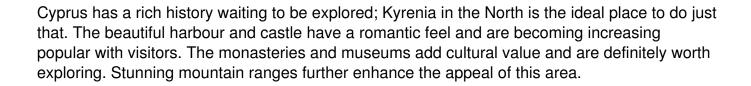
Sitting in the Mediterranean Sea the island of Cyprus is just a three-hour flight from Abu Dhabi. We checked out the island destination to see what it had to offer.



Commonly referred to as the island of Aphrodite; Cyprus is sure to capture visitors' hearts. Begin your adventure by flying into Larnaka. This quaint town is a mix of the old and new; the old Turkish quarter is ideal for drifting through markets and you are sure to pick up some unique crafts. If you are a more contemporary shopper there are plenty of chain stores in the city centre to keep you happy. Soak up the rays by day and by night check out the many cafés and restaurants in this idyllic seaside town.



Delve into the heart of the country and travel to the capital, Nicosia. Divided into the Turkish-occupied North (Lefkosa) and the Republican South (Lefkosia), crossing over the border is relatively easy.

Choose from an abundance of different restaurants, from traditional cuisine to modern swanky eateries, this exciting city tailors for every requirement. Dining is nearly always an outdoor experience due to the mild winters and hot summers while shoppers have plenty to choose from here with chain, designer and local shops.

The Great outdoors

This small island is host to a range of different outdoor activities, largely due to its rich and plentiful coastline. Troodos, the biggest mountain range in Cyprus, is ideal for hiking and mountain biking and trails are marked out by the Cyprus Tourism Organisation (CTO) starting from the village of Troodos.

Party place



Island for all

Unlike a lot of destinations this tranquil island is suitable for every type of visitor. Couples wander hand in hand along the sandy shores. Singles trail the breathtaking mountains and families indulge in an array of different activities. This small but diverse island is guaranteed to keep everyone entertained. With its low crime rate Cyprus is the type of place where cars remain unlocked and children roam freely. One experiences a warm and welcoming feeling the moment they land here. It is no wonder that it is fast becoming a much-loved destination, one that we will be sure to return to.

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