

## Full Day Excursion

### Paphos town

The entire town of Pafos is a listed UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring monuments of exquisite and unique beauty. Pafos was the capital of Cyprus for a long period of time in antiquity.

On our way to reach Paphos town, we will make our first stop to Pissouri and in particular at '**Petra tou Romiou**'. The legend has it that according to mythology, the Goddess of Love and Beauty was born through the foam of this sea.



We will then head off for the '**Tombs of the Kings**'. This area contains underground tombs said to rest noble men, carved out of solid rock, which date back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> century B.C and causing a sense of mystery and secrecy.

Continuing the trip to pure history, we will then walk to the nearby '**Roman Villas of Dionysos**', where the guests will see the ploughshare which accidentally uncovered part of a mosaic pavement in 1962. This was the beginning of a series of excavations that finally revealed a total of 22 rooms, 14 of them with mosaic floors representing scenes of hunting and Greek mythology of exquisite beauty and perfect geometry.

Just next to **Paphos Archeological Park** where the mosaics are located, we will meet **Paphos Fort**. This was originally built to protect the harbour but was dismantled by the Venetians in 1570. During the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Ottomans restored and rebuilt the fort after they captured the island. Here we will make a stop where you can have a lunch at one of the restaurants by the harbour.

Within our tour, we will visit the 12<sup>th</sup> century **St. Solomoni Christian catacomb** as well as a visit to **Early Byzantine basilica** Chrysopolitissa church and **St. Paul's Pillar**.

#### Participation fee is inclusive of:

Transfers in luxurious fully air-conditioned coaches, officially C.T.O licensed tour guide, entrance fees to all sites, V.A.T. currently 18% and taxes and organization and assistance by EasyConferences.