

ANNUAL EVENTS

2018

JANUARY

SAT, 6

EPIPHANY

Epiphany is one of the most important religious celebrations of the year. Following a special Mass at the Cathedral of each town, a religious procession takes place down to the sea, at around 10.30 hrs, leading to a ceremonial baptism of the Holy Cross into the sea. During the ceremony the Bishop throws the Holy Cross into the sea and young men dive into the water to retrieve the cross and return it to the priest.

Religious celebrations in all seaside towns:

- Lemesos: Agia Napa Church – Lemesos, old port
- Larnaka: Agios Lazaros Church – Larnaka marina
- Pafos: Theoskepasti Church – Pafos harbour
- Polis: Agios Andreas Church – Latsi fishing shelter
- Agia Napa: Agia Napa Church – Agia Napa harbour

JAN – APR

LARNAKA WINTER EXPERIENCES!

The Larnaka Tourism Board organises weekly activities in Larnaka town and villages, such as bird watching, basket weaving, guided tours and visits to the Mazotos Camel Park. Some of these activities are offered complimentary for guests staying at hotels within the Larnaka region and some are open for all Cyprus visitors! For further information: www.larnakaregion.com

SAT, 13 – SUN, 14

AEGEAN NATIONAL AMATEUR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

Open to amateur gentlemen players citizens of the Republic of Cyprus and members of the Cyprus Golf Federation that conform in all respects to the current Amateur Status Rules of the R&A and hold a current handicap not exceeding an Exact EGA handicap of 28.0.

Venue: Secret Valley GC, Last Entry Date: January 10th 2018

Format: Stroke Play

Organizer: Cyprus Golf Federation.

For further information on the Golf Championship: www.cgf.org.cy

FEBRUARY

SUN, 4 – MON, 12

THE CYPRUS GRAND PRIX TRAP - SKEET - DOUBLE TRAP

The Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation cordially invites you to participate at the annual CYPRUS GRAND PRIX in Trap, Skeet, Double Trap (Men - Men Junior - Women – Women Junior and Veterans), which will take place at the Cyprus Olympic Shooting Range 'Lakis Psimolophitis' in Latsia - Nicosia. We look forward to welcome you once more in our small sunny Mediterranean Island! For further information and entries please visit the Federation's official website:

www.cssf-shooting.org

FRI, 9 – SUN, 11

NICOS SEVERIS CYPRUS YOUTH GOLF OPEN 2018

Since its inception in 2013 the annual Nicos Severis Cyprus Youth Golf Open, to date run as a 2-day 36-hole event, has evolved into a very popular fixture on the international youth golf calendar



attracting increasing fields of quality young golfers from Cyprus, and across Europe and the Middle East. CGF and sponsor Marie Severis are now proud and excited to announce that the 2018 championship, to be hosted by Secret Valley Golf Club, will be run as a 3-day, 54-hole event, and will be eligible for World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) points. Registration and practice round will be on Thursday, 8 February.

Nicos Severis Cyprus Youth Golf Open 2018 (9 to 11 February): Stroke Play played from the White tees for boys and Blue tees for girls. Possession of an EGA or CONGU handicap of 18 or below, and be 18 or under at commencement of competition.

Severis Cup (18-Hole Competition – 11 February): Stableford competition to be played from the Yellow tees. Possession of an EGA or CONGU handicap of 28 or below, and be 18 or under at commencement of competition.

Nine-Hole Competition (10 February): Stableford competition to be played from Red tees. Possession of EGA (or CONGU) Handicap 54.0 or below, and be 14 or under at commencement of competition.

Six-Hole Competition (10 February): Gross competition to be played from modified tees. Must be 12 or under at commencement of competition. No handicap required.

Three-Hole Competition (10 February): Gross competition to be played from modified tees. Must be 10 or under at commencement of competition. No handicap required.

Tiny Tots Competition (10 February): Gross competition to be played on a short course. Must be 7 or under at commencement of competition. No handicap required.

Venue: Secret Valley GC, Last Entry Date: February 5th 2018

Format: Stroke Play, Maximum Hcp: 18.0

Organizer: Cyprus Golf Federation.

For further information on the Golf Championship: www.cgf.org.cy

MON, 19 GREEN MONDAY (50 days before the Greek Easter)

The first day of Lent, is a day of joy, laughter and vegetarian picnics. Green Monday is followed by a fifty days fasting period, during which Christians prepare themselves to receive the Redeemer, shunning meat and dairy products and living on a vegetarian diet. Events and activities take place in all towns and villages.

THU, 16 - SUN, 26 CARNIVAL

Carnival is a ten-day period of fun and eating, prior to fifty days of fasting, before Easter. . Carnival parades and fancy–dress balls are very popular and take place in the main municipalities of the island. The most famous events though are organized in Lemesos town where the celebrations last for 10 days.

Lemesos (Limassol):

February 8: Entrance of King Carnival in the town

February 11: Children’s Carnival Parade

February 17: Serenaders’ Parade

February 18: Grand Carnival Parade

Pafos:

February 8: Entrance of King Carnival, at the commercial centre of Pafos

February 17: Carnival Parade of chariots and groups of people along Poseidonos Ave.

Agia Napa:

February 8: Carnival Parade & Dancing Party, Agia Napa Harbour

February 10: Children’s Carnival Dancing Parade, at the Primary School at 14:00



THU, 22 - SUN, 25 FEB

**CYPRUS SUNSHINE CUP 2017 (SHC)
AFXENTIA STAGE RACE (stage 1)**

The ultimate mountain bike challenge! Cyprus Sunshine Cup is one of the most prestigious Mountain bike events in Europe. With the "Afxentia Stage race" – one of the oldest existing stage race – the event attracts the best mountain bikers in the world for some early season training and racing! It currently holds the Hors Class status (SHC) in the UCI calendar. The event is open for participation to amateur riders who will not only line up next to world-ranking athletes, but will also get the chance to discover the beauty and terrain of Macheras Mountains since excellent weather conditions are guaranteed during the very-mild Cyprus winter. The second race of the Cyprus Sunshine Cup offers the chance to ride in-between the ruins of the ancient kingdom of Amathous in the outskirts of Lemesos (Limassol) and is a Class 1 registered race in the UCI calendar. For further information: www.cyclingcy.com

MARCH

FRI, 2 – SUN, 4

18TH CYPRUS CONTEMPORARY DANCE PLATFORM

The Ministry of Education and Culture had the initiative to introduce and establish "Dance Platform Dance Encounters" as an institution in 2001. The Dance Platform has contributed enormously to the advancement of Dance in Cyprus by exposing works by artists and different dance groups in the field of contemporary dance. It reveals the richness of creativity, imagination and determination of the choreographers, as well as, the hard work and skills of the dancers all of which enable Cyprus Dance to succeed and prosper. Venue: Rialto Theatre-Lemesos. For further information: www.cyprusdanceplatform.com.

SAT, 3

**CYPRUS SUNSHINE CUP 2018 (C1)
AMATHUS XCO RACE (stage 2)**

The ultimate mountain bike challenge! Cyprus Sunshine Cup is one of the most prestigious Mountain bike events in Europe. With the "Afxentia Stage race" – one of the oldest existing stage race – the event attracts the best mountain bikers in the world for some early season training and racing! It currently holds the Hors Class status (SHC) in the UCI calendar. The event is open for participation to amateur riders who will not only line up next to world-ranking athletes. The second race of the Cyprus Sunshine Cup offers the chance to ride in-between the ruins of the ancient kingdom of Amathous in the outskirts of Lemesos (Limassol) and is a Class 1 registered race in the UCI calendar. For further information: www.cyclingcy.com

SUN, 4

LOGICOM CYPRUS MARATHON

The main distance of the event features breath-taking scenery from Start to Finish. Starting at Aphrodite's Birthplace, the course follows a coastal route along the Mediterranean sea. Throughout the course you will discover the small and traditional villages of Pafos and enjoy the hospitality with cheering support along most of the course. The course is accredited by AIMS (Association of International Marathons and Distance Races) and clearly marked at every kilometer. Groups of volunteer marshals will assist and guide runners throughout the course. The Pafos Police will also keep a watchful eye on runners, thereby, ensuring their safety. Effective traffic control/management is assured. Information | Entries: www.logicomcyprusmarathon.com

SAT, 17- SUN, 18

LIMASSOL MARATHON GSO

As a well-known running expert once said: "I've learned that finishing a marathon isn't just an athletic achievement. It's a state of mind; a state of mind that says anything is possible". The coastal road of Limassol provides all the conditions you will need to make your goals possible. The OPAP Limassol Marathon GSO provides the runner with an amazing 100% coastal and 100% flat



course, which is optimal for newly introduced members of the Marathon Running Community to have a first great experience, and for older members to challenge their Personal Best time! Visit and run the largest sports event in Cyprus (fully accredited by AIMS) and experience the magic and energy that Limassol has to offer!

For further information: T. 25880102, www.limassolmarathon.com.cy

SUN, 18 AGIA NAPA TRIATHLON 2018

Agia Napa Triathlon is the most prestigious and biggest triathlon event in Cyprus. The scenery guarantees a unique experience. Crystal clear waters and sunny weather makes this event the perfect choice to start the race season as early as in March. The event includes Middle distance triathlon, Triathlon and Sprint triathlon and attracts hundreds of athletes including some of the sport's top names. It is organized by Nireas Triathlon, the leading triathlon event organiser in Cyprus that offers a series of quality races all year round. For further information: www.nireas.org

FRI, 23 – SUN, 25 CYPRUS GRAN FONDO

It is spring in Cyprus and this is when Cyprus is at its best. A cool breeze, a bright-but-not-hot sun, green grass, wild flowers, a light drizzle – it is paradise out there. Its time for the Cyprus Gran Fondo powered by Volkswagen! Starting every day next to the Mediterranean coast, you will climb some of the nicest mountains of the island and pass through traditional and rustic villages, and then return back to some of the best hotels in Pafos to enjoy your off-the-bike time! It is this compactness of Cyprus that gives a unique experience to a cyclist who wants to have everything in just one ride! We will give you this experience every day, for three consecutive days!

The Cyprus Gran Fondo is registered in the UCI Cycling-For-All Calendar and is under auspices of the Cyprus Cycling Federation. It is a 3-day Road "Cycling for All" event where professional and amateur riders ride shoulder to shoulder, climb the nicest Cyprus Mountains and enjoy the Cyprus weather and nature.. The Cyprus Gran Fondo is among the 19 biggest cycling events of the UCI. All participants of Cyprus Gran Fondo will have the opportunity to earn their qualification in the Gran Fondo World Championship. For further information: www.bikincyprus.com.cy

SAT, 31 AGIA NAPA YOUTH SOCCER FESTIVAL 2018

Agia Napa Soccer Festival is organized by Soccerworldcyprus, an official member sports club of the Cyprus National Sports Organization. The tournament is officially recognized and approved by the Cyprus Football Association. The event is hosted in the modern athletic centre of Agia Napa which contains 15 natural grass football pitches size, plus the Municipal Stadium of Agia Napa. This well established event seeks to become the most important, international Youth Soccer Festival in the eastern Mediterranean hosting 10 different boys age group competitions and 2 women's:

Boys Age Groups: Boys born from 1) 1st January 2002 and af-ter, 2) 1st January 2003 and af-ter, 3) 1st January 2004 and after, 4) 1st January 2005 and after, 5) 1st January 2006 and after, 6) 1st January 2007 and after, 7) 1st January 2008 and after, 8) 1st January 2009 and after, 9) 1st January 2010 and after, 10) 1st January 2011 and after.

Women's: 1. Open age women's, 2.Girls U16

For further information: www.ayianapasoccerfestival.com

SAT, 31 – SUN, 1 APRIL GRAND PRIX OF CYPRUS - COMPAK SPORTING MEDITERRANEAN CUP FINAL

The Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation and the Larnaka Shooting Club, cordially invite all shooters belonging to Federations or other national groups affiliated to FITASC, to participate at the Cyprus Grand Prix in Compak Sporting & Mediterranean Cup Final which will take place on 31st March – 1st April 2018, at the Larnaka Olympic Shooting Range, in Larnaka - Cyprus. The Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation and its members are very renowned for the effectual organization of major



shooting competitions and the 2018 Cyprus Grand Prix in Compak Sporting participants will have the opportunity to enjoy and relish a neat and well organized competition in all respects. The Larnaka Olympic Shooting Range will host also the 24th European Championship in Compak Sporting & the European Cup Final which will be organized on 3-6 May 2018. For further information and entries please visit the Federation's official website: www.cssf-shooting.org

APRIL

FRI, 6 - MON, 9 APR GREEK ORTHODOX EASTER

Easter the most important Greek Orthodox religious feast celebrated with great solemnity. Evening services (mass) take place throughout the Holy Week.

Good Friday - A procession of decorated Sepulchres takes place in all parishes at around 20:30.

Easter Saturday - At midnight an open-air mass takes place in every church.

Easter Sunday & Monday- Traditional games are organised in the afternoons in towns and villages:

Lefkosia District: Kourdali and Spilia villages

Lemesos District: Lemesos town, Agios Tychonas, Germasogeia , Pano Polemidia, Lania, Sykopetra, Kellaki, Pissouri, Episkopi, Anogyra and Agros villages

Larnaka District: Pervolia village

Pafos District: Pafos town, Geroskipou, Tala, Kathikas, Tsada, Kissonerga, Stroumbi and Neo Chorio villages

Ammochostos (Famagusta) District: Agia Napa, Frenaros, Paralimni, Deryneia and Achna villages.

SAT, 14 THE PAFOS TRIATHLON

A tried and tested Triathlon race will host a number of individual triathletes and relay teams (swimmer/biker/runner) that will take upon the challenge. In April ambient temperatures are min/max 12 – 23 C° ideal for a Triathlon in crystal clear Mediterranean waters. The run course will cover one of the most scenic paths of Pafos, a few steps from the beach taking athletes from the transition area to the Pafos coastal promenade and back to the Municipal baths for the finish line. Come and tri it! For further information: www.cyclingcy.com

SAT, 21 DORIANS COSTAL CHALLENGE

Dorians Coastal Challenge is an obstacle run among very few of its kind. Worldwide! Dorians Coastal Challenge is a 5Km long run with 20+ obstacles and challenges along the sandy CTO Beach and in shallow waters. During the Coastal Challenge, participants will conquer all our signature obstacles along with new obstacles that will challenge your endurance, perseverance, mental toughness, and team spirit. We don't say that it will be easy, we say that it will be a significant challenge of your mind and body, a fun day out, a no ordinary experience, and an event to remember and chat about for months to come. The Challenge is open to everyone over 16 years old and do not have or suffer from any serious health condition. You can join the event as a Solo Dorian (individual) or as a member of a team.

For further information: www.dorianschallenge.com

SUN, 22 2018 EUROPEAN TOUR – XTERRA CYPRUS OFF ROAD THIAHLON

The Cyprus race promises to provide an experience like no other for the XTERRA Tribe. Cyprus has it all. Great weather, fabulous trails for running and biking, mountains in the center (Mount Olympus for one) super clear aqua waters, great food and tasty local beer and wine. The actual race site is the beautiful Akamas National Park and Lara Beach – which is a breeding site for turtles, and the traditional fishing shelter of Latchi. The athletes will start with a sea swim on the sandy beach next to the transition area, followed by a 2-loop mtb ride on a dry, sandy and rocky



terrain. The run, although almost flat, is not always fast. There are some twisted and tricky parts of trail run on rocks where you will have to focus on your feet and be precise and quick. The end of the loop is along the beach and this is slow and painful too. For further information: <http://xterracyprus.com>

WED, 25 EIKE KNEFLER MIXED OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Format: 4BBB Stableford, Yellow/Red tees | Full handicap allowance
Max Handicap: Men/ladies 36 (EGA), PRIZES: Winners, Runners-up
Entry Fee for Members*: €1.00
Entry Fee for Non-Members*: €40.00 *Optional 2's competition
Closing Date for Entries: 18th April 2018

MAY

THU, 3 – SUN, 6 24TH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP EUROPEAN CUP FINAL COMPAK SPORTING

The Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation and the Larnaka Shooting Club, cordially invite all shooters belonging to Federations or other national groups affiliated to FITASC, to participate at the 24th European Championship and European Cup Final in Compak Sporting which will take place on 3 – 6 May 2018, at the Larnaka Olympic Shooting Range, in Larnaka - Cyprus. The Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation and its members are very renowned for the effectual organization of major shooting competitions and the 2018 European Championship in Compak Sporting participants will have the opportunity to enjoy and relish a neat and well organized competition in all respects. For further information and entries please visit the Federation's official website: www.cssf-shooting.org

SAT, 5 MAY MASONIC OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Format: Individual Stableford Handicap: Men/Ladies 36 (EGA)
Prizes: Men 1st, 2nd & 3rd Nearest to the Pin
Ladies 1st & 2nd Nearest to the Pin
Entry Fee: €8 members | €45 non-members, Buffet Lunch | Presentation: € 20
Closing Date for Entries: 29th April 2018, for entries of non-members please contact Maurice Stephenson: msteve@cytanet.com.cy

SUN, 6 MAY CYPRUS MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP (FINALS)

Famagusta Limni Mx Track is the best and the most challenging and rewarding tracks of MX circuits in Cyprus. It is situated just 5 minutes away from the main tourist attraction of Agia Napa and Protaras and just next to Paralimni Square shopping streets. A 30 gate start with a dirt base and on its sleeve having big jumps and scrap jumps gives the riders a powerful race feeling to enjoy the adrenaline rush. After a combination of a wave - roller section and the big wide open turns pumps even more the riders through the 1.750km circuit. The track has a remarkable 100% visual from the spectator's stands. Track Facilities such as a canteen with snacks, coffees and drinks, huge parking lot, access with all athletes' pits which is a grand benefit for the enthusiasts to get the chance to get advices, chat and get some cool nice photos with the riders. If you are an adrenaline enthusiast or an extreme sport lover then you just win the lottery! Our Mx Track is having the last race of the season for the Cyprus motocross championship on the 6th of May 2018. This is going to be the best event of the island. Catch it if you can. An event not to be missed! For any other info needed please contact us via our Facebook page; Famagusta Motorcycle Club/



SUN, 13

LARNAKA TRIATHLON

Larnaka Triathlon is one of the most successful triathlon events in Cyprus. The event is taking place at Makenzie area, a local and tourist hot spot. The event includes Triathlon and Sprint Triathlon and is open to individuals and teams. Larnaka Triathlon is a perfect opportunity to combine a triathlon race with vacation. Families and friends can enjoy a beautiful day by the beach while being part of the action. The event is organized by Nireas Triathlon, the leading triathlon event organizer in Cyprus. Nireas Triathlon offers a series of quality races all year round.

For further information: www.nireas.org

THU, 17 – SUN, 20

CYPRUS AMATEUR MEN'S OPEN 2018

Venue: Eléa Estate GC, Last Entry Date: May 15, 2018

Format: Stroke Play, Maximum Hcp: 10.0

Organizer: Cyprus Golf Federation.

For further information on the Golf Championship: www.cgf.org.cy

TROODOS SPORT AND FUN FESTIVAL

SAT, 9 & SUN, 10 JUNE – “0-2000” ROAD TOUR

SAT, 27 & SUN, 28 – MTB WEEKEND

Escape from the ordinary! The hardest and most challenging road cycling race in Cyprus has a name and is 0-2000 Road Tour! Starting from 0 meters Above Sea Level (ASL) to almost 2000 meters, at the highest peak of Cyprus, Olympus at 1952 meters (ASL)! Time is not the target, the top is! After 75km of uphill riding you will conquer the top of the highest mountain peak in Cyprus! MTB weekend – The Mountain Bike Marathon competition is OPEN to everyone who likes adventure in Troodos Mountains! Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of the MTB routes and your endurance with three wonderful routes through the most picturesque and scenic areas of the Troodos mountains starting from Olympus peak descending towards the villages around Troodos!

For further information: www.cyclingcy.com

SAT, 26 – MON, 28

PENTECOST- KATAKLYSMOS (Flood Festival)

“Kataklysmos” is a religious and popular feast celebrated only in Cyprus. “Kataklysmos”, which means flood, is found in the book of Genesis and in the Greek myth of Deukalion. In both cases it refers to the destruction by flood of almost all living creatures in order to give birth to a new and moral generation. The festivities last for a few days and take place **in all seaside towns**. Celebrations include various games, folk dances, swimming competitions and boat races.

Larnaka: Larnaka holds the most important folklore festival in Cyprus lasting 6 days with music, dance, poetry, theatre, cultural and athletic competitions and firework shows at the Larnaka Seafront. For more information please call T. +357 24657745.

Agia Napa: Festivities at the Agia Napa Harbour

JUNE

SAT, 3

CGF Cup 2018

Team event for all of CGF's Full and Associate member golf clubs that will take place at Secret Valley Golf Club, with each club fielding a team of 8 players. Club Teams are encouraged to include both Ladies & Men, depending of course on each club captain's pick. The competition will be by shotgun start and the format Stableford with full handicap allowance. The best 6 scorecards from each Club count. Men: maximum playing hcp 28. Ladies: maximum playing hcp 36.

Information| Entries: www.cgf.org.cy



TUE, 5 WOMEN'S GOLF DAY

- For Golfers:** 08:30 18 hole 4BBB Stableford Invitational (free entry)
Followed by ladies lunch (€15.00) and prize presentation
Max handicap: 36 (EGA)
Closing date for entries: 29th May 2018
- For Non-Golfers:** 15:30 Complimentary welcome cocktail
16:30 – 17:30 Free Golf Introduction with PGA qualified Golf Professional David McKibben
Closing date for registration: 29th May 2018 – limited places available (16)

SAT, 9 LACHLAN GILCHRIST OPEN

- Format:** Single Stableford, Yellow/Red tees | Full handicap allowance
Max Handicap: Men/ladies 36 (EGA)
Prizes: Overall winner | Runner-up | Men's best gross | Ladies best gross
Entry Fee*: €1.00 Members, €35.00 non-members *Optional 2's competition
Closing Date for Entries: 2nd June 2018

SUN, 17 SPECIAL OLYMPICS OPEN 2018

Special Olympics Cyprus Open 2018 is a single day Charity golf tournament taking place at Eléa Estate Golf Club, with all proceeds in aid of Special Olympics Cyprus. Mixed competition with ladies, men and juniors holding a valid handicap of 36.0 or less all welcome to participate! The event is graced every year with the presence of a number of special athletes who along with their helpers and other volunteers compete in a parallel Special Olympics Golf event.
For further information: www.cgf.org.cy

SAT, 23 MINTHIS JUNIOR OPEN

- Format:**
- 18 Hole Individual Stableford (Max Hcp Ega 36) Yellow/Red Tees
 - 9 Hole Individual Stableford (Max Hcp Ega 54) Red Tees
 - 6 Hole Individual Gross Score Strokeplay (No Hcp)
 - 3 Hole Individual Gross Score Strokeplay (No Hcp)
 - 3 Hole Mini Individual Gross Score Strokeplay (No Hcp)
- Entry Fees:** €15.00 (includes tournament fee, food and water or soft drink)
Closing Date For Entries: 16th June 2018. Entries to be sent to d.mckibben@minthishills.com or to fax +357 26 642 776.

JULY

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ANCIENT GREEK DRAMA 2018

An annual international theatre festival that hosts professional productions of ancient Greek drama from different cultures around the world. Organisers: Cyprus Centre of International Theatre Institute. Venues: Kourion Ancient Theatre, Makarios III Amphitheatre in Lefkosia, Pafos Ancient Odeon. For further information: www.greekdramafest.com

LARNAKA ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

The Municipality of Larnaka organizes a festival during July full of music, dance and theatrical performances by national and international artists. The main venues of the festival are the Larnaka Fort and the Pattichion Municipal Theatre. For further information: T. 24629300, www.larnaka.com



SAT, 7 – SUN, 8

LAVENDER FESTIVAL

The Lavender Festival in Platres village takes place every first weekend of July. The event includes seminars on the healing properties of Lavender, entrepreneurship and tourism, workshops for Lavender distillation and bouquets, culinary delicacies, arts and crafts based on Lavender, organic cosmetics and guided walks with herbalists in Lavender plantations around Platres.

For further information: T. +357 99427980

3rd week

SUMMER DANCE FESTIVAL

The Summer Festival is an institution funded by the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture and is organised by Nea Kinisi - Cyprus New Movement of Dance Companies, Dancers and Choreographers. CHECK INFO

SAT, 1 – THU, 20

CULTURAL NIGHTS

A unique cultural journey traced through a series of selected events. The events will take place in Aradippou village and include theatre festivals, music performances, and traditional shadow theatre as well as cinema screenings. Through this set of events, the unique cultural identity and history of the village's community is being displayed. For further information T. +357 24 811017.

SAT, 14

KEO OPEN

Format: Single Stableford, 08:00 Shotgun Start,
Yellow/Red tees | Full handicap allowance

Max Handicap: Men/ladies 36 (EGA)

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Entry Fee*: €1.00 Members, €35.00 non-members *Optional 2's competition

Lunch: BBQ €15.00

Closing Date for Entries: 7th July 2017

AUGUST

THU, 3 – SAT, 5

FENGAROS

Fengaros is a three-day festival taking place in Kato Drys village and it is one of the top and most anticipated summer festivals of the island. It consists of international artists and groups. The goal of the festival is to become internationally establish.

For further information please call T. +357 24342833

TUE, 8 – TUE, 15

AUGUST 2017

The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is celebrated on the 15th of August and it is a national and religious holiday. In Kiti village the celebrations last for a week, take place at the square of the Church of Panagia tis Angeloktistis and include theatre performances, traditional nights, a children's night, music and dancing and lots of fresh water mellow.

For further information please call T. +357 24422233.

SAT, 12

LOFOU AUGUST FESTIVAL

Lofou Association organizes the annual four-day "Lofou August Festival", which includes a series of events at Lofou Primary School. A highly qualitative program is offered with different musical evenings, theatrical performances and competitions in order to attract different kind of visitors to Lofou village. For further information please call T. +357 25470020.



SUN, 13

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL 'ANDREAS NEARCHOU'

Kyperounda's Youth Centre organizes this annual charity Children's Festival in memory of the young Andreas Nearchou. A large team of volunteers transforms the village's square into a Fairytale Land spreading joy and happiness to the little kids. The event offers arts and crafts for children, inflatable castles, a clown, face painting, donkey rides, and many more surprises. For further information please call T. +357 99352547.

TUE, 15 – THU, 17

THE TYLLIRIA FESTIVAL OF CHALIKIOU & FIGS

The Tillyria Festival highlights the dairy dish "chaliki" made only Tylliria, and sykopitta, a traditional pie made of white figs. Dance groups from Cyprus and Greece will entertain the visitors.

Venue: Kato Pyrgos village

For further information please call T. +357 26522106, 99628183 or 99907474.

THU, 31 AUG - SUN, 10 SEP

WINE FESTIVAL

The Wine Festival was organised for the first time in 1961 and since then it has become an established annual event of merrymaking and fun, offering a joyful atmosphere to visitors from all over Cyprus and abroad. Wine from the barrels is on offer free of charge every evening. Organiser: Lemesos (Limassol) Municipality. Venue: Lemesos Municipal Gardens.

For further information: T. 25745919 or 25342153, www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy

SEPTEMBER

FRI, 31 – SUN, 2

PAFOS APHRODITE FESTIVAL (OPERA)

The Pafos Aphrodite Festival is an international annual artistic event with world famous opera performances which take place in the open air in front of the Medieval Castle in Pafos.

For further information: T. 26822218, www.pafc.com.cy

Sept – October

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL "KYPRIA 2017"

The International Festival "Kypria" is the leading cultural event of Cyprus hosting a large number of cultural events from the field of Music, Dance, Opera and Theatre from Cyprus, Greece and Internationally. It takes place in all major towns of the island. For further information: T. 22800985 www.kypria.org.cy

3rd week

33rd AGIA NAPA FESTIVAL

The Agia Napa Festival is, undoubtedly, the most popular and well anticipated event that takes place in the tourist resort of Agia Napa, and one of the most famous events of the island. The first festival took place in September 1985 and has since been established as an annual event. It is always the last week of September, in order to coincide with the World Tourism Day. The events of this festival reflect the historical, cultural and agricultural traditions of Agia Napa and the rest of the island. Visitors have the opportunity to learn the traditions and customs of the local people, the traditional music, folk art and above all enjoy the warm Cypriot hospitality. The program includes, among others, theatrical performances, concerts and Cypriot and foreign folk dancing. Within the framework of the festival plenty of other events are organized such as exhibitions of paintings and photographs of contemporary and earlier life in Cyprus as well as exhibitions of shells, flowers and butterflies. These events create a warm atmosphere that reflects the friendliness and hospitality of the people of Ayia Napa!

For further information: T. 23816307, www.ayianapa.org.cy.



SUN, 23 SEPT

9th TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL OF STATOS

The community of Statos – Agios Fotios village has a long history in the production of local wines, trahanas, dried meat (tsamarella) and siousioukos. Visitors will have the opportunity to taste the products of the village, visit the wineries, see the preparation its traditional products and enjoy a rich traditional cultural programme with the music band "Dias" and the dancing group "Afroditi". Young visitors' will enjoy various activities such as face painting, watercolor painting and micro sculpture with clay.

Venue: Statos – Agios Fotios village square

FRI, 28 – SUN, 30

CYPRUS SENIOR AMATEUR MEN'S OPEN 2018

CYPRUS SENIOR AMATEUR LADIES OPEN 2018

Both Championships will be played at Aphrodite Hills Golf Club. The Championship will be decided by Stroke Play in a 2-day event over 36 holes to be played. Entries will be accepted from players who are over the age of 50, conform in all respects to the current Amateur Status Rules of the R&A and hold a current handicap under the handicap system adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in their country. Last Entry Date: September 24th 2018.

Information|Entries: www.cgf.org.cy.

OCTOBER

Sept – October

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL "KYPRIA 2017"

The International Festival "Kypria" is the leading cultural event of Cyprus hosting a large number of cultural events from the field of Music, Dance, Opera and Theatre from Cyprus, Greece and Internationally. It takes place in all major towns of the island.

For further information: T. 22800985 www.kypria.org.cy

SAT, 13

JOKE ALEXANDROU OPEN

Format: Single Stableford, 08:00 Shotgun Start
Yellow/Red tees | Full handicap allowance

Max Handicap: Men/ladies 36 (EGA)

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Entry Fee*: €1.00 Members, €40.00 non-members, Lunch: Buffet €15.00

*Optional 2's competition

Closing Date for Entries: 6th October 2018

WED, 17 OCT – FRI, 30 NOV

LARNAKA BIENNALE 2018

We are pleased to announce the first Fine Arts Biennale ever organised in Cyprus!

Under the name Biennale Larnaka 2018, the event will be hosted in the beautiful city of Larnaka. Being one of the oldest cities in the world with a rich history and culture stretching for more than 4000 years along with it's beautiful seaside location, nature and historical sites, Larnaka is an inspiration for all. As organizers we are aiming for a successful Biennial that will showcase artists and their works from all over the world with a high standard of quality and professionalism. The main exhibition will be hosted in three historical landmarks of Larnaka, the "Municipal Gallery", the "Pierides Museum" and the "House of Arts and Literature". Aside the main exhibition, the Biennial will host a series of art and culture related events throughout the city like concerts, theatre, performances, lectures etc. Co-organiser is the municipality of Larnaka, and supporters among others, is a number of art organizations and institutions including the Cyprus Chamber of Fine Arts E.KA.TE. If you're an aspiring artist, or art lover join us at Biennale Larnaka 2018!

For further information: www.biennalelarnaca.com



NOVEMBER

WINE MONTH

The Cyprus Tourism Organisation invites you at the Wine Month! Get to know our wine tradition through excursions and enjoy Cypriot wine. Within the framework of the “Wine Routes” programme which has been implemented by the Cyprus Tourism Organisation and co-funded by the European Structural Funds, 7 alternative routes have been designed and sign-posted offering you the opportunity to experience the Cypriot hospitality and to introduce yourself into the world of wine. Visit the wineries and taste their wines! Explore the Cypriot countryside and enjoy the unique dishes of the Cypriot cuisine in traditional taverns and restaurants. Follow the signs bearing the logo of the Wine Routes project and get ready for a unique experience. For further information please refer to the Cyprus Wine Routes e-brochure in the CTO website www.visitcyprus.com.

SUN, 18

O3 OLYMPUSMAN

Do you have what it takes to be an OlympusMan?! OlympusMan O3 is a one of its kind in Cyprus triathlon and one of those events every hardcore triathlete must have in his/her “bucket list”! The concept here is pretty simple - you start from sea level in Pafos and finish 1952m above sea level, at Olympus peak, in the Troodos Mountain! Epic, isn't it? The course is without doubt one of the most challenging Half Iron distances on the planet. An early morning 1.9k swim at Pafos harbor, followed by an 86km bike section with over a staggering 2,600 meters of ascent. The last leg would be an off-road half marathon with 350 meters of ascent gradually spiraling up to the summit of Olympus at 1952 meters. OlympusMan is a long day's challenge through some of Cyprus's most spectacular scenery. For further information: www.cyclingcy.com

THU, 22 – SUN, 25

CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL 4-DAY CHALLENGE

The Cyprus International 4-day Challenge, is a staged running event, covering a distance slightly longer than a marathon with mountain running, trail running & cross country running. The event successfully combines a 6k time trial, a multi-terrain half marathon, an 11k mountain trail run and a 10k City Run over four days. The event takes place in the area of Pafos, and for the most part of it, participants have the opportunity to compete in the Akamas Nature Reserve Park, in some of Cyprus most scenic routes, where every turn comes with a different stunning view, unfolding the beauty of the Akamas Nature Reserve Park in a panoramic sea-sky-earth motif. For further information: T. 26880877, www.cypruschallenge.com.

SAT, 24

MINTHIS OPEN

Format: Single Strokeplay, White/Blue tees | Full handicap allowance, 08:30 Shotgun Start

Max Handicap: Men/ladies 36 (EGA)

Prizes: Men's best gross | Men's best net | Ladies best gross | Ladies best net

Entry Fee*: €11.00 Members, €50.00 non-members (includes lunch buffet)

*Optional 2's competition

Closing Date for Entries: 17th November 2018

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S EVE FESTIVITIES

Festivities take place all over Cyprus and the Christmas spirit can be felt everywhere, especially in the major cities where the Christmas festivities the last years has become a main annual event.

WALKING TOURS

Guided tours in and around Lefkosia, Lemesos, Larnaka, Pafos, Agia Napa and Germasogeia village (Lemesos area) **are offered free of charge** by the above Municipalities and are organised in collaboration with the Cyprus Tourism Organisation and the Cyprus Tourist Guides Association.

Every Monday

1. **Lefkosia:** *Chrysaliniotissa and Kaimakli* Bus & Walking Tour,
Starting point: Tourist Information Office in Laiki Geitonia, T. 22674264
2. **Lemesos (Limassol):** *Historic Limassol Walk*,
Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Lemesos T. 25362756

Every Wednesday

1. **Lefkosia:** *Outside the Venetian Walls: Its past and present*
Starting point: Tourist Information Office in Laiki Geitonia, T. 22674264
2. **Larnaka:** *Past and Present*
Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Larnaka, T. 24654322
3. **Germasogeia**
 - a) Germasogeia - A Village Blessed by Water
 - b) Discover the Natural Environment of Germasogeia

Every Wednesday (October - April) - Each one every other week
Starting point: Tourist Information Office, Germasogeia, Lemesos District T. 25323211

Every Thursday

1. **Lefkosia (Nicosia)** Walking Tour
Starting point: Tourist Information Office in Laiki Geitonia, T. 22674264
2. **Pafos** Walking Tour
Starting point: Tourist Information Office, 8 Agoras str. T. 26932841
3. **Agia Napa:** *Agia Napa and the Sea: A Different Dimension"* (November – March)
Starting Point: Tourist Information Office, Agia Napa, T. 23721796

Every Friday

1. **Larnaka:** *Skala - Its craftsmen*
Starting point: Larnaka Medieval Castle, T. 24654322 (Tourist Information Office)

RELIGIOUS FAIRS (Panigiria)

Many colourful fairs are held in villages, reviving traditional village life, when saint's name-days are celebrated around the main churches. Local products and sweets are sold at stalls especially set up for the occasion. A procession of the Saint's icon around the church takes place during the previous evening's church service.

Feb. 2	Presentation of Jesus to the Temple Chryssorrogiatissa Monastery (Pafos District)
Apr. 23	Saint George's Day Paralimni village (Ammochostos district)
May 21	Saints Constantine and Helena's Day Tsada village (Pafos District), Tochni village (Larnaka District)



Annual Events 2018

Jul. 17	Saint Marina's Day Xylymbou village (Ammochostos district)
Jul. 26	Saint Paraskevi's Day Geroskipou village (Pafos District) and Leivadia village (Larnaka District)
Aug. 6	Transfiguration of Jesus Christ the Saviour Sotira village (Ammochostos District)
Aug. 15	Dormition of Virgin Mary (Assumption Day) Kykko, Chrysorrogiatissa and Agia Napa monasteries, Chrysospilotissa church at Deftera village (Lefkosia District), Liopetri village (Ammochostos District) & Kiti village (Larnaka District)
Sep. 2	Saint Mamas' Day Peristerona village, near Polis (Pafos District)
Sep. 6	Archangel Michael's Day Frenaros village (Ammochostos District)
Sep. 8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Agia Napa Monastery (Ammochostos District), Arakapas village (Lemesos District)
Sep. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Omodos village (Lemesos District) and Lefkara village (Larnaka District)
Sep. 22	Saint Fokas' Day Athienou village (Larnaka District)
Sep. 24	Saint Thekla's Day Sotira village (Ammochostos District)
Sep. 28	Saint Neofytos' Day Agios Neofytos Monastery (Pafos District)
Oct. 2	Saint Kyprianos' Day Meniko village (Lefkosia District)
Oct. 4	Saint John Lampadistis' Day Kalopanagiotis village (Lefkosia District)
Oct. 5	Saint Ermogenis' Day Agios Ermogenis church (Lemesos District)
Oct. 6	Saint Kendeas' Day Agios Kendeas church, Avgorou village (Larnaka District)
Oct. 17-18	Saint Luke's Day Kolossi (Lemesos District), Kouklia (Pafos District) and Aradippou villages (Larnaka District)
Nov. 3	Saint George Kontos' Day Agios Georgios Kontos Church, in Larnaka town
Nov. 7 - 8	Archangels Michael and Gabriel's Day Archangelos Michael Church at Kaimakli, Lefkosia
Nov. 20-21	Presentation of Virgin Mary to the Temple Pallouriotissa old church in Lefkosia and Agros village (Lemesos District)
Nov. 30	Saint Andrew's Day Polis Chrysochous
Dec. 16	Saint Modestos' Day Deryneia village (Ammochostos District)



Useful Telephones (Country code +357)

Lefkosia District:

The Lefkosia Municipal Arts Centre	22797400
Lefkosia Municipality Cultural Services	22797000/-4
State Gallery of Contemporary Cypriot Art	22458228
Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture	22800933, 22809845
Cyprus Theatrical Organisation	77772717
Famagusta Gate	22797650/3, 99206895
Anastasios G. Leventis Foundation	22667706
Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation	22128157
Skali Cultural Centre	22336363
Strovolos Municipal Theatre	22313010
Cyprus Centre of International Theatre Institute	22674920
The Pharos Arts Foundation	22663871
Lefkosia Tourism Board	22889710

Lemesos District:

Lemesos Patticheion Municipal Theatre	25343341
Rialto Theatre	25343900, 77777745
Lemesos Municipality Cultural Services	25745919, 25342153
Limassol Tourist Board	25877350

Larnaka District:

Larnaka Patticheion Theatre	24629300
Larnaka Municipal Theatre	24665795
Larnaka Municipality Cultural Services	24657745, 24629333
Larnaka Municipal Gallery	24658848
Pierides Foundation	24651345
Larnaka Tourist Board	24657070

Ammochostos District:

Agia Napa Municipality Cultural Services	23816307
Paralimni Municipality	23819300
Deryneia Municipality	23811000
Ammochostos Tourist Board	23816305

Pafos District:

<i>Pafos Municipality Cultural Services</i>	26932014
Pafos Aphrodite Festival Ltd	26822218
Pafos Markideion Theatre	26932571
Polis Chrysochous Municipality	26321321
Pafos Tourist Board	26818173

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