

## Half Day Excursion

### Larnaca Town

**Larnaca town** is famous for its beautiful sea front and has an efficient tourist infrastructure. Our tour will first lead us to the church of St. Lazarus. This early 10th century church is built over the tombs of St. Lazarus, which can still be seen in the crypt. The church was also the second home of Lazarus, who, after being raised from the dead by Christ, came to Kition and became the first Bishop of Larnaca.



Then we will drive through Phinikoudes promenade area and follow up to Larnaca Salt Lake. This is an important supplier of salt for export. According to the legend, the lake was the result of a miracle performed by St. Lazarus, in response to a vineyard owner who refused to allow him some grapes. The lake is now a sanctuary for all kinds of migrating birds including the endangered pink flamingos.

On the road to Kiti, we will pass by the Hala Sultan Tekke Mosque of Umm Haram. This is one of the most important moslem pilgrimages in the world, ranking immediately after the shrines of Mecca, Medina and al Aksha in Jerusalem. According to legend, Umm Haram was the aunt of Prophet Mohammed.

Four miles on, we will find the village of Kiti, where we will visit the church of Panayia Angeloktistis of the Virgin Mary. One of the finest examples of Byzantine art in the world is found in this church: a fine mosaic of the Virgin Mary and Child between the Archangels Michael and Gabriel.

#### Participation fee is inclusive of:

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