



M.I.C.E Newsletter Summer 2010

Dear Partners,

“Summer time, and the living is easy...” as the song goes; summer is in full swing and we are enjoying glorious sunny days and balmy nights so in this edition we are going to take a look at some of the hottest venues on the island this year with our Top 5 favourite beach bars, cafes and summer clubs across the island.

Cyprus may be well known for its fantastic weather and gorgeous beaches but what you may not be aware of is that the island is one of the up-and-coming golf destinations in the Mediterranean, with 4 courses in operation, 2 more on the way and another 12 planned in the next few years. Our special golf feature looks at the island’s fairways and shows that there is plenty on offer both on and off the greens.

We hope you find our newsletter both enjoyable and informative and look forward to receiving your comments and feedback.

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Although Cyprus is famous for its traditional cuisine, tavernas and folkloric music and no visit to the island would be complete without enjoying a meze or trying out your Zorba moves, there is much more on offer besides. For a different take on the island's nightlife we have put together our top 5 sizzling summer hot spots; the coolest bars, the hippest clubs and the places to see and be seen in 2010!

Guru, Capo Bay Hotel Protaras

The ultimate new chill out zone for summer at the luxurious Capo Bay Hotel on Fig Tree Bay in Protaras; this harmonious space is all about relaxation and pampering with a fantastic day spa and transforms at night into the hippest place on the strip. Healthy eating with a fusion of Asian- Mediterranean flavours, a water bar, a vodka bar and a great selection of rare labels and signature cocktails- total indulgence day or night in an eclectic setting.

Nozomi, So Nice Boutique Suites Ayia Napa



The award-winning Nozomi lifestyle Japanese Restaurant & Lounge Bar from Knightsbridge, London opened up in Ayia Napa in summer 2009. The open-air lounge bar is set on the roof terrace of the So Nice Boutique Suites and has already become a massive hit with visitors and locals alike.

A modern, eclectic décor with funky low lighting, designer furniture, romantic candles , an amazing view over the pool and beach and

low key music from the resident DJ makes this a fantastic chill-out spot, with the pace picking up later in the evening. Choose from contemporary Japanese cuisine and sushi prepared in the show kitchen and their famous fresh fruit cocktails for a totally cool night out, Mojitos anyone?

Ammos, Mackenzie Beach Larnaca

Known as Larnaca's coolest beach venue Ammos has made Mackenzie Beach the place to be in the summer. It has a great party vibe and serves modern international cuisine and a fantastic range of cocktails, this venue is open from morning so you can chill out in the sun or party the night away to music from the resident or guest DJ from downbeat chill to melodic house.

Dolce Club Limassol

This is Limassol's current summer favourite for the twenty-somethings, in a fantastic beach side setting in the town's Ayios Tychonas area. Lavishly decorated in cool white and brilliant fuchsia with a funky mix of sofas, draped tents and a swimming pool, this is definitely the place to be for the town's "beautiful people", with a mixture of international and Greek hits and well-known guest DJ's.

Sailor's Lounge, St Raphael Resort Limassol



The Sailors' Lounge has to have one of the best views in Limassol; set at the end of the St Raphael Marina here you can feel like one of the Jet Set as you listen to the ringing of the yachts masts and the lapping of the waves! A great venue for lunch or dinner, particularly popular with groups, offering laid back elegance and a great range of fresh fish, meat and amazing salads. Modern white décor with

huge sofas set the scene and several nights a week the resident DJ plays chill-out tunes till late.

Culture

Feature: Sustainable Tourism

Sustainability is the buzz word on everybody's lips these days and Cyprus is no exception; the Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative is a Cyprus charity (of which Aeolos Travel is a member) affiliated to The Travel Foundation in the UK. With the support of the Travel Foundation and the CTO the CSTI is sponsoring the implementation of a water and energy-saving project for the tourism industry which will introduce "how to save" tips in 100 hotels over the next 6 months. The CSTI, CTO and Travel Foundation have also just signed a 5 year agreement concerning various sustainable projects in Cyprus.

One of the CSTI's first steps was the creation of six village routes that encourage visitors to discover the real Cyprus thus boosting the economies of the featured villages. The six routes cover the whole island offering a range



of different landscapes and experiences; many feature small local museums and other places of interest.

In addition to the villages routes and various ongoing projects the CSTI along with local industry partners regularly organises environmental events such as tree planting in areas affected by forest fires, and clean up days on beaches and in the mountain areas, encouraging the involvement of the local community and tourism professionals alike.

Upcoming Cultural Events

Commandaria Festival: July

Organised by the communities of the Kourris Valley and Xylourikou

The Great Ballet Companies: July

Ranked amongst the most important events of the year attracting locals and visitors alike, Venue: Municipal Garden Theatre Limassol



14th International Theatre Festival Ancient Greek Drama 2010: July

An annual international theatre festival that hosts professional productions of ancient Greek drama from different cultures around the world; performances take place at Kourion Ancient Theatre, Makarios III Theatre Nicosia and Paphos Ancient Odeon

Wine Festival: 27th August- 5th September

The highlight of the Limassol cultural calendar this event has taken place every year since 1961 in the Limassol Municipal Gardens; the wine flows freely and a range of attractions includes traditional singers and dancers and of course plenty of food

Paphos Aphrodite Festival: 3rd-5th September

The Paphos Aphrodite Festival is an annual artistic event with world famous opera companies performing in the open air in front of the medieval castle in Paphos harbour. This years' production will be Puccini's La Bohème performed by the Slovak National Opera.

Sport & Leisure

Feature: Golf in Cyprus



There are currently 4 golf courses on the island with a fifth due to open in the autumn and plans for a further 14 course in the coming years including the luxurious **Larnaca Golf Resort** in Tersefanou, the first in the East of the island; this is definitely a good time to tee off in Cyprus!

Perhaps the least well-known of the existing courses is **Vikla Golf & Country**

Club 25km from Limassol; the course offers excellent value for money and is the only one where no handicap certificate is required making this the perfect choice for novices. The course is family run and the emphasis here is on relaxing and enjoying the game although having said that they offer the usual facilities you would expect including a pro-shop, bar and restaurant and even a swimming pool. They currently offer a short course of 12 greens but are developing the last six holes to make it a full 18-hole course, it is fully accredited has been rated by the CGF in accordance with EGA rules and has a slope rating of 115 for yellow tees and 106 for red tees.

Formerly known as **Tsada Golf Course**, created by Donald Steel this 18-hole championship course close to Paphos is set in the grounds of a 12th century monastery, it measures 6060 metres and plays to Par 72. The course has recently been enhanced by renowned course designers Mackenzie & Evert as part of the new **Minthis Hills** Development and features an elevated driving range with 16 booths and the signature 14th hole has been newly designed by Tom Mackenzie.

Another favourite is **Secret Valley** ideally located close to Petra tou Romiou, legendary birthplace of Aphrodite. This 18-hole course plays to Par 71 and measures 5904 metres. It currently features a 12-bay driving range and 2 putting greens, but is due to be completely re-modelled with the construction of another 18-hole course alongside it, a



third par 3 course and a 9-hole pitch and putt course as well as driving ranges, practice greens, a golf academy, sports training facilities and other amenities will make this into one of the island's leading golf resorts with further plans for a leisure complex and residences.

Aphrodite Hills is considered one of the most challenging courses in the Mediterranean but was also the first combined golfing, leisure and property

development project on the island. This world-championship-standard 18-hole course plays to Par 71/70 and measures 6299 metres. Created by celebrated course architect Cabell B Robinson, the most striking feature of the site is the deep canyon that separates 2 plateaus. The signature hole (7) is set deep within this canyon and is a spectacular par 3. The Golf Academy boasts a double-ended driving range, and excellent short game facilities including pitching and chipping greens with bunkers and a generously sized putting green.

The newest jewel in the islands golfing crown is the **Elea Golf** club near Paphos due to open this autumn. This magnificent Par 71 18-hole course has been designed by legendary golfer Sir Nick Faldo who commented that “this golf course certainly has the potential to play a pivotal role in establishing this part of the world as a leading European golf destination”. The course is carefully planned following an ecological design designed to protect local flora and fauna. The resort will also feature a golf academy, driving ranges, a putting green and luxurious club house with multiple terraces offering an exceptional culinary and event experience.



With additional courses planned and the upgrading of existing facilities, there is clearly great potential both for golfers and their non-golfing friends, for individuals and for groups, when you think golf, think Cyprus!

Upcoming sports events

Cyprus FIVB Challenger 2010: July

International beach volley competition taking place on the CTO beach in Yermasoyia Paphos

Love Cyprus 2010 Basketball: 6th-8th August

The most prestigious European basketball tournament of the summer with the participation of the national teams of Greece, Russia, Germany and Croatia- games taking place in Nicosia and Limassol.