

## Troodos Mountains & Kalopanagiotis Village (Sunday 30 June, 2024)

We will leave from Nicosia at 09:00 and head for to the west, for a trip to the largest mountain range in Cyprus, the Troodos massif.

Our first stop will be in the foot hills of the Troodos Mountains, at the "Panagia tis Assinou" church.

The church was originally built in 1099 CE was the center piece of a monastery which was eventually abandoned in the 17th century. It still has most of its original frescoes which were painted with iconography and techniques used in Constantinople at that time. Later additions, during the Frankish occupation, reflected impressions which prevailed in the Catholic Church, like the illustrations of the damnation of sinners. The site is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

After "Panagia tis Assinou" we will climb up the Troodos mountains to the village of



Kakopetria, which is nestled in the "Solea" Valley. We will stroll the narrow streets of the old part of the village right down to the newest part of the settlement and its bustling tourist area.

Our next stop will be the village of Kalopanagiotis, which lies in the Marathasa valley. Known for its sulfur springs Kalopanagiotis was a favorite vacation destination for Nicosia residents in the 19th and 20th centuries. Despite housing UNESCO heritage monuments, the small mountainous

community of Kalopanayiotis was previously experiencing a decline like many other communities in Cyprus, primarily due to aging populations and decreasing numbers. However, thanks to the Revitalization of Kalopanayiotis project, which involved renovating cultural structures, paths, and monuments, these negative trends are now starting to reverse.

We will stop for a late lunch and then have tour of the village.

When we conclude this part of the excursion 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, 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**