



WE GO FOR PEACE
Cyprus Expedition:
Explorations in a divided land

An expedition organized by the
Ecumenical University Chaplaincy
in cooperation with the International Office

8-day air travel
May 28th - June 4th 2024

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In addition to getting to know the cultural and scenic highlights of Cyprus, the trip will also shed light on peace policy issues.

Meetings with people and initiatives dedicated to the peaceful coexistence of the two ethnic groups on the divided island are planned.

Excursions to the Turkish part of Cyprus and passing through the checkpoints will provide a good insight into the reality of life. On the excursions to the Turkish part, the group will have a Turkish-Cypriot guide alongside the Cypriot tour guide, who will be available for discussions and questions. In Nicosia, the Home of Cooperation will be visited.

Representatives of the UN and members of the United Cyprus Platform (UCP), which supports the rapprochement between the two communities and aims for the reunification of the island as its ultimate goal, have also been invited to take part in the talks. It is part of the Initiative for Peace - United Cyprus.

Many of the potential interlocutors belong to non-profit organizations and work on a voluntary basis. It is difficult to get binding commitments many months in advance. However, we are confident that we will be able to organize suitable meetings and discussions. We have also left room for this in the program on some days.

Itinerary

- subject to modifications -

D = Dinner, B = Breakfast

1st day: Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Welcome to Cyprus

Scheduled flight with Swiss from Stuttgart via Zurich to Larnaca.

Welcome by the German-speaking tour guide at the airport.

Transfer to Limassol. Room check-in for 7 nights in a 3* hotel, the Park Beach Hotel.

Dinner at the hotel

Accommodation: Limassol, Park Beach Hotel Limassol

Board: D

2nd day: Wednesday, May 29, 2024

On the way to the Turkish part: Famagusta

The first trip leads directly to one of the checkpoints, so that the consequences of the division are immediately felt. In order to pass through the checkpoint into Turkish-controlled territory, the visitor must be in possession of a passport, which must be valid for at least 2 months for EU citizens. Drive to Famagusta. Famagusta is located on the east coast of the island, belongs to Northern Cyprus and was considered the most beautiful city in the country until partition. Walk through the beautiful old town with its numerous former Christian churches that have been converted into mosques. Free time. We continue to Salamis, where we visit the Roman theater and the ruins of the Roman baths. You may also visit the monastery of the Apostle Barnabas.

Return to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel.

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Board: B, D

3rd day: Thursday, May 30, 2024

Around Limassol

Drive through the Phassouri citrus orchards to Kolossi Fortress, an outstanding example of medieval military architecture. In 1291 the fortress became the seat of the Commander of the Order of St. John. It was later taken over by the Templars. After the visit we continue to the Archaeological Park of Kourion. From here there are very beautiful views of the coast. We visit the important Roman excavations such as the theater, the bathing complex with its floor mosaics, the agora and the remains of an early Christian basilica from the 5th century.

Return to Limassol around midday. Lunch break at the restored market hall, where you have the opportunity to try what is probably the most famous snack in Cyprus: souvlaki in flatbread with Shieftalia.

The afternoon has not yet been planned, but there may be an opportunity for conversations and meetings, a stroll through the city in Limassol or free time in the hotel or by the sea.

Dinner at the hotel.

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4th day: Friday, May 31, 2024

Nicosia: the last divided capital

Trip to Nicosia.

One of the city's landmarks is Ledra Street, one of the main streets in the old town. The dividing line of the city of Nicosia runs through this street. The road has been closed since the division in 1974 and was only reopened a few years ago. Sightseeing in the Cypriot and Turkish parts. We also pass the crossing point and the checkpoint.

Lunch break and free time.

In the afternoon visit to the "Home for Cooperation" in Nicosia, which was founded by the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research. It is a unique community center in the middle of Cyprus's dividing line in the UN buffer zone in Nicosia. The Home for Cooperation overcomes traditional boundaries and brings together diverse people and organizations committed to mutual understanding and common goals. Here the pursuit of peace becomes a tangible reality.

Conversation with center employees.

Dinner at the hotel.

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Board: B, D

5th day: Saturday, June 1st, 2024

On the way in the Troodos Mountains

Today we go on a hike on the Atalante hiking trail. The scenic circular route starts at Troodos Square and circles Olympos, the highest mountain in Cyprus at 1,952 meters, at an altitude of 1,700 to 1,750 meters. The path leads through dense black pine forest and past numerous juniper trees, one of the largest being 800 years old. The panoramic views of the island are overwhelming.

Particularly interesting is the insight into a disused chrome mine that was in operation until 1982.

After the hike we visit the village of Omodos. The winegrowing village is located in the vineyards at the foot of Troodos and is one of the most picturesque places in Cyprus. Visit to the Holy Cross Monastery and free time at the village square.

Dinner at the hotel.

(Difficulty level of hike: Easy; 150 m ascent and 150 m descent, length: approx. 13.5 km; duration: approx. 4.5 hours)

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Board: B, D

6th day: Sunday, June 2nd, 2024

To the west of the island: Paphos

Drive to Paphos, which was the island's capital for six centuries in ancient times and, with its 2,000-year-old history, is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tour with a visit to the royal tombs with the famous mosaics in the houses of Dionysus. Afterwards, free time at the picturesque fishing harbor for lunch and a walk.

In the afternoon we drive to the monastery of Agios Neophytos near the village of Mesogi. It was founded around 1200 by St. Neofitos, a hermit. The hermitage, which he carved into the rock with his own hands, contains some of the most beautiful Byzantine frescoes from the 12th - 15th centuries. Tour.

Dinner at the hotel.

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7th day: Monday, June 3rd, 2024

Along the coast

Today we look forward to a wonderful hike on the southwestern coast of Cyprus, where we follow in the footsteps of Aphrodite - the goddess of love. We start at Aphrodite's Rock, Petra tou Romiou, where, according to Homer, the goddess of love rose from the waves of the sea. During our excursion we always have a wonderful view of the turquoise sea and the rugged coast. The tour guide will also open your eyes to the rich vegetation: with over 130 endemic plants, Cyprus is a paradise for botanists and nature lovers. At the end of the hike we will be rewarded with a tasty picnic with Cypriot specialties and wine! After the picnic we drive back to the hotel.

The afternoon has not yet been planned, but there may be an opportunity for conversations and meetings, a stroll through the city in Limassol or free time in the hotel or by the sea.

Dinner at the hotel.

(Difficulty level of the hike: Easy; Length: 5.5 km; Duration: approx. 1.5 hours)

Accommodation: Limassol, Park Beach Hotel Limassol

Board: B, D

8th day: Tuesday, June 4th, 2024

Larnaca

Drive to Larnaca, where the church dedicated to St. Lazarus is located. This church was built in the 9th century and reconstructed in the 17th century. It is one of the most beautiful examples of Byzantine architecture in Cyprus. Sightseeing and then free time in Larnaca.

In the afternoon transfer to the airport.

Scheduled flight with Lufthansa from Larnaca via Munich to Stuttgart.

Board: B



The following services are included in the travel price

- Scheduled flight from Stuttgart via Zurich to Larnaca with Swiss and back from Larnaca via Munich to Stuttgart with Lufthansa
- All airport taxes and fees
- Accommodation in a double room with bath/shower and toilet
- 7 nights in a 3* hotel: May 28th - June 4th, 2024, Overnight stay: Limassol, Park Beach Hotel
- 7 x half board (breakfast and dinner)
- Picnic during a hike
- All bus trips and transfers in Cyprus
- Daily, local tour guide for all tours, sightseeing and hikes
- All entrance fees (according to the program)
- Tips for hotels, bus drivers and tour guides of € 30.00 per person

Not included in the tour price:

Expenses for personal needs, other travel services not mentioned, drinks, other meals, airport transfers in Germany, travel insurance

Travel price

- each per person in a double room -

€ 300.00*

Single room supplement: € 195.00

Minimum number of participants: 21

The entire trip can be canceled by Tobit-Reisen up to 21 days before the start of the trip if the minimum number of participants is not reached.

*) The regular travel price € 1,585.00 per person in a double room. By subsidizing the trip, the personal contribution is reduced to € 300.00 per person. Please note: The subsidy refers to the travel. In the event of cancellation by the travel guest, cancellation fees may be significantly higher than the subsidized travel price. We therefore recommend taking a travel cancellation insurance.

Accommodation

May 28th - June 4th, 2024, overnight stay: Limassol,
3*-Park Beach Hotel, Georgiou A Avenue 12, P.O. Box 52180, 4061 Limassol, Cyprus
www.cyprusshotelassociation.org/park-beach-3-star-hotel-limassol

Air connection

Outbound flight May 28th 2024

Flight No.	LX 1165
11.00 a.m.	Stuttgart
11.45 a.m.	Zurich
Flight No.	LX 8370
02.45 p.m.	Zurich
07.15 p.m.	Larnaca

Return flight June 6th 2024

Flight No.	LH 1769
03.40 p.m.	Larnaca
06.20 p.m.	Munich
Flight No.	LH 2150
07.20 p.m.	Munich
08.05 p.m.	Stuttgart

Important notes

Payment

All tour prices are in euros and per person. Payment of the personal contribution of € 300.00 towards the tour price plus additional services is due upon receipt of the registration confirmation/invoice. Payments are only due upon receipt of the invoice including the insurance certificate. Both will be sent with the travel confirmation.

Personal documents

A passport is required for travel, which must be valid for at least 2 months for EU citizens. Non-EU citizens should inform themselves about the conditions that apply to them.

If necessary, please contact the tour operator Tobit-Reisen on 06431-941940 or info@tobit-reisen.de.

Vaccinations

No special vaccinations are required for this trip. We recommend that all fellow travelers have a corona vaccination.

Restricted mobility

Due to legal requirements, we would like to point out that this trip is only recommended for people with reduced mobility under certain conditions. For more information, please contact Tobit-Reisen.

Accommodation in a half double room

We offer single travelers the option of booking a half double room, which you share with a fellow traveler of the same sex. If there is no room partner of the same sex, you will be accommodated in a single room without a single room surcharge*. * For bookings made less than 3 months before the start of the trip, we will only waive the single room surcharge if there is already another room request for a half double room.

Cancellation conditions (excerpt from our General Terms and Conditions)

5.1 The customer can withdraw from the trip at any time before the start of the trip. Decisive is the receipt of the declaration of withdrawal by Tobit-Reisen... Withdrawal is generally possible informally. It is recommended to declare the withdrawal in writing.

5.3 Tobit Reisen has determined the following compensation flat rates. Based on the travel price, in the event of withdrawal or non-arrival of the customer, depending on the time of withdrawal before the start of the trip, the following compensation is payable for air travel:

149th to 90th day before departure	10%
89th to 42nd day before departure	20%
41st to 22nd day before departure	50%
21st to 15th day before departure	60%
14th to 2nd day before departure	85%
from the 1st day before departure or no-show	90%

General Terms and Conditions - Package Travel Rights - Data Protection

The form for pre-contractual information about your rights as a package traveler, Tobit-Reisen's general terms and conditions and information on data protection can be found at www.tobit-reisen.de/rechtliches. Please read this information carefully before concluding the contract. If you prefer to receive the information material by post or e-mail, you can also request it in writing or by telephone.

Please check your personal details. By signing the registration form, you confirm that your details match the entries in your passport or identity card. Furthermore, you agree that this information may be stored, processed and used for the purpose of preparing and carrying out your trip. You can revoke this consent at any time. Your data will always be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation.

Minimum number of participants

The minimum number of participants is stated for each trip under "Travel price". The entire trip can be canceled by Tobit-Reisen up to 21 days before the start of the trip if the minimum number of participants is not reached.

Tour operator

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