



Larnaka
City Centre

Beautifully compact, easily accessible and truly authentic, Larnaka is Cyprus' oldest soul with a history that dates back 10,000 years, making it the longest continually inhabited region of the island as well as the most centrally positioned city. Whilst the region is rich in the ancient culture of hundreds of years of contrasting civilisations and architecture, Larnaka is also a thriving and modern European city that offers the best of all worlds. From stretches of varied coastline, a mix of traditional and cosmopolitan establishments and fascinating monuments, Larnaka seamlessly blends its two 'faces' for visitors to enjoy a charming and unique Mediterranean experience.

Top 10 Larnaka Landmarks:

- Agios Lazaros (Saint Lazarus) Byzantine Church: One of the most important surviving Byzantine Monuments in the whole of Cyprus, built around 900 AD.
- Palm Tree Promenade: Larnaka's most famous promenade of 'Foinikoudes' is a 600-metre long stretch that combines coast, entertainment and culture along its palm tree lined length.
- Larnaka Salt Lake: A significant Ramsar and Natura 2000 site and one of the most important biotopes in Europe. During the winter, the lake is home to migrating birds, including flamingos.
- Larnaka Medieval Castle: Founded by the Byzantines in the 12th century. It hosts a Medieval Museum and a Garden Theatre.
- Hala Sultan Tekke: Dated around the 18th century, it is built over a tomb which according to tradition belongs to Umm Haram, foster-mother of the Prophet Mohammed.
- Kamares-The Old Aqueduct: The grandiose arches are part of the old Larnaka Aqueduct, constructed in 1745.
- Ancient Kition: 13th - 4th century BC site where the Goddesses Aphrodite and Astarte were worshipped.
- Europe Square: Lined with colonial buildings which now house the Municipal Art Gallery and the Larnaka Historic Archives Museum.
- McKenzie beach: A popular Blue Flag awarded sandy beach and a top hotspot on the island.
- Zenobia Wreck: Considered to be one of the world's best wreck dive sites.



Orini Larnaka (Larnaka Mountainous Area)
Discover Rural Larnaka

The beautiful area of mountainous Larnaka as a whole has been declared a European Destination of Excellence on the island; with a particular emphasis on 18 of its unique, traditional communities that are part of the EU programme 'Eden 2017 - Cultural Tourism'.

Offering a change of pace and character away from the coastline, Larnaka's rural areas are a popular destination all-year-round. This part of the region is distinguished by authentic architecture, rich history, and retained local pastimes, with each community famous for its own sights, crafts and traditions.

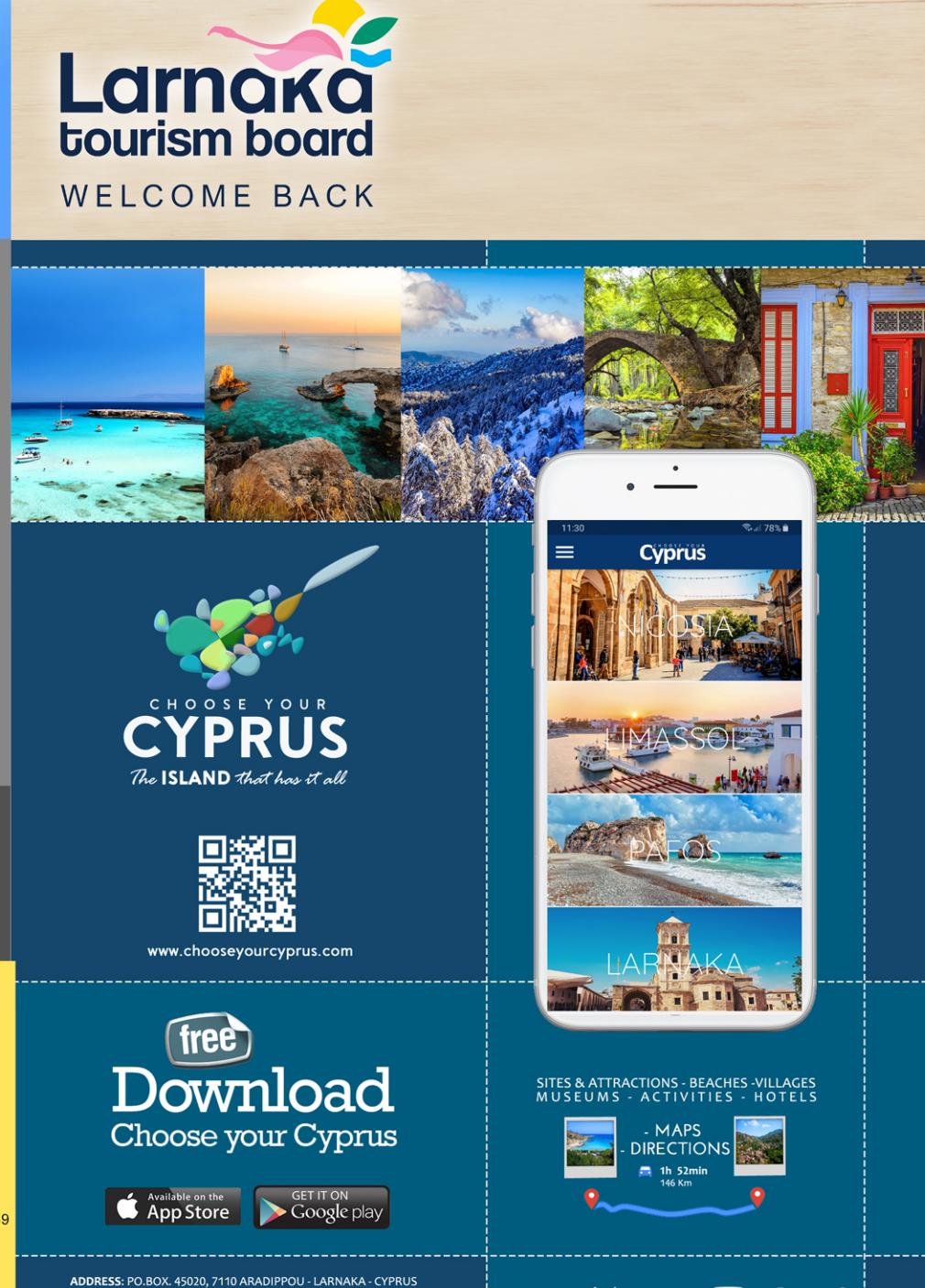
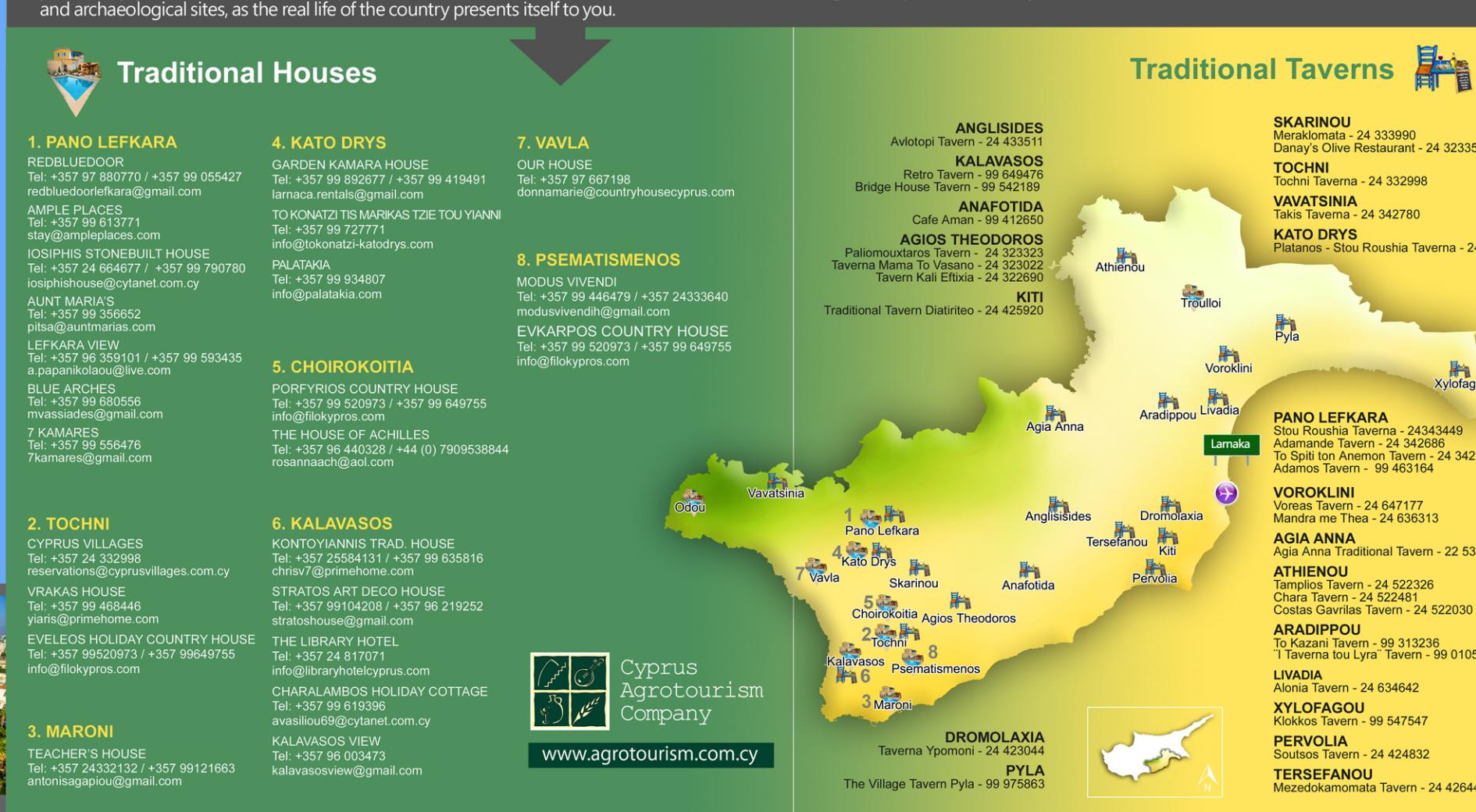


Recommendations in Rural Larnaka's EDEN Villages

- Agioi Vavatsinias: Erm's Traditional Sweets Workshop
- Agios Theodoros: Citrus orchards, Panagia Astathikia old church, old olive mill
- Choirokoitia: Choirokoita Neolithic Settlement, Petros Nikoulas Basketry Workshop, Panagia tou Kampou ancient church
- Delipetra: Chrysosotiris nature trail, Diplogefyro (double bridge), Chrysosotiris ancient church
- Kalavasos: Kalavasos-Tenta Neolithic Settlement, ancient olive mill
- Kato Drys: Ktima Christoudia winery, Bee & Embroidery Museum, Local Agricultural Museum, To Madrati tis Yiayias traditional delicacies workshop, Byzantine icon painter
- Kato Lefkara: Picturesque village square, church of Archangel Michael
- Kofinou: Panagia Kofinou old church
- Kornos: Co-operative Company of Potters, Byzantine icon painters
- Lageia: Panagia Eleousa church, old water-tap
- Melini: Panagia Eleousa church, Oros Maxaria beekeeping & apitherapy
- Odou: Honey factories, Agia Marina church
- Ora: Old Blacksmith's Workshop, old flour mill, Agia Marina church
- Pano Lefkara: Timios Stavros church, Local Ethnological Museum, Ktima Dafermou Winery, Lefkara Handicraft Centre, Lefkara lace-making (included in UNESCO List of Intangible Heritage)
- Skarinou: Golden Donkeys Farm, Environmental Information Centre of Larnaka Mountainous Area, Eleni Mimi Dairy Workshop.
- Tochni: The Church of Saints Constantine and Helen, Ecclesiastical Museum, Bike tours by Activate Cyprus
- Vavatsinia: 'The Humming of the Bees' Nature Trail
- Vavia: Agios Minas convent, Panagia Agapitis nature trail, Beekeeper for a Day Programme by Ecophysix

Agrotourism Accommodation

Agrotourism has become an important part of Cyprus tourism. More and more visitors want to experience the authenticity, tranquility and uniqueness of Cyprus villages. The Cyprus Agrotourism Company works in promoting the countryside and the traditional lodgings of historical value which host these alternative style holidays. Nestled amongst the local residents, agrotourism lends a hand in creating a warm atmosphere, memories that will remain with you for many years to come. At the same time, you will enjoy a handful of pleasant surprises nature has in store for you; millions of different scents, images of unparalleled beauty, walks down nature trails, visits to historical monasteries and archaeological sites, as the real life of the country presents itself to you.



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