

# THE CHARISMATIC KYRENIA



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Tourists who cannot imagine their holiday without a proper dose of sunshine immediately fall in love with Cyprus. This Mediterranean island has had a somewhat complicated history; however, its more than favorable location makes it a holiday makers' dream. Local inhabitants enjoy - on average - about 300 days of sunshine every year. The most promising destination, the city of Kyrenia, lies in the north-eastern part of the island which is controlled by the Turkish

The fantastic weather is one of the most appealing aspects of Kyrenia; another enjoyable feature are local stunning beaches, such as Acapulco, Escape, Alagadi Turtle or Sunset Beach. Adventure lovers may try any of the numerous water sports; water-skiing, jet-skiing, wind surfing or even parasailing are sports which may spice up everyone's vacation. Visitors to Kyrenia will also appreciate long walks through the city and may unwind in local comfortable restaurants and cafes, and get a taste of the delicious culinary specialties from Turkish or Mediterranean cuisine.

The destination is very quiet and relaxed; those who are devoted to architecture may admire local castle. Its origin is rather uncertain; however it was most likely built by the Byzantines in the 7th century. Inside the castle, there is a fascinating shipwreck museum which houses the famous wooden wreck of an ancient merchant ship, dating 306 BC. Local harbor is also a very popular landmark and one of the most picturesque places of Kyrenia. The contrast of a dramatic coastline on one side and a dominating mountain range on the other turn this destination into a true tourists' Eden.

Getting here is fairly easy as well; Kyrenia is located some 40 minutes from Ercan airport and less than an hour from Larnaca. However, before coming here, tourists should be aware of the fact that the flights are quite expensive. It is highly advisable for anyone who wishes to come here to find out about the average costs of a holiday in Cyprus.

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