

## **Friends of ASOR Cyprus Tour: June 14-23, 2026**

### **Day 1 – Sunday, 14 June | Arrival & Orientation (Larnaca)**

**Evening Group Meeting & Introductory Lecture** – Historical overview of Cyprus from prehistory through the Ottoman period. [History of Cyprus](#)

**Overnight:** Larnaca

**Dinner:** At the hotel

### **Day 2 – Monday, 15 June | Nicosia**

- [Shacolas Viewing Tower](#) – Panoramic views of divided Nicosia and its layered history.
- [Cyprus Archaeological Museum](#) – Collections from Neolithic to Late Antiquity, including figurines and sculptures.
- [Eleftheria Square & Historic Commercial Quarter](#) – Venetian, Ottoman, and British colonial urban layers; local shops.
- [Venetian Walls of Nicosia](#) – 16th-century fortifications defining the old city.
- [Leventis Municipal Museum of Nicosia](#) – Social and cultural history from antiquity to modern era.

**Overnight:** Larnaca

**Dinner:** Local restaurant

### **Day 3 – Tuesday, 16 June | Larnaca & Amathus**

- [Church of Saint Lazarus, Larnaca](#) – 9th-century Byzantine church over Lazarus's tomb.
- [Larnaca Medieval Castle](#) – Fortress with Byzantine, Lusignan, and Ottoman layers.
- [Hala Sultan Tekke](#) – Important Ottoman mosque and pilgrimage site.
- [Amathus – Roman Agora](#) – Ancient city-kingdom with Roman civic center.

**Overnight:** Limassol

**Dinner:** At the hotel

### **Day 4 – Wednesday, 17 June | Kourion and Episkopi**

- [Kourion Archaeological Site](#) – Greco-Roman city with dramatic coastal views.
- **Archaeological Museum of Kourion (Episkopi)** – Regional finds from domestic, religious, and funerary contexts.
- **Kourion Stadium** – Roman athletic facility illustrating public life.
- [Sanctuary of Apollo Hylates](#) – Archaic-to-Roman religious site.

**Overnight:** Limassol

**Dinner:** Local restaurant

#### **Day 5 – Thursday, 18 June | Paphos**

- [Palaepaphos \(Kouklia\) – Sanctuary of Aphrodite](#) – Cult center active from Late Bronze Age to Roman period.
- [Paphos Archaeological Museum](#) – Regional history from prehistoric settlement to Roman era.
- [Paphos Harbour](#) – Historical heart of the Roman city; free time for lunch.
- [Paphos Archaeological Park – Roman Villas & Mosaics](#) – Houses with mythological mosaics, including House of Dionysos.
- [Tombs of the Kings](#) – Hellenistic and Roman necropolis.
- [Petra tou Romiou \(Aphrodite's Rock\)](#) – Mythical birthplace of Aphrodite and coastal landmark.

**Overnight:** Limassol

**Dinner:** Local restaurant

#### **Day 6 – Friday, 19 June | Neolithic Cyprus**

- **Kalavassos–Agios Demetrios (Building 10)** – Late Bronze Age urban center in trade networks.
- [Choirokoitia Neolithic Site](#) – UNESCO World Heritage Site from the 7th millennium BCE.
- [Lefkara Village](#) – Traditional lace-making and silverwork; vernacular architecture.
- [Limassol Archaeological Museum](#) – Regional artifacts from prehistory to Roman period.

**Overnight:** Limassol

**Dinner:** Local restaurant

### **Day 7 – Saturday, 20 June | Troodos Mountains**

- [Troodos Mountains](#) – Geological heart of Cyprus; ancient copper mining.
- [Painted Churches in the Troodos Region](#) – UNESCO-listed Byzantine frescoes.
- **Phicardou Village** – Traditional village with free time for lunch.
- **Skouriotissa Copper Slag Heap** – Evidence of extensive ancient copper production.

**Overnight:** Nicosia

**Dinner:** Local restaurant

### **Day 8 – Sunday, 21 June | Bronze Age to Medieval**

- [Salamis, Cyprus](#) – Ancient city from Late Bronze Age to Roman period.
- [Enkomi \(Archaeological Site\)](#) – Late Bronze Age urban center linked to copper trade.
- **Monastery of St. Barnabas & Museum** – Byzantine monastery with early Christian connections.
- [Famagusta Old City](#) – Medieval walls, Gothic churches, and Ottoman monuments.

**Overnight:** Nicosia

**Dinner:** Local restaurant

### **Day 9 – Monday, 22 June | Kingdoms & Crusaders**

- [Vouni Palace](#) – Persian-period palace reflecting Achaemenid influence.
- [Kyrenia Castle & Shipwreck Museum](#) – Medieval fortress with 4th-century BCE Greek merchant ship remains.
- **Bellapais Village & Lunch** – Scenic village with local cuisine.
- [Bellapais Abbey](#) – 13th-century Gothic monastery of the Lusignan period.

**Overnight:** Nicosia

**Dinner:** CAARI

**Day 10 – Tuesday, 23 June | Idalion & Larnaca**

- [Idalion \(Site and Museum\)](#) – Ancient city-kingdom from Archaic through Hellenistic periods.
- [Kition Temples, Larnaca](#) – Phoenician and later sanctuaries.
- [Larnaca Archaeological Museum & Bamboula](#) – Material from ancient Kition and surrounding areas.

**End of Program**