



Aphrodite's Rock

# About Cyprus

The year 2012 will mark the 42nd year that Sunvil has promoted this enchanting island. In that time, we have built up a knowledge and feeling for the country which is second to none. We can truly say that we know Cyprus inside out. Who better, then, to introduce you to this, the third largest island in the Mediterranean, having many of the attractions of Greece, yet spiced with a dash of the Orient? It is an easy place to visit: the 4½ hour flight is reasonably short. Eighty years of British rule has left its mark and you will find much to remind you of home. Driving on the left, for example, and English almost a second language, the police and judiciary trained on our lines. Cypriots are among the world's most welcoming people: 'Nobody comes to Cyprus once' is an island saying, and when you return, even years after, you will be greeted warmly because you are an old friend.

## When to go

Apart from its long, luxurious summer, Cyprus off season can be most attractive and peaceful. Skiing is available on Mount Olympus, the countryside becomes green and fresh again after the first rain and soon a profusion of flowers emerges. Among the first are the delicate white narcissae... in February come the anemones, according to legend the spilled blood of Adonis... wild orchids, freesias and irises appear and finally

fields of bright yellow chrysanthemums herald the new summer. And remember, that Greek Easter (13th April – 16th April) in Cyprus is something very special.

## Where to go

Along the south coast are fine sandy beaches, first class hotels and a lively nightlife. Inland you can discover an entirely different style – the age-old peasant culture led by the village priest and mukhtar (head man) where tales are told and little has changed through generations. If, however, you are seeking a wild, unspoiled place, go north-west to the Akamas Peninsula and the national park. There you can almost hear the

flowers growing it is so quiet, or the lapping of small waves far below, and the sea is the colour of amethyst.

## About the food

A unique blend drawn from sources all around the Eastern Mediterranean, there is a variety not quite found elsewhere. Cyprus salads and fruit are excellent, as are meat dishes such as delicious kleftiko (tender lamb). There are many vegetarian dishes cooked with olive oil, tomato, local herbs and spices. Hundreds of years of practice makes perfect. At some stage seek out a village taverna and try a 'meze' – a feast of up to 30 small dishes of just about everything in the kitchen.

## About the wine

Cyprus has been exporting wine since the days of Homer, and you will find a wide selection comparable to the best from the Eastern Mediterranean, especially now that small wineries are in fashion. Keep sampling until you find your favourite. The local brandy is also very good, and brandy sour is a popular and refreshing drink. It is said that the grapes used to make the famous Pico Island fortified red wine of the Azores Archipelago in the Atlantic ocean originally came from Cyprus.



Stavrovouni Monastery

# Holiday Information

## Your Holiday

We have been established for over 40 years, and our aim has always been to offer our clients maximum flexibility and to provide precisely the holiday they seek. We can rightly claim to have been ahead of our time now that the unpackaged holiday – always our speciality – is so much in fashion. For us, however, unpackaging does not mean penny-pinching by ceasing to offer our customers a meal during their flight or cutting corners by asking them to pay extra for a transfer to their resort on arrival. Our customers – 70% of whom book with us repeatedly or who have been recommended to contact us by their friends – tell us that they like the way we organise their holidays, and we plan to continue to offer precisely what our regular customers enjoy; the best all-round service possible.

Should you have a problem with any part of our arrangements, our 24-hour duty manager and our directors will do their utmost to assist. If our suppliers are at fault in any way, you can look to us in our Old Isleworth offices for a solution – we will not pass the buck.

How should we describe our holidays if you are a Sunvil newcomer? Probably along the lines of a safe adventure, because our holidays are for the independently-minded person. We research our resorts in great detail, our staff get to know our host destinations well so that our staff can describe our holidays to you in more depth should you so wish. Many of our holidays are slightly off the beaten track because those are the types of holiday that we, personally, are passionate about. We care about the destinations we sell to our customers, and try to act always in a responsible manner as far as the local people and the local environment are concerned.

**Please don't think that, because our price panels indicate 7 or 14 night durations, there's nothing else**



**available. Far from it! Most of our clients do take one or two week holidays but those prices are there for guidance as much as anything – we can usually arrange a holiday of absolutely any duration that you wish.**

In these times of do-it-yourself holidays, we believe that we offer a valuable service. We save you time and we save you the inconvenience of contacting many different people to arrange your holiday. Most importantly of all, you can rest assured (unlike when you make DIY arrangements on the web) that your money is 100% safe, guaranteed by our bond with the Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL 808), by our bond with AITO Trust and via our membership of both AITO and ABTA.

## Air-conditioning Supplement in Villas and Village Houses

Most villas and some village houses have air-conditioning included. Where it is not, a supplement is payable locally according to use. See individual descriptions.

## Villas in Winter

As our Paphos office, which handles self-catering properties, runs with a skeleton staff from 1/12/11 to 28/2/12 Villas and Village Houses are not generally available over this period, though holidays may be possible in some properties where there is an efficient form of heating. Please contact us. **Suitable properties are marked.** Long holiday durations may also be possible. Hotels and Hotel Apartments will be functioning normally in the winter months unless otherwise stated.

## Equipment in Villas

Our local staff do their best but it is physically impossible for us to check every villa before the arrival of every client. If you find certain items are missing or the cleaning not up to scratch, then tell our representatives immediately and faults will be rectified at once.

## Villa Photographs

These are generally taken in spring.

## Short Breaks

Short Breaks of 3 to 6 nights are available on most scheduled services to most hotels (some may stipulate a fixed minimum stay). For an approximate price, simply take the one week from the two week price in the relevant price panel for the period desired. Divide this figure by 7 to get the nightly rate per person and subtract this nightly figure from the one week brochure price to give a 6 night duration, the figure x 2 for a 5 night duration, the figure x 3 for a 4 night duration and the figure x 4 for a 3 night duration. We will give an accurate price on application which is calculated by our computer and takes into account any flight supplement or reduction.

## Cyprus Boasts 56 Blue Flag Beaches

The Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) is a non-profit NGO that awards 'blue flags' to beaches that fulfil 29 criteria in the areas of Environmental Education and Information, Water Quality and Environmental Management including safety and services.

Beaches in all four coastal areas of Cyprus have received blue flags.

In the Paphos district, 12 beaches have received blue flags including Coral Bay and the main beach below the more remote Polis eucalyptus tree wood campsite.

In the Limassol area, 16 beaches reached the required standard including Governor's, Orisilos and Pissouri beaches.

In Larnaca, Mackenzie and Phinikoudes beaches were two of five beaches to receive blue flags.

For a complete list of all the beaches, go to [www.blueflag.org](http://www.blueflag.org).



## Driving Times

All stated driving times are approximate and may vary with traffic conditions.

Distances & Times (Approx)		
From/To	Distance (Kms)	Time (Mins)
Nicosia – Paphos	152	75
Larnaca – Limassol	75	45
Larnaca – Nicosia	50	30
Larnaca – Paphos	140	70
Limassol – Paphos	72	35
Limassol – Nicosia	86	45
Paphos – Polis	42	30
Paphos – Platres	63	60
Polis – Pyrgos	32	50
Limassol – Platres	42	50
Polis – Pomos	19	20
Paphos – Troodos	70	90
Paphos – Coral Bay	13	15
Paphos – Panayia	42	50

## Key Information

### Accommodation Only:

We are able to quote for accommodation only to most properties. Children's discounts and any early booking discounts may not apply.

### Air-conditioning:

Generally only in the bedrooms of the villas unless otherwise stated.

### Premier Accommodation:

These properties offer a higher degree of comfort.

### Abbreviations:

**BB** = Bed & Breakfast

**HB** = Half Board (usually breakfast & dinner)

**SC** = Self Catering

**AO** = Accommodation Only

### Televisions:

These are generally not with satellite reception (unless otherwise stated) even if a dish is in situ. Even with satellite, stations are limited.

### Mobile phones:

Reception can be poor in more remote villas (eg. Villa Panorama in Pomos).

## Early Booking Offers

**£50 reduction offers are available on some marked properties. The reduction is per villa per stay for bookings made before 29th February 2012.**

## Book now!

**We recommend early booking to secure the cheapest flight prices.**