

Paphos Travel Guide

Paphos: Cyprus's Ancient Jewel on the Mediterranean

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Things to do in Paphos

Ancient & Historical Sites

Paphos is home to some of the Eastern Mediterranean's most significant archaeological treasures, where Greek mythology and Roman civilization intersect. These ancient sites transport visitors back thousands of years to when Aphrodite herself was said to have emerged from the sea.



Must See

Paphos Archaeological Park

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A UNESCO World Heritage site containing remains from Hellenistic through Medieval periods. The site features stunning Roman mosaics, a Greco-Roman theater, and the Asclepeion (healing temple). The intricate floor mosaics depicting Greek gods and mythological scenes are among the finest Roman examples outside Rome.



Must See

Tombs of the Kings

1.5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Impressive rock-hewn Hellenistic tombs dating to the 4th century BCE, carved directly into limestone cliffs. These underground chambers feature Doric columns and descending staircases. Despite their name, they housed wealthy families rather than royalty. The site offers panoramic views of Paphos Bay and includes a small museum.

Top Pick

Kato Paphos Harbour & Paphos Castle

1 hour No Booking Needed



Map

The picturesque harbor is guarded by Paphos Castle, a Frankish harbour tower rebuilt by the Ottomans in 1592, overlooking fishing boats and waterfront tavernas. The castle is a single tower with a central hall and former prison cells. The surrounding area is filled with charming restaurants and shops perfect for sunset strolls.



Top Pick

Mosaics of Villa of Dionysos

1 hour No Booking Needed



Map

Spectacular Roman villa containing some of Cyprus's finest mosaics The official tourism site dates the mosaics in Paphos's four Roman houses, including the House of Dionysos, to the 2nd-5th centuries AD. The floor decorations depict scenes of hunting, feasting, and mythological tales including Dionysos himself. The preservation quality allows visitors to appreciate the intricate detail and artistic skill of ancient Roman craftsmen.

Tips for Ancient & Historical Sites

- Purchase a combined ticket for archaeological sites for better value
- Visit early morning to avoid crowds and heat
- Bring sun protection and water; many sites have limited shade



- The archaeological museum complements site visits perfectly



Religious Sites

Cyprus has deep Christian roots dating to the apostolic period. Paphos region holds significant religious heritage including traditional Byzantine churches and pilgrimage destinations central to Orthodox Christianity.



Top Pick

Church of Panagia Chrysopolitissa

30 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Byzantine church built over the site where St. Paul was imprisoned before his trial. The interior features beautiful mosaics and icons. Adjacent to the church stands an ancient Roman pillar traditionally said to be where Paul was flogged. The church remains an active pilgrimage destination and working place of worship.

Notable

Agia Kyriaki Catacombs

45 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Early Christian catacombs beneath the church, featuring burial chambers and religious inscriptions carved into the rock. These chambers were used as burial places and places of worship during periods of Christian persecution. The site provides insight into early Christian life and practices in Roman-era Cyprus.



Notable

Agia Solomoni Church

30 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

An early Christian catacomb: a chapel inside Hellenistic rock-cut chamber tombs, with faded Byzantine frescoes and a holy well believed to have healing properties. Visitors tie pieces of cloth to the sacred tree at the entrance as offerings for health.

Tips for Religious Sites

- Dress modestly when visiting active churches; cover shoulders and knees
- Many churches have specific visiting hours; check in advance
- Photography inside churches may be restricted; always ask permission
- Respect worship times and ongoing services



Museums & Galleries

Paphos museums preserve and display Cyprus's rich cultural heritage from prehistoric times through the modern era, offering comprehensive insights into island life across millennia.

Top Pick

Paphos District Archaeological Museum

1.5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Comprehensive museum featuring artifacts from Paphos region spanning the Neolithic period to about 1700 AD. The Department of Antiquities lists the museum as open 10:00–17:30 daily except Mondays; admission is free. Collections include pottery, sculpture, mosaics, and jewelry. Interactive displays explain archaeological significance, and the museum shop offers educational materials and reproductions of ancient items.

Notable

Ethnographic Museum Paphos

1 hour No Booking Needed



Map

Traditional Cypriot house showcasing rural life from the 19th-20th centuries. Exhibits include handwoven textiles, traditional furniture, ceramic vessels, agricultural tools, and domestic items. The museum provides cultural context for understanding how Cypriot families lived before modern development.

Notable

Byzantine Museum Paphos

1 hour No Booking Needed



Map

Dedicated to Byzantine period artifacts and religious art from early Christian to 19th-century works, The Paphos Byzantine Museum is by the Bishopric on Andrea Ioannou Street; Geroskipou has a separate Folk Art Museum. The collection includes icons, liturgical vessels, religious manuscripts, and architectural elements from churches. The museum documents the cultural and religious transformation of Cyprus during the Byzantine era.

Notable

Paphos Folklore Museum

1 hour No Booking Needed



Map

Family-run museum in the heart of Paphos Old Town displaying traditional Cypriot crafts, folk costumes, and household items. Collections include handmade lace, embroidery, traditional dress, and domestic tools. The museum offers authentic glimpses into rural Cypriot life and traditional craftsmanship.

Tips for Museums & Galleries

- Museum staff often provide additional context and stories about exhibits
- Photography policies vary by museum; inquire at entry
- Many museums offer combination tickets for savings
- Check opening hours before visiting; some close during siesta hours



Beaches & Coastal Areas

Paphos boasts stunning Mediterranean beaches ranging from long sandy stretches to dramatic rocky coves, with crystal-clear warm waters ideal for swimming, snorkeling, and water sports year-round.



Must See

Coral Bay Beach

Half day No Booking Needed



Map

Popular sandy beach with calm, shallow turquoise waters ideal for families and swimmers. Beach facilities include sunbeds, umbrellas, water sports equipment rentals, and seaside tavernas. The bay is sheltered by rocky outcrops creating beautiful geological formations. Sunset views are particularly spectacular from this location.

Must See

Kato Paphos Beach & Waterfront

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Urban beach in the harbor area with golden sand, combining swimming with proximity to shops, restaurants, and historical sites. The beach is well-developed with facilities and offers convenient access to Paphos Castle and archaeological sites. Evening strolls along the waterfront provide perfect opportunities for dining and people-watching.

Top Pick

Lara Beach & Turtle Reserve

2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Protected sandy beach serving as nesting ground for endangered loggerhead and green sea turtles. Daytime visits are allowed. From 1 June to 30 September, visitors may not stay on the beach at night; umbrellas, loungers, tents and caravans are also prohibited. Visitors can observe turtle conservation efforts and contribute to preservation initiatives. The pristine, undeveloped coastline offers authentic Mediterranean beach experience away from crowds.

Top Pick

Petra tou Romiou (Aphrodite's Rock)

2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

The sea stack and pebble beach about 25 km east of Paphos where, according to legend, Aphrodite rose from the waves. The shore is steep and pebbly, so take care swimming; come at sunset for the best light. Reach it by car or the coastal bus towards Limassol.

Tips for Beaches & Coastal Areas

- Mediterranean sun is intense; use high SPF sunscreen and reapply frequently
- Peak season (June-August) beaches are crowded; visit early morning or late afternoon
- Water temperature is warmest July-September; coldest January-March
- Bring water shoes for rocky beaches and when entering water over rocks
- Check turtle nesting season restrictions before visiting Lara Beach



Tours & Activities

Paphos offers diverse water-based adventures and guided experiences, from boat cruises exploring sea caves to water sports and adventure activities suitable for all ages and skill levels.

Must See Book Ahead

Boat Tours to Sea Caves & Islets

2-4 hours Book Ahead

Guided boat excursions departing from Kato Paphos harbor, exploring dramatic limestone sea caves, hidden coves, and nearby islets. Tours include swimming stops in pristine waters and often feature fishing activities or sea cave exploration. Some operators provide transparent-bottomed boat experiences for viewing marine life. Tours accommodate various durations from 2-4 hours.

Must See Book Ahead

Scuba Diving & Snorkeling

2-3 hours per dive Book Ahead

Paphos is recognized internationally as an excellent diving destination with multiple dive sites featuring underwater caves, rocky reefs, and wreck dives. Visibility often exceeds 20 meters. Professional dive schools offer PADI certification courses and guided dives for all experience levels. Marine biodiversity includes groupers, barracudas, octopuses, and colorful fish species.

Top Pick Book Ahead

Sunset Cruises

2-3 hours Book Ahead

Romantic evening boat tours departing at sunset, featuring champagne, appetizers, and soft music while cruising along the Paphos coast. These cruises provide spectacular views of golden-hour Mediterranean light illuminating the coastline and ancient sites. Some include dinner service and opportunities for swimming during twilight hours.

Top Pick Book Ahead

Sea Kayaking Adventures

2-3 hours Book Ahead

Guided kayak tours exploring the coastline, sea caves, and secluded beaches inaccessible by foot. Operators provide instruction for beginners and advanced routes for experienced paddlers. Tours include snorkeling and beach stops. The calm Mediterranean waters around Paphos make kayaking accessible for most fitness levels.

Top Pick Book Ahead

Windsurfing & Water Sports

1-2 hours Book Ahead

Multiple beaches offer rental equipment and instruction for windsurfing, kitesurfing, paddleboarding, jet skis, and banana boat rides. Water sports centers provide coaching from certified instructors for all skill levels. Coral Bay is particularly popular for water sports due to favorable conditions and rental facility availability.

Tips for Tours & Activities

- Book water activities through established operators with safety certifications
- Bring waterproof sunscreen and protective rash guard for water sports
- Sea conditions are calmest morning hours and May-September
- Diving certification required for unsupervised diving; obtain before arrival if possible
- Seasickness medication recommended for those prone to motion sickness



Day Trips & Excursions

Paphos serves as an excellent base for exploring diverse destinations across western Cyprus, from mountain villages to nature reserves and alternative beaches, all reachable within 1-2 hours.

Must See

Akamas Peninsula Nature Reserve

Full day No Booking Needed



Map

Protected wilderness area featuring dramatic coastal cliffs, pine forests, hiking trails, and isolated beaches including the famous Lara Beach. The peninsula is home to rare plant species and Mediterranean wildlife. Visitors can hike scenic trails, explore sea caves, or enjoy pristine natural beaches untouched by development. The area is partially accessible by jeep or hiking.

Must See

Troodos Mountain Villages (Omodos, Lefkara)

Full day No Booking Needed



Map

Picturesque traditional mountain villages preserving Cypriot rural culture. Omodos features tavernas, wine cellars, and a historic monastery. Lefkara is renowned for traditional lace-making and silverware craftsmanship. These villages offer authentic Cypriot cuisine, local wine tasting, shopping for handcrafts, and panoramic mountain views. The cooler mountain climate provides respite from coastal heat.

Must See

Curium (Kourion) Ancient City

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Spectacular hilltop archaeological site 50km from Paphos featuring Greco-Roman theater, stadium, and temple remains. The dramatic cliff-top location offers panoramic Mediterranean views. The well-preserved Greco-Roman theater hosts occasional performances and cultural events. The site provides insights into Roman provincial life and strategic importance during antiquity.

Top Pick

Polis & Latchi Fishing Village

Half to full day No Booking Needed



Map

Charming northern coastal town featuring traditional fishing harbor, seafront restaurants, and access to Akamas Peninsula. Polis retains authentic character with narrow streets, local shops, and friendly atmosphere. The harbor showcases working fishing boats and offers fresh seafood. The area serves as gateway to Akamas wilderness and features excellent hiking opportunities.

Top Pick

Limassol Old Town & Medieval Castle

Half day No Booking Needed



Map

Cyprus's second-largest city featuring Venetian fortress, traditional old town bazaar, and waterfront promenade. The medieval castle houses a museum of medieval artifacts and provides historical context. The old town features winding streets, traditional shops, tavernas, and local restaurants. Limassol combines historical significance with vibrant modern culture.

Tips for Day Trips & Excursions

- Rent a car for flexibility exploring multiple day-trip destinations
- Mountain villages are cooler but roads can be winding; drive carefully
- Carry sufficient water and snacks; remote areas have limited facilities



- Start early for day trips to maximize daylight and avoid afternoon heat
- Many sites close at sunset; plan activities accordingly



Food & Dining

Paphos offers exceptional Mediterranean cuisine featuring fresh seafood, traditional Cypriot dishes, and international options. Waterfront tavernas, casual eateries, and fine dining restaurants reflect the city's cosmopolitan character while maintaining authentic Cypriot culinary traditions.

Must See Book Ahead

Waterfront Fish Restaurants

1.5-2 hours Book Ahead



Map

Seafood-focused establishments along Kato Paphos harbor specializing in daily catch, prepared simply and fresh. Diners can often select fish directly from the catch display. Restaurants feature romantic harbor views, sunset dining, and traditional Mediterranean preparation methods. Grilled octopus, sea bream, and lobster are particularly popular selections.

Ta Pinakia - Taverna★★★★★ 4.9 (2,224)

1-2 hours



Map

Ta Pinakia - Taverna is a highly-rated restaurant in Paphos, rated 4.9★ from 2224 reviews. Located at Platia, Kenedy Square 6, Pafos 8047, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- 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: 6:00 – 11:00 PM

BALKANIKA RESTAURANT★★★★★ 4.8 (1,839)

1-2 hours



Map

BALKANIKA RESTAURANT is a highly-rated restaurant in Paphos, rated 4.8★ from 1839 reviews. Located at Tombs of the Kings Ave 92, Pafos 8015, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

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



Happy Island Restaurant★★★★★ 4.8 (1,073)

1-2 hours



Map

Happy Island Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Paphos, rated 4.8★ from 1073 reviews. Located at 65 Natalia Court, Poseidonos Ave, Pafos 8042, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

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

To Eklekton Cypriot Corner★★★★★ 4.8 (864)

1-2 hours



Map

To Eklekton Cypriot Corner is a highly-rated restaurant in Paphos, rated 4.8★ from 864 reviews. Located at Ikarou 2, Pafos 8041, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 PM – 2:00 AM
- Tuesday: 12:00 PM – 2:00 AM
- Wednesday: 12:00 PM – 2:00 AM
- Thursday: 12:00 PM – 2:00 AM
- Friday: 12:00 PM – 2:00 AM
- Saturday: 12:00 PM – 2:00 AM
- Sunday: 12:00 PM – 2:00 AM

Hickory Restaurant★★★★★ 4.8 (980)

1-2 hours



Map

Hickory Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Paphos, rated 4.8★ from 980 reviews. Located at Tombs of the Kings Ave 110, Pafos 8015, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

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



Malu Bistro★★★★★ 4.8 (345)

1-2 hours



Map

Malu Bistro is a highly-rated restaurant in Paphos, rated 4.8★ from 345 reviews. Located at Constantinou Kanari 55, Pafos 8010, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- 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 – 11:30 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 11:30 PM

Agora Tavern★★★★★ 4.7 (3,247)

1-2 hours



Map

Agora Tavern is a highly-rated restaurant in Paphos, rated 4.7★ from 3247 reviews. Located at Talat Paşa 1, Baf 8015, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

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

The Windmill★★★★★ 4.7 (1,359)

1-2 hours



Map

The Windmill is a highly-rated restaurant in Paphos, rated 4.7★ from 1359 reviews. Located at Pafias Afroditis 19, Pafos 8041, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

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



Gourmet Taverna★★★★★ 4.7 (1,100)

1-2 hours



Map

Gourmet Taverna is a highly-rated restaurant in Paphos, rated 4.7★ from 1100 reviews. Located at Dionysou 1-2, kato 8041, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 2:00 – 10:30 PM
- Tuesday: 2:00 – 10:30 PM
- Wednesday: 2:00 – 10:30 PM
- Thursday: 2:00 – 10:30 PM
- Friday: 2:00 – 10:30 PM
- Saturday: 2:00 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 2:00 – 10:00 PM

Laona Restaurant★★★★★ 4.7 (846)

1-2 hours



Map

Laona Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Paphos, rated 4.7★ from 846 reviews. Located at Votsi, Pafos 8010, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed

Dias Zeus Restaurant★★★★★ 4.7 (1,812)

1-2 hours



Map

Dias Zeus Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Paphos, rated 4.7★ from 1812 reviews. Located at Tombs of the Kings Ave 47, Pafos 8045, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:30 – 10:30 PM
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 12:30 – 10:30 PM
- Thursday: 12:30 – 10:30 PM
- Friday: 12:30 – 10:30 PM
- Saturday: 12:30 – 10:30 PM
- Sunday: 12:30 – 10:30 PM





NOLA★★★★★ 4.6 (703)

1-2 hours



Map

NOLA is a highly-rated restaurant in Paphos, rated 4.6★ from 703 reviews. Located at Afroditis 12, Pafos 8015, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

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

CHRISTOS Grill and Seafood★★★★★ 4.6 (1,454)

1-2 hours



Map

CHRISTOS Grill and Seafood is a highly-rated restaurant in Paphos, rated 4.6★ from 1454 reviews. Located at Petraki Miltriadous 11, Paphos, Baf 8015, 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 – 9:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Karlina Restaurant★★★★★ 4.6 (1,354)

1-2 hours



Map

Karlina Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Paphos, rated 4.6★ from 1354 reviews. Located at Tomb of The Kings road 78, Πάφος 8015, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

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



Atrion Garden Restaurant★★★★★ 4.6 (764)

1-2 hours



Map

Atrion Garden Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Paphos, rated 4.6★ from 764 reviews. Located at QC3C+2PQ, Paphos 8042, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 8:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Wednesday: 8:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 8:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 8:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 8:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM

Top Pick

Traditional Cypriot Tavernas

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Authentic family-run restaurants serving traditional meze (appetizer platters), grilled fish, souvlaki, and halloumi cheese. These establishments feature friendly service, local wines, and genuine Mediterranean ambiance. Many offer outdoor seating with sea views. Meals typically feature multiple small dishes encouraging shared dining experiences and longer evening socializing.

Top Pick

Book Ahead

Wine Tasting & Local Wineries

1-2 hours Book Ahead



Map

Cyprus has a 5,000-year wine-making tradition. Local wineries around Paphos offer tastings of traditional varieties like Commandaria sweet wine and modern productions. Many facilities feature scenic vineyard locations with Mediterranean views. Wine-and-food pairing experiences complement local cheese and traditional snacks.

Tips for Food & Dining

- Dinner service begins around 8pm; restaurants are quieter before 7pm
- Ask server for house recommendations rather than ordering unknowns
- Cash payment often receives discounts at traditional tavernas
- Ordering multiple dishes to share is the traditional Cypriot way
- Service charge is often included; tips of 5-10% appreciated but optional



Beach Bars

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

Piedra All Day Cafe Lounge Bar.★★★★★ 4.8 (580)

1-2 hours



Map

Piedra All Day Cafe Lounge Bar. is a highly-rated beach bar in Paphos, rated 4.8★ from 580 reviews. Located at Petraki Miltiadous 3, Street 8015, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- 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

Chernobyl Cocktail Bar★★★★★ 4.8 (339)

1-2 hours



Map

Chernobyl Cocktail Bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Paphos, rated 4.8★ from 339 reviews. Located at Constantinou Kanari 13, Pafos 8010, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 6:30 PM – 1:00 AM
- Tuesday: 6:30 PM – 1:00 AM
- Wednesday: 6:30 PM – 1:00 AM
- Thursday: 6:30 PM – 1:00 AM
- Friday: 6:30 PM – 1:00 AM
- Saturday: 6:30 PM – 1:00 AM
- Sunday: 6:30 PM – 1:00 AM



Flintstones★★★★★ 4.7 (750)

1-2 hours



Map

Flintstones is a highly-rated beach bar in Paphos, rated 4.7★ from 750 reviews. Located at Αγίου Διονυσίου Paphos, Kibris 8042, 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 – 2:00 AM
- Saturday: 6:00 PM – 2:00 AM
- Sunday: 6:00 PM – 2:00 AM

Rum and Jam★★★★★ 4.7 (822)

1-2 hours



Map

Rum and Jam is a highly-rated beach bar in Paphos, rated 4.7★ from 822 reviews. Located at Ayoras 6, Pafos 8010, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 8:00 AM – 1:30 AM
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 1:30 AM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Thursday: 8:00 AM – 1:30 AM
- Friday: 8:00 AM – 1:30 AM
- Saturday: 8:00 AM – 1:30 AM
- Sunday: 8:00 AM – 1:30 AM

The Wooden Pub★★★★★ 4.6 (1,594)

1-2 hours



Map

The Wooden Pub is a highly-rated beach bar in Paphos, rated 4.6★ from 1594 reviews. Located at Poseidonos Ave, Pafos 8041, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

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



Antasia Beach Club★★★★★ 4.5 (2,340)

1-2 hours



Map

Antasia Beach Club is a highly-rated beach bar in Paphos, rated 4.5★ from 2340 reviews. Located at Poseidonos Ave 28, Pafos 8042, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

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

Oniro - Paphos★★★★★ 4.5 (4,025)

1-2 hours



Map

Oniro - Paphos is a highly-rated beach bar in Paphos, rated 4.5★ from 4025 reviews. Located at Glikou Nerou 05, Pegeia 8560, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 1:00 – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 1:00 – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 1:00 – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 1:00 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM

Fiesta Bar & Grill★★★★★ 4.5 (1,294)

1-2 hours



Map

Fiesta Bar & Grill is a highly-rated beach bar in Paphos, rated 4.5★ from 1294 reviews. Located at Poseidonos, Pafos 8130, 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



Alea Allday Lifestyle★★★★★ 4.5 (1,672)

1-2 hours



Map

Alea Allday Lifestyle is a highly-rated beach bar in Paphos, rated 4.5★ from 1672 reviews. Located at Poseidonos Ave 4, Pafos 8042, 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 – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM

Suite48 Seafront Oasis★★★★☆ 4.4 (1,509)

1-2 hours



Map

Suite48 Seafront Oasis is a highly-rated beach bar in Paphos, rated 4.4★ from 1509 reviews. Located at PCXF+3QM, Poseidonos Ave 48, Pafos 8042, 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

Kohili Beach Lounge Bar★★★★☆ 4.4 (71)

1-2 hours



Map

Kohili Beach Lounge Bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Paphos, rated 4.4★ from 71 reviews. Located at Maniki Street 6, Pegeia 8570, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

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



Friends Resto Bar★★★★☆ 4.4 (870)

1-2 hours



Map

Friends Resto Bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Paphos, rated 4.4★ from 870 reviews. Located at Constantias 23-8041, Pafos 8041, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Thursday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Friday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Saturday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Sunday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 AM

Sandy Beach★★★★☆ 4.4 (972)

1-2 hours



Map

Sandy Beach is a highly-rated beach bar in Paphos, rated 4.4★ from 972 reviews. Located at Lempa 8260, Cyprus.

Crocodile Pub★★★★☆ 4.4 (685)

1-2 hours



Map

Crocodile Pub is a highly-rated beach bar in Paphos, rated 4.4★ from 685 reviews. Located at PCXG+7G8, Danaes Ave, Pafos 8042, Cyprus.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 12:30 AM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 12:30 AM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 12:30 AM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 12:30 AM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 12:30 AM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 12:30 AM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 12:30 AM

Paradise Cove Bar★★★★☆ 4.3 (115)

1-2 hours



Map

Paradise Cove Bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Paphos, rated 4.3★ from 115 reviews. Located at QC94+2GG, Paphos 8045, Cyprus.



Practical Information

When to Visit Paphos

Best Overall: April-May and September-October offer ideal weather (22-28°C), fewer crowds than summer, and comfortable conditions for sightseeing. Sea temperatures are warm enough for swimming.

Summer (June-August): Temperatures reach 30-35°C with intense sun. Beaches are crowded with international tourists. Accommodation prices peak. Best for water sports and night activities. Not ideal for extensive historical site visits due to heat and crowds.

Winter (December-February): Mild temperatures (12-16°C) with occasional rainfall. Tourist infrastructure operates with reduced hours. Weather unpredictable. Suitable for hiking and avoiding crowds, but beach activities are limited.

Spring & Fall: Perfect balance of comfortable weather, moderate crowds, reasonable accommodation prices, and full facility availability. Most visitors discover these seasons optimal for overall Paphos experience.

Getting Around Paphos

Car Rental: Most flexible option for exploring multiple sites and regional day trips. International driving permit recommended. Roads are generally well-maintained. Parking available at most attractions. Rental companies throughout city center.

Public Buses: Affordable local bus network serving main areas. Buses operate on schedules with longer waits during off-season. Routes connect beaches, town center, and nearby villages. Purchase tickets onboard or at terminal.

Taxis: Readily available; Cyprus taxis are required to use the taximeter; check it for the fare. Reliable for specific destinations but more expensive than buses for multiple trips.

Walking: Kato Paphos harbor area is walkable with shops, restaurants, and archaeological sites within comfortable distance. Old town features narrow pedestrian streets ideal for exploration on foot.

Organized Tours: Hotels arrange guided coach tours to major sites and day-trip destinations. Convenient for travellers without rental cars; guides provide historical context.

➔ Airport Transfer

Paphos International Airport (PFO) to city center:

- **Airport Bus (Route 612):** Runs daily between the airport and the Tombs of the Kings bus station in Kato Paphos in about 30-35 minutes; the fare is a few euros
- **Taxi:** Airport taxis charge a fixed official tariff (day and night rates) and take roughly 15-20 minutes to Kato Paphos
- **Private Transfer:** Pre-booked shuttle or minivan to hotels in Paphos or Coral Bay takes about 20-30 minutes and costs around 30-50 euros per vehicle
- **Rental Car:** Several agencies operate airport desks, with compact cars available from about 25 euros per day plus a 15-minute drive into town

What to Buy & Where

Local Handicrafts: Visit Lefkara for traditional handmade lace ("lefkaritika") and silverware. Paphos old town features shops selling local crafts, ceramics, and textiles. Ethnographic museums often have quality artisan products.

Cypriot Wines: Purchase local varieties at duty-free shops, traditional wineries, or local markets. Commandaria dessert wine and modern productions make excellent gifts. Wineries offer competitive prices compared to retail shops.

Food Products: Markets sell halloumi cheese, olive oil, dried herbs, and traditional sweets. Local honey, Cyprus coffee, and traditional delicacies available at covered markets and specialty shops. Peak freshness found at morning farmers markets.



Souvenirs: Paphos features numerous souvenir shops along waterfront and near archaeological sites. Quality varies; seek recommendations from hotel staff for authentic, well-made items. Avoid mass-produced items from casual tourist shops.

Markets & Bazaars: Covered market in Paphos old town operates primarily mornings. Friday/Saturday farmers markets in surrounding towns offer fresh produce and local goods. Bargaining expected in traditional bazaars.

Annual Events & Celebrations

Anthestiria Flower Festival (spring, usually May): Spring celebration featuring flower displays, cultural performances, and local food stalls throughout Paphos. Family-friendly festivities celebrating seasonal renewal.

Easter (April): Cyprus observes Orthodox Easter with religious processions, traditional meals, and cultural celebrations. Paphos witnesses processions and church ceremonies. Preparation period sees special food preparations and community activities.

Kataklysmos Festival (May/June): The "Festival of the Flood", held at Orthodox Pentecost (Whitsun), 50 days after Easter. Paphos waterfront features parades, water activities, folk dancing, and food celebrations. Ancient tradition with modern community participation.

Paphos Culture Month (September-October): Month-long celebration featuring international performers, theatrical productions, dance, art exhibitions, and film screenings. Venues throughout Paphos host diverse programming.

Pafos Aphrodite Festival (early September): An open-air opera staged on the square in front of Paphos Castle (4-5 September in 2026). World-class performers in spectacular historic venues. Advance booking essential.

Christmas & New Year: December features festive decorations, carol concerts, holiday markets, and special dining events. New Year celebrations continue through early January with community gatherings.

Sample Day Itineraries

Day 1: Ancient Paphos Heritage

Morning (8:30am-11am): Visit Tombs of the Kings, explore rock-hewn chambers and bay views. Lunch (11:30am-1pm): Waterfront taverna in Kato Paphos. Afternoon (2pm-5pm): Explore Paphos Archaeological Park, view Roman mosaics and Greco-Roman theater. Late afternoon (5pm-7pm): Stroll harbor, browse shops and galleries. Dinner (8pm): Fish restaurant with sea views.

Day 2: Beaches & Water Activities

Morning (8am-12pm): Coral Bay Beach swimming and water sports. Lunch (12:30pm-2pm): Beachside taverna. Afternoon (2:30pm-5pm): Boat tour to sea caves and Islet of Geronisos. Late afternoon (5pm-7pm): Return to shore, sunset walk along coast. Dinner (8pm): Casual waterfront dining.

Day 3: Museums & Cultural Exploration

Morning (9am-10:30am): Paphos Archaeological Museum (closed Mondays) viewing artifacts. Late morning (10:45am-12:30pm): Agia Kyriaki Church and catacombs exploration. Lunch (1pm-2:30pm): Old town taverna with traditional meze. Afternoon (3pm-5pm): Ethnographic or Byzantine museum. Evening (5pm-8pm): Gallery visits, sunset viewpoint. Dinner (8:30pm): Traditional Cypriot restaurant.

Day 4: Mountain Villages & Regional Culture

Early morning (7am): Drive to Troodos mountain region. Morning (9am-12pm): Explore Omodos village, visit monastery, taste local wine. Lunch (1pm-3pm): Traditional mountain taverna. Afternoon (3pm-5pm): Drive to Lefkara village, observe lace-making artisans, shop for handicrafts. Return (6pm-7pm): Coastal drive back to Paphos. Dinner (8pm): Rest and casual meal.

Day 5: Adventure & Nature

Morning (7:30am): Drive to Akamas Peninsula. Hiking (9am-12pm): Scenic peninsula trails through pine forests toward coastal views. Lunch (1pm-2:30pm): Picnic or simple village eatery. Afternoon (3pm-5:30pm): Beach exploration, swimming in isolated cove. Return (6pm-7:30pm): Drive back to Paphos. Dinner (8:30pm): Casual celebration dinner of activities completed.



Best Instagram & Photography Locations

Paphos Harbour & Castle (Golden Hour Best): The illuminated fortress reflected in calm harbor waters during sunset (around 7pm in September, 5-6:30pm in October) creates iconic Mediterranean imagery. Morning light (7am-9am) captures fishing boats and activity. Dramatic stone castle architecture and harbor activity provide composition variety.

Tombs of the Kings at Sunset: Limestone cliffs carved with ancient chambers glow orange-pink in the late-afternoon light (the site closes at 7:30pm in summer, 5pm from mid-September). The archaeological site's grand scale and dramatic geology create powerful landscape photos. Clear evening skies provide excellent background contrast.

Coral Bay Beach Panorama: Turquoise bay waters framed by rocky limestone outcrops and sandy beach create postcard-perfect Mediterranean scenes. Sunrise (6:30am-7:30am) captures soft light and fewer visitors. Drone photography captures bay's geometric perfection.

Akamas Peninsula Cliffs: Dramatic white limestone cliffs plunging into blue Mediterranean offer breathtaking coastal photography. Late afternoon light (5pm-7pm) illuminates cliff faces and creates long shadows. Telephoto lenses compress scale, emphasizing cliff grandeur.

Petra tou Romiou at Sunrise: Aphrodite's Rock rising from the sea makes intimate sunrise photography (6:30am-7:30am) particularly striking. Small number of visitors at dawn allows access to prime composition points. Water clarity enables underwater and beach combination shots.

Paphos Old Town Streets: Narrow winding alleys with white-washed buildings, potted plants, and natural lighting create authentic Mediterranean village aesthetic. Early morning light (7am-9am) and late afternoon (5pm-7pm) avoid harsh midday shadows. Details like doorways, windows, and architectural elements provide strong compositional subjects.

Power & Electrical Standards

Voltage & Frequency: Cyprus uses 230 volts, 50 Hz alternating current. Standard is significantly higher than North American (120V) but similar to European standards.

Plug Types: Cyprus primarily uses three rectangular pin design (Type G/British standard) Cyprus uses Type G plugs with three rectangular pins.

Adapters & Converters: Travelers from North America require voltage converters (transformers) for appliances designed for 120V, plus plug adapters. European visitors typically only need plug adapters. Universal multi-standard adapters widely available at airports and electrical shops.

Appliance Compatibility: Modern electronics including phones, laptops, and cameras feature universal voltage input (marked "100-240V") requiring only plug adapters. Hair dryers, electric razors, and heating appliances require voltage converters or replacement with local 230V models.

Grounding: Most accommodations provide properly grounded outlets. USB charging stations increasingly common in hotels, restaurants, and public spaces for device charging.

Cypriot Cuisine & Must-Try Dishes

Meze: Traditional appetizer platters feature multiple small dishes: saganaki (fried cheese), dolmades (grape leaves), tzatziki (yogurt dip), hummus, olives, and bread. Meze represents the heart of Cypriot dining culture and social tradition.

Halloumi: Cyprus's famous cheese, traditionally grilled or fried until the exterior firms while interior softens. Served with watermelon or as appetizer. Fresh halloumi eaten immediately after purchase offers best flavor and texture.

Souvlaki & Kebab: Grilled meat skewers typically featuring pork, chicken, or lamb, served with pita bread, grilled vegetables, and traditional sauce. Street food and restaurant staple throughout Paphos.

Fish & Seafood: Fresh Mediterranean catch grilled simply with lemon and olive oil. Octopus (htapodi), sea bream (tsinari), and grouper are particularly excellent. Early-morning market purchases ensure peak freshness and reasonable pricing.



Commandaria Wine: Sweet red wine from mountain vineyards offers distinctive Cypriot experience. Traditionally sipped after meals or paired with cheese and nuts. 5,000-year winemaking tradition represented in modern and traditional varieties.

Cyprus Coffee: Thick, strong coffee ("kafes") prepared in traditional copper pot with finely ground beans. Served in small cups as morning ritual or afternoon break. Traditional preparation and serving provides cultural coffee experience.

Loukoumades: Honey-drizzled fried dough balls served as dessert or snack. Local bakeries and food stalls offer these traditional treats. Best consumed fresh and warm with cinnamon and nuts.

Tourist Passes

Cyprus Antiquities entry card

The Department of Antiquities sells entry cards valid at its archaeological sites and museums across Cyprus, including the Paphos Archaeological Park and the Tombs of the Kings: **€8.50 for 1 day, €17 for 3 days, €25 for 7 days**. Single entry to the Tombs of the Kings is €2.50, and Kourion €4.50, so the card only pays off if you visit several paid sites on the same days.



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Diving Certification Packages

PADI certification courses offered by professional dive schools throughout Paphos, ranging from beginner (Open Water) to advanced certifications. **Package Inclusions:** Instruction, equipment rental, certification documentation, guided dives at premium sites. **Benefits:** Certification valid worldwide for future diving. **Cost Savings:** Package rates lower than individual lesson pricing. Allows access to restricted dive sites and unsupervised diving opportunities. Multiple-day courses recommended for optimal learning.



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Guided Tour Packages

Hotel and tour operator packages combining transportation, professional guides, meals, and attraction access. Options include half-day city tours, full-day regional excursions, multi-day hiking adventures, and specialized interest tours (wine tasting, bird-watching, photography). **Benefits:** Expert local knowledge, hassle-free logistics, group discounts, access to restricted areas. **Best for:** Travelers without rental cars, those seeking cultural context, groups coordinating complex itineraries.



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