

6th YEAR SCHOOL TRIP 2011

CYPRUS – the island of Aphrodite – 21^e edition

Third biggest and most easterly island in the Mediterranean

Travel: by scheduled flights (LUXAIR) 23.5.2011 → 30.5.2011 (= Monday !!)
Accommodation: 7 nights on the island, apart-hotel in Paphos; Centrum Hotel in Nicosia.
Activities A detailed time-table will be prepared shortly before we leave but it will be similar to those of previous years.

1. Historical

Cyprus was the crossing point of ancient civilisations. There are extensive remains extending from Neolithic times through Bronze Age, Ancient Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Crusader and Venetian. We shall visit sites covering all these periods.

2. Natural and Geological

We shall observe the unique geological folding of the Troodos range. We shall observe the extensive and rich Mediterranean plant life, and Mediterranean and sub-tropical crops.

This will mean that you should be aware that we will make two longer hikes !!

3. Social and Cultural

Cypriot culture and folk tradition is very much alive. We shall observe at first hand the way of life in a Greek-Cypriot mountain village and learn about the traditional ways of life.

We shall visit one or two monasteries. We will be guests of a Cypriot high school.

4. Political and Financial

As guests of the Cypriot government we shall be briefed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the relations between Cyprus and the European Union. Since the 1st of May 2004, Cyprus is a full member of the EU ; and since the 1st of January 2008, Cyprus is in the Euro-zone.

- We shall visit projects funded by the European Investment Bank.
- We shall learn something of the modern history of the island and its present illegal partition.

5. Group Spirit

- The weather should still be good and there will be supervised swimming, picnics and other outdoor activities (i.e. trekking tours !!), which will enhance the atmosphere and group spirit of the trip. A certain amount of free time is built into the programme.
- Sailing trip on an old pirate-ship.
- Bus-expedition (prehistoric village, art village, reptiles of Cyprus ...)

Please come to Cyprus in a spirit of enquiry. You are not going as tourists but as members of a study group.

You will be expected to join in all group activities, to prepare a small project to present to the group while in Cyprus and help to produce a small exhibition of the trip when you return.

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