

## Full Day Excursion

### Paphos Town

The entire town of Paphos is a listed UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring monuments of exquisite and unique beauty. Paphos 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**'. According to mythology, the Goddess of Love and Beauty was born through the foam of this sea.



We will then proceed to 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. creating a sense of mystery and secrecy.

Continuing the trip through 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.

Adjacent to the **Paphos Archeological Park** where the mosaics are located, we will visit the **Paphos Fort**. This was originally built to protect the harbour but was dismantled by the Venetians in 1570. During the 16th century, the Ottomans restored and rebuilt the fort after they captured the island. Here we will make a stop for a traditional fish meze lunch.

Within our tour, we will also visit the 12<sup>th</sup> century **St. Solomoni Christian catacomb** as well as the **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, lunch at a traditional tavern, V.A.T. currently 19% and taxes and organization and assistance by EasyConferences.