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CAPTIVATING CYPRUS

THE ISLAND, RICH IN CULTURE
AND HISTORY, HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Cyprus has long been a sunshine hotspot for British holidaymakers. Less than five hours flying time from the UK and with autumn temperatures still in the twenties, Cyprus is the perfect place if you're looking for an injection of vitamin D. As well as the sun-kissed beaches, visitors can explore the stunning natural beauty of the Akamas National Park and the pine-forested Troodos Mountains that are criss-crossed with

walking and cycling trails. Factor in a wealth of archaeological treasures, award-winning golf courses and the legendary party hotspot of Ayia Napa, the Mediterranean island offers holidays for all.

Here, we profile four luxury hotels that are very different in style and ambiance. Do check before you travel as not all hotel facilities and activities may be open due to seasonal or coronavirus restrictions...



APHRODITE HILLS RESORT: THE SPORTS ONE

Located just a 15-minute drive east of Paphos, this glitzy resort is a one-stop shop for sports fanatics. Just announced as the new host venue for the PGA European Tour, Aphrodite Hills Resort offers one of the island's finest golf courses as well as having a first-class golf academy. The family-friendly resort also has a top-notch tennis academy with nine courts, a UK-run Dream Team Soccer School

and a horse riding club. If you're looking for privacy, stay at one of the 800 rental properties that range from one-bedroom apartments to lavish five-bedroom palatial hilltop villas scattered across the manicured grounds of the 600-acre estate. There are 11 restaurants to choose from serving everything from Mexican and Italian to Asian and there's also a Häagen-Dazs ice cream parlour, Costa Coffee and a supermarket on the village-style square.



A THREE-BEDROOM SUPERIOR
VILLA WITH PRIVATE POOL COSTS
FROM £356 PER NIGHT. VISIT
APHRODITEHILLS.COM.



ALMYRA HOTEL: THE DESIGN ONE

The bustling harbour town of Paphos on the island's southwest coast is one of the most popular resorts for Brits. You'll find nightlife, shopping and seafront restaurants on one hand and an UNESCO-listed archaeological park on the other. The ultra-stylish Almyra Hotel is a short walk away along a palm tree-lined waterfront promenade. With views across to Paphos Castle, this sleek design-led resort offers 187 rooms and suites in a series of white cube-styled buildings dotted around landscaped gardens. There are

five pools on the property, one of which is shaded by a white sail-like canopy. The spa is an adult-only pampering palace that boasts an indoor-outdoor pool and a rooftop lounge. Standout hotel restaurants include Notios with its harbour views and Ouzeri, offering Cypriot mezze and live music.



ONE NIGHT AT THE ALMYRA HOTEL, PAPHOS COSTS FROM £181 BASED ON TWO ADULTS SHARING ON A B&B BASIS. VISIT FISHANDPIPS.CO.UK/HOTEL/ALMYRA-CYPRUS/.

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