

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd.
95 Dalhousie Street, Brantford, Ontario N3T 2J1
Tel: (519)753-2695 Fax: 753-6376
E-mail: tours@pauwelstravel.com www.pauwelstravel.com



*Cyprus on the 16th century map by Turkish Admiral Piri Reis
(This and all other illustrations free of copyright, c/o Wikimedia Commons)*

CYPRUS: EUROPE'S WINDOW ON THE MIDDLE EAST

13 days, from Tuesday, February 28 to Sunday March 12, 2017

A comprehensive tour of this scenic European island, half Greek and half Turkish, and facing the Middle East as well as North Africa. With history going back to the Bronze Age, and involving Phoenicians, Greco-Romans, Ottomans, Crusaders, Venetians, the Knights of St. John, and the British, Cyprus can claim to be a genuine "crossroads of civilizations". Based in a 5-star "deluxe" resort hotel in the town of Limassol, we will comfortably explore the entire island on daytrips, covering all three UNESCO World Heritage Sites on the island and many other places of interest.

Tour price, based on double occupancy: \$3,995.00 from Toronto, ***Including all taxes and fees***

Single room supplement: \$615.00

"Land only" \$3170.00

Price from Vancouver and other gateway cities available on request.

PROPOSED ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Tuesday, February 28: Evening departure from Toronto to London Heathrow with British Airways. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board.

Day 2 – Wednesday, March 1: Morning arrival at Heathrow, and connecting flight to **Larnaca**, Cyprus, arriving around 6PM. Transfer (1 hour) to **Limassol**, Cyprus's second largest city, situated in the middle of the island, on the southern coast. We check into the 5-star/deluxe Royal Apollonia Beach Hotel, located on the waterfront, and we will stay in sea-view rooms (www.theroyalapollonia.com). Dinner will be served daily in the restaurant of the hotel.

Day 3 – Thursday, March 2: Morning sightseeing tour of Limassol’s old port and historical centre, with sights such as Limassol Castle, the ruins of the ancient settlements of Amathus, the shopping district of Anexartisias street, and the municipal garden. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 4 – Friday, March 3: Full-day excursion to **Paphos**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/79>). Paphos, inhabited since the Neolithic Era, was a centre of the cult of Aphrodite (Venus), who was said to be born on this island. The archaeological site includes ruins of the harbor, palaces, theatres, fortresses, and features some of the most beautiful mosaics in the world. We will follow the breathtaking coastal road, with a stop at the legendary birthplace of Aphrodite. Return to Limassol in late afternoon.

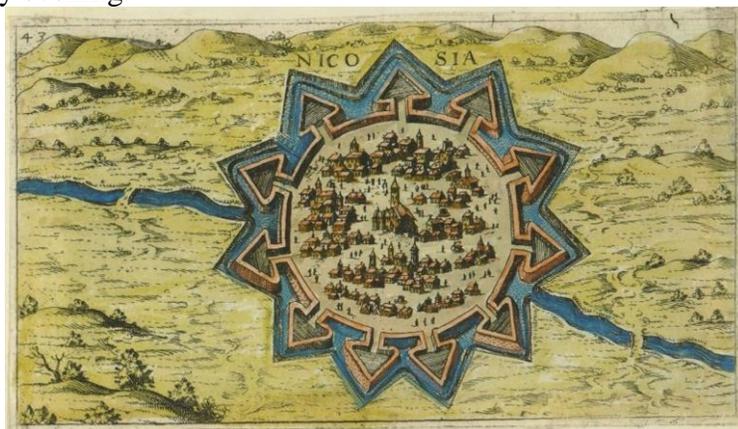


Paphos harbor and castle

Day 5 – Saturday, March 4: This morning we explore the markets of Limassol, such as Linopetra Market, Fasouri Flea Market, and the fruit and vegetable market in the old town. Later on we tour the most important historical sites in the area, such as the Greek amphitheatre and the Temple of Apollo at Kourion, Kourion Basilica, and Kolossi Castle. We conclude with a visit to a winery for an introduction to the wines of Cyprus, highly regarded since the Middle Ages, such as the famous Commandaria, including a tasting, of course.

Day 6 – Sunday, March 5: Day entirely at leisure. You may want to relax in the hotel’s spa with its indoor pool, gym, sauna, steam bath, and massage facilities. Other possibilities include watching a soccer game and ride a donkey in a traditional village. And how about joining your tour escort for a Sunday lunch of delicious traditional *mezze*, the Cypriot version of Spanish tapas, with excellent local wine!?

Day 7 – Monday, March 6: Full-day excursion to the capital of the island, **Nicosia**, straddling the “Green Line” between Greek and Turkish Cyprus, and thus the world’s only remaining “divided capital.” Our visit will focus on the old town, still enclosed within ancient Venetian walls, and include the fine Archaeological Museum, the Byzantium Museum & Art Galleries, the colourful Laiki Gitonia District with its traditional Cypriot architecture. Return to Limassol by early evening.



Ancient plan of Nicosia, with the Venetian fortifications

Day 8 – Tuesday, March 7: Full-day excursion into the “green heart” of Cyprus, the pine-covered **Trodos Mountains**, with as highlight a visit to another UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Painted Churches of the Trodos Region (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/351>). Its major jewel is **Kykkos Monastery**, Cyprus’ most famous and richest monastery, founded in 12th century, and featuring a miraculous icon of the Virgin Mary allegedly painted by St. Luke; the sanctuary is an important centre of pilgrimage for the Greek Orthodox world. Also visit to **Omodhos**, a traditional wine-producing village associated with St. Helen, the mother of Emperor Constantine, who is said to have donated pieces of the Holy Cross to the local monastery.

Day 9 – Wednesday, March 8: Day at leisure. An *optional* full-day excursion will be offered to yet another UNESCO site, **Choirokoitia**, one of the most important prehistoric sites in the eastern Mediterranean, dating back to 7,000 BC (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/848>); **Lefkara**, a village situated high in the hills between Larnaca and Limassol, renowned for its exquisite embroideries known as “Lefkaritika” and also known for its fine silverware and typical stone architecture; the village of **Kiti**, famous for its Angeloktisti Church, which houses an outstanding mosaic from the 6th century; **Larnaca**, a town founded by the Phoenicians and also associated with the biblical figure of Lazarus, whose ancient church is one of the local attractions; the town’s palm tree-lined salt flats are home to a colony of pink Flamingos that migrate here from the Caspian Sea, and on its shores we find an important Muslim sanctuary, Hala Sultan Tekke, featuring the mausoleum of Umm Haram, the foster mother of Mohammed.

Day 10 – Thursday, March 9: Full-day excursion into the northern, Turkish part of Cyprus, situated behind the famous “Green Line,” which was closed for more than three decades! Our sightseeing program there includes the scenic **Pentadaktylos Mountains**; **Bellapais**, the mountain village where the expat British writer Lawrence Durrell lived and wrote his famous book, *Bitter Lemons*, and where a Medieval Gothic Abbey is the major attraction; and the castle and picturesque harbor of **Kerynia**, on the island’s north shore, where there will be time to shop or enjoy a Turkish-style lunch.

Bellapais Monastery:



Kerynia harbor:



Day 11 – Friday, March 10: Morning at leisure. Late afternoon transfer to the airport and flight to Heathrow Airport. Arrival and transfer to a hotel in downtown **London**. Dinner will be served during the flight.

Day 12 - Saturday, March 11: A free day in London to enjoy as you wish. We strongly recommend a visit to the British Museum, where you will find the section on Cyprus Antiquities to be fascinating! The admission to the museum is free of charge.

Day 13 – Sunday March 12: Morning at leisure. Around noon, transfer to Heathrow Airport for arrival in time for the late afternoon departure of the British Airways flight to Toronto, arriving around 9 PM.

Tour price, based on double occupancy: \$ 3,995 from Toronto, INCLUDING ALL TAXES & FEES
Single room supplement: \$615 – “Land only”: \$3,170
Price from Vancouver and other gateway cities available on request

Included in the tour price are:

- Return flight Toronto-Larnaca with British Airways, via Heathrow;
- Airport taxes & fuel surcharges
- Accommodation based on double occupancy, in a 5-star/deluxe hotel in Cyprus and a 4-star hotel in London; the single room supplement is \$615;
- Breakfast and dinner daily;
- All visits and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary, with English-speaking guides, including admission to museums and monuments mentioned;
- Hotel taxes and gratuities.

Not included are:

- All items of a personal nature;
- Beverages with dinners, and meals other than those outlined above;
- A gratuity for the coach driver, normally \$25 or equivalent in local currency;
- Travel Insurance is available, please call for rates.



Map showing the main towns and the division of Cyprus

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. **Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and application form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.**

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made in full if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 46 days before departure:	25% of tour cost
45 to 31 days before departure:	50% of tour cost
Within 30 days prior to departure:	100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. reserves the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary as outlined. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. Any savings realized by these changes will be passed on to the passengers, any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passenger. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. acts only as an agent in securing hotel, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided to tour members subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally. The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. also reserves the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, in which case equitable refund will be made at the discretion of the tour operators.

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

Transatlantic economy flight by scheduled IATA carrier(s), based on an economy class group fare. All fares are subject to specific rules and regulations, to changes and to government approval. Deviations from the group flights are possible but subject to higher rates. Pauwels Travel will research any request for date or routing changes at the time they are requested. Should any individual rate be less than the group fare plus airline and administrative fees, the lower rate will be offered to the tour participant. Individual airfares are subject to immediate ticketing and the fare plus taxes must be paid at the time the ticket is issued by the participant requesting the change. Should the group airfare be the lowest available rate, an administrative fee of \$50.00 plus any airline charges will apply.

APPLICATION FORM

Please book ___ seat(s) on the "Cyprus Tour" travelling February 28 – March 12, 2017.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

Please indicate with an X if you intend to travel on Group flights _____ or Land Only _____.

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for an interim payment of \$1000.00 and the balance approximately 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR DATE TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

PASSPORT NAME(S): Please indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth") _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ Postal Code: _____

PHONE: _____ (Email) _____

If traveling alone, is a SINGLE ROOM REQUIRED? YES ___ NO ___

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin _____ double _____.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so **please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers etc here.** We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible. _____

Insurance, Please call the office for premiums then record it on application and add premium to deposit.

I /we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

All-inclusive Package _____ \$ _____ Non-medical Package _____ \$ _____

Other _____ \$ _____ **OR** Decline Insurance _____

PAYMENT: Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiry: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

"I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment".

Date _____ (Signature)(s) _____

Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to:

PAUWELS TRAVEL BUREAU LTD.

95 Dalhousie Street, Brantford, Ontario N3T 2J1

Tel: 519-753-2695 / 1-800-380-3974 / 519-756-4900 - Fax: 519-753-6376

Email: tours@pauwelstravel.com