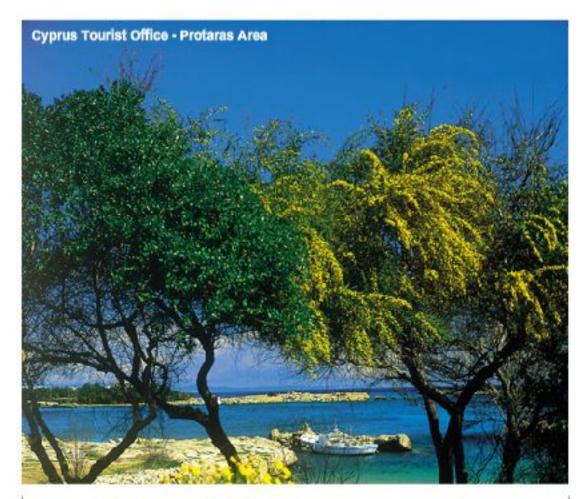
Culture in Cyprus

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Mediterranean. with what life was like at the dawn of civilisation. Admire the exquisite floor mosaics of the Roman villas depicting scenes from

Step back in time with a visit to mythology, arguably the best in Choirokoitia, one of the best the eastern Mediterranean and preserved sites of a prehistoric the impressive underground settlement found in the Eastern Tombs of the Kings nearby, carved out of solid rock and reconstructed round dwellings decorated with Doric pillars. Or giving a vivid representation of enjoy an ancient Greek play performed Roman amphitheatre with the most spectacular view on a cliff overlooking the sea.





Many fine examples of Byzantine art have survived on the island. which you can see for yourself in which have been put on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Marvel at the sumptuous pageantry of Greek Orthodox jewellery, tombstones religious festivals whose origins

go back thousands of years. In addition to the wealth of outdoor sites, tour the priceless Cyprus' painted churches with collection of artefacts displayed their colourful frescoes, ten of in the various Archaeological Museum where you can see objects spanning the island's history, including pottery, coins, and statues

Museums and Galleries

Cyprus' 10,000 year old history has finds over the years, so much so that it is said if you scratch the soil anywhere on the island you are bound to unearth a relic from the past.

All the island's main cities have an archaeological museum to house the regional findings, with pride of place taken by the main archaeological museum in the capital, Lefkosia (Nicosia). Quite a few private and state galleries will guide you through the most

recent years of arts and culture of the island up until today.

brought up innumerable A number of specialist museums exist on the island where you admire some exquisite can of examples icons and ecclesiastical objects that have survived over time. You can also find small folk art museums all over the island where 19th and early 20th century Cypriot folk art and crafts. can be displayed often in beautifully restored old buildings, in whose rooms the way of life in years gone by is recreated.





Sites and Monuments

Testaments to Cyprus' turbulent history can be found all over the island. Long coveted by foreign powers due to its strategic the position at crossroad between three continents, the island is like a huge open air museum where you can see evidence of the passage of the various conquerors and rulers that controlled it through the ages.

from cliff top spots where the of which have been put on the ancient Mycenaean Greek

settlers built temples to their various gods, with pride of place to Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty. Watch performance in a Roman theatre still in use today, or admire the fabulous mosaic floors that once adorned the villas of Roman noblemen when the island was a distant outpost of the Roman Empire.

Discover hidden away in the pine forests, Cyprus' painted churches with their colourful Marvel at the spectacular views frescoes on walls and apses, ten UNESCO World Heritage List.

Cultural Routes

Take in the culture of Cyprus by following one of the themed routes around the island

Follow in the footsteps of Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty and protectress of Cyprus. Wander through layers of history, culture and mythology as you learn all about her birth, scattered mythology, character, the rituals Troodos mountain areas with connected with her cult, as well their remarkable pitched wooden as plants and seashells

associated with her.

Take a tour of the wineries and indulge in some wine-tasting, or other sample grape-based delicacies visitina an monastery or a wine museum along the way.

See the Cyprus's famous ten Byzantine churches on UNESCO's World Heritage List throughout the roofs, icons and frescoes.

