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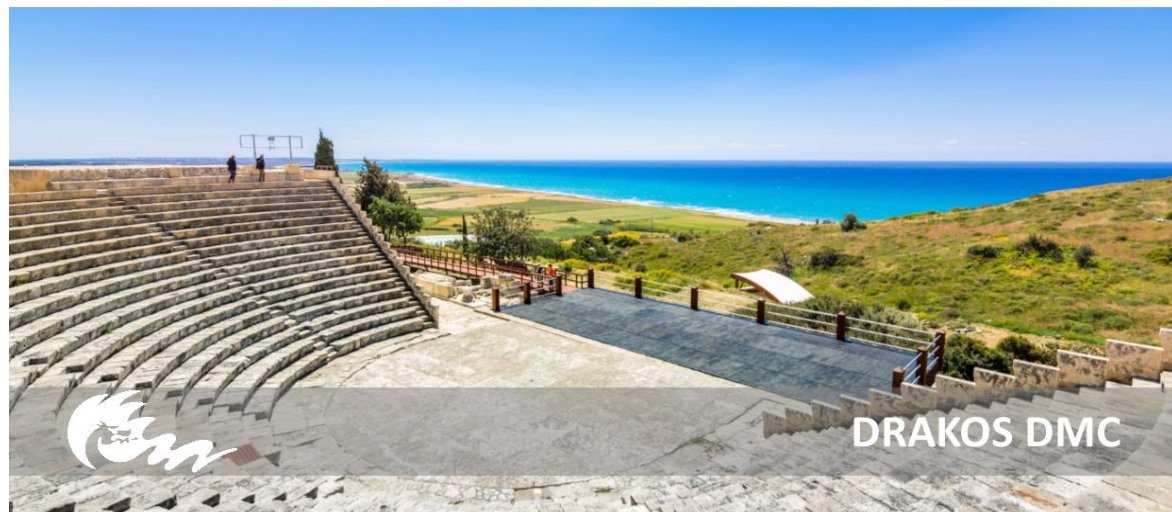
**HIKING SAMPLE PROGRAM
7 NIGHTS – 8 DAYS
PROGRAM BASED FROM LIMASSOL AND PAPHOS**



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CYPRUS

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DAY BY DAY PROGRAM

Day 1: Arrival

Our guests will arrive at Larnaca airport. Upon arrival, Drakos uniformed guide will welcome and greet the guests. Participants will go through both passport control and customs where Drakos guide will escort them to their transfers, luxury a/c minibus. During the transfer our guide will outline the program, making suggestions for free time and offering general information on Cyprus.

Upon arrival at the chosen hotel, Participants will be escorted to a private allocated area for our group, where they will enjoy their welcome drink with the view of the Mediterranean Sea as a calming background.

An advanced registration will be arranged, so there will be no need for the guests to queue to check in and by the time they reach their rooms, their luggage will be there.

After their welcome drink, our guests will have some time to relax and freshen up, before the evening's welcome dinner.



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Welcome Dinner at Karatello

Our guests will freshen up before meeting up at the hotel's lobby with their Drakos uniformed guide/escort for their transfer to Karatello for their dinner.

Karatello is located just behind the Medieval Castle of Limassol, right in the historical centre of the city. This upscale tavern serves traditional Cypriot dishes made with fresh, local ingredients.

A stone built, modern tavern with a simple yet classy décor, which used to be a part of the old Carob Mill and has now been transformed into a renowned restaurant.

If weather permits, our guests will enjoy their dinner alfresco on the cobblestones surrounding the Medieval Castle of Limassol.

Return and overnight at the chosen hotel in Limassol.



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Day 2: Explore Troodos, Kalidonia hike and Omodos village

After breakfast at the chosen hotel Drakos Guide/escort will meet the group at the lobby to set off an expedition to the Troodos mountains and **Omodos village**.

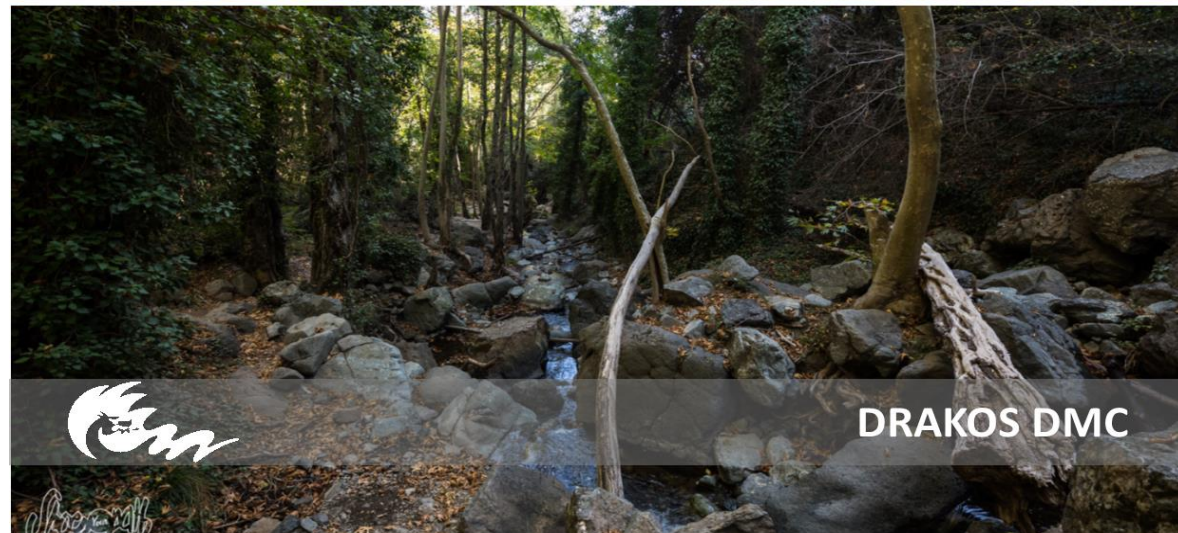
Today's excursion will take us to rural Cyprus, where hospitality is legendary. More than just a friendly smile and 'Yia sou'; visitors will experience the warm and loving nature of traditional Cyprus! Our scenic route will take us through beautiful nature and traditional villages.

Kalidonia trail starts from Troodos Square; the trail goes downstream through dense forest vegetation, along the Kryos Potamos River that flows all year round. Kalidonia are one of the highest waterfalls in Cyprus with the water falling from a height of 12 meters. It can be reached via a walking path.

The **Kalidonia waterfall** is surrounded by forest in a very beautiful area with breathtaking views. The trail is 3km long and can last up to 2 hours. It can also be divided into two parts, the first one which is the highest leads to the waterfalls and the second one which leads from the waterfall to Platres village.

Altitude of the starting point: 1,571m
Altitude of the highest peak: 1,571m
Altitude of the end peak: 1,238m
Length: 3km
Estimated duration: 1.5-2 hour
Difficulty rate: 3

We will then proceed to Omodos Village.



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Upon arrival to the village a traditional **Cypriot lunch** will be served at a local tavern. Here our guests are given the opportunity to enjoy a traditional Cypriot feast.

The unique dining event consisting of dishes served over several courses, will allow our guests to sample and savor the ‘taste of Cyprus’. Cypriot dishes such as ‘mousaka’ made of minced lamb and aubergines as well as the local cheese, ‘halloumi’, can be served in a tailor made ‘meze’ feast.

After lunch our guests will be able to participate in the following activities:

Activity 1: Pastry Demonstration

Visiting a local bakery, guests will be given a demonstration of the famous *arkatena* bread, made with fermented chick peas and they can also participate in the preparations of olive pies and cheese pies.

Activity 2: Local Desert Demonstration

Guest can witness the preparation of *shoushoukos*; a sweet traditional delight made from *must*, freshly pressed grape juice, and flour. These are the two basic ingredients needed for this dessert.



Activity 3: Visit of the Monastery of Stavros

The village of Omodhos, once a property of Sir John De Brie, Prince of Galilee, is home to the *Monastery of Stavros*, 'Holly Cross', which stands in the stone-paved square. The monastery contains old icons, excellent wood carvings and other ecclesiastical objects of interest, as well as a small *National Museum*.

In the afternoon return back to chosen hotel in Limassol.

Dinner at leisure

Overnight at the chosen hotel.



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Day 3: Atalanti hike and Agios Nicolaos tis Stegis

After breakfast at the chosen hotel Drakos Guide/escort will meet the group at the lobby to set off for our hiking expedition of the Atalanti Nature Trail and the visit of Agios Nicolaos tis Stegis Byzantine church in Kakpetria Village.

Altitude of the starting point: 1,725m
Altitude of the highest peak: 1,830m
Altitude of the end peak: 1,748m
Starting point: Troodos Square.
Length: 14km
Estimated duration: 4 - 5 hours
Difficulty rate: 2

The trail goes around Chionistra mountain at an altitude of 1,700-1,750 metres, passing through dense areas of black pine trees (*Pinus nigra subsp.pallasiana*) and Foetid Juniper (*Juniperus foeditissima*). One of the largest trees Foetid Juniper is found on the trail; it is 800 years old. There are wonderful views of all the areas of the island. The entrance tunnel of the chrome mine which has been out of service since 1982 is particularly interesting. The first finishing point of the trail is nine kilometres along the Troodos-Prodomos road and then we will continue on the trail crossing the main road and walk on the forest road of Katoikies Chromiou towards Agios Nikolaos tis Stegis church for around 200m.

During our excursion we will also visit the church of **Agios Nikolaos tis Stegis** which stands completely painted with murals dating from the 11th to the 17th century and is considered one of the most interesting Byzantine churches on the island.

In the afternoon return back to chosen hotel in Limassol.

Dinner at leisure and overnight at the chosen hotel.



Day 4: Doxa soi o Theos Trail

Breakfast at the chosen hotel and check out.

After breakfast at the chosen hotel Drakos Guide/escort will meet the group at the lobby to set off for our hiking expedition of the Doxa soi o Theos Nature Trail .

Altitude of the starting point: 1,338m

Altitude of the highest peak: 1,609m

Altitude of the end peak: 1,582m

Starting point: (a) At Doxa soi o Theos, 2km from Kyperounta and 5km from Spilia, on the Kyperounta - Spilia road.

(b) At the Madari fire lookout tower.

Length: 3.8km

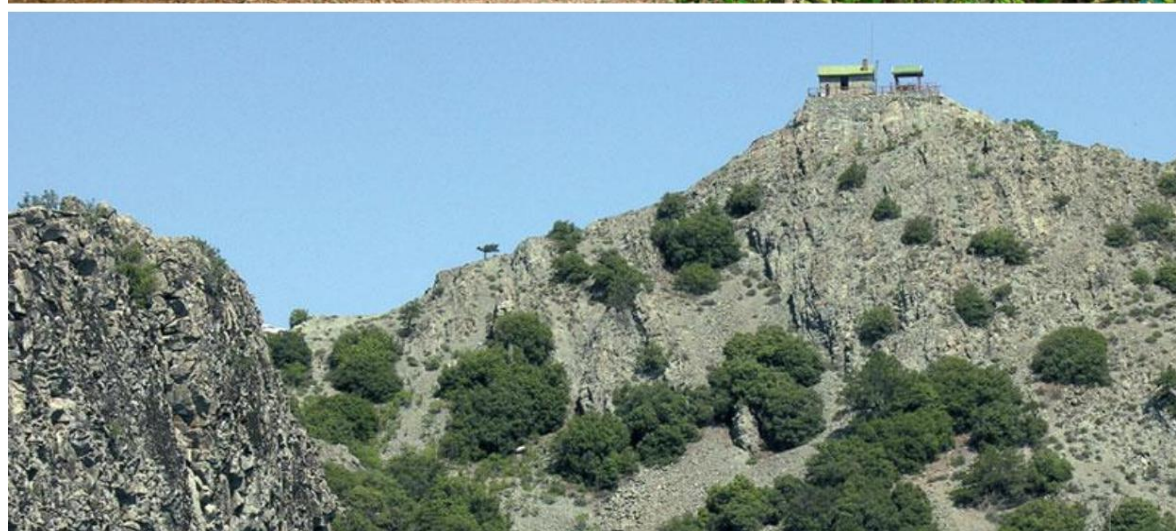
Estimated duration: 3 hours

Difficulty rate: 3

There are panoramic views in all directions when you reach an altitude of around 1,400-1,600m along the Madari ridge. The path ends close to the top of Adelfoi mountain (1,613 metres). The walk offers the opportunity to climb up the Madari fire lookout tower, which overlooks the area. The trail connects with other nature trails in the area, such as: the Madari Selladi tou Karamanli path, Teisia tis Madaris and the Doxa soi o Theos Moutti tis Choras path. There is a fountain with drinking water at starting point (a).

In the afternoon drive back to the hotel in Limassol.

Dinner at leisure and overnight at the chosen hotel.



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Day 5: Full day at leisure

Breakfast at the chosen hotel in Limassol

Our guests can enjoy their day at leisure to enjoy the hotel's facilities, swim in the pools or the beach or exploring the city of Limassol by themselves.

Dinner at leisure and overnight at the chosen hotel.



Day 6: Aphrodite Trail - Paphos District Akamas Forest Nature Trail

After breakfast at the chosen hotel Drakos Guide/escort will meet the group at the lobby to assist with check out and to set off for our hiking expedition of the Aphrodite Nature Trail.

On the way we will stop by **Aphrodite's rock**, which according to mythology is the birthplace of the Goddess of Beauty and Love. Our guests, will be inspired by this amazing scenery and allow Aphrodite to be their hostess throughout this journey of senses, colours and experiences in beautiful Cyprus.

Aphrodite Nature Trail

Altitude of the starting point: 35m

Altitude of the highest peak: 333m

Altitude of the end peak: 35m

Starting point: The Loutra tis Afroditis (Baths of Aphrodite).

Length: 7.5km

Estimated duration: 3 - 4 hours

Difficulty rate: 3



Points of interest: Of special interest on this trail are the Loutra tis Afroditis (Baths of Aphrodite), where, according to legend, the Goddess of Love and Beauty used to take her baths. You will also pass by the ruins of Pyrgos tis Rigainas (Queen's Tower), which are believed to belong to a Medieval monastery. Also noteworthy is a 500- year- old oak tree, which is located near the ruins of the tower. The trail connects with the Adonis trail, whilst at its starting point you can visit the Botanical Gardens of Akamas **(Optional: If guests wish we can also add the Adonis Trail – 3-4 hours, Diffuculty: 3).**

Check-in at the chosen hotel in Paphos.

Dinner at leisure and overnight at the chosen hotel.



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Day 7: Smigies Trail Paphos District Akamas Forest Nature Trail

After breakfast at the chosen hotel Drakos Guide/escort will meet the group at the lobby to set off for our hiking expedition of the Smigies Trail.

Altitude of the starting point: 273m

Altitude of the highest peak: 388m

Altitude of the end peak: 273m

Starting point: Smigies picnic site, 2.5km from Neo Chorio, within the Akamas region.

Length:) Long route: 6km

Estimated duration : 2 hours

Difficulty rate: 2

The trail offers beautiful views of the coastline of the Akamas peninsula to the west - including Lara Bay - and later on, to the east, with views of Chrysochous bay in the direction of Latsi, Polis, Pachyammos and Pafos (Paphos) forest. The longer route runs past the old mines, magnesium facilities, and abandoned kilns, and through a dense section of the Akamas forest. The trail also connects with the Adonis trail at Kefalovrisia, where you will find a non- potable water fountain. At the starting point, the two routes are adjacent to the walking trail of Pissouromoutti. Both routes pass by the Piana fire lookout station of the Forestry Department.

In the afternoon we will then continue to the Harbour area where we will visit the Mosaics of Paphos.



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The city is home to **Mosaics** of the Roman period, dating from around the 3rd century AD. These are situated in four main houses: the House of Aion, House of Dionysos, House of Orpheus and House of Theseus. They include many attention-grabbing geometrical decorations and draw inspiration from Greek mythological scenes.

Return back to the hotel.

Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant

Overnight at the chosen hotel in Paphos



Day 8: Departure

Our guide will meet the guests at the lobby of the hotel and assist them with their check-out before boarding the bus for their transfer to Larnaca Airport.

Upon arrival at Larnaca Airport, Drakos guide/escort will assist the guests for a smooth flight check-in.

Bon Voyage!



Who we are

Since 1982 Drakos DMC has been a pioneer in the field of Destination Management in Cyprus and a member of numerous international professional associations. Our team of specialists offers you the benefits of their expertise, polished with an innovative spirit. Over the years, Drakos DMC has proven itself as a most reliable organiser. From the planning stage to structuring and actual execution, perfection is our goal. Superior services and dedicated attention are our means to this end.

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