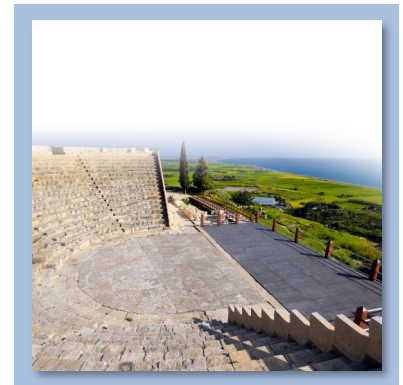


## Limassol Tour with Urban Aspects (Saturday 29 June, 2024)

We will leave from Nicosia at 09:00 and head for Limassol, the largest seaside town in Cyprus which lies on the south coast of the island.

Limassol is located between the ruins of two ancient cities, Kourion and Amathous. Limassol, the largest urban area in Cyprus, has been changing too rapidly during the past decades. The historic center and the adjacent waterfront, which were diachronically referential districts for the port city of Limassol, have been subjected to a changing population dynamic and have been undergoing a number of major simultaneous redevelopments leading to an uneven and fragmented expansion of the city's urban form. The city rapidly grew after the island's division, when almost half of the island's population became refugees in need of a temporary place to stay. It has also attracted a large number of Lebanese who fled their country because of internal political unrest and the war with Israel. A similar phenomenon has been observed more recently with a flux of investors and EU residency seekers. The comparatively cosmopolitan character of the region is strengthened further by the large number of tourists and a high housing demand from pensioners mainly from northern countries. The value of Limassol as a case study is related to wider contemporary urban development issues around fast growth and multiple, concurrent housing developments.



Our first stop will be at the ancient city of Kourion. The archaeological remains of Kourion - which was one of the island's most important city-kingdoms in antiquity - are of the most impressive on the island, and excavations have unearthed many significant finds, which can be viewed at the site.

The city-kingdom was built on the hills of the area, and overlooked and controlled the fertile valley of the river Kouris. The once-flourishing kingdom was eventually destroyed in a severe earthquake in 365 AD.

We will then head for the center of the old Limassol Town where we will walk from the Medieval Castle to the modern Marina and stop for lunch.

After lunch we will visit the Limassol Museum and the ancient city of Amathous. Amathous lies east of Limassol and in antiquity was protected by walls which went all the way to the beach. The remains of the harbor are still evident just below the surface of the sea. The area south of the Agora is occupied by a public bath (balaneion), which is comprised of a closed circular area and annexes. The bath, along with part of the west portico of the Agora, date to the Hellenistic period, and constitute the earliest indications of human activity in the area.

Also at the site is the Temple of Aphrodite, sat atop of a hill at the Acropolis of Amathous. Evidence of the presence of a sanctuary in the area includes votive offerings going back to the mid 8th century BC.

After our visit to the site of ancient Amathous we will head back to Nicosia.

### Participation fee is inclusive of:

Transfers in luxurious fully air-conditioned coaches, officially C.T.O licensed tour guide, lunch, Urban Aspects tour, entrance fees to all sites, V.A.T. currently 19% and taxes and organization and assistance by EasyConferences.

**Cost: 60.00 Euro**    **Minimum number of participation: 25 persons**