

CYPRUS



Cyprus is divided into two sections. One side is controlled by the Greek Cypriot government and the other by Turkish Cypriots. Greek is spoken in the south and Turkish in the north.

Total area: 9,250 square metres

Population: 1,138,071

Capital: Nicosia (Lefkosia)

Other cities: Larnaka, Lemesos, Paphos, Ammohostos

Religions: Greek Orthodox 78%, Muslim 18%...

Currency: Euro



Cyprus emerged on the surface of the earth 90 million years ago

Flag of Cyprus



Its flag is orange (which symbolizes copper) in a white background. There are two olive branches that are joined and symbolize peace.

Mountains: Pentadaktilos, Ştavrovouni.

Rivers: Gialias, Karyotis, Dhiazizos, Pediaios, Şerakhis, Kouris.

Lakes: Alikı (Larnaca Salt Lake), Akrotiri salt lake, Paralimni lake.

Climate: Mediterranean

Traditional dances

- Şyrtos
- Karsilamas
- Antikristos (the couple's dance)
- Şousta

Musical instruments

The pithkiavlin (Cyprus flute), laouto, the vilolin

Traditional costume



The traditional outfit for men is a shirt and long trousers called 'vraka'.



woman's traditional outfit

Customs

There are many customs in Cyprus especially at Christmas when friends and relatives gather at each other's houses and enjoy food and sweets such as melomakarona and kourambiedes.

On New Year's Day people put a coin in Vasilopita and whoever finds it has a lucky year ahead.

They also throw a leaf from an olive tree in the fireplace to find out if the person we are interested in is in love with us.

Some national dishes in Cyprus are:

- ❖ Sheftalia: grilled sausage made of ground meat.
- ❖ Halloumi: cheese made from either sheep's or cow's milk which tastes especially good when fried. You can only find this cheese in Cyprus.
- ❖ Koupepia (Vine leaves stuffed with minced meat and rice).
- ❖ Talattouri (Tzatziki): yogurt prepared with cucumber and peppermint.

Sights and places to visit

The king's tombs, Kolossi Castle , Afrodite's Baths, 'Petra tou Romiou' (Aphrodite's Rock).

Nissi Beach, Coral Bay, Cape Greco, The sunken ship Zenobia, its museums, Paphos castle ,Fig tree Bay.

Eleni

Dimos Bountouroudis

SIGHTS



Petra tou Romiou



Kolossi Castle



The Tombs of the Kings