

## Cyprus... 9000 Years of History

Rich in tradition and with a history dating back to mythological times, Cyprus is a fascinating and intriguing destination. Starting in the capital, Nicosia, our tour shows you many of the historical highlights, combined with the picturesque countryside of the Troodos Mountains and the old world charm of unspoilt villages such as Lefkara, where time seems to have stood still for centuries and the leisurely pace of life goes on just as it always has done.

DAY 1 Fly to Larnaca airport, from where you will be transferred to Nicosia for 3 nights' stay.

DAY 2 This morning a guided walking tour of Nicosia, including a visit to the Laiki Yitonia restored pedestrian area within the walled city. Later on you are at leisure to enjoy the city's charming winding alleys and typical urban Cypriot shops, galleries and houses.

DAY 3 Full day guided coach tour to the wonderful scenery of the Troodos Mountains. You'll visit Kykko Monastery, one of the oldest and most famous in the region, and have a taste of Platres village, the highest resort in the mountains.

DAY 4 Leave Nicosia for Lefkara, a well preserved traditional village with narrow streets, famous for its embroidering, known as Lefkaritika, and its silverware. You'll have time to enjoy the magnificent scenery around the village before continuing to Limassol for a 4 night stay.

DAY 5 Today you are free to explore Limassol, an attractive resort with fine beaches.

DAY 6 Full day guided excursion to Paphos, a small harbour town on the west of the island. Today you'll see Petra tou Romiou, where the legendary goddess Aphrodite rose from the waves, Kouklia village, a celebrated pilgrimage site, and the famous Mosaics of Paphos.

DAY 7 Another day free to enjoy Limassol's many facilities and excellent shops.

DAY 8 Transfer back to Larnaca airport today for your return flight to Britain.



Amathunda, Limassol, Cyprus



Camara de Lobos, Madeira (Photographer Jose Manuel)



## Madeira... the Island of Flowers

Madeira is truly an island of flowers. Located in the ocean off the coast of North Africa, it is blessed with a marvellous climate and striking scenery, stark mountains contrasting with deep lush valleys that sweep down to a beautiful coastline. Famous also for its rich Madeira wine, it has been part of Portugal for hundreds of years and is still a port of call for Atlantic shipping.

DAY 1 Fly to Funchal, the capital, and transfer to the town itself for 7 nights' stay.

DAY 2 A free day to relax and enjoy the scenery, whose grandeur is best appreciated from Monte, above Funchal. The adventurous can return in style, aboard a wicker toboggan!

DAY 3 A full day excursion around the island to see more of its interior and its dramatic coastline. The day includes the picturesque fishing village of Camara de Lobos, high sea cliffs, spectacular waterfalls, vineyards and natural swimming pools.

DAY 4 A free day for individual sightseeing. You might like to visit Funchal market, with its large variety of fish, fruits and vegetables, the famous embroidery factory, or the Botanical Garden, with its wide selection of tropical plants and flowers.

DAY 5 Another full day excursion is included to see more of the breathtaking scenery for which Madeira is so famous. You may visit the trout hatchery at Ribeiro Frio, stopping in Faial. In the afternoon you'll see the typical thatched roofs of Santana, the impressive rock formations of Eagle Cliff, and Camacha, home of the wickerwork industry.

DAY 6/7 Two further days at leisure to enjoy more of Madeira's attractions.

DAY 8 You will be transferred to Funchal airport and your return flight to Britain.



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## Turkey... Istanbul & Aegean Antiquities

Istanbul is the only city in the world built on two continents. A unique mixture of Asian and European influences combine to create a fascinating and intriguing kaleidoscope of cultures and architecture. Turkey of course has a long and turbulent history, and our tour also visits the main western historic sites of Gallipoli, Troy, Pergamum and the incomparable Ephesus.

DAY 1 Fly to Istanbul airport and transfer to the city for 3 nights' stay.

DAY 2 Morning guided city tour to see Sultan Ahmet Square, the Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia museum and the Basilica Cistern. Afternoon free for personal visits.

DAY 3 Free day, maybe visiting the Topkapi Palace Museum, seat of the Ottoman Dynasty for 400 years.

DAY 4 You leave Istanbul today for the Dardanelles, visiting the First World War memorials at Gallipoli, continuing to the 5000 year old site of Troy, and finally to Assos for 1 night's stay.

DAY 5 Travel to Pergamum, probably first settled in the 8th Century BC, visiting the acropolis proper, the heart of the ancient city with its temples and theatre, and the asclepieum, the ancient health centre. You'll then continue to the resort town of Kusadasi for a 3 night stay.

DAY 6 Free day in Kusadasi to relax and enjoy the local facilities.

DAY 7 A full day excursion to Ephesus, one of the world's most majestic archaeological sites, dating back 3000 years. Your guided tour will also include the House of the Virgin Mary and the temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

DAY 8 Today you will transfer from Kusadasi to Izmir airport for your return flight to Britain.



Ephesus, Turkey (Myst Ltd)

# Further Afield...



Madeira (Photographer Jose Manuel)



Nicosia, Cyprus



Jerusalem



Israel



Turkey

## Israel... the Holy Land

This wonderful tour includes all the main historical and religious sites of the Holy Land, visiting towns with familiar biblical names and exploring the places where Jesus lived and preached.

DAY 1 Fly to Tel Aviv, transferring on arrival to Jerusalem for a 4 night stay.

DAY 2 This morning you'll drive to the top of the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of the old city, visit the churches of Pater Noster and Dominus Flevis, then follow the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations, and end on Mount Zion for a tour of the Upper Room, the Tomb of David and the Pool of Siloam. Afternoon at leisure.

DAY 3 Morning visit to the Jewish Quarter, Western Wall and Temple Mount in the old city, then a drive to Bethlehem to see the Church of the Nativity and the Shepherds' Fields. You'll end the morning at the Garden Tomb, and have the afternoon free.

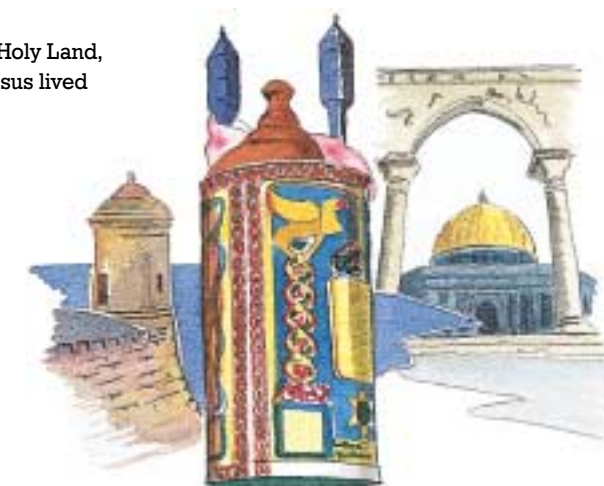
DAY 4 Full day excursion to Bethany to see the House of Martha and Mary and the Tomb of Lazarus. Continue to Qumran to see the Essene settlement and the Dead Sea Scroll caves. You'll visit a Kibbutz en route to Masada, and have the opportunity to bathe in the Dead Sea.

DAY 5 You'll leave Jerusalem for Jericho to see the ancient ruins and Elisha's spring, then drive along the Jordan valley to Beth Shean. Continue through the Jezreel Valley to Nazareth to see the Church of the Annunciation, the ancient Synagogue, Mary's Well and Joseph's Workshop. Finally you'll visit Cana and end in Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee, for 2 nights' stay.

DAY 6 Today you visit Capernaum, Jesus' home town, Tabgha, site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, St Peter's primacy, and the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount.

DAY 7 Travel to Acre, with its Crusader remains, Haifa, and Mount Carmel, follow the coast to Caesarea to see the amphitheatre and aqueduct, and end in Jaffa. Stay for 1 night in Tel Aviv.

DAY 8 Transfer to Tel Aviv airport for your return flight to the UK.



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