



NORTHERN CYPRUS
INFORMATION PACK
FOR GUESTS OF BABYLON VILLA

WELCOME TO BABYLON VILLA

Welcome, we hope you really enjoy your stay at our home in Northern Cyprus. We truly love the bungalow and hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

We understand when you rent a property for your holiday it is important to have everything working properly and be easy to use, therefore we have put this house guide together to help your holiday run smoothly.

This guide contains information on the bungalow, who to contact if something goes wrong and some information about Northern Cyprus.

With warmest wishes

Nick

Enjoy your stay!



IMPORTANT HOUSE INFORMATION



The main fuse box is behind the canvas print in the hall.



The pool is maintained twice a week in the summer and once a week in the winter months.



If you experience any issues during your stay, please contact:
Property Manager

Keith Moylan

Telephone: +90 533 829 9719

Email: keith.moylan@yahoo.co.uk



For urgent or serious matters,
please contact: Owner

Nick Hollowell

Telephone: +44 7939 663307 Email:

Babyionvilla@yahoo.com



IMPORTANT HOUSE INFORMATION

Wi-Fi & Mobile Connectivity

Wi-Fi network details and the password can be found on the underside of the router located next to the television.

If the Wi-Fi connection is lost, please try resetting the router using the reset button on the back. If this does not resolve the issue, please contact the Property Manager.

UK mobile phone roaming generally works well throughout Northern Cyprus.

A mobile Wi-Fi modem is also available in the fruit bowl as a backup. Should it be required, additional data can be purchased from local shops.

Appliance Information

Washing Machine & Dishwasher

Both appliances are powered by the wall switch located above the dishwasher.

We recommend using a 40°C wash cycle for the washing machine.

The dishwasher is typically used on the 70°C setting.

Instruction manuals for both appliances can be found in the drawer next to the dishwasher.

Cooker

The cooker operates from a gas bottle located in the black storage cupboard beneath the kitchen window.

A spare gas bottle is stored next to the cupboard. Should you need to use the spare bottle, please inform the Property Manager so that a replacement can be arranged for future guests.

IMPORTANT HOUSE INFORMATION

Water Cooler

A spare water bottle should be located near the front door.

Please ensure that a spare bottle is available for the next guests before your departure.

Refuse Collection

Please place the wheelie bins at the top of the road, next to the carpentry workshop, on Sunday evening.

Collections are normally made on either Sunday night or Monday.

Garden, Pool & Outdoor Lighting

Garden Lighting

The tree and garden lights are controlled from the switch inside the brown control box.

Use the switch on the left-hand side of the box (when facing it). These lights create a lovely atmosphere for relaxing on the terrace during the evening.

Garden Maintenance

The garden maintenance team visits once per week.



IMPORTANT HOUSE INFORMATION

Pool Maintenance

The pool maintenance team visits twice weekly, usually in the early morning.

For safety reasons, please do not use the pool for one hour after maintenance has been completed to allow the chemicals to disperse fully.

Pool Lighting

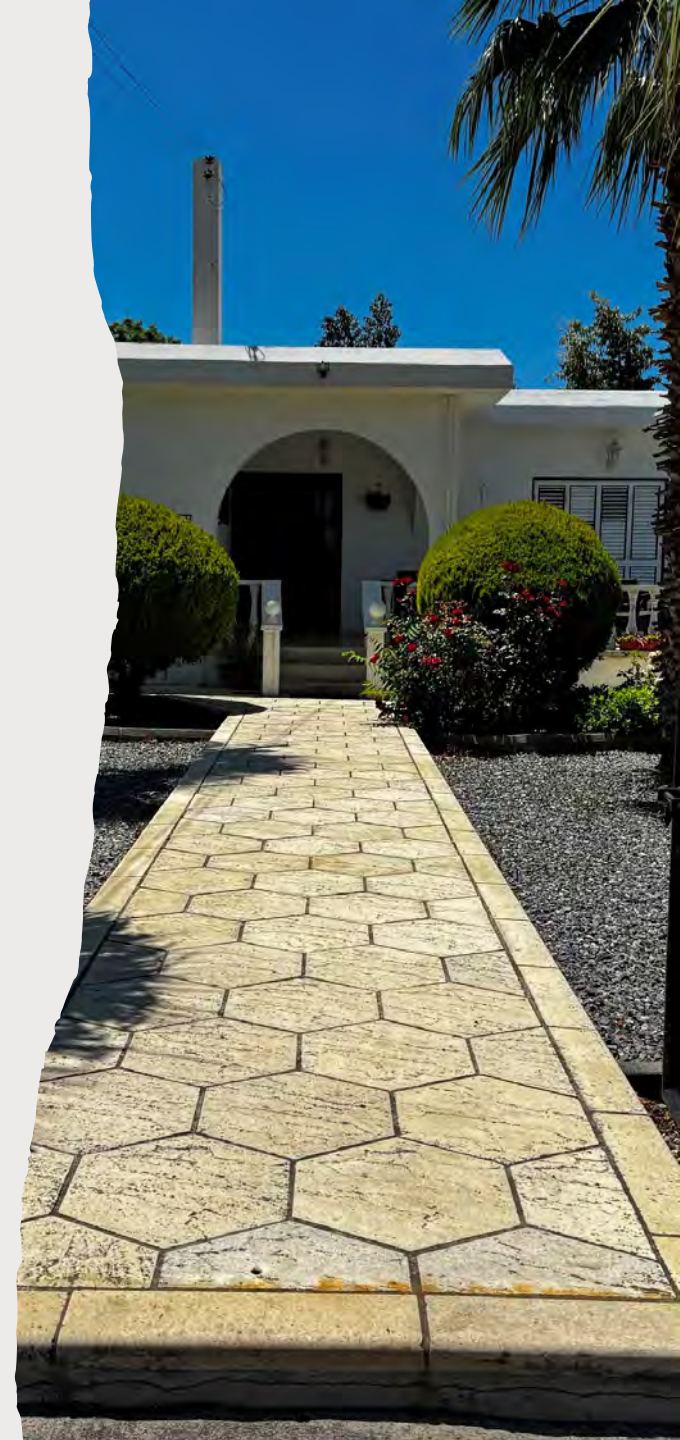
Exterior pool lights are controlled by the switch located on the wall facing the pool gate.

Please switch these off before retiring for the evening.

Interior pool lights are operated via remote control, which can be found in the fruit bowl. Simply use the on/off button.

Pool Toys & Floats

If you purchase or bring any pool toys or inflatables during your stay, please feel free to leave them behind for future guests to enjoy.



IMPORTANT HOUSE INFORMATION

Air Conditioning

All bedrooms and the living area are equipped with both ceiling fans and air conditioning.

As electricity costs are high in Northern Cyprus, we kindly ask guests to help keep rental costs affordable by:

- Keeping doors and windows closed when the air conditioning is operating.
- Switching off air conditioning when leaving the villa.
- All air conditioning systems are fitted with a two-hour timer.

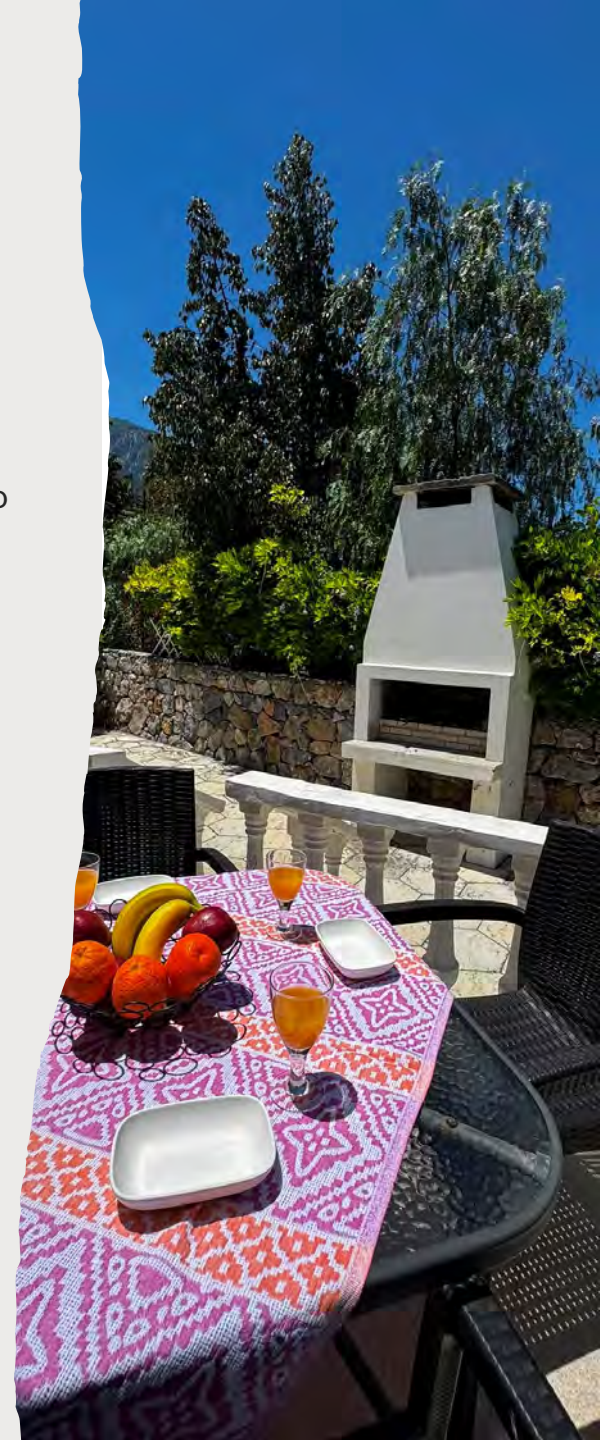
Air Conditioning Switch Locations

Master Bedroom – Behind the bedside cabinet

Bedroom 2 – Behind the bed

Bedroom 3 – Behind the bed

Living Room – Behind the fireplace



IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency numbers

- Police 155
- Fire 199
- Forest fire 177
- Hospital Emergency 112

Police - Girne / Kyrenia
815 2125

Hospital - Girne / Kyrenia 815 2266

Fire Department - Girne / Kyrenia
815 2111



OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Power Cuts

Occasional power cuts can occur in Northern Cyprus, although they are far less frequent than in previous years. In most cases, any interruption to the electricity supply lasts only a few hours.

Please note that water pressure may be affected during a power cut, as the property's water system relies on an electric pump.

Should a power cut occur during the evening, you will find:

- Torches in each bedroom and in the kitchen
- A small gas lamp in the wardrobe of Bedroom 2
- Candles in the drawer of the hallway unit

Please note that the internal pool lights have a habit of automatically switching on following a power cut. If you do not wish to use them, simply switch them off using the remote control.

Water Pressure

If you experience consistently low water pressure, please contact the Property Manager, who will arrange for the water pump to be inspected.

For safety reasons, please do not attempt to adjust or operate the pump yourself.



OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Currency Exchange

We recommend bringing sufficient Turkish Lira (and GBP for airport transfers if required) to cover your first day.

For the best exchange rates, we suggest changing GBP locally rather than through UK banks or travel agents. Exchange rates are generally much more favourable in Northern Cyprus.

The nearest exchange bureau is Moonstar Exchange, located on the main road approximately one mile away on the right-hand side when travelling towards Girne.



The image shows the flag of Northern Cyprus, which is white with two horizontal red stripes and a red crescent moon and star in the center. The flag is set against a blue sky with a white cloud. The right edge of the image is torn, revealing a white background where the text is located.

ABOUT NORTHERN CYPRUS

The island of Cyprus is located in the Eastern Mediterranean and only a 4 hour flight away from central Europe. Its neighbouring lands at the nearest coastal points are Turkey 40 miles north, Syria 60 miles east, Lebanon 108 miles south-east, Israel 180 miles south-east and Egypt 230 miles south.

Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean. It is smaller than Sicily and Sardinia and larger than Corsica and Crete. The area of the whole island is 3584 sq. miles. (9250 sq. kilometres)

There are four major towns in Northern Cyprus, the capital being Lefkosa (Nicosia), which serves as the main administration and business centre. The other main towns Magosa (Famagusta), the country's principal port; Girne (Kyrenia), the main tourist centre well known for its ancient harbour, and Guzelyurt the centre of the citrus fruit industry.

The British interest in the island dates back to the 12th century and has remained until the present day with many British ways being adopted by the government of Northern Cyprus. English is widely spoken and driving is on the left-hand side of the road.

Cyprus has a long vibrant history, with a perfect climate and great welcoming hospitality to the Mediterranean. It has been a popular destination for many years offering relaxation, water sports and the excitement of exploring its beautiful coastline. Northern Cyprus has a rich source of archaeological sites and medieval castles. It enjoys over 300 days of uninterrupted sunshine, crystal clear Mediterranean seas with the beauty of an unspoiled landscape and uncrowded beaches.

USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

English	Turkish
Hello	Merhaba
How are you	Nasılsın
Please	Lütfen
Thank you	Teşekkürler
Yes	Evet
No	Hayır
How Much	Ne Kadar?
Can I have?	Alabilir miyim?
Beach	Plaj
Pool	Havuz
Towel	Havlu
Beer	Bira
Slow	Yavaş
Stop	Dur
Open	Açık
Closed	Kapalı
Money	Para





LOCAL TRAVEL

Public transport in North Cyprus is available in the form of minibuses known as a Dolmuş. Prices are inexpensive but please have cash ready. These run along the main road to Girne (Kyrenia) all day but become less frequent after 11pm.

You will be able to spot the Dolmuş (bus) as they are commonly white minibuses with the destination written in the window. When you see one coming just flag it down – no need to go to a bus stop, they look out for people walking and are keen to stop for you.

As a guide line they run about every 15 mins along the main road to Girne, where you can get another one further afield. The busier areas have more frequent buses.

Taxis are also relatively inexpensive, there are plenty to choose from – but here is the one we use

Adem Taxi - +90 533 848 31 31

CAR HIRE

By far the best way for the visitor to travel is self-drive hire car. To hire a car you need to be over 25 years old and hold a driving licence with 12 months left running.

The road network is generally good and is being regularly improved, with an increasing number of dual carriageways between the main towns.

Car-hire rates are inexpensive so very manageable to budget for. Traffic drives on the left, though it's worth keeping watch for the occasional rebellious exception!

Most cars are right-hand drive, though you will also see left-hand drive vehicles, imported or visiting from Turkey.

Hiring a car really is the best way to explore this beautiful Mediterranean Island. There is so much history with places to go, such as Salamis, Girne Castle, St Hilarion Castle, or simply drive across the mountain top and take in the fresh air and spectacular views, there is so much to see in Cyprus.

Here are 2 companies we have used in the past although there are plenty of others

Ozy's Rent a Car

[Facebook](#)

+90 533 865 63 05

+90 533 851 49 36

ozystaxi@gmail.com



Pacific rent a car

www.pacific-rentals.com

+90 392 815 55 70

+90 542 852 19 20

info@pacific-rentals.com

RESTAURANTS

There are some amazing restaurants in Northern Cyprus, where there is something for everyone. We believe finding lovely restaurants is all part of the fun of being on holiday, but if you need a little help here are 2 of our favourites to get you started.

Silver Rocks

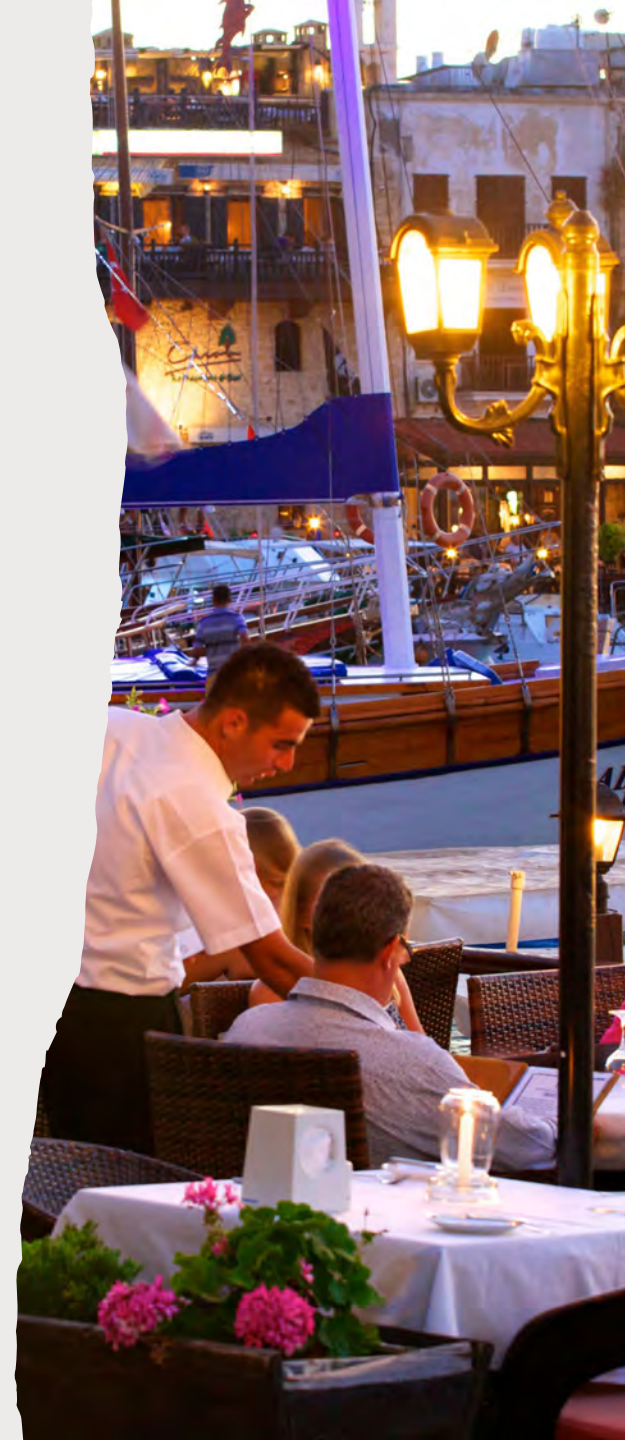
Tel: +90 533 862 19 02

Address: Fevzi Cakmak
Cd, Lapta

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Tel: +90 533 88719 42

Address: Fevzi Cakmak
Cd No. 68 Lapta





DISTANCES TO AND FROM

- Ercan airport – Girne 42km - 30 min
- Larnaca airport- Girne 85 km - 1h 15 min
- Paphos airport-Girne 165 km - 2 h 30 min
- Girne – Lefkosa 29 km - 31 min
- Girne – Karpaz 123 km - 2 h 20 min
- Girne – Famagusta 78 km - 1h 5 min





BEACHES IN NORTHERN CYPRUS

The Beaches of Northern Cyprus are among the most beautiful in the Mediterranean. The average water temperature between May and October is 24C. During the summer season you will find Hotel Beaches open to non-residents and offer an excellent service to customers, with facilities for food and drink, beach umbrellas and sun loungers. Some of these beaches also offer activities such as water skiing, banana rides, jet-ski, kite & wind surfing and scuba diving.

You can find many more sandy and isolated beaches. Go for a drive and have a beach to yourself, to relax in the sun. There are plenty of beaches to discover, from larger holiday type beaches to hidden bays. Some with little beach bars, some totally empty which you can enjoy all to yourself! To get you started we have listed a few



BEACHES IN NORTHERN CYPRUS - WEST OF GIRNE

Deniz Kizi

A favourite beach for many in a beautiful bay, a safe swimming area and excellent facilities to use, including showers, WC and a restaurant. It is an excellent hotel beach which has a small entrance fee. A good choice of watersports are available.

Driftwood Restaurant & Bar

Located in Lapta, it has a lovely sandy beach with a lunch menu. They are also open in the evening with a great menu (one of our favourite places to eat).

Suna's Beach

Located near Lapta, it is a new beach bar with a small restaurant, live music and a great atmosphere.

Sardunya Bay

A small hidden beach in Lapta with a lovely sandy bay, restaurant that has live music events in the summer time.

Lido Beach

An upmarket beach and restaurant with a sandy beach and platform in a lovely bay. They have paddle boards available to hire and a good restaurant.

BEACHES IN NORTHERN CYPRUS - EAST OF GIRNE

Acapulco Beach

Acapulco beach is part of the 5 star Acapulco Hotel just outside Catalkoy on the east side of Kyrenia. It is said to have one of the best beaches in Kyrenia. It is open to members of the public but an entrance fee is payable to the hotel for use of a sunbed and umbrella. The beach is over 1 mile long and the hotel has a great selection of facilities to enjoy.

Shayna Beach

Shayna beach Club is a very popular beach club in Catalkoy on the east of Kyrenia. An entry fee is paid to enjoy sunbathing on sun loungers on the sands. There is also a restaurant where you can enjoy a great selection of food.

Alagadi Beach

This beach is one where you will find turtles nesting during the summer season. There is a beach bar there and you can hire an umbrella but no sunbeds.





**TURTLES IN
NORTHERN CYPRUS**

There are two species of turtles which nest in North Cyprus - the Loggerhead Turtle and the Green Turtle. These turtles both nest in the sands at Alagadi beach on the east side of Kyrenia.

The turtles lay between 70 to 150 eggs in the nesting season which is between late March and early June, with hatchlings normally emerging around 50 to 60 days later. The peak of the hatching period between is during July and August.

If you are visiting during these months and would like to see a turtle nesting or the baby turtles hatching, then egg-laying, releases and hatching nights might be something for you. These are arranged during the season at Alagadi Beach but can also be seen at other beaches such as Karşıyaka beach or in the Dipkarpaz area.

Turtle watching really is an unforgettable experience. You can go to the SPOT website <https://cyprusturtles.org> or you can visit the Turtle Conservation Project from May to September (you will see brown signs in Alagadi village).

Two Facebook pages for the turtles are:

Karşıyaka Turtle Watch –KTW

SPOT – Kuzey Kıbrıs Kaplumbagalari Koruma Cemiyeti



THE KARPАЗ REGION

Karpaz region

If you are visiting the Karpaz area you are sure to meet the donkeys. You will find them at the eastern end of the Karpaz Peninsula. The local town is Dipkarpaz and the best place to stop for carrots which the donkeys appreciate! Please remember these are wild donkeys and although they will stop your car and ask for some food you should still be careful – they can be very demanding if they see carrots!

The Cyprus donkey is the donkey breed of the Mediterranean island of Cyprus. There are two principal strains: a large dark-coloured type with a pale belly, probably of European origin; and a small grey African type which represents about 20% of the total population, which in 2002 was estimated at 2200–2700.





BEACHES IN NORTHERN CYPRUS - KARPАЗ AREA

Karpas Golden Beach

No holiday to North Cyprus can be complete without a visit to the Karpaz Peninsula, it can be a long day but well worth it. Some of the villages are like stepping back in time to the Cyprus of old. You will find much of the area is mainly unspoilt by modern development. The largest stretch of sand is Golden Beach in the Karpaz, it is also known as the island's most beautiful beach. This beach is totally unspoilt, you will see sandy dunes for miles. The water is crystal clear and is turquoise, surrounded by untouched nature and fauna.

Oasis Beach

Is just outside the village of Dipkarpaz it is a turtle beach, but has some sun beds available to hire along with umbrellas. There is a small kiosk selling refreshments at the top which has a seating area. Toilets and showers are also available.

KARPAZ MARINA

Karpaz Gate Marina opened in 2011 after the project management team successfully campaigned to lift army zone limitations covering Cyprus' northern shores to enable non-military international vessels to cruise in the region for the first time since 1974.

The marina is an official Port of Entry to the country, giving visitors access to a marina with great facilities. There is a small shop a bar and restaurant in the marina area itself.

The marina Beach Club is also open to members of the public and has a wonderful infinity pool and a beach where you can relax in one of their cabanas. The water sports centre has snorkelling equipment, kayaks and other equipment to rent. There is a restaurant at the beach club for refreshments.



SPENDING THE NIGHT IN THE KARPAZ AREA



If you want to spend a night or two in the Karpaz area there are many small hotels to choose from.

When we visit, we stay in Villa Lembos in Dipkarpaz village, as it is quite close to our favourite beach. There are individual rooms in the garden and a restaurant where you have breakfast and an evening meal.

We have always found the hotel to be clean and welcoming.

For more information have a look at there website
<http://www.villalembos.com>

PLACES TO VISIT

Kyrenia Castle

Kyrenia's castle is mentioned for the first time in early historical records from 1191, when King Richard the Lion Heart became the new master of the island after having defeated the island's last Byzantine Emperor Isaac Comneus during the time of the third pilgrimage to Mecca.

St. Hilarion Castle

St. Hilarion Castle took its name from a runaway saint, who lived and died on the top of the mountain after capture of Jerusalem by the Arabs. In the 10th century a church and a monastery were added.

Buffavento Castle

The castle was originally constructed as a watchtower by the Byzantines and then converted into a castle by the Lusignans, it is 950 meters from the sea level. The meaning of its name is "challenging the winds". It controls a passage through the Five Finger Mountain range and its crucial location was used to allow fire signals to be observed from other castles at night.



PLACES TO VISIT

Kantara Castle

Of the three crusader castles on the Five Finger Mountains, Kantara lies furthest to the East. At 700m above sea level, it commands the Mesarya Plains and Karpaz Peninsula.

Whilst it is widely believed that the castle was built to protect the coastline from Arab raids that took place in the 7th century, the first time Kantara is mentioned in written records is when Richard the Lionheart conquered Cyprus in 1191.

The castle was re-fortified by King James when it had extensive walls built around it. When the Venetians took over the island, the castle continued as an important garrison for the defence of the area.

A visit to Kantara reveals the ruins of old defensive emplacements, accommodation facilities for soldiers, water cisterns, vaulted rooms, watch towers and of course breath-taking views of both shorelines.

Panagia tou Potamus - Mary of River Church

The church in Ozankoy is a Byzantine Church reflecting the peculiarities of the 15th century. The iconostasis is of Venetian style and very well preserved, however very few of the frescos could survive till the present day.





PLACES TO VISIT

Bellapais Abbey

The present day name is the corrupt term of the Abbey de la Paix' or the Abbey of Peace.

The building is regarded as a masterpiece of Gothic art, and the most beautiful Gothic building in the Near East. The first monks who were known to have settled here were Augustinians who had fled from Jerusalem when the city fell to Sellahaddin Eyyubi in 1187.

The Kyrenia museum of folk art

The Kyrenia museum of folk art is situated on the Kyrenia Harbour road and was open in 1974. It is a fine example of pre XVII century buildings which have traditionally housed Cypriots. These buildings consisting of a ground floor and an upper floor have their main entrances opening to the harbour. These typical Cypriot houses contain many traditional Cypriot items.

Mausoleum and the Tomb of Hazreti Ömer

One of the most important visiting places of religious value. It is located 4 kilometers from Kyrenia and situated on the coastline of Catalkoy. The complex was built during the Ottoman Period of Commander Ömer and his six soldiers who died during the Arab raids in the 7th Century.

PLACES TO VISIT

Archangelos Mihail Icon Museum

This church was built in 1860 in the historical Harbour Region and was open to the public as an Icon Museum in 2004. In addition to the authentic icons in the church, some items under the protection of the Department of Museum and Antiquities are also on display here. The oldest icon in the museum is dated back to 1714.

Antiphonitis Church

Antiphonitis (“Christ of the Echo” or “Christ Who Responds”) stands 8 kilometres south of Esentepe and it dates from the 12th century. The dome is supported by eight columns, four of them built into the walls and four detached. It is the last surviving example of this style in Cyprus. The western porch and arcade were added in the 15th century and are fine examples of Gothic architecture. It is thought that many of the frescos have been destroyed but some admirable ones still exist. The one in the dome which depicts Christ surrounded by angels is an outstanding example of the period’s art.

Santa Maria Monastery

It was first constructed as a Coptic Convent in 11th century and was dedicated to St. Makarius of Alexandria. In the 15th century, the monastery was given to Armenians and became a stopover point for Armenian pilgrims on their way to and from Jerusalem. The present buildings are from the 19th century.



A photograph of a rocky coastline with tide pools under a cloudy sky. The image is partially obscured by a white, torn-edge graphic that separates it from the text on the right.

PLACES TO VISIT

Ruins of Ancient Lambousa

The first settlement on the spot was in 13th century BC and they were tribes coming from Balkans. The region became a Phoenician colony in 8th century BC. The city kingdom had brilliant times also during the Roman and Byzantine eras. City walls, rock tombs and the fish ponds from Roman times are important relics of the city. Silver objects of high artistic value, which are called the Lambousa Treasure, are on display in museums in New York and London.

Old Cemetery of Kyrenia

During the British Colonial Administration, St. Andrew's Church, District Club and a tennis court were built at the edges of the Ottoman Period cemetery. A greater part of the graveyard has been converted into a car park but some graves, tombs and fountains are protected and can be seen.

Chrysokava Open Air Museum

It is located between the old historical harbour and the new tourism harbour. This rocky cave was a cemetery during the Roman times and a stone quarry during Lusignan and Venetian periods. The classical Roman Agia Mavra Church carved into a rock is the main attraction of the place; its walls are covered with frescos from the Byzantine times and behind the church there are cisterns for collecting the rain water.

PLACES TO VISIT

Peace and Freedom Museum

Peace and Freedom museum is where the Turkish Armed Forces entered Cyprus in 1974 during the peace operation. The museum itself is located in the building where Colonel Ibrahim Karaoglanoglu and his brigade were killed.

The museum houses pictures of the soldiers, memorabilia, and various guns and items confiscated from the Greeks.

Just next to the museum is the Karaoglanoglu Martyrs Cemetery, the Anonymous Soldier's Statue and an outdoor museum where tanks and other heavy weapons confiscated during the operation are displayed.



SALAMIS

Salamis is no doubt the most important and fascinating site in Northern Cyprus. Salamis was founded around the 12th century BC and had a long and mostly affluent development until its destruction by Arab Raiders, earthquakes and tidal waves in the 7th century.

It is a large complex that has been partially excavated to reveal the wonders of Roman buildings and engineering. You will find the remains of a theatre, the amphitheatre which is used today for performances, a gymnasium, bath houses and many statues.

It sits at the mouth of the river Pedieos, 6 km north of modern Famagusta.

According to tradition, the founder of Salamis was Teucer, son of Telamon, who could not return home after the Trojan war because he had failed to avenge his brother Ajax.

It is well worth a visit.





TOWNS TO VISIT

Girne (Kyrenia)

Built up around a very picturesque harbour is the town of Girne.

Girne has long been a centre of tourism on the island and is somewhere everyone should visit. For those who enjoy a walk around the shops, this is a very good place to head for.

The Harbour

The picturesque harbour is still a working harbour which has many fishing boats as well as tour boats and private vessels. The horseshoe-shaped harbour is at the foot of the castle and has a breakwater you can walk along. In the evening it tends to turn into the city's gathering place and is a great place to walk around.

There are restaurants and bars all around the harbour, some of which have live music and all have a great atmosphere.

TOWNS TO VISIT

Gazimagosa (Famagusta)

Famagusta is a city on the east coast of Cyprus. It is located east of Nicosia and possesses the deepest harbour of the island.

During the Middle Ages, Famagusta was the island's most important port city and a gateway to trade with the ports of the Levant, from where the Silk Road merchants carried their goods to Western Europe.

There is an abandoned town called Varosha, which during the separation of the island was deserted at short notice and it has been left every since. This fascinating city which bears the markings of unrest is well worth a visit and very interesting. Recently opened up for tourists to visit but please note it is totally cashless. Bicycle hire and refreshments are available.





TOWNS TO VISIT

Lefkosia (Nicosia)

Lefkosia is a divided capitol city also known as Nicosia it is the heartbeat of the island's commercial and business centre with an interesting past.

The capital is steeped in history and culture, with a charming old city surrounded by massive Venetian walls, and the island's largest concentration of museums, art galleries and religious and historical monuments, that all tell wonderful stories of the island through the ages.

Nearly everything of interest lies within the snowflake-shaped Venetian walls. Inside the Old City, the lively, contemporary cafe and bar scene punches well above its weight for a city so small, while a bundle of museums and a series of looping lanes lined with colonial-era buildings, churches and mosques reveal an evocative history.



TOWNS TO VISIT

Güzelyurt

Güzelyurt is in the centre of the citrus growing area, where you will see row upon row of orange trees as well as many vegetables and soft fruits.

Güzelyurt has a long history of habitation starting in Bronze Age times. Güzelyurt may not be a culturally rich as some places but it is worth spending a little time exploring.

A trip should always include stopping off to see the church of St. Mamas, who is the patron saint of tax avoiders! There is a museum next to the church which houses some displays of historical Cypriot artefacts.

Saturday is a good day to plan a trip as there is a busy market where local produce is sold.

The district of Güzelyurt is also very popular with windsurfers who enjoy tackling the waves the sea offers throughout the year.

MOUNTAIN DRIVE

Head towards Girne along the dual carriageway and then towards Nicosia. As you leave Girne and climb the hill you will see a turning on the right for St Hilarion castle, take this and follow the road up and through the army camp. From there just follow the road along – you can't go wrong.

The road takes you along the top of the mountain range that runs from Girne to Karisayka. There are a few places to stop and admire the view.

You will also come across a tank which is now a memorial to those who lost their lives during the 1974 conflict.

The road drops down and you will end up in the higher area of Karisayka – just keep driving down towards the sea until you get to the main coastal road.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

North Cyprus celebrates both religious holidays and national days, here is a list of the public holidays with fixed dates.

1st January
New Year's Day

23rd April
National
Sovereignty and
Children's Day

1st May
Labour Day

19th May
Commemoration
of Atırtük, youth
and Sport's Day

20th July
Peace and
Freedom Day

1st August
Social Resistance
Day

30th August
Victory Day

29th October
Turkish Republic
Day

15th November
Independence Day
(proclamation of
TRNC)

NATIONAL DAYS

April 23rd – Turkish National Sovereignty and Children's Day- Ulusal Egemenlik ve Çocuk Bayramı

Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus celebrate the day with vast ceremonies and performances. April 23rd was dedicated to Turkish children by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the Republic of Turkey. Their special day emphasises the modernisation of the country and the fact that they would represent the future of the new nation. Children celebrate with a gala, dressing in national costumes with traditional music.


May 1st – Labour Day - İşçi ve Bahar Bayramı

Labour Day is also known as May Day and is celebrated in most countries around Europe. Only government offices are closed on this day, but many employers choose to celebrate it with their staff.

May 19th - Commemoration of Atatürk & Youth & Sports Day - Atatürk'ü Anma, Gençlik ve Spor Bayramı

The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus commemorates Youth & Sports day as it shares many holidays with Turkey. Atatürk himself proclaimed May 19th as "Youth and Sports Day" and it serves to honour the country's founder.





July 20th - Peace and Freedom Day - Turkish Intervention - Barış ve Özgürlük Bayramı

July 20th 1974 is a very important day in the history of Cyprus. On the 15th July 1974 a coup d'état was organised by Greek armed forces in an attempt to unify the island with Greece. On the 20th July 1974 Turkish troops intervened to provide a safe haven in the north of the island for the Turkish Cypriots. On Peace and Freedom Day there is a big military parade in Lefkosia and a flypast over Kyrenia harbour.

August 1st - Social Resistance Day - Ulusal Direniş Bayramı

This marks the founding in 1958 of the Turkish Cypriot resistance movement TMT.

August 30th – Victory Day - Zafer Bayram

Marking Turkey's liberation from invading Greek troops in 1922. The victory is seen as a turning point in the foundation of Turkey, and is celebrated as a public holiday.

October 29th - Turkish Republic Day - Cumhuriyet Bayramı

To mark the foundation of the post-Ottoman Republic of Turkey in 1923

November 15th - Republic Day of T. R. N. C. - Cumhuriyet Bayramı

Turkish Cypriots first proclaimed North Cyprus in 1975, a year after the split with the Greek Cypriots. The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) was established on 15 November 1983.

The sugar festival - has no fixed date

Seker Bayram, which is also called the Sugar Festival, takes place at the end of the fasting month of Ramadan and will last for three days. This religious feast will be celebrated with family and giving presents and sweets to visitors. During this feast, older members of the family will be respected by kissing their hands and many Turkish Cypriots will attend mosque. In Nicosia, a fun-fair, traditional food and crafts can be found. Restaurants in North Cyprus will usually be empty on the 27th night of Ramadan, which is known as Kadir Gecesi or the night the Koran was revealed to Muhammad.

Feast of the Sacrifice – also has no fixed date

Kurban Bayram is a 4 day celebration and will start two months after the Seker Bayram. In the UK this is known as Ed-al-Adha. This feast will commemorate the sacrifice of Ishmael by Abraham, which is a Koranic version of the Abraham-and-Isaac story, and used to be distinguished by the sacrifice and roasting of sheep. This custom however has faded in Cyprus but the festival is still celebrated.



FESTIVALS

ECO DAY Festival of Büyükkonuk (Komikebir) Village

The Eco Day Festival is twice a year in May and October. This festival promotes traditional Cypriot customs, dishes and specialities.

Bellapais International Music Festival

The traditional North Cyprus Bellapais International Music Festival takes place yearly from May to June.

Famagusta Art and Culture Festival

The festival takes place from May to June.

Cyprus Theatre Festival

This is organised by the Nicosia Municipality and the event is held annually in September.

International Kyrenia, Zeytinlik, Templos Olive Festival

Girne Municipality (Kyrenia) holds this event every year in October. It is a very popular festival, celebrating the olive tree named the Holy tree. It has all sorts of other traditions such as silk art and offers different Cypriot dishes and traditional folk dancing.



FESTIVALS

Güzelyurt Orange Festival

Güzelyurt Municipality organises this event yearly from June to July.

Girne Art and Culture Festival

This event is held every year in August. There are many traditional activities and concerts during the period.

Iskele Traditional Festival

Iskele Municipality runs every year during June-July.

Mehmetcik Grape Festival

Mehmetcik Municipality is organizing this event every August.

Geçitkale Hellim Festival

Geçitkale Municipality organises this cheese festival every year between August-September. Villagers offer their delicious products made from hellim.





FESTIVALS

Tatlısu Carob Festival

Tatlısu Municipality organises this event every September. You can taste many products produced from the carobs during the festival.

Tepebaşı Tulip (Tulipa Cypria), Lapta Festival

The Tulipa Cypria tulip is now under protection in North Cyprus. Nature lovers organise this event in the village of Tepebaşı, Lapta every year in March.

Lefke Walnut Festival

Lefke is organising the Walnut Festival every year in June. Villagers show off their best products of "ceviz macunu" (walnut desert) at the festival. Lefke Municipality is organising this festival yearly in November.

Lapta Tourism Festival

Lapta is one of the popular tourism destinations in North Cyprus. The municipality organises this tourism festival yearly in June. Many activities and food and entertainment can be found during the festival.

Bellapais Silk Cocoon Festival

This is held every year in May and takes place in Bellapais where you can also visit the famous gothic abbey. In May villagers exhibit their handicrafts made by silk cocoon.

A R E M I N D E R O F T H E T E R M S A N D C O N D I T I O N S F O R Y O U R S T A Y

Please treat the facilities & accommodation with due care so that other guests may continue to enjoy them. If you notice something is missing or damaged in your accommodation, please let us know immediately so that we can take the appropriate action. If there has been any damage or breakages during your stay, we would be grateful if you could report them promptly, especially before check-out. The accommodation will be inspected at the end of the holiday & you may be charged for any loss or damage.

No parties or events – the maximum number of persons using the accommodation at any time must not exceed 7 persons and only those listed on the booking form can occupy the property. We reserve the right to terminate the booking without notice and without refund in case of a breach of this condition.

We or our representatives reserve the right to enter the property at any time to undertake essential maintenance or for inspection purposes.

Tenancies normally commence at 4pm unless otherwise agreed and guests are required to vacate the rental by 11am on the day of departure. This allows the accommodation to be thoroughly cleaned and prepared for incoming guests.

Vaping or smoking anywhere inside the premises will result in immediate termination of occupancy and forfeiture of all payments. This must be strictly adhered to and any damage or extra cleaning caused by smoking will be at the expense of you.

Please do not move any furniture from one room to another.

Please lock the doors and close the windows when you leave the property unoccupied.

Please make sure you switch off lights, heating, air conditioning or any electrical appliances when you go out – we're an eco-friendly holiday home.

Candles are not allowed inside the house.

Please refrain from putting any sanitary items or toilet paper down the toilet. All toilet paper or sanitary items must be placed in the bin provided. If you put toilet paper or other items into the toilet this could result in a blockage and the need for a plumber to rectify the situation, which will result in a charge.

Please don't take any towels with you to the beach. The pool towels are only for use in the premises.

The owner reserves the right to make a charge to cover additional cleaning costs if the client leaves the property in an unacceptable condition.

Please note that if any keys issued are not returned at the end of your stay, then the cost of replacement will be charged to you.

You may in no circumstance re-let or sublet the property, even free of charge.

The owner shall not be liable for any temporary defect or malfunction of any equipment, machinery or appliance in the building, grounds or swimming pool.

No compensation will be given for any temporary outage of electricity, gas, water, internet connection or television service.

The owners are not responsible for the loss of any personal belongings or valuables of the guest.

All items within the bungalow must remain in the property and not be taken to another property.

Please use the designated barbecue utensils and clean the barbecue after use.

The swimming pool is available to use all day, but we ask you to refrain from using between the hours of midnight to 7am, out of respect for our neighbours.

Please avoid using glass or sharp objects near the pool, plastic glasses and tableware is provided.

Guests must shower before entering the water to rinse off creams and makeup.

Guests are responsible for the safety and security of their children at all times. Never leave children without adult supervision.

Please park any hire car on the drive, ensuring cars do not block access to other properties. Parking is limited to 3 vehicles.

Please respect the community and try to keep noise levels to a minimum, especially between midnight and 7am.

Check-out – (please ensure you stick to the agreed check out time and make sure you empty all rubbish bins (including the ones in the bathrooms). Strip the beds and leave the laundry on the beds and dirty towels in the bath or shower tray. Please ensure you wash up any dirty dishes.

Any problem or complaint which you may have concerning their holiday must be immediately reported directly to us/our representatives and we will endeavour to put matters right. Any complaints not reported to us/the property manager at the time and only reported after the client has returned from holiday will not be considered by the proprietor.

We reserve the right to terminate a holiday without compensation where the unreasonable behaviour of the persons named on the booking (or their guests) may impair the enjoyment, comfort or health of others.

We reserve the right to make reasonable amendments or additions to these terms and conditions without notice.

This property is privately owned and our home abroad. We expect all guests to enjoy the facilities and treat the property with the same respect that they would with their own house.

DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

Departure Checklist

- ✓ Return all keys to the key safe and conceal/jumble the security code
- ✓ Switch off all air conditioning units
- ✓ Turn off lights, fans, and electrical appliances
- ✓ Ensure all doors and windows are closed and secured
- ✓ Dispose of household rubbish in the wheelie bins
- ✓ Empty the refrigerator of any perishable food items
- ✓ Wash and put away any used crockery, cutlery, and cooking utensils
- ✓ Leave the villa in a clean and tidy condition
- ✓ Check wardrobes, drawers, and cupboards for any personal belongings
- ✓ Leave any pool inflatables or toys you no longer require for future guests to enjoy

Thank you for taking care of the villa during your stay. We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in the future.





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AT BABYLON VILLA AND TAKE
AWAY MANY HAPPY MEMORIES