



# Your Pocket Guide to North Cyprus

Where to go, what to see and do!



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Top 10 Things To Do in North Cyprus

# Welcome to North Cyprus & Thalassa Beach Resort!!!

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This location guide has been produced so that you can really make the most out of your stay with us and if you wish to explore and visit places around North Cyprus. There is so much to do and see, so here we provide a few tips on the top places to go, things to see, places to relax, eat, drink and unwind!

**We hope you have a lovely stay with us!**



# Discover North Cyprus





## Famagusta Area

Famagusta, situated on the southeast coast of Northern Cyprus, is a place where you can really feel the magic of Cyprus' colourful past; a major academic and trading city in its long and varied history, Famagusta, also known as Mağusa, Magosa, or even Gazi Mağusa, is rich in architecture from the Venetian period when it was fortified against the invading Turks.

It is now the second largest city in North Cyprus next to Lefkoşa, and has the largest port which trades mainly in the importation of various goods and produce.

# Sightseeing

1

**Othello's Tower** - A major attraction is this moated citadel from the Lusignan era which was originally built to protect the harbour and altered during the Venetian period. Don't miss the carved stone lions and Djanboulat Bastion, which has a museum (Namik Kemal Dungeon and Museum) to commemorate this Ottoman hero.

2

**St. Nicholas Cathedral** - Or the Lala Mustafa Pasha Mosque as it is now known, now that it is a functioning mosque, is a brilliant example of 14th century gothic architecture and is a testament to preservation. The Lusignan kings were crowned here as kings of Cyprus, and even when the Ottomans took Cyprus in 1570, they did nothing to destroy this building!



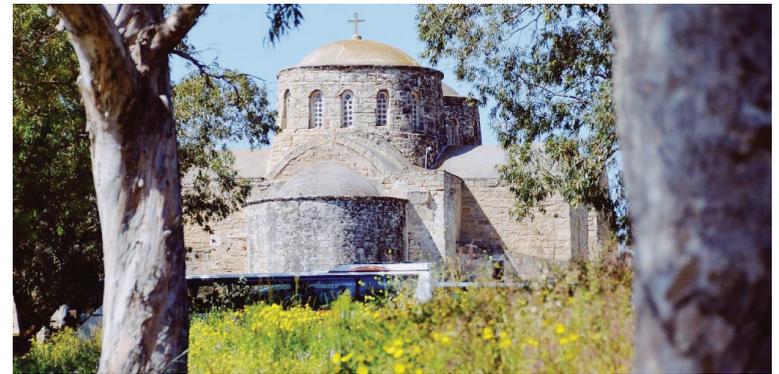
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**Salamis** - A truly magical and amazing place to visit, once the leading city of ancient Cyprus. From the 8th century Salamis already seemed to have become an important trade centre and wealthy city. However, after several rulers, earthquakes and attacking pirates, the city diminished in favour of what is now Famagusta. The archaeological remains of this place are the most important on the whole island and you must visit!



4

**Monastery of St. Barnabas** - A Saint and founder of Christianity, who was unfortunately stoned to death by Jews, reluctant to allow his teachings and wishes to christianise Cyprus! The monastery was built on the site, finished in around 1756, where his grave is located and which also houses an icon museum. Born in Salamis, it is said that St Barnabas healed the sick by placing his copy of the Saint Matthews Gospel on them.



5

**Varosha/Ghost City** - So much has been written about this area, you may well already have plans to visit! Once called the Monaco of Cyprus, this area, now the scene of decaying hotels, is currently out of bounds to the general public but you can still get a good view! Also known as Marash, this was the holiday capital of the rich and famous back in the 1950's.



# Places to Eat & Drink

## **Petek Pastahanesi**

A must go to for all things sweet! Petek has been a mainstay for many years and tourists who return to Cyprus will always make a repeat visit. The Petek family have run this business since 1976 and are the experts in providing some of the best homemade Turkish delights, baklava, cakes, pastries and sweets in North Cyprus.

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## **David People**

A modern coffee house serving a wide range of coffees and teas and some very nice cakes! Having said that, you can stop for a savoury snack or meal too, with some great burgers and pizzas.

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## **Beckett**

A very chic eatery if you feel like spoiling yourself! A range of modern and European dishes to choose from, with some great pasta dishes on the menu. Well known also for their delicious cocktails and a pretty good breakfast!

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## **Korfez**

One for the traditionalists and meat lovers with the menu featuring traditional dishes of şiş kebabs, lamb chops, köfte and other bbq'd meats. In true Ottoman style, you can cook your meat at your table. Located on the coastal harbour area, this is also a place where you can partake of some entertainment with singers on a regular basis.

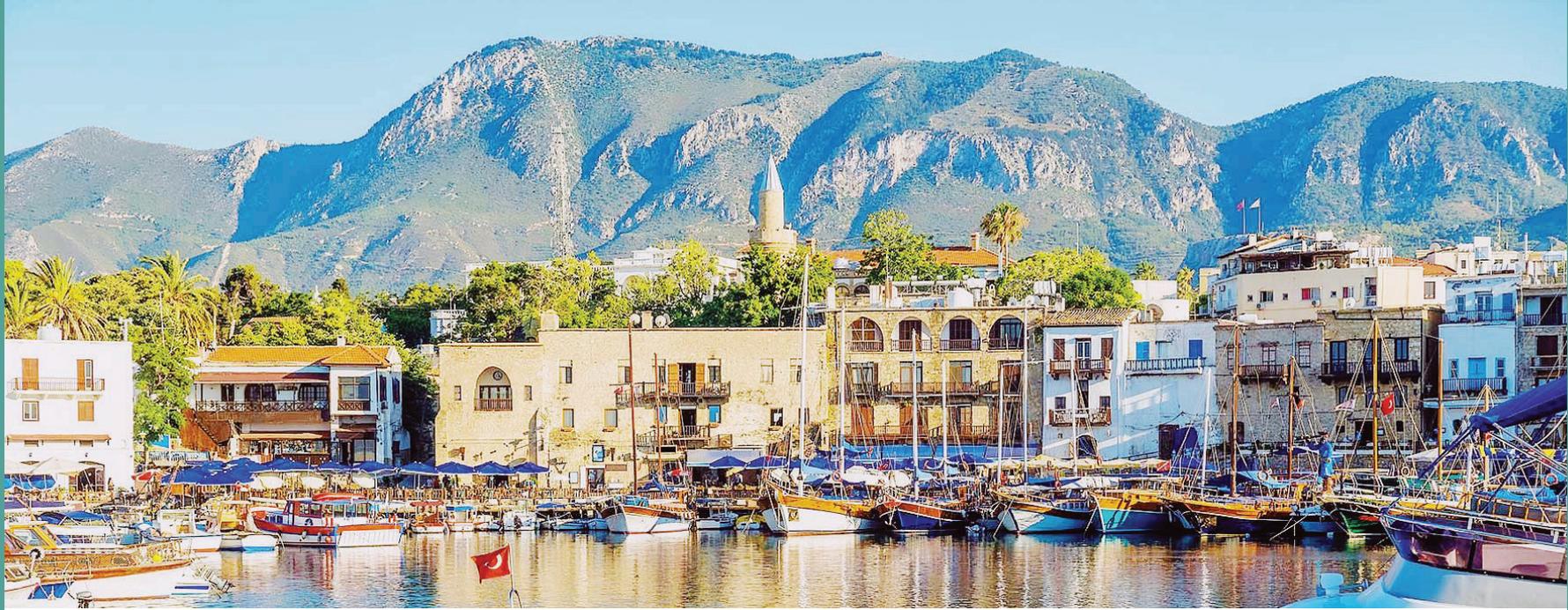
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## **Palm House**

A delightful location, right by the sea and with gardens to get lost in, this little gem is a popular place for Sunday brunch, with a whole range of buffet goodies to get through. As you may have guessed they are well known for their date palms and grape vines – a very romantic venue!

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## Girne/Kyrenia Area

Commonly known as Kyrenia, the Turkish name for this area is Girne and is probably the most popular town in North Cyprus, located in the middle of the north coast. Girne is where all visitors to the island are naturally drawn due to the famous pretty horseshoe shaped harbour, along which you'll find many bars and restaurants, and which is dominated by an immense Byzantine castle.

It is said that the town was founded in the 10th century and was called Corineum during the Roman period. As can be seen by the many tall buildings surrounding the harbour, it was once a bustling trade port, the buildings used for storage of goods such as carob. Girne also boasts the New Harbour to the east of the town, which is a central departure point for seafaring passengers wishing to travel to and from Turkey.

# Sightseeing

1

**Girne Castle** - This is an immense Byzantine structure, thought to have been built on top of the foundations of an ancient Roman port, and it dominates the old harbour area in the town of Girne. The Lusignans also had a hand in its construction too, whilst in later times the British used it as a prison and a police school, and before that the Ottomans used it as a tomb for one of their generals, whilst during the Venetian reign it was altered by fortification. Visitors to the castle are rewarded with full access to the entire building, featuring a Shipwreck Museum where you will see one of the oldest preserved wrecks ever recovered from the sea.

2

**Bellapais Abbey** - Known as the Abbey of Peace, this beautiful and rather elegant jewel stands out from the centre of the village in glorious detail! Originally constructed around 1200 by the Lusignans for monks, the Abbey became an extremely influential and important place for religion until it was seized by the Genoese in 1373. After the Ottomans invaded in 1570 the buildings were further desecrated, with much of the stone from the Abbey being used to build the surrounding village, but still so much remains to amaze.



3

**Karmi/Karaman** - Again both Greek and Turkish names are regularly used for this pretty mountain village. Over the past few years this quaint and authentic place has become a popular visit for tourists, with its wonderfully maintained stone village houses and colourful gardens, set within narrow cobbled lanes and hidden paths. With restaurants, a village pub and coffee shop it is a good few hours spent wandering and imagining the lives of those Cypriots who used to live and work the mountains many years ago.



4

**Saint Hilarion Castle** - Although no original construction date is available, it is estimated that during the 10th and 11th centuries a monastery was built over the tomb of the Saint and then future occupants of Cyprus – including the Lusignans, Venetians and Ottomans – all had a hand in adding, destroying and altering various aspects of the castle. It was also used as a military outpost, residence and fortress. Built 2,400ft up above the plains before it and seemingly growing out of the rocks around it, St. Hilarion is one of the best castles in the world with plenty of myths to entice. A true fairy tale castle that will have both young and old visitors enchanted!



5

**Alevkaya** - Staying up in the mountains and offering a delightful tour of the magnificent Beşparmak (Five Finger) mountain range, this area is far from the sun kissed sandy beaches! Alevkaya itself is a forest station and here you can stop for a well earned picnic and marvel at the views from its viewing platform. You can take some time to visit the local herbarium, consisting of over 1,200 indigenous plants in North Cyprus. A nearby path will take you down to the rather spooky but intriguing Sourp Magar monastery, now ruins but once used as a stopover for travelling Armenians, on their way to and from Jerusalem.



# Places to Eat & Drink

## Kybele

A firm favourite for visitors and locals alike, particularly if you like beautiful surroundings and your flame cooked steaks! This venue, located inside the Bellapais Monastery grounds, specialises in steaks and meat dishes, so if you like the showmanship of flaming dishes, this is an entertaining evenings dining!

*Bellapais Monastery, Bellapais*

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## Bellapais Gardens

Another restaurant set within the stunning village of Bellapais, with a more continental menu, this is a real treat that you should try when visiting Bellapais. Sit beneath the monastery and enjoy the surroundings as well as their menu, it is rather special. And if you feel rather full after a delicious meal, you can always stay the night as it doubles up with its boutique hotel too.

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## Avanti Patisserie

If you are visiting Girne/Kyrenia, then this stop off is a great place for recharging. Serving a range of light bite meals, salads and cakes, they also have a long list of teas, juices, milkshakes and other drinks to try. Their bubble teas are quite a novelty!

*Yeni Liman Cemberi, Kyrenia*

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## The Crows Nest

Hidden away in the mountain village of Karaman, this is a must visit if you are taking a stroll in this quaint village. Stop for some traditional fare, a slice of cake and a cold draft beer, or pop along on a Sunday for an English roast.

*The High Street, Karaman/Karmi*

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## Niazis

A visit to Girne/Kyrenia may not be complete without a meal at Niazis, originally based in Limassol and established in 1949. It has obviously grown since then and is a longstanding favourite for many. Featuring a more traditional Turkish Cypriot menu, choose from various meat and fish dishes, cooked in true Niazi style.

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## Güzelyurt Area

Güzelyurt, also referred to as Morphou, which is the Greek name for the town. The translation of Güzelyurt depends on the sources you read and the people you speak to, but it basically means 'beautiful native country' or 'fatherland'. Güzelyurt is said to have been inhabited since Bronze Age times, and it was also a major centre for copper mining during its history. Today, it is more commonly associated with being the citrus growing centre of North Cyprus. Under British rule the town was also a major part of the transportation network, connected by rail to Lefkoşa and Famagusta, mainly for the transportation of copper.

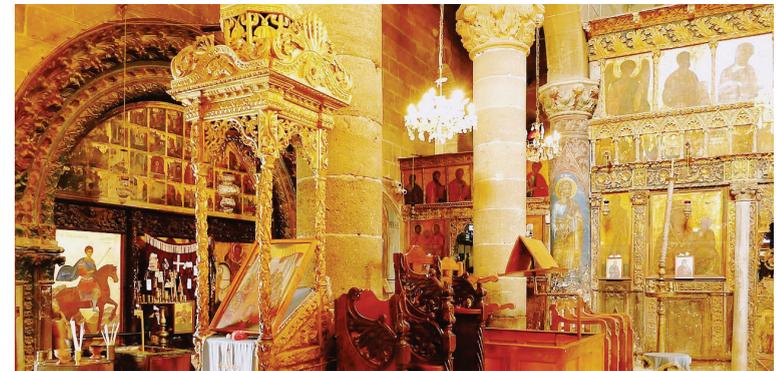
# Sightseeing

1

**Archaeology and Nature Museum** - A fascinating museum located in the centre of the town, it features various artifacts from the surrounding areas from as far back as the Neolithic period. You can see examples of jewellery from the Byzantine era, pottery and bronze-ware from the late Bronze Age, and much, much more. It's a very interesting visit, not least because of the ground floor exhibits featuring two headed lambs and various other strange animal mutations which have been stuffed and preserved!

2

**Church of St. Mamas** - Regarded as the patron saint of tax payers, St. Mamas is the patron saint of the town. It was said that on being bought before the governor of the region, to be asked why he did not pay taxes, the poor hermit Mamas rode in on a lion, having saved a lamb from its jaws and the governor subsequently fled! You can see the relief hanging above the door of this well preserved church, which also houses a superb museum consisting of an interesting collection of icons.



3

**Markets/Pazars** - As Güzelyurt is predominantly still an agricultural area, you can find both open and closed markets. Even if you make a visit to just people watch, to enjoy the banter and humour of a traditional market, ask to try some fruits or nuts and you will end up buying plenty! As the area is best known for its citrus growing, you can buy it in plentiful quantities very cheaply!

4

**Gaziveren** - Visit the coastal monument in honour of the pilot Cengiz Topal, a Turkish fighter pilot. In 1964, while flying an F-100 Super Sabre his plane was shot down near Denizli, a village close by. Captain Topal ejected safely and was captured by Greek Cypriot villagers and taken to the British Hospital. He was removed from the hospital by representatives of the Greek Cypriot National Guard and taken to their headquarters at Kyko Monastery where he was sadly tortured and murdered.



  
**VILLA ADAM**

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# Places to Eat & Drink

## **Pizza Vira**

As the name suggests, pizzas and pastas are on the menu at this fresh and bright eatery. Homemade lemonade too!

*Bahçeli Evler Bulvarı, Güzelyurt*

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## **Cafe Atıştırmalık**

A super little quick pit stop cafe offering toasts, salads, sandwiches and snacks.

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## **Gondaras Restaurant**

Turkish Cypriot cuisine includes a range of mezés (like tapas), so expect to have lots of small dishes and plates delivered to your table to enjoy at your leisure along with skewered meat delights at this local eatery.

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## Karpas Area

The Karpas peninsula is located on the far eastern coast of North Cyprus, and stretches right up to the tip of the peninsula. It is also often referred to as the 'panhandle.'

You may even hear or see the peninsula being called Karpasia, Karpaz, Kirpasha, Carpasia or Dipkarpaz – in fact Dipkarpaz is a present day town, and Carpasia was the ancient city where the ruin of Ayios Philon stands. Once a very densely populated area during both the Roman and Lusignan times, the area has some breathtaking beaches, wonderful walks and is littered with ancient churches, monuments and ruins. Part of the area is also now a designated National Park, where feral donkeys are allowed to roam free and nature is pretty much left alone.

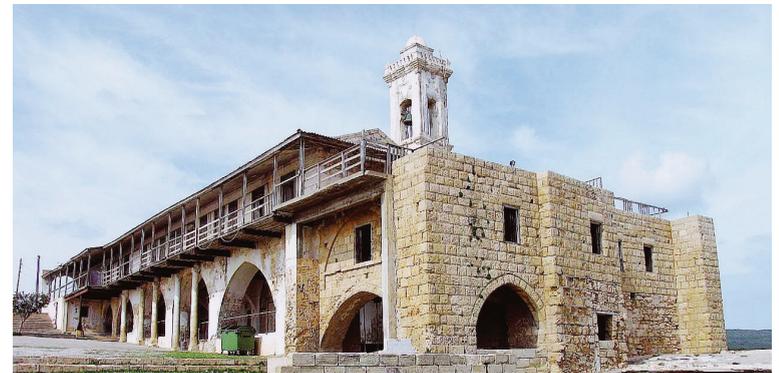
# Sightseeing

1

**Golden Beach** - The one true place that enivbes the spirit of this island is most definitely the golden beaches of the Karpas. Golden Beach, or Altın Sahil, the largest and longest, is located at the foremost point of the peninsula, however, there are around 46 beaches along this coastline in total, so seclusion, should you wish to visit, is perfect.

2

**Apostolos Andreas Monastery** - Located almost at the end of the 'panhandle' is this industrious looking monastery, built and added to over time by the various believers and worshippers of Saint Andreas. As the story goes, during a journey to Palestine, the ship which was transporting Andreas went off course and struck the rocks here. On coming ashore, Andreas, struck the rocks with his staff, at which point a spring gushed forth. The waters proved to have healing powers, and restored the sight of the ship's captain who had been blind in one eye. Thereafter, the site became a place of pilgrimage and, in the 15th century, a small chapel was built close to the shore, where to this day, you can still collect the healing water.



**3** **Büyükkonuk** - A village which has, over the years, gained a reputation of some note for its eco-tourism efforts, tradition, great festivals and a place where you can see, eat, feel and experience true Turkish Cypriot culture. Located in the lowland foothills of the Beşparmak mountain range on the far east of the island, it is situated about 6km north-east of Boğaz, just before the start of the Karpas Peninsula region.

**4** **Ayios Philon** - Situated on the coastal road, on the way to the Karpas, you will find the church of Ayios Philon, a church built in the 11th century and the last remaining structure from the Phoenician ancient city of Karpasia, believed to have been later destroyed by the Saracens. Built with remains of the city in remembrance to Saint Philon, who converted the local population to Christianity, the church still has some remnants of frescoes, and remains of the ancient harbour can be found whilst snorkeling in the area.

**5** **Kantara Castle** - This castle is often described as the most romantic of the trio of Crusader castles in Northern Cyprus. Kantara (meaning 'arch' in Arabic) castle is 2,000ft above sea level, and it is the best preserved. Its documented history begins in 1191 when Richard the Lionheart 'acquired' it, though it's believed to have been built around the year 900. With incredible views of both sides of the Karpas peninsula and Turkey and Syria on a clear day, the castle is well worth the trip, also to see its impressive barbican and square tower.



# Places to Eat & Drink

## Karpaz Gate Marina

A fantastic addition to the coastline is the marina. If you are travelling up to the tip of the Karpaz, then make this a place to stop along the way to have lunch or drink at Hemingways Bar and Restaurant. Take a look at some super yachts too!

*Dipkarpaz*

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## Balcı Plaza

Welcome to their world!

This restaurant and hotel can't be beaten in terms of traditional Cypriot hospitality. With its own little beach, farm and planting area, where they grow all kinds of fruits and vegetables, if you stop for breakfast, lunch or dinner here, you will want to go back! Fresh meals, relaxed vibes and friendship!

*Karpaz Ana Yol, Yenierenköy*

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## Karpaz Stone House

A beautiful spot to stop off for traditional fare and close to Golden Beach. Acting as a guest house, they also welcome people for breakfast lunch and dinner all with wonderfully warm Turkish Cypriot hospitality.

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## Oasis At Ayphilon

Sit with a glass of wine, freshly caught and cooked fish and just relax. This place has been going for some years now and people love sitting right at the coastline of an evening to experience true Mediterranean vibes in North Cyprus. Highly recommended!

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## Lefke Area

The relatively newly titled city of Lefke (prior to 2017 it was a town), has a bright past and was one of the few areas to have seemingly been valued enough during Ottoman times to have warranted investment and infrastructure development.

The entire area around Lefke is a mixture of coastline and low-lying mountains which form part of the Troodos mountain range. Lefke is famous for its 'Yafa' oranges as well as dates, plums and walnuts. In its more recent history, Lefke was also part of the copper mining operation area with land being leased to the Cyprus Mining Corporation (CMC) and is also home to the Sufi religious sect, with thousands journeying to worship every year.

# Sightseeing

1

**Vouni** - A mountain look out this site is inspiring, just because of how it came to be built in such a high and difficult location! Its history seems to date from the 5th century BC, and is said to have been built by a Persian sympathiser king of the nearby city of Marion. Wishing to remain loyal to the Persians, he built the palace of Vouni to literally spy on Soli (a low lying city not far away). It was subsequently destroyed in 380BC and since this time Vouni has never been used. Vouni was more of a functional operation housing business rooms, halls, kitchens, store rooms, living quarters and the like. One of its major attractions lies beneath the foundations, with a hugely sophisticated plumbing system which pre-dates that of Salamis near Famagusta by some 500 years.

2

**Ottoman Buildings** - Dotted around everywhere, take a walk around Lefke in general and you will come across some beautiful, some if not slightly decaying, Ottoman houses, the old Colonial post office and the Queen's coronation bust in the main centre. Visit the Piri Osman Pasha mosque, converted from a church after an Arabian assault in 963AD which has a mystical feel, with the beautiful sarcophagus of the Pasha located in its pretty gardens.



# 3

**Soli** - The first records of Soli's history date back to around 6000BC, when it was called Si-il-lu, one of a list of cities that paid dues to the Assurian kings. Persians took hold of the city around 498BC and during their time the city became an important centre of the Orthodox faith during the birth of Christianity. Soli had always been a very prosperous city due to its copper mining activities and this continued well into the 4th century until the harbour either finally silted up or was deliberately filled in to prevent the entry of invading ships. The future of Soli was finally decided after the Arab invasions during the 7th century when it was sadly ransacked and destroyed. Today you can see some superb remains, including a basilica, 12th century church mosaics, columns, and the beautiful Roman amphitheatre, located just to the west of the main site.



# 4

**Yeşilarmak** - The home of the Cyprus strawberry! You can visit for sure in the spring and summer months, where you will find most of the population picking tonnes of strawberries every day! There are many farms in this area, so you can just park up and fill your pots and take your time in the huge lanes of strawberry fields. A very nice pastime as well as a great day out.



# 5

**Bağlıköy** - A village located in the low lying mountains just to the west of the centre of Lefke, this village has been restored using traditional methods, and is now classed as an eco-village. Take a trip and feel the tradition of this village and its quaint streets. The yearly festival usually happens in May if you can catch it.



# Places to Eat & Drink

## Aspava

One of the most popular coastal eateries, this place is always busy. With a huge menu there is so much to choose from, including fish, meat & vegetarian dishes, cooked in many ways! Great place which can cater to larger groups.

*Yedidalga*

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## Queen of Soli

Great fish restaurant, again located on the coastal area of Lefke, this is a fun place, run by fun people. Serving grilled, fried or baked fish with a generous range of side dishes, all served with a smile!

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## Argonya

Local fayre and a lovely place! Located on the outskirts of Lefke, we love this traditional shop and restaurant, where you can buy local produce to take away including breads and jams. Take a seat in their lovely gardens and have one of the most delicious and varied Turkish breakfasts you can find in North Cyprus!

*Pendayia*

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## Ambeli

Set high up in the foothills of the mountainside this relatively new addition offers modern dining in a family atmosphere.

With gardens for the children all set with panoramic views of the coastline, it serves up a lovely array of Cypriot dishes to suit all tastes. While away a summer afternoon in this relaxing eatery.

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## Lefkoşa Area

Lefkoşa, Nicosia or Lefkosia ...all names for the last remaining divided city in the world, located in the centre of Cyprus. Lefkoşa has been the capital of Cyprus since the 7th century and was once a prosperous and prominent city for many.

Today it is still a bustling capital city, with modern shops and eateries, and is the home to most of the governmental departments of North Cyprus. It is also a place of great historical interest, and you can see much of it just by walking around the city centre.

# Sightseeing

1

**Bedesten** - Or St. Nicholas Church, this was originally a 12th century Byzantine building, although altered and added to during the Lusignan period. Suffering earthquake damage and then being left to decay during the Ottoman era it was in bad condition until recently. Having however now been beautifully restored, it is a busy cultural and arts venue, holding regular exhibitions, concerts and Sufi dances and is great place to visit, having proudly been awarded the Europa Nostra for its renovation works.



2

**Mevlevi Museum** - Built in the 17th century Mevlevi Tekke was home to the religious order dedicated to the Sufi movement, which is a practice and tradition that embraces the inner and more mystical side of Islam. The practice was originally said to have been founded by an ethnic Afgan by the name of Celaleddin Rumi who was born in 1207. Also referred to as 'dervishes,' a Persian word and name given to followers of Sufism. Here you can see artifacts and perhaps most interesting is the chambered corridor which houses tombs of the various sheikhs of the Mevlevihane.



3

**Büyük Han** - The Büyük Han (or Great Inn), located within the city walls, was commissioned by the first Ottoman Pasha to Cyprus, Musafer, in 1752. It was a familiar sight for travelling tradesman, as these types of Hans (Inns) were common in Turkey, especially in Anatolia. They were also known as 'caravanseraï' which literally means a centre where people would commune. Fully restored and reopened in 2002 the Han is now a vibrant tourist attraction with local arts and crafts and eateries.



4

**Selimiye Mosque** - Selimiye Mosque in the city centre is a wonderful building, built as a cathedral named St. Sophia in around 1209, it was finished in later years by French architects who were travelling with the Crusades. Sacked in the 1300s by the Genoese and then the Mamelukes, it also suffered earthquake damage and was subsequently plundered by the Ottomans in 1570, when it was thereafter altered with the addition of minarets and changed into a mosque which still functions as such today.



5

**The Gamblers Inn** - The Gamblers Inn or Kumarçılar Han is a late 17th century building, again used as a centre for travellers of a certain trade. It is assumed that this building was built on top of the remains of a monastery as it has a gothic arch still remaining. As at January 2018, the Kumarçilar Han has been fully restored, and is used as a cafe/restaurant, and has small shops selling local items and souvenirs.



# Places to Eat & Drink

## El Sabor Latino

Located in what is known as the town square, this restaurant has been a popular day and evening venue for years now. Serving amazing Spanish tapas type starter dishes with pastas and pizzas along with jugs of sangria, fresh salads and crisp wines, this is a great place to soak up the locality, with local handcraft shops just nearby.

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## Alice Café & Patisserie

Close to the Ledra Palace border point with the south, this venue is set in a lovely old Ottoman townhouse, with high ceilings and comfortable coffee rooms, with outside seating area. They serve a delicious range of coffees, milkshakes, teas and other soft drinks along with some very tempting cheesecakes!

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## TaşEV

Opened in 2017 and again, set within a grand old Ottoman property, this place also has several boutique style hotel rooms available to book as well. In the back covered courtyard area you can try some rather nice and interesting homemade dishes all with a natural and healthy twist.

*Lefkoşa Suriçi*  
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## Johnny Rockets

Fancy some fast food?! Johnny Rockets is located in the bustling area of Dereboyu, where you can shop till you drop! This cosmopolitan area of Lefkoşa is home to various high street shops and venues, and you can stop off and choose from a wide variety of burgers, fries, onion rings, shakes and soft drinks.

A nicely themed burger joint!

*Dereboyu*  
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*Photo by Alishan Taghwashoar*

## Top 10

# Things to do in North Cyprus



### Paragliding

A real treat for those who enjoy a bit of an adrenalin rush while they are on holiday!

Jump from the mountaintop at 2,500 ft close to Hilarion Castle, high above Kyrenia and parasail down with an expert on board. On clear days you can see right across the Karpas Peninsula and it really is a beautiful sight!

*HighlineTandem Paragliding -*

*+90 533 870 9222*

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### Orchid Walk

A festival is also held in the beautiful orchid flowers name in April every year in Hisarköy, but you can also make a day of hunting for them all over North Cyprus.

Join a guided walk and spend some time in the fresh air and stunning scenery to see up to 35 varieties of orchid, some quite rare, but all very pretty and individual.

*North Cyprus Walking & Trekking*

*+90 548 872 1199*

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### **Bird Spotting**

Kuşkor is the group in North Cyprus, that is dedicated to both conservation and promotion of the myriad of birds, both endemic and migratory, that populate this beautiful island.

Join a monthly guided trip with the experts to visit some excellent spots where you can find ground and lake dwelling species as well as raptors. If you love wildlife then a day out with the enthusiastic team at Kuşkor is a must!

*Kuşkor (NGO)*  
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### **Diving**

A very popular pastime here in North Cyprus, where you can either enjoy joining dives if you have the experience or take a short course and achieve your PADI certification. There are many diving clubs often being attached to the local beach clubs which can also provide trips to the various diving sites around the island.

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### **Turtle Watching**

A trip to North Cyprus would not be complete without experiencing the wonder of nesting turtles! Both the Caretta (Green Turtle) and the Loggerhead varieties come to the island every year to lay their nests and with teams of up to 300 volunteers, you can now see and participate in the release of baby turtles on various beaches across the north coast.

Wishing the babies good luck as you release them into the sea is a truly lovely, feelgood experience

*Turtle Hatching Season from August to October*  
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### **Boat Trips**

Another great day out which you can experience from Girne/Kyrenia or Famagusta, is an all inclusive boat trip. Join a boat and take a trip along the coast either east or west and enjoy the view from a different perspective.

You will be provided with meals and drinks and a stop off for a dip in the crystal clear waters of the Mediterranean Sea. You can also book onto a fishing trip too from the Boğaz area.

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### Clubs

Yes, go to a club! There are some great themed beach clubs here in North Cyprus, and in the summer months these are the places to go! Mostly attached to some of the very swanky 5 Star Hotel Resorts, you can dance the night away by the sea, enjoy the themed entertainment with dancers, flame throwers, stilt wearing entertainers and just let your hair down, no matter how old you are!

*Cratos Hotel, Cage Club, Çatalköy, Girne*

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*Thrones Nightclub, Famagusta*

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### Büyükkonuk/Akdeniz Komi Kebir Festival

If you want to see tradition and culture whilst in North Cyprus then in our opinion this is the place to go! Every year thousands travel to the village area of Büyükkonuk, in the Iskele district, as a superb weekend festival, full of everything Cypriot, takes place. Try your hand at basket weaving, making macaroni, sample the breads, fruits, jams and honeys all on show and for sale.

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### Strawberry Picking

A nice treat, and who doesn't like picking their own strawberries?! The area of Yeşilarmak, over to the far west is the major strawberry growing area for North Cyprus. From early spring through to the end of May, beginning of June is when you can join others who travel to pick! Although it can get very busy, as seemingly the whole population gravitates in the same direction, there are many many strawberry farms, so there is plenty for everyone. Park up, grab a punnet and pick as much as you like, it's a perfect day out!

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