

MARCH

March 1,8,15,22,29 MUSICAL SUNDAYS AND MORE ...

A series of cultural events with traditional songs and dances, classical, contemporary music and happenings, organised by the Cyprus Tourism Organisation in Lemesos (Agios Tychonas), Larnaka, Pafos, Agia Napa and Paralimni.

March 2 GREEN MONDAY (50 days before the Greek Easter)

The first day of Lent, is a day of joy, laughter and vegetarian picnics. Green Monday is followed by a fifty days fasting period, during which Christians prepare themselves to receive the Redeemer, shunning meat and dairy products and living on a vegetarian diet.

Events and activities take place in all towns and villages:

Agia Napa: Cape Gkreko

Larnaka: Tekke Grove

Pafos: Kato Pafos (Faros Beach)

Pervolia village (Larnaka District): Rigena Medieval Tower (tel. 24423330)

Polis: Polis Municipal Beach

March 6 – 8 32nd TROODOS INTERNATIONAL FIS RACES 2009

Organised by the Cyprus Ski Federation at Dias Slope, Troodos

Tel.: 22449837, e-mail: csf@cyprusski.com, website: www.cyprusski.com

March 6 – 8 9th PLATFORM OF CONTEMPORARY DANCE

Cyprus' greatest contemporary dance event: this is a unique opportunity for the public to acquaint itself with the latest works of Cypriot choreographers and dancers.

Organisers: The Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Rialto Theatre

Venue: Rialto Theatre in Lemesos (Limassol), (tel.77777745)

March 8 Cycling Race – “CYPRUS SUNSHINE CUP #3”

Mountain bike and cycling races - events in Cyprus with world class riders participating, organised by the Cyprus Cycling Federation.

For further information: tel. 99 694900, e-mail: ccf@cytanet.com.cy, website: www.mtbcyprus.com

March 13 – 15 “CYPRUS RALLY” FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Cyprus Rally is one of the world's most exciting motor sports events, organised by the Cyprus Automobile Association. For further information: tel: 22 313233, email:info@caa.com.cy, website:www.caa.com.cy

March 29 GSO – INTERNATIONAL OPEN MARATHON

The Gymnastic Club “TA OLYMPIA” (GSO), is hosting for a third consecutive year an International Open Marathon that will take place in Lemesos (Limassol). This event is under the auspices of the Cyprus Amateur Athletics Federation.

For further information: tel. 25 387370, email: gsolympia@cytanet.com.cy

APRIL

April 5, 12, 19, 26 MUSICAL SUNDAYS AND MORE ...

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April 11 SAINT LAZARUS' RELIGIOUS PROCESSION

A special mass is held in memory of St Lazarus, the Patron Saint and first Bishop of Larnaka, followed by an impressive procession of the saint's icon with music and the clergy dressed in all their splendour, going from Agios Lazaros Church along the palm-lined sea front promenade and other main streets of Larnaka.

April 17 – 20 GREEK ORTHODOX EASTER

Easter the biggest Greek Orthodox religious feast is celebrated in Cyprus with great solemnity. Evening services take place throughout the Holy Week.

Good Friday - April 17

A procession of decorated Sepulchres takes place in all parishes at around 20:30.

Easter Saturday - April 18

At midnight an open-air mass takes place in every church.

EASTER SUNDAY & MONDAY - April 19 – 20

On Easter Sunday and Monday afternoons traditional games are organised in towns and villages:

Lefkosia (Nicosia) District: Kourdali and Spilia villages

Lemesos (Limassol) District: Lemesos town, Agios Tychonas, Pano Polemidia, Sykopetra (tel:99569408), Kellaki (tel. 99604792), Pissouri (tel. 25222292), Episkopi (tel. 25934015),

Anogyra and Agros villages

Larnaka District: Pervolia village (tel. 24423330)

Pafos District: Pafos town, Geroskipou, Tala, Kathikas, Tsada, Chlorakas, Kissonerga, Stroumbi and Neo Chorio villages

Famagusta District: Agia Napa, Frenaros, Paralimni, Deryneia and Achna villages.

April REVIVAL OF EASTER TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS

Organisers: Communities of Spilia, Kourdali and Evrychou villages, tel. 99606641

The programme includes Easter delicacies preparation, traditional Easter games, Cypriot dances and music concerts and many other events.

April GOLF – CYPRUS AMATEUR OPEN

Organised by the Cyprus Golf Federation at the Secret Valley Golf Club, Pafos District.

For further information: tel. 26642774, www.cyprusgolf.com, golfers2@cytanet.com.cy

MAY

May 2 - 31 12TH EUROPEAN DANCE FESTIVAL

A feast of contemporary dance meets all the trends, the dynamics and the new forms of the international contemporary scene. The increased level of participation by EU member states is a clear indication that the Dance Festival is becoming an annual highlight of the European arts and culture scene.

Organisers: The Ministry of Education and Culture and the Rialto Theatre. In cooperation with the Embassies and Cultural Centres of the participate countries

Venue: Rialto Theatre in Lemesos (tel.77777745)

May 8 – 10 WORLD AQUA BIKE CYPRUS GRAND PRIX AGIA NAPA 2009

Organised by JSR Racing Team in Agia Napa.

For further information: Contact Person: George Ioannides Tel: 22-028131, 99 334170,

Fax: 22-028130, email: info@cyprusaquabike.com, website: www.cyprusaquabike.com

May 9 – 10, 30 – 31 FLOWER FESTIVAL (ANTHESTIRIA)

“Anthestiria” is a celebration for the coming of Spring and the renewal of nature and life dating back to Ancient Greece. The programme includes amongst others a Flower exhibition and a parade of group of people and chariots.

Lemesos – Germasogeia: 9 – 10/5/2009, celebrations organised by the Germasogeia Municipality, tel. 25879898

Saturday: Flower exhibition and market at the Potamos Germasogeias parking place

Sunday: Parade of groups of people and chariots decorated with flowers, along the coast road starting from the Apollonia Hotel towards Germasogeia Police Station

Larnaka: 10 /5 /09, celebrations and parade along Athens Avenue and at the Larnaka Seafront Stage, organised by the Larnaka Municipality, tel. 24657745 or 24629333

Pafos: 30 /5 /09, celebrations and parade along Poseidonos Avenue, organised by the Pafos Municipality, tel. 26932014

May (end) 9th ANNUAL PHAROS INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL
Organised by the Pharos Trust at the PASYDY Auditorium in Lefkosia and at the Royal Manor House in Kouklia, Pafos district. The Festival welcomes to Cyprus several accomplished chamber musicians from the current international circuit, performing a range of works for strings and piano. For further information: tel.22663871, website: www.thepharostrust.org

May 29 – 31 21st INTERNATIONAL HISTORIC CAR RALLY
Organised by the Friends of Historic & Old Cars of Cyprus.
For further information: tel. 22446614, 22313233

JUNE

June 1 – 6 XIII GAMES OF THE SMALL STATES OF EUROPE – CYPRUS 2009
The Cyprus Olympic Committee has undertaken to host the 2009 Games of the Small States of Europe. In the context of CYPRUS 2009 numerous side events of a cultural and educational nature will be organised. For further information: www.cyprus2009.org.cy

June 6 – 8 PENTECOST- KATAKLYSMOS (Flood Festival)
“Kataklysmos” is a religious and popular feast celebrated only in Cyprus. “Kataklysmos”, which means flood, is found in the book of Genesis and in the Greek myth of Deukalion. In both cases it refers to the destruction by flood of almost all living creatures in order to give birth to a new and moral generation. The ceremonies last for a few days and take place in all seaside towns. Celebrations include various games, folk dances, swimming competitions and boat races. Festivities in all seaside towns:

Larnaka: 5 – 10/6/09 (music, dance, poetry, theatre, competitions) at the Larnaka Palm Trees Promenade organised by the Larnaka Municipality, tel. 24657745

Lemesos: 6 – 8/6/09 at the Seafront Promenade (west of the Municipal Gardens), organised by the Lemesos Municipality, tel. 25745919 or 25343120

Agia Napa: 6 – 8/6/09 at Agia Napa harbour, organised by the Agia Napa Municipality tel.23816307

Pafos: 6 – 8/6/09 at Castle square, Kato Pafos, organised by the Pafos Municipality, tel.26932014

Polis: 6 – 8/6/09 at Latsi fishing shelter, organised by the Polis Municipality, tel. 26321321

June 19 – 21 SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL
Organised by the Performing Arts for Cyprus Charities, at the Kourion Ancient Theatre. The William Shakespeare performance for 2009 will be “Taming of the Shrew”, directed by Janet Yianni. For further information: tel. 99427572

June 20 - 27 4th MEDIEVAL AGIA NAPA FESTIVAL
The programme includes medieval performances by European Groups.
Organisers: Agia Napa Municipality, tel. 23816307
Venue: Agia Napa Monastery

June TROODOS MOUNTAINS TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL
“Traditional Products”
Organisers: Communities of Kalopanagiotis, Pedoulas and Kampos villages.
The festival includes a great mix of cultural demonstrations and performances covering traditional dance and music, food and drink exhibitions, arts and crafts fairs and events.

JULY

July 1 – 2 WORLD FAMOUS MUSICALS
The concert re-visits the best moments from some of the world's favourite musicals.
Organisers: Larnaka Municipality, tel. 24657745 or 24629333
Venue: Pattichion Municipal Amphitheatre

July 21 – 26

KOUMANDARIA FESTIVAL

Organised by the communities of the Kourris Valley and Xylourikou (Alassa, Agios Georgios, Silikou, Doros, Laneia, Monagri, Silikou, Agios Mamas, Apesia, Kapileio, Korfi and Limnatis)
For further information: tel. 25340385

July

THE GREAT BALLET COMPANIES

The Ballet Festival is ranked among the most important events in Cyprus attracting great numbers of both local and foreign visitors.

Organisers: Lemesos Municipality, tel. 25745919 or 25343120

Venue: Municipal Garden Theatre in Lemesos (Limassol).

July (end)

CYPRUS FIVB CHALLENGER 2008

International Beach Volley Championship

Organised by the Sun Atlantis Sport Events and the Geroskipou Municipality, at the CTO Tourist Beach in Geroskipou, Pafos area. For further information: tel. 26964525, www.sun-atlantis.com

July

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL KOURION THEATRE

In the splendid setting of the ancient Kourion theatre, the International Music Festival will celebrate the beauty that music can reveal. The Festival comprises performances by world renowned musicians that will give the audience the opportunity to enjoy music beyond the differences of the various musical styles. Organised by Resonance Productions Ltd, tel. 22774470, info@kourionfestival.com, www.kourionfestival.com

July

TROODOS MOUNTAINS TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL

“Natural Environment”

Organisers: Communities of Kato Platres and Moniatis villages, tel. 25813024, 25471718

The festival includes a great mix of cultural demonstrations and performances covering traditional dance and music, hiking and cycling tours, lectures on the environment and other events.

July – August

13TH INTERNATIONAL THEATRE FESTIVAL

ANCIENT GREEK DRAMA 2009

An annual international theatre festival that hosts professional productions of ancient Greek drama from different cultures around the world. Organisers: Cyprus Centre of International Theatre Institute, tel. 22674920, www.cyprus-theatre-iti.org

Venues: Kourion Ancient Theatre, Makarios III Amphitheatre in Lefkosia, Pafos Ancient Odeon Kourion Ancient Theatre and Makarios III Amphitheatre in Lefkosia

AUGUST

Aug 28 – Sept 6

WINE FESTIVAL

The Wine Festival was organised for the first time in 1961 and since then it has become an established annual event of merrymaking and fun, offering a joyful atmosphere to visitors from all over Cyprus and abroad. Wine from the barrels is on offer free of charge every evening.

Organisers: Cultural Services of Lemesos (Limassol) Municipality

Venue: Lemesos Municipal Gardens

SEPTEMBER

September 4 - 6

PAFOS APHRODITE FESTIVAL (OPERA)

The Pafos Aphrodite Festival is an international annual artistic event with world famous opera performances which take place in the open air in front of the Medieval Castle in Pafos.

For further information: tel.: 26822218, website: www.pafc.com.cy, e-mail: info@pafc.com.cy

September 25 - 27

25th AGIA NAPA FESTIVAL

Organised by the Agia Napa Municipality, tel. 23816307. The programme includes amongst others traditional delicacies preparation, arts and crafts and music and dances.

Organised by the Agia Napa Municipality, tel. 23816307

Sept – October

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL “KYPRIA 2009”

A major cultural event organised by the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture (tel. 22800985), with high quality performances in Lefkosia (Nicosia), Lemesos (Limassol) and Larnaka.

September

**TROODOS MOUNTAINS TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL
“Vine Cultivation and Grape Products”**

Organisers: Communities of Arsos, Dora, Vasa and Potamiou wine producing villages.
The festival includes a great mix of cultural demonstrations and performances covering traditional dance and music, guided tours, food and drink exhibitions, arts and crafts fairs and events.

OCTOBER

October 9 – 11

“TROODOS RALLY” MIDDLE EAST RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Organised by the Cyprus Automobile Association. For further information: tel.: 22 313233, email: info@caa.com.cy, website: www.caa.com.cy

October 17 - 18

4th CYPRUS AUTUMN HISTORIC CAR RALLY

Organised by the Friends of Historic & Old Cars of Cyprus.
For further information: tel. 22446614, 22313233

October

**TROODOS MOUNTAINS TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL
“Apple fruit, its cultivation and products”**

Organisers: Communities of Kyperounta, Dymes and Amiantos villages.
The festival includes a great mix of cultural demonstrations and performances covering traditional dance and music, guided tours, food and drink exhibitions, arts and crafts fairs and events.

NOVEMBER

November 26 – 29

CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL 4-DAY CHALLENGE (MARATHON)

Organised by Arena DMC and as usual it takes place in Pafos and Akamas areas.
For further information: tel.: 26880430, e-mail: info@arena.com.cy, www.cypruschallenge.com

November

**TROODOS MOUNTAINS TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL
“Religious Routes”**

Organisers: Communities of Platanistasa, Palaichori and Lagoudera villages.
The festival includes a great mix of cultural demonstrations and performances covering guided tours at religious monuments of world cultural heritage, orthodox mass at a church, traditional dance and music and other events.

DECEMBER

December

OPERA : Die Entführung aus dem Serail

A major Opera event performed by one of the leading opera houses in Europe.
Organisers: Rialto Theatre, (tel.77777745), Venue: Rialto Theatre in Lemesos (Limassol)

December

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN LEFKOSIA (NICOSIA)

Festivities take place all over Cyprus and the Christmas spirit can be felt everywhere, especially in Lefkosia (Nicosia) where the Christmas festivities have recently become a main annual event. Events and displays are organised during the Christmas holidays at Eleftheria Square and the nearby area.

ALL YEAR ROUND EVENTS

A) Walking Tours

Guided tours in and around Lefkosia, Lemesos, Larnaka, Pafos, Agia Napa and Germasogeia village (Lemesos area) are offered free of charge by the above Municipalities and are organised in collaboration with the Cyprus Tourism Organisation and the Cyprus Tourist Guides Association.

Every Monday

1. Kaimakli Bus & Walking Tour, Lefkosia (Nicosia) (in English)

Starting point: Tourist Information Office in Laiki Geitonia, Lefkosia - Free participation

2. "Historic Limassol Walk", Lemesos (Limassol) (in English)

Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Lemesos - Free participation

3. "Agia Napa and the Sea: A Different Dimension" (by bus) (English - German)

Every Monday (November - March)

For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office, tel: 23721796)

Starting Point: Tourist Information Office, Agia Napa

Every Wednesday

1. Larnaka Walk "Past and Present"

(free participation)

Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Larnaka

2. Germasogeia Walks (in English)

a) Germasogeia - A Village Blessed by Water

b) Discover the Natural Environment of Germasogeia

Every Wednesday (October - April) - Each one every other week

Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Germasogeia, Lemesos District

(For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office, tel: 25323211)

Every Thursday

1. Lefkosia (Nicosia) Walking Tour (in English)

(free participation)

Starting point: Tourist Information Office in Laiki Geitonia, Lefkosia

2. Pafos Walking Tour (in English)

(free participation)

Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Gladstonos 3, Pafos

For information and bookings, tel: 26 932841.

Every Friday

1. Lefkosia (Nicosia) Outside the Walls (in English), (free participation)

Starting point: Tourist Information Office in Laiki Geitonia, Lefkosia

2. "Skala (Larnaka) - Its craftsmen"

(free participation)

Starting point: Larnaka Medieval Castle

3. Germasogeia Walks (in Finnish)

a) Germasogeia - A Village Blessed by Water

b) Discover the Natural Environment of Germasogeia

Every Friday (November-April) - Each one every other week

Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Germasogeia, Lemesos District

(For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office, tel: 25323211)

4. "Agia Napa and the Sea: A Different Dimension" (by bus) (English – Swedish)

Every Friday (November - March)

Starting Point: Tourist Information Office, Agia Napa

(For reservations contact the Tourist Information Office, tel: 23721796)

B) Religious Fairs (Panigiria)

Many colourful fairs are held in villages, reviving traditional village life, when saint's name-days are celebrated around the main churches. Local products and sweets are sold at stalls especially set up for the occasion. A procession of the Saint's icon around the church takes place during the previous evening's church service.

February 2	Presentation of Jesus to the Temple Chrysorrogiatissa Monastery, Pafos District
April 23	Saint George's Day Agios Georgios Alamanos Convent (Lemesos District) and Paralimni village.
May 21	Saints Constantine and Helena's Day Religious fair at Tsada village, Pafos District
July 17	Saint Marina's Day Xylymbou village, Ammochostos district
July 26	Saint Paraskevi's Day Geroskipou village (Pafos District) and Leivadia village (Larnaka District)
August 6	Transfiguration of Jesus Christ the Saviour Sotira village, Ammochostos District
August 15	Dormition of Virgin Mary (Assumption Day) Kykko and Chrysorrogiatissa monasteries, Agia Napa, Chrysospilotissa church at Deftera village (Lefkosia), Liopetri village (Ammochostos) and Kiti village (Larnaka).
September 2	Saint Mamas' Day Peristerona village, near Polis
September 6	Archangels Michael's Day Frenaros village, Ammochostos (Famagusta) District
September 8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Agia Napa Monastery, Ammochostos (Famagusta) District, Arakapas village (Lemesos district)
September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Omodos and Lefkara villages
September 22	Saint Fokas' Day Athienou village, Larnaka District
September 24	Saint Thekla's Day Sotira village, Ammochostos (Famagusta) District
September 28	Saint Neofytos' Day Agios Neofytos Monastery, Pafos District
October 2	Saint Kyprianos' Day Meniko village, Lefkosia District
October 4	Saint John Lampadistis' Day Kalopanagiotis village, Lefkosia District
October 5	Saint Ermogenis' Day Agios Ermogenis church, Lemesos District
October 6	Saint Kendeas' Day Agios Kendeas church, Avgorou village
October 17-18	Saint Luke's Day Kolossi, Kouklia and Aradippou villages
November 3	Saint George Kontos' Day Agios Georgios Kontos Church, in Larnaka town
November 7 - 8	Archangels Michael and Gabriel's Day Archangelos Michael Church at Kaimakli, Lefkosia
November 20 – 21	Presentation of Virgin Mary to the Temple Pallouriotissa old church in Lefkosia and Agros village
November 30	Saint Andrew's Day Polis Chrysochous
December 16	Saint Modestos' Day Deryneia village, Ammochostos (Famagusta) District

Useful Telephones

Lefkosia Municipality Cultural Services	22797004
Pafos Aphrodite Festival Ltd	26822218
Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture	22800985
Cyprus Theatrical Organisation	22492900
Nicosia Municipal Theatre	22673218
Lemesos Patticheion Municipal Theatre	25343341
Larnaka Patticheion Theatre	24629300
Larnaka Municipal Theatre	24665794
Pafos Markideion Theatre	26932571
Rialto Theatre	25343900, 77777745
State Gallery of Contemporary Cypriot Art	22304947
Famagusta Gate	22430877
The Nicosia Municipal Arts Centre	22432577
Lemesos Municipality Cultural Services	25745919
Larnaka Municipality Cultural Services	24657745, 24629333
Larnaka Municipal Theatre	24665795
Larnaka Municipal Gallery	24658848
Pafos Municipality Cultural Services	26932014
Agia Napa Municipality Cultural Services	23816307
Anastasios G. Leventis Foundation	22667706
Pierides Foundation	24651345
Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation	22848100
Cyprus Popular Bank Cultural Centre	22718601, 22718603
Skali Cultural Centre	22336363
Strovolos Municipal Theatre	22313010
Cyprus Centre of International Theatre Institute	22674920
Deryneia Municipality	23811000
Paralimni Municipality	23819300
Polis Chrysochous Municipality	26321321
The Pharos Trust	22663871

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