizes the 11th Cyprus Jazz & World Music Showcase 2024 presenting a comprehensive picture of the local contemporary music creation. Venue: Rialto Theatre-Lemesos. For further information: www.rialto.com.cy

SUN,1

AGIA NAPA HALF MARATHON 2024

A running event that gives runners from Cyprus and abroad the opportunity to end their running year in perfect conditions. The course is a challenging Half Marathon taking athletes through the main streets of the town and out to the most iconic view of Agia Napas' coastal area towards Cape Gkreco Natural Park, along a mostly flat surface for the 10k and 5k course. For further information: www.ayianapamarathon.com

22/11/24-6/1/25

CHRISTMAS VILLAGES 2024

The Deputy Ministry of Tourism invites you to discover beautiful traditional villages of Cyprus which will be decorated and illuminated festively, in the spirit of the days. Christmas Villages for 2024: Agros, Kyperounta, Fikardou, Kiti, Lefkara, Derinia, Kalopanayioti, Laiki Yitonia (Lefkosia).

For further information: <https://www.visitcyprus.com/index.php/en/christmas-villages/>

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S EVE FESTIVITIES

Festivities take place all over Cyprus and the Christmas spirit can be felt everywhere, especially in the major cities. Christmas villages 2024: For further information: www.nicosia.org.cy, www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy, www.larnaka.org.cy, www.pafos.org.cy, www.ayianapa.org.cy, www.paralimni.org.cy

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WALKING TOURS

Guided tours in and around Lefkosia, Lemesos, Larnaka, Pafos, Agia Napa cities are **offered free of charge** by the above Municipalities and are organised in collaboration with the Deputy Ministry of Tourism and the Cyprus Tourist Guides Association.

Every Wednesday

1. Larnaka Walk

Time:10.00

Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Larnaka

Minimum attendance 5 persons.

For information contact the Tourist Information Office: + 357 24654322

Lefkosia Walking Tour

Starting Point: Elefteria's Square

For further information please contact the Tourist Information Office: + 357 22674264

For reservations: <https://www.visitnicosia.com.cy/>

Every Thursday

1. Lemesos (Limassol) "Historic Limassol Walk",

Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Lemesos Old Port

For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office: + 357 25362756

2. "Agia Napa and the Sea: A Different Dimension" (mid November - mid March)

Starting Point: Tourist Information Office, Agia Napa

Booking needed.

For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office: + 357 23721796

3.Pafos Walking Tour

Starting point: Pafias Aphrodite's Street – near the Market

Time:9.30 Mar-Apr Oct -Dec

Please book in advance at: + 357 26 811 500. For further information please contact the Tourist Information Office: +357 2693284

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RELIGIOUS FAIRS (Panigiria)

Many colourful fairs are held in villages, reviving traditional village life, when saint's name-days are celebrated around the main churches. Local products and sweets are sold at stalls especially set up for the occasion. A procession of the Saint's icon around the church takes place during the previous evening's church service.

February 2	Presentation of Jesus to the Temple Chrysorrogiatissa Monastery (Pafos District)
April 23	Saint George's Day Paralimni village (Ammochostos district)
May 21	Saints Constantine and Helena's Day Tsada village (Pafos District), Tochni village (Larnaka District)
July 17	Saint Marina's Day Xylotymbou village (Ammochostos district), Ayia Marina village near Polis (Pafos District)
July 26	Saint Paraskevi's Day Geroskipou village (Pafos District) and Livadia village (Larnaka District)
August 6	Transfiguration of Jesus Christ the Saviour Sotira village (Ammochostos District)
August 15	Dormition of Virgin Mary (Assumption Day) Kykkos Monastery, Chrysorrogiatissa and Agia Napa monasteries, Chrysospiliotissa church at Deftera village (Lefkosia District), Liopetri village (Ammochostos District) Layia and Kiti village (Larnaka District)
September 2	Saint Mama's Day Peristerona village, near Polis (Pafos District)
September 6	Archangel Michael's Day Frenaros village (Ammochostos District)
September 8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Agia Napa Monastery (Ammochostos District), Arakapas village (Lemesos District)
September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Omodos village (Lemesos District) and Lefkara village (Larnaka District)
September 22	Saint Foka's Day Athienou village (Larnaka District)
September 24	Saint Thekla's Day Sotira village (Ammochostos District)
September 28	Saint Neofyto's Day Agios Neofytos Monastery (Pafos District)
October 5	Saint Ermogeni's Day Agios Ermogenis church (Lemesos District)

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October 6	Saint Kendea's Day Agios Kendeas church, Avgorou village (Larnaka District)
October 17-18	Saint Luke's Day Kolossi (Lemesos District), Kouklia (Pafos District) and Aradippou village (Larnaka District)
November 3	Saint George Konto's Day Agios Georgios Kontos Church, in Larnaka town
November 7 - 8	Archangels Michael and Gabriel's Day Archangelos Michael Church at Kaimakli, Lefkosia
November 20 - 21	Presentation of Virgin Mary to the Temple Pallouriotissa old church in Lefkosia and Agros village (Lemesos District)
November 30	Saint Andrew's Day Polis Chrysochous
December 16	Saint Modesto's Day Deryneia village (Ammochostos District)

Useful telephones (country code +357)

Lefkosia District:

Deputy Ministry of Culture	22809845
The Lefkosia Municipal Arts Centre	22797400
Lefkosia Municipality Cultural Services	22797000
State Gallery of Contemporary Cypriot Art	22458228
Cyprus Theatrical Organization	22864300
Famagusta Gate	22797660
Anastasios G. Leventis Foundation	22667706
Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation	22128157
Skali Cultural Centre	22462233
Strovolos Municipal Theatre	22313010
Cyprus Centre of International Theatre Institute	22674920
The Pharos Arts Foundation	22663871
Lefkosia Tourism Board	22889600

Lemesos District:

Lemesos Patticheion Municipal Theatre	25377277
Rialto Theatre	25343900,77777745
Lemesos Municipality Cultural Services	25745919
Municipal Arts Center - Apothikes Papadaki	25 884300
Municipal Art Gallery	25 583 383

Larnaka District:

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Larnaka Patticheion Theatre	24657745
Larnaka Municipal Theatre	24665795
Larnaka Municipality Cultural Services	24657745
Larnaka Municipal Gallery	24658848
Pierides Foundation	24145375

Ammochostos District:

Agia Napa Municipality Cultural Services	23816307
Paralimni Municipality	23819300
Deryneia Municipality	23811000

Pafos District :

Pafos Municipality Cultural Services	26932014
Pafos Aphrodite Festival Ltd	26822218
Pafos Markideion Theatre	26932571
Polis Chrysochous Municipality	26321321

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