



In choosing the villages of North Cyprus as your holiday destination, you are not only going to experience the authentic aspects of traditional culture but you will also have the opportunity to participate in fun activities such as cycling and horse-riding. In addition to this, at all times of the year, local festivals are held to celebrate the abundance and fruitfulness of this country. Carob festivals, olive festivals, grape festivals, *hellim* festivals, wild artichoke festivals and more are just a selection of the many activities which provide the visitor the opportunity to get to know the people of the villages and to acquire an intimate view of the cultural life of the region from close up. It is also at these festivals where you will have the best opportunity to find a variety of traditional souvenirs made by local people.



If you are searching for somewhere tranquil and calm, far from the bustle of modern-day life, then you have found it here in North Cyprus. For here is one of the very few remaining unspoilt paradises that promises the visitor a peaceful environment, untouched nature and a land of rich and authentic culture and tradition.

When you feel the desire to slow things down a little and the need to re-energise by getting closer to nature, come and join an eco-tourism adventure here. Let North Cyprus take care of you.



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North Cyprus is now able to offer all of its richness and beauty to its visitors. With all their wonderful nature and cultural attractions, the villages of Cyprus now await their guests.

If you are feeling as if you need to escape from the toils of everyday life, the villages of North Cyprus should be your preferred destination. Discover the wonders of the unspoilt nature here and take an active part in its cultural life.

One thing is for sure: you'll never be far from the sea here. Experience the joy of swimming in the crystal blue waters of the Mediterranean surrounded by unspoilt nature on one of its hidden beaches.



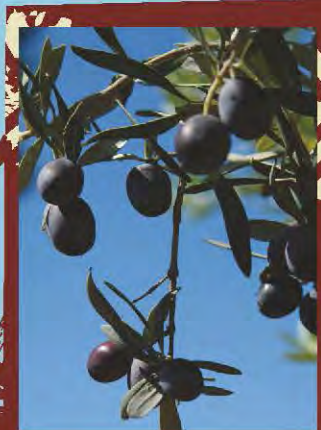
You might well imagine yourself in an enchanted world in your charming village guest house as you sample the delights of traditional Cyprus cuisine and discover the authentic tastes of freshly prepared village food and drink. Much of this will be prepared with organic vegetables straight from the garden in addition to which there will be the unmissable specialities of Cyprus: hellim (halloumi) cheese, sheftali kebab and molokhia. Each region, too, will have its own local specialities for you to try and, if you wish, you'll be quite welcome to try your hand at preparing these foods yourself. What better way is there to start a day than a breakfast of freshly baked pastries and bread embellished with the sweet tang of homemade jams and marmalades?



A trip around the Karpaz Peninsula will provide you with the opportunity to meet some of the region's most illustrious natives; - the Cyprus wild donkeys who, once domesticated, have returned to the wild and gathered in the Karpaz where the richness of the area's vegetation has provided them with an environment where they have flourished. You can also see the famed Loggerhead turtles (*Caretta caretta*) which come ashore here briefly to lay their eggs only in certain special bays.



Actively taking part in Cyprus village life ensures that you cannot remain unaware of the presence and importance of the olive and carob trees which abound here. Some of the olive trees here have been producing their annual harvest for over a thousand years and yet still give in all their monumental splendour. You, too, can join in the harvest with the villagers and see the production of the local olive oils. Above all, the rich taste of hot bread flavoured with olives and *hellim* (*halloumi*), fresh from the villages' stone ovens will renew your love for North Cyprus.



Carob trees have for centuries been an inseparable part of village life in Cyprus. Joining in the carob harvest in late August and helping in the preparation of the carob molasses will provide you with a unique experience. You will doubtless wish to take back some of this wonderful natural product which has long been known as a natural antibiotic and detoxicant.



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