Larnaca Travel Guide

Discover Larnaca: Where Ancient History Meets Mediterranean Charm

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Things to do in Larnaca

Religious Sites

Larnaca's religious and historical landmarks tell the story of millennia of civilization, from early Christian saints to Ottoman architecture. These sacred sites showcase stunning Byzantine art, medieval fortifications, and spiritual significance that continues to draw pilgrims and history enthusiasts from around the world.



Must See

Church of Saint Lazarus (Agios Lazaros)

45-60 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

This magnificent **9th-century Byzantine church** stands as one of Cyprus's most important religious monuments. According to Christian tradition, it was built over the tomb of **Lazarus of Bethany**, whom Jesus raised from the dead. After his resurrection, Lazarus became the first Bishop of Kition and lived here for 30 years. The church features stunning stone architecture, a beautiful iconostasis, and an impressive bell tower added in the 1850s. The interior houses precious icons and the saint's marble sarcophagus. Located in the heart of **Saint Lazarus Square**, surrounded by charming cafes and shops, it serves as both a spiritual center and cultural landmark. The church's central location makes it easily accessible from the Finikoudes promenade.



Top Pick

Hala Sultan Tekke

45 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

Situated on the western shore of Larnaca Salt Lake, this **important Islamic pilgrimage site** is one of the holiest Muslim shrines. The mosque, also known as the *Mosque of Umm Haram*, was built over the tomb of Umm Haram, the wet nurse of Prophet Muhammad and wife of Ouvadas Ibn. According to tradition, she fell from her mule and died here during the first Arab raids on Cyprus in 649 AD. The complex features beautiful Ottoman architecture with a distinctive minaret, peaceful gardens with ancient trees, and serene courtyards. The setting beside the salt lake creates a picturesque scene, especially during winter when flamingos gather nearby. The mosque dates back to 1816 but stands on a site that has been sacred since the 7th century.



Top Pick

Larnaca Medieval Castle

1 hour No Booking Needed

Map

This **fortress-turned-museum** guards the southern end of Finikoudes Beach and dates back to the late 14th century, built during Lusignan rule. The castle was later strengthened by the Ottomans in 1625. Throughout history, it served multiple purposes: a fortress, prison, and even a gallows during Ottoman times. Today, it houses the **Larnaca Medieval Museum** with exhibits showcasing medieval artifacts, weapons, pottery, and photographs documenting the castle's history. The battlements offer excellent views of the marina and coastline. The castle's strategic location at the old harbor made it a crucial defensive structure. Visitors can explore the inner courtyard, prison cells, and museum galleries that bring medieval Cyprus to life.

Tips for Religious Sites

- **Dress modestly** when visiting religious sites – cover shoulders and knees at churches and mosques

- Visit early morning or late afternoon to avoid midday heat and crowds
- Hala Sultan Tekke has **specific opening hours**: The official listing gives daily hours of 08:30–17:00 from Sept 16–Apr 15 and 08:30–19:30 from Apr 16–Sept 15.
- Photography is allowed but be respectful, especially during services
- Saint Lazarus Church often hosts beautiful Orthodox ceremonies worth attending

Ancient & Historical Sites

Larnaca sits atop the ancient city-kingdom of Kition, founded in the 13th century BCE. Archaeological excavations have revealed remarkable remains of this Bronze Age civilization, including Phoenician temples and cyclopean walls. These sites provide fascinating glimpses into Cyprus's role as a crossroads of Mediterranean civilizations.



Top Pick

Kamares Aqueduct (Bekir Pasha Aqueduct)

30 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

This magnificent **18th-century Ottoman aqueduct** stands as one of Larnaca's most photogenic landmarks. Commissioned by Ottoman Governor Bekir Pasha in 1746 and completed in 1748, it was built using classical Roman architectural techniques. The aqueduct solved Larnaca's chronic freshwater problems by transporting water from distant springs through an ingenious system combining **underground channels (8km)** and overland arches (7km). The surviving **75 arches**, known locally as "Kamares," stretch impressively along the old Limassol road. Some historians believe it may have been built atop or using stones from an earlier Roman structure. The aqueduct remained operational until the 1950s and now serves as a popular backdrop for evening concerts and cultural events, beautifully illuminated at night.



Notable

Ancient Kition Archaeological Site

45 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

The sparse but significant ruins of **Kition** (Area II) represent what remains of the original city-kingdom established around 1300 BCE. The official tourism account dates Phoenician settlement to the 9th century BCE, and their influence is evident in the excavated structures. Visitors can see impressive **cyclopean walls** constructed from massive limestone blocks, foundations of ancient temples dedicated to the goddess Astarte, and remains of copper workshops that highlight Kition's importance in Bronze Age trade. The site includes five temples and evidence of sophisticated urban planning. Much of ancient Kition lies beneath modern Larnaca, making this archaeological area particularly precious. The birthplace of the Stoic philosopher **Zeno of Citium** (334 BCE), founder of the famous Stoic school of philosophy in Athens.

Tips for Ancient & Historical Sites

- Visit Kamares Aqueduct during **golden hour** (sunrise or sunset) for stunning photography
- The aqueduct is **free to access** and open 24/7
- Combine your visit with a walk along the Salt Lake path for scenic views
- Kition site hours depend on archaeological work – check ahead
- Bring water and sun protection as archaeological sites have limited shade

Beaches & Coastal Areas

Larnaca's coastline offers pristine Mediterranean beaches with crystal-clear waters, while the famous Salt Lake provides a unique natural spectacle. The city's beaches are perfect for swimming, water sports, and relaxation, while the lake attracts thousands of migratory birds, creating unforgettable wildlife viewing opportunities.



Must See

Finikoudes Beach & Promenade

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Finikoudes (meaning "little palm trees") is Larnaca's iconic palm-lined promenade and main beach. This bustling waterfront stretches along Athenon Avenue, featuring a beautiful sandy beach with calm, clear waters perfect for swimming. The promenade is lined with countless cafes, restaurants, and bars offering sea views. It's the heart of Larnaca's social life, especially vibrant in the evenings when locals and tourists stroll along the palm-tree-lined walkway. The beach offers sunbeds and umbrellas for rent, water sports facilities, and gentle waters ideal for families. The promenade features a bust of Kimon the Athenian with the inscription "*Even in death he was victorious*." This is the perfect spot to enjoy Cypriot coffee, watch the sunset, or simply people-watch while experiencing the city's laid-back Mediterranean atmosphere.



Must See

Larnaca Salt Lake

1-2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

This stunning **natural wetland complex** consists of four interconnected salt lakes covering a vast area west of the city. During winter months (November to March), the lake fills with water and becomes home. The official tourism site describes “thousands of flamingos” wintering there; it does not substantiate that range. The spectacle of pink flamingos against the lake's reflective waters with Hala Sultan Tekke mosque in the background creates one of Cyprus's most iconic scenes. In summer (July-August), the lake completely dries up, leaving a thick white salt crust up to 10cm deep. Historically, salt was commercially mined here during medieval times. The lake is surrounded by walking and cycling paths offering excellent bird-watching opportunities and photography spots. The area is protected as an important **Natura 2000 site**.



Must See Book Ahead

Zenobia Wreck Diving Site

Full day (2 dives) Book Ahead

Map

Rated among the **Top 10 wreck dives in the world**, the MS Zenobia is Larnaca's crown jewel for underwater exploration. This 172-meter Swedish roll-on/roll-off ferry sank on her maiden voyage on **June 7, 1980**, just 1.5km offshore, due to computer malfunctions in the ballast system. She rests on her port side at depths of 16-42 meters, making her accessible to divers of various skill levels. Visit Cyprus says the ship carried 108 articulated lorries; it describes around 100 trucks at the wreck. Key features include massive propellers, intact lifeboats, the bridge, cafeteria with original kettles, accommodation areas, and cargo holds. The site is protected – **no fishing within 3 miles** – resulting in rich marine life including huge groupers, barracuda, tuna, sea bream, triggerfish, and occasional turtles. Visibility often exceeds 30 meters. *Advanced Open Water certification required*.



Top Pick

Mackenzie Beach

Half day No Booking Needed

Map

Located near Larnaca Airport, **Mackenzie Beach** offers a unique experience for aviation enthusiasts and beach lovers alike. This popular sandy beach provides **spectacular views of planes landing and taking off** just overhead, making it one of the most distinctive beach experiences in Cyprus. The beach features golden sand, clear turquoise waters, excellent swimming conditions, and a vibrant atmosphere. The area is packed with trendy beach bars, seafood tavernas, and restaurants serving fresh local cuisine. Mackenzie is particularly lively during summer evenings with music and entertainment. The beach offers full facilities including sunbeds, umbrellas, water sports, and lifeguards during summer months. It's perfect for those seeking a more energetic beach scene compared to the family-friendly Finikoudes.



Notable

Larnaca Marina

1-2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

The modern **Larnaca Marina** serves as the departure point for all dive trips, boat excursions, and yacht charters. This full-service marina accommodates over 450 vessels and offers excellent facilities for sailors and visitors. The waterfront area features upscale restaurants, cafes, shops, and a pleasant promenade perfect for evening strolls. From here, various boat tours depart including **glass-bottom boat trips** to view the Zenobia from the surface, coastal cruises, fishing charters, and sunset sailing tours. The marina district has undergone significant development, becoming a hub for maritime tourism. It's conveniently located near Larnaca Castle and the old town, making it easy to combine a marina visit with historical sightseeing.

Tips for Beaches & Coastal Areas

- **Best time for flamingos:** January-February when the largest flocks arrive
- Bring **binoculars and telephoto lens** for bird watching and photography
- Visit Salt Lake at **sunrise or sunset** for magical light and fewer crowds
- All beaches have free access; you only pay for sunbed and umbrella rentals (€5-7/day)
- Mackenzie Beach restaurants are more expensive but offer airplane views
- Swimming season: May-October with water temperatures 20-28°C

- **Zenobia diving costs:** €90-120 for 2 dives including equipment with reputable operators
- Book dive trips **48 hours in advance** during peak season (June-September)
- Water temperature: 16-20°C in winter, 24-28°C in summer – wetsuits recommended year-round
- Best diving months: **June-October** for warmest water and best visibility
- **Discover Scuba** programs available for beginners (max depth 12m, cannot dive Zenobia)
- Allow 24 hours between last dive and flying
- Recommended dive centers: Alpha Divers, Viking Divers, Dive-In Larnaca

Museums & Galleries

Larnaca's museums preserve and showcase the island's rich cultural heritage, from ancient civilizations to modern history. These institutions offer air-conditioned respite from the heat while providing educational insights into Cypriot art, archaeology, and traditions.



Optional

Larnaca Archaeological Museum

45 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

This compact but informative museum houses an extensive collection of artifacts spanning **6,000 years of Cypriot history**. The exhibits include pottery, terracotta figures, jewelry, glassware, and sculptures from Neolithic times through the Roman period. Notable pieces include finds from ancient Kition, Bronze Age ceramics, and Phoenician artifacts. The collection provides context for understanding the archaeological sites around Larnaca. While the museum is relatively small and signage could be improved, it offers valuable insights into the region's layered history. The museum building itself is a neoclassical structure. Perfect for history enthusiasts wanting to understand the significance of Larnaca's ancient past before visiting the ruins.



Optional

Kyriazis Medical Museum

45 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

A unique specialty museum showcasing the evolution of medicine and surgery from ancient times to the modern era. This fascinating collection includes **historical medical instruments, surgical tools, pharmaceutical equipment**, and anatomical models. The exhibits demonstrate how medical practices have evolved over centuries, with particular focus on Cypriot medical history. Displays include antique apothecary jars, early diagnostic equipment, dental instruments, and historical photographs. The museum offers a rare glimpse into the history of healthcare that few visitors expect to find in Larnaca. It's housed in a traditional building and provides an interesting alternative to the typical tourist attractions, appealing to those with interests in medical history or science.

Tips for Museums & Galleries

- Museum opening hours typically: The district Archaeological Museum is listed as open Tuesday–Sunday, 09:00–16:30, and closed on public holidays.
- The official listing gives free admission to the Larnaka District Archaeological Museum.
- Museums offer air-conditioned comfort – perfect for midday heat escape
- Photography usually allowed but check specific museum policies
- Limited English descriptions – consider hiring a guide for deeper understanding

Food & Dining

Real, highly-rated Restaurants in Larnaca, sourced from Google Places (rating above 4★).



Lavita Cafe Bar★★★★★ 5 (77)

1-2 hours

Map

Lavita Cafe Bar is a highly-rated restaurant in Larnaca, rated 5★ from 77 reviews. Located at Nikiforou Foka, Larnaka 6021, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM



AJ’s Gourmet Kitchen by Alex★★★★★ 5 (413)

1-2 hours

Map

AJ’s Gourmet Kitchen by Alex is a highly-rated restaurant in Larnaca, rated 5★ from 413 reviews. Located at Grigori Afxentiou, Larnaka 6021, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 1:00 – 10:30 PM
- Thursday: 1:00 – 10:30 PM
- Friday: 1:00 – 10:30 PM
- Saturday: 1:00 – 10:30 PM
- Sunday: 1:00 – 9:00 PM



Jasmine Garden★★★★★ 4.9 (481)

1-2 hours

Map

Jasmine Garden is a highly-rated restaurant in Larnaca, rated 4.9★ from 481 reviews. Located at Michael Aggelou, Larnaka 6028, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 6:00 – 10:00 PM



Cowfish Restaurant★★★★★ 4.9 (573)

1-2 hours

Map

Cowfish Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Larnaca, rated 4.9★ from 573 reviews. Located at Nikolaou Laniti 7A, Larnaka 6022, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: Closed
- Friday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM



Mystic Lounge Bar & Restaurant★★★★★ 4.8 (714)

1-2 hours

Map

Mystic Lounge Bar & Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Larnaca, rated 4.8★ from 714 reviews. Located at Watkins 18, KAT 2-3, Larnaka 6022, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 12:45 PM – 12:00 AM
- Wednesday: 12:45 PM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 12:45 PM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 12:45 PM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 12:45 PM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 12:45 PM – 12:00 AM



To Kazani★★★★★ 4.8 (1,139)

1-2 hours

Map

To Kazani is a highly-rated restaurant in Larnaca, rated 4.8★ from 1139 reviews. Located at 28th October No5, Aradippou 7104, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 6:00 PM – 1:00 AM
- Tuesday: 6:00 PM – 1:00 AM
- Wednesday: 6:00 PM – 1:00 AM
- Thursday: 6:00 PM – 1:00 AM
- Friday: 6:00 PM – 1:00 AM
- Saturday: 6:00 PM – 1:00 AM
- Sunday: Closed



Red Pepper Restaurant★★★★★ 4.8 (628)

1-2 hours

Map

Red Pepper Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Larnaca, rated 4.8★ from 628 reviews. Located at Kritis 1, Larnaka 6030, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:30 – 3:00 PM



Tatsia Mezedotexneio★★★★★ 4.8 (241)

1-2 hours

Map

Tatsia Mezedotexneio is a highly-rated restaurant in Larnaca, rated 4.8★ from 241 reviews. Located at Chrystodoulou Iakovidi 33, Larnaka 6045, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 7:30 – 10:30 PM
- Thursday: 7:30 – 10:30 PM
- Friday: 7:30 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 7:30 – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Elia Backyard Restaurant★★★★★ 4.7 (675)

1-2 hours

Map

Elia Backyard Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Larnaca, rated 4.7★ from 675 reviews. Located at Vasileos Pavlou Square 11, Larnaka 6023, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 6:00 – 10:30 PM
- Tuesday: 6:00 – 10:30 PM
- Wednesday: 6:00 – 10:30 PM
- Thursday: 6:00 – 10:30 PM
- Friday: 6:00 – 10:30 PM
- Saturday: 6:00 – 10:30 PM
- Sunday: 6:00 – 10:30 PM



Edem's yard★★★★★ 4.7 (1,682)

1-2 hours

Map

Edem's yard is a highly-rated restaurant in Larnaca, rated 4.7★ from 1682 reviews. Located at Evanthias pieridou larnaca CY, Larnaka 4021, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Thursday: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Friday: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:15 AM – 5:00 PM
- Sunday: 9:15 AM – 5:00 PM



Memories Rooftop Brunch Larnaca★★★★★ 4.7 (213)

1-2 hours

Map

Memories Rooftop Brunch Larnaca is a highly-rated restaurant in Larnaca, rated 4.7★ from 213 reviews. Located at Kimonos 1, Larnaka 6015, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, 7:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, 7:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, 7:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, 7:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, 7:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, 7:00 PM – 12:00 AM



Onar Larnaca★★★★★ 4.7 (556)

1-2 hours

Map

Onar Larnaca is a highly-rated restaurant in Larnaca, rated 4.7★ from 556 reviews. Located at st., Megaron, Zenonos Pierides 1-Shop 3C, Larnaka 6023, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



Edesma Cyprus Taverna - Souvlaki Place★★★★★ 4.7 (2,113)

1-2 hours

Map

Edesma Cyprus Taverna - Souvlaki Place is a highly-rated restaurant in Larnaca, rated 4.7★ from 2113 reviews. Located at Lordou Vyrona 50, Larnaka 6023, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM



Watar Ziryab Restaurant★★★★★ 4.7 (833)

1-2 hours

Map

Watar Ziryab Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Larnaca, rated 4.7★ from 833 reviews. Located at Mehmet Ali 5 Pavlos Valsamakis First Floor, Larnaka 6026, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 11:30 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 11:30 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 11:30 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 11:30 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 11:30 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 11:30 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 11:30 PM



SeaNatra Lounge Bar & Restaurant★★★★★ 4.6 (1,198)

1-2 hours

Map

SeaNatra Lounge Bar & Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Larnaca, rated 4.6★ from 1198 reviews. Located at Piyale Paşa 16, Larnaka 6027, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 10:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 10:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 10:30 AM – 12:00 AM

Beach Bars

Real, highly-rated Beach Bars in Larnaca, sourced from Google Places (rating above 4★).



Secret Garden Wine & Coffee Bar★★★★★ 4.8 (447)

1-2 hours

Map

Secret Garden Wine & Coffee Bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Larnaca, rated 4.8★ from 447 reviews. Located at 28 Saint Lazarus, Larnaka 6020, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Tuffs beach bar★★★★★ 4.7 (47)

1-2 hours

Map

Tuffs beach bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Larnaca, rated 4.7★ from 47 reviews. Located at RJF3+PJX, Larnaca 7560, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM



Nola beach bar★★★★★ 4.6 (30)

1-2 hours

Map

Nola beach bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Larnaca, rated 4.6★ from 30 reviews. Located at XM32+G4W, Larnaca 6019, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM



Maia Beach bar★★★★★ 4.6 (380)

1-2 hours

Map

Maia Beach bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Larnaca, rated 4.6★ from 380 reviews. Located at E321, Aytotoro Larnaka 7730, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM



THEA Bar and Resto★★★★★ 4.6 (36)

1-2 hours

Map

THEA Bar and Resto is a highly-rated beach bar in Larnaca, rated 4.6★ from 36 reviews. Located at Mackenzie Beach, Larnaka 6028, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 1:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 1:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 1:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 1:00 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 1:00 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 1:00 – 10:00 PM



Hot Shots Music Bar★★★★★ 4.6 (88)

1-2 hours

Map

Hot Shots Music Bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Larnaca, rated 4.6★ from 88 reviews. Located at Kosma Lysioti 18, Larnaka 6022, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 6:00 PM – 2:00 AM
- Tuesday: 6:00 PM – 2:00 AM
- Wednesday: 6:00 PM – 2:00 AM
- Thursday: 6:00 PM – 2:00 AM
- Friday: 6:00 PM – 3:00 AM
- Saturday: 6:00 PM – 3:00 AM
- Sunday: 6:00 PM – 2:00 AM



Akakia Beach Bar★★★★★ 4.5 (294)

1-2 hours

Map

Akakia Beach Bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Larnaca, rated 4.5★ from 294 reviews. Located at Ellados Ave, Aytotoro Larnaka 7730, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 8:30 AM – 11:30 PM
- Sunday: 8:30 AM – 11:30 PM



NUSA Beach Bar★★★★☆ 4.4 (1,321)

1-2 hours

Map

NUSA Beach Bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Larnaca, rated 4.4★ from 1321 reviews. Located at Piyale Paşa 11, Larnaka 6028, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM



Havana Beach Bar★★★★☆ 4.4 (252)

1-2 hours

Map

Havana Beach Bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Larnaca, rated 4.4★ from 252 reviews. Located at Pyla 7041, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM



Ammos★★★★☆ 4.4 (1,660)

1-2 hours

Map

Ammos is a highly-rated beach bar in Larnaca, rated 4.4★ from 1660 reviews. Located at Makenzie Beach, Λάρνακα 6028, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Tuesday: 10:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Wednesday: 10:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Thursday: 10:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Friday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Saturday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 AM
- Sunday: 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM



Nautical Club Larnaca★★★★☆ 4.4 (258)

1-2 hours

Map

Nautical Club Larnaca is a highly-rated beach bar in Larnaca, rated 4.4★ from 258 reviews. Located at Larnaca dekelia road Cyprus, Oroklini,Larnaca 7060, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 6:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 6:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 6:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 6:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 6:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 6:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 6:30 AM – 11:00 PM



Vivid Kitchen & Bar★★★★☆ 4.4 (332)

1-2 hours

Map

Vivid Kitchen & Bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Larnaca, rated 4.4★ from 332 reviews. Located at Athenon 73 Finikoudes Larnaca, Larnaka 6022, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 AM – 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Tuesday: 12:00 AM – 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Wednesday: 12:00 AM – 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 12:00 AM – 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 12:00 AM – 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 12:00 AM – 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 12:00 AM – 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM – 12:00 AM



The Meeting Pub★★★★☆ 4.3 (1,971)

1-2 hours

Map

The Meeting Pub is a highly-rated beach bar in Larnaca, rated 4.3★ from 1971 reviews. Located at Kosma Lysioti, Larnaka 6022, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 8:30 AM – 12:30 AM
- Tuesday: 8:30 AM – 12:30 AM
- Wednesday: 8:30 AM – 12:30 AM
- Thursday: 8:30 AM – 12:30 AM
- Friday: 8:30 AM – 12:30 AM
- Saturday: 8:30 AM – 12:30 AM
- Sunday: 8:30 AM – 12:30 AM



DSTRKT★★★★☆ 4.3 (890)

1-2 hours

Map

DSTRKT is a highly-rated beach bar in Larnaca, rated 4.3★ from 890 reviews. Located at Ermou 82, Larnaka 6023, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 8:00 AM – 3:00 AM
- Saturday: 8:00 AM – 3:30 AM
- Sunday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM



Lush Beach Bar Resto★★★★☆ 4.1 (1,826)

1-2 hours

Map

Lush Beach Bar Resto is a highly-rated beach bar in Larnaca, rated 4.1★ from 1826 reviews. Located at Piyale Paşa, Larnaka 6028, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM

Practical Information

Seasonal Guide to Visiting Larnaca

Spring (April-May): IDEAL □ Best Overall
Weather: 17-25°C (63-77°F), mild and pleasant
Highlights: Perfect for sightseeing, fewer crowds, reasonable prices, wildflowers bloom, Orthodox Easter celebrations
Ideal for: History buffs, nature lovers, photographers, budget travelers

Summer (June-August): PEAK SEASON
Weather: 30-35°C (86-95°F), hot and dry, sea temperature 24-28°C
Highlights: Best beach weather, vibrant nightlife, all facilities open, water sports in full swing, Larnaca Summer Festival
Drawbacks: Very crowded, highest prices, intense heat
Ideal for: Beach lovers, party-goers, water sports enthusiasts

Autumn (September-October): IDEAL □ Best Overall
Weather: 20-28°C (68-82°F), warm with cooling evenings
Highlights: Still excellent swimming, fewer tourists, lower prices, comfortable sightseeing, local harvest festivals
Ideal for: Couples, families, all-round travelers

Winter (November-February): BUDGET & CULTURE
Weather: 10-18°C (50-64°F), mild with occasional rain
Highlights: Lowest prices, flamingos at Salt Lake (peak: January-February), peaceful exploration, Christmas markets (December), authentic local atmosphere
Drawbacks: Some facilities closed, swimming too cold for most, reduced business hours
Ideal for: Budget travelers, bird watchers, cultural explorers, those escaping harsh winters

The absolute best times are late April-May and September-October for the perfect balance of weather, affordability, and crowds.

Getting Around Larnaca

✈ Airport Transfer

Larnaca International Airport (LCA) is Cyprus's main airport, just 5km from the city center. Transport options:
• **Intercity Buses:** Route 425 connects airport to Finikoudes (€1.50, 15-20 min, every 15-30 min)
• **Taxis:** Fixed fare to city center €10-15 (10 minutes)

• **Airport Shuttle Services:** Available to major hotels
• **Car Rental:** All major companies operate at the airport (Avis, Hertz, Europcar, Stevens Car Rentals)

□□ Public Transportation

City Buses (ZINONAS): Efficient network covering all major areas
• From 3 August 2026, the operator’s fare notice lists urban single tickets at €2.70 cash or €2.00 by card.
• The current fare notice lists a 7-day city pass, but no €5 day pass; its all-city daily ticket is €20 (€10 discounted).
• Routes operate 6am-7pm (reduced on weekends)
• Route 425: Airport-City-Mackenzie Beach
• Route 429: To Salt Lake and Hala Sultan Tekke
• The current operator directs riders to its Pame app for journey planning and live bus information.

Intercity Buses:
• To Ayia Napa/Protaras: €3-5, multiple daily departures
• To Nicosia: €4, hourly service
• To Limassol: €5, regular service
• To Paphos: €7-10, 2-3 hours

□□ Car Rental

Recommended for day trips and flexibility. Prices from €20-30/day. Drive on the LEFT side. International driving license required for non-EU visitors. Parking available but limited in Old Town.

□□ Taxis & Ride Services

Metered taxis widely available. Expect €8-15 for city journeys. iTaxi Cyprus app offers competitive rates. Not metered for airport runs – agree price beforehand.

□□ Cycling & Walking

Flat terrain makes Larnaca ideal for cycling. Bike rentals available at €10-15/day. Finikoudes to Mackenzie is pleasant 3km seaside walk. Old Town best explored on foot.

Shopping in Larnaca

□□ What to Buy

Traditional Cypriot Products:
• **Halloumi Cheese:** Cyprus's signature semi-hard cheese, perfect for grilling
• **Lefkaritika Lace:** Traditional handmade lacework from nearby Lefkara village
• **Cyprus Wine:** Commandaria (world's oldest named wine), local varieties
• **Olive Oil & Olives:** High-quality local production
• **Loukoumi (Cyprus Delight):** Traditional sweets in various flavors
• **Pottery & Ceramics:** Hand-painted traditional designs
• **Zivania:** Strong grape spirit (similar to grappa)

□□ Shopping Areas

Old Town/Saint Lazarus Square: Artisan shops, handicrafts, souvenirs, traditional products
Finikoudes Area: Tourist shops, jewelry, beachwear, international brands
Ermou Street: Main shopping street with fashion boutiques and stores
Metropolis Mall: Modern shopping center with international brands, cinema
Local Markets: Fresh produce market near Old Town (mornings)

□□ Bargaining & Tips

• Fixed prices in modern stores, some flexibility in traditional shops and markets
• Best deals on lace and crafts when buying directly from artisans
• VAT refund available for non-EU visitors (minimum €50 purchase)

• Shops open: Mon-Sat 9am-1pm & 4pm-7pm (summer), closed Wed/Sat afternoons
• Supermarkets and malls have extended hours

Annual Events & Festivals

Orthodox Easter (March/April - varies): The most important religious celebration with candlelit processions, special services at Saint Lazarus Church, traditional foods. Dates vary annually based on Orthodox calendar.

Kataklysmos Festival (June): Ancient "Festival of the Flood" celebrated 50 days after Orthodox Easter. Water-based festivities, boat races, folk music and dance, food stalls along Finikoudes. One of Cyprus's most vibrant cultural events.

The 2026 Larnaka Festival ran July 5–30, according to Visit Cyprus. Check the annual listing for dates and program.

International Marathon (November): Annual event attracting runners globally, with full marathon, half marathon, 10K, 5K races along the scenic coastal route.

Christmas Market (early December): Festive market with 200+ stalls in Old Town center around Saint Lazarus Square. Handmade crafts, traditional foods, entertainment. Operating hours: Friday 5-10pm, Saturday-Sunday 3-10pm.

New Year's Eve (December 31): Major celebrations on Finikoudes Promenade with live music, fireworks, outdoor parties.

Agios Lazaros Feast Day (Saturday before Palm Sunday): Special religious processions and services honoring Saint Lazarus with the icon carried through Old Town streets.

Wreckfest (dates vary): Week-long diving event centered on Zenobia wreck exploration, underwater photography competitions, environmental awareness activities.

Note: Always verify exact dates before traveling as many festivals follow the Orthodox calendar or change annually.

5 Perfect Day Itineraries

Day 1: Historic Larnaca Discovery

Morning (9:00-12:30): Start at Saint Lazarus Church, explore the Byzantine architecture and crypt. Wander through Old Town's charming alleys, visit artisan shops. Coffee break at traditional cafe in Saint Lazarus Square.

Lunch (12:30-14:00): Authentic meze at Souvlaki Stou Feshia or To Arxontikon

Afternoon (14:30-17:00): Visit Larnaca Medieval Castle and museum. Stroll Finikoudes Promenade. Optional: Archaeological Museum

Evening (17:00-20:00): Sunset at Salt Lake (winter: see flamingos). Visit Hala Sultan Tekke mosque

Dinner (20:00): Fresh seafood at Psarolimano Fish Tavern overlooking marina

Day 2: Beach & Marine Adventures

Morning (7:00-12:00): Zenobia wreck diving (2 dives) with professional dive center. Non-divers: glass-bottom boat tour or snorkeling at local sites

Lunch (13:00): Beachside lunch at Mackenzie Beach, watch planes landing

Afternoon (15:00-18:00): Relax on Mackenzie Beach, try water sports (jet ski, paddleboard, parasailing)

Evening (18:30-22:00): Marina sunset walk, explore harbor area, dinner at marina restaurant

Day 3: Ancient Heritage & Nature

Morning (9:00-11:00): Explore Ancient Kition archaeological site, understand Bronze Age Cyprus

Mid-Morning (11:30-13:00): Visit Kamares Aqueduct, walk the Salt Lake path, photography session

Lunch (13:30): Traditional taverna in Livadia or Pyla village

Afternoon (15:00-17:00): Free time for shopping in Old Town or relaxing at hotel pool

Evening (17:30-21:00): Bicycle ride along coast to Dhekelia, sunset dinner

Day 4: Day Trip to Ayia Napa & Cape Greco

08:00: Depart Larnaca by bus or rental car (45-minute drive)

09:00-12:00: Cape Greco National Park - hike sea caves, swim in Blue Lagoon, photograph Love Bridge natural arch

12:30-14:00: Lunch in Ayia Napa, explore harbor area

14:30-17:00: Nissi Beach - swim, sunbathe, water sports

17:30: Return to Larnaca

19:00-21:00: Relaxed evening, light dinner on Finikoudes

Day 5: Mountain Escape to Troodos

07:30: Join organized day tour or rent car (book in advance)

09:00-10:00: Stop in Nicosia, explore walled Old Town, see Green Line dividing city

10:30-11:30: Kakopetria village - traditional architecture, mini waterfall, coffee break

12:00-14:30: Troodos Square summit - mountain views, lunch in cool pine forests (1,950m altitude)

15:00-16:30: Omodos wine village - Holy Cross Monastery, wine tasting, purchase local products

18:00: Return to Larnaca, farewell dinner at favorite restaurant

Tips: Book tour/diving activities 48 hours ahead. Adjust timing for season and personal pace. Bring sun protection and comfortable shoes.

□□ Best Instagram & Photography Locations

Iconic Shots

1. Flamingos at Salt Lake
Best time: January-February, sunrise (7-8am) or late afternoon (4-5pm)
Location: Western shore near Hala Sultan Tekke
Tip: Use telephoto lens (200mm+), arrive early for best light and positioning

2. Kamares Aqueduct at Golden Hour
Best time: 30 minutes before sunset or after sunrise
Location: Along old Limassol road, multiple angles available
Tip: The arches glow magnificently, try silhouette shots with sunset behind

3. Finikoudes Palm Promenade
Best time: Blue hour (just after sunset), evening when lights illuminate palms
Location: Central promenade, shoot from beach toward town
Tip: Long exposure for light trails from passing traffic

4. Saint Lazarus Church
Best time: Early morning (8-9am) for soft light on bell tower
Location: Saint Lazarus Square, multiple angles from plaza
Tip: Include colorful cafes and traditional architecture in frame

5. Hala Sultan Tekke with Salt Lake
Best time: Afternoon (3-5pm) when sun illuminates white mosque against blue water
Location: Viewing areas along lake path
Tip: Best winter composition includes flamingos and mosque reflection

6. Mackenzie Beach Airplane Landing
Best time: Afternoon (check flight schedules)
Location: Beach with view of approach path
Tip: Use fast shutter speed (1/1000+), burst mode to capture planes overhead

7. Larnaca Marina at Sunset
Best time: 30 minutes before sunset
Location: From marina promenade or castle area
Tip: Include yacht masts and colorful boats for composition

8. Medieval Castle View
Best time: Late afternoon or illuminated at night
Location: From beach or marina, also from battlements looking out
Tip: Battlements offer panoramic coastal views

Hidden Gems for Photography

• **Old Town Alleys:** Colorful doors, traditional architecture, morning light (9-10am)
• **Europe Square:** Evening atmosphere, outdoor dining scenes
• **Zenobia Underwater:** Book underwater photography dive package
• **Salt Lake Dried (Summer):** Dramatic cracked white surface patterns
• **Boat Reflections at Marina:** Early morning still water creates mirror effects

Photography permits not required for public spaces. Respect privacy in residential areas. Drones require permission from aviation authorities.

⚡ Electricity & Adapters

Voltage: 240V

Frequency: 50Hz

Plug Type: Type G (UK-style three-pin plug)

Do you need an adapter?

- **UK visitors:** No adapter needed - same plugs
- **EU visitors:** Yes - adapter required (Type C/F to Type G)
- **US/Canada visitors:** Yes - adapter + voltage converter for some devices
- **Australia/NZ visitors:** Yes - adapter required (Type I to Type G)

Where to buy adapters:
• Available at airport shops
• Sold in supermarkets (Carrefour, Alpha Mega) €5-10
• Electronics stores in city center
• Most hotels can lend adapters (ask reception)

Charging Devices:
Most modern electronics (phones, laptops, cameras) have universal power supplies (100-240V) - you only need the plug adapter, not voltage converter. Check your device specifications.

USB Charging: Widely available in hotels, cafes, restaurants. Consider bringing multi-port USB charger for convenience.

□□ Cypriot Cuisine & Dining Guide

Must-Try Dishes

Meze: The ultimate Cypriot dining experience - 20-30 small sharing plates served in succession. Available as meat meze, fish meze, or vegetarian meze. Typically €18-25 per person. Perfect for groups. Pace yourself - it's a marathon!

Halloumi: Cyprus's signature cheese, semi-hard, perfect for grilling. Served grilled, fried, in salads, or in traditional dishes. Must-try!

Souvlaki: Small chunks of marinated meat (pork, chicken, lamb) grilled on skewers. The most popular dish. Often served in pitta bread with salad.

Sheftalia: Cypriot sausages made from minced pork wrapped in caul fat, grilled over charcoal. Aromatic with herbs and spices.

Kleftiko: Slow-cooked lamb falling off the bone, baked for hours in traditional clay oven with potatoes and herbs. Fork-tender and flavorful.

Moussaka: Layered dish with minced meat, eggplant, potatoes, and béchamel sauce. Cypriot version includes halloumi and mint.

Koupepia (Dolmades): Vine leaves stuffed with rice, minced meat, and herbs. Can be served hot or cold.

Stifado: Slow-cooked beef or rabbit stew with baby onions, red wine, and aromatic spices.

Tavas: Traditional one-pot meal with mixed lamb and beef, potatoes, onions, tomatoes, and spices.

Baklava: Sweet pastry dessert with layers of phyllo, nuts, and honey syrup. Rich and delicious.

Loukoumades: Fried dough balls soaked in honey syrup, served with cinnamon - addictive!

Where to Eat in Larnaca

Traditional Tavernas:
- **Militzis Village Tavern:** Authentic countryside atmosphere, excellent kleftiko and slow-cooked dishes
- **To Arxontikon:** Beautiful 19th-century mansion on Finikoudes, traditional Greek-Cypriot food
- **Souvlaki Stou Feshia:** Popular local spot opposite Saint Lazarus Church, perfect souvlaki
- **Shiftouris:** Family-run restaurant famous for kleftiko, operating for over 100 years

Fresh Seafood:
- **Psarolimano Fish Tavern:** Prime location at small harbor, incredibly fresh fish, excellent meze
- **Sawa:** Traditional building near marina, mixed grills and vegetarian options

Modern Dining:
- **Tis Chrysanthi's:** International menu, healthy options, great breakfast
- **Filomena Pizzeria Napoletana:** Authentic Neapolitan pizza

Dining Tips

- **Meze Etiquette:** Dishes arrive continuously - start slow, share everything
- **Typical meal times:** Lunch 1-3pm, Dinner 8-11pm (Cypriots eat late)
- **Average costs:** Meze €18-25pp, Taverna meal €12-20pp, Finikoudes restaurants €15-30pp
- **Tipping:** 10% is customary for good service
- **Water:** Tap water is safe but restaurants serve bottled water (€1-2)
- **Coffee culture:** Traditional Cypriot coffee (strong, served with glass of water) or frappé (iced coffee)
- **Local drinks:** Try Keo or Leon beer, Commandaria wine (dessert wine), Zivania spirit
- **Reservations:** Recommended for popular spots, especially summer weekends

Souvenir Foods to Buy: Halloumi, olive oil, Commandaria wine, honey, loukoumi (Cyprus delight), carob products