

Events Guide

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Lifestyle

EDON Festival (Pan-Cypriot Youth and Student Festival)

Cyprus's biggest cultural and political youth event transforms the historic heart of Nicosia into a vibrant, open-air celebration every summer.

Lifestyle

Windcraft Music Fest 2026

It brings together local and international musicians who blend jazz, folk, and contemporary world music tradition.

Lifestyle

Fengaros Festival

The festival is renowned for its incredible, free-spirited atmosphere where festival-goers camp out under the stars and pine trees.

Lifestyle

Akaki Watermelon Festival

The Akaki Watermelon Festival is an annual summer event held in late July just outside Nicosia.

Culture & Creativity

Culture Festival

The University of Cyprus Cultural Festival is an annual event with a rich lineup of classical and traditional music, theater productions, and contemporary dance performances.

Culture & Creativity

International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama

Every summer, history comes alive in Cyprus during the International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama.

Culture & Creativity

10 Years Anniversary Faneromeni Arts Festival '26

Every summer, the courtyard of the Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation in Old Nicosia transforms into an open-air cultural hub.

Culture & Creativity

Summer Movie Marathon At Konstantia Open Air

A seasonal film event, hosted in a nostalgic outdoor courtyard.



Long summer evenings, open-air performances and a vibrant cultural calendar make July one of the most exciting times to experience Nicosia.

From the city's historic centre to the surrounding villages, music, creativity and community come together to create unforgettable summer moments.

EDON Festival (Pan-Cypriot Youth and Student Festival)

Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
8 - 10 July

Venue:
Famagusta Gate

Info:

Hosted by the United Democratic Organization of Youth, this three-day extravaganza blends high-energy music, local art, and passionate social activism into an unforgettable Mediterranean experience.

Fengaros Festival (Askas)

Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
16 - 21 July

Venue:
Latsia

The lineup is an eclectic, multi-genre mix that brings together over 60 artists, blending the absolute best of the local Cypriot music scene with standout international acts across six different stages.



Akaki Watermelon Festival

Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
End of July

Venue:
Akaki

Info:

Visitors can enjoy live Greek and Cypriot folk music, unique watermelon-infused cocktails, and delicious local food in the village square.

Windcraft Music Fest 2026

Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
8 - 10 July

Venue:
Katydata Village, Nicosia District

With a strong emphasis on community and interaction, it pairs its vibrant evening concerts with free daytime music workshops, cultural walks, and a free campsite at the local village school, making it a delightfully relaxed and creative escape under the stars.

29th cultural festival
UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS
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Culture Festival

Category:
Culture & Creativity

Dates:
June - September

Venue:
Axiothea Mansion

Info:

The University of Cyprus Cultural Festival is an annual event split into two parts, taking place in early summer and early autumn. It presents a rich lineup of classical and traditional music, theater productions, and contemporary dance performances showcasing Euro-Mediterranean heritage.

International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama

Category:
Culture & Creativity

Dates:
3 July - 8 August

Venue:
Makarios III Amphitheatre

Info:

Every summer, history comes alive in Cyprus during the International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama. This month-long cultural highlight transforms spectacular, centuries-old open-air amphitheaters into vibrant stages.





10 Years Anniversary Faneromeni Arts Festival ‘26

Category:
Culture & Creativity

Dates:
18 June - 10 September

Venue:
Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation,
86-90 Faneromeni Street, Old Nicosia

Info:

Every summer, the courtyard of the Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation in Old Nicosia transforms into an open-air cultural hub. This year is particularly special, marking the festival’s 10th anniversary (2016–2026). Expect a sophisticated yet accessible atmosphere where history meets contemporary creativity.

Summer Movie Marathon At Konstantia Open Air



Category:
Culture & Creativity

Dates:
July - September

Venue:
Konstantia Cinema Theatre

Info:

A seasonal film event, hosted in a nostalgic outdoor courtyard, it brings the community together five nights a week to enjoy a curated selection of international arthouse and award-winning cinema.

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Lifestyle

Assumption of the Virgin Mary ‘Dekapentavgoustos’

Locally known as Dekapentavgoustos, this is one of the most revered dates on the Orthodox calendar.

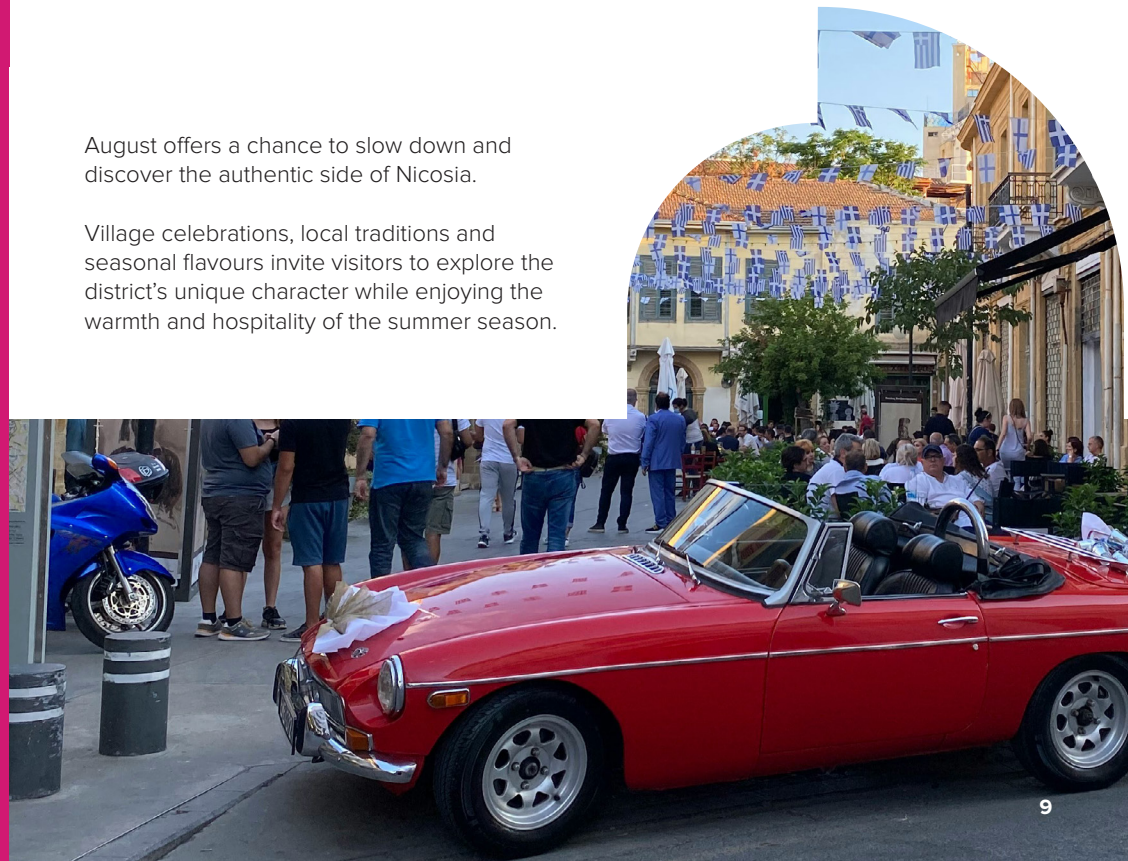
Lifestyle

Farmakas Tomato Festival

The Farmakas Tomato Festival is an annual summer celebration to honor the region's famous mountain-grown tomatoes.

August offers a chance to slow down and discover the authentic side of Nicosia.

Village celebrations, local traditions and seasonal flavours invite visitors to explore the district’s unique character while enjoying the warmth and hospitality of the summer season.





Assumption of the Virgin Mary ‘Dekapentavgoustos’

Category:
Culture & Creativity

Dates:
15 August

Venue:
National Holiday

Info:
Locally known as Dekapentavgoustos (literally “the 15th of August”), this is one of the most revered dates on the Orthodox calendar. It commemorates the falling asleep and bodily assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven. Cyprus completely slows down for this holiday. Families gather for massive feasts, breaking a strict two-week fast with grilled souvla (large chunks of spit-roasted meat). Major monasteries, like Kykkos in the Troodos mountains, hold beautiful, crowded festivals and church services.



Farmakas Tomato Festival

Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
End of August

Venue:
Farmakas

Info:
The Farmakas Tomato Festival is an annual summer celebration held in the village square to honor the region’s famous mountain-grown tomatoes. Visitors can taste traditional tomato-based delicacies, watch live cooking demonstrations, and browse stalls filled with fresh local produce. The event features vibrant Cypriot folk music and dance performances, creating a lively community.



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Culture & Creativity

European Heritage Days

The European Heritage Days in Cyprus are an annual autumn initiative that opens the doors to historic buildings, private mansions, and archaeological sites.

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Flying Away Art & Music Festival

Nicosia's ultimate three-day September block par

Lifestyle

Dance Waves Festival

The Dance Waves Festival is an annual contemporary dance event.

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World Tourism Day

The city comes alive with cultural activities.

Lifestyle

SeptemberFest Nicosia Beer Fun Festival

The largest beer festival on the island and Nicosia's signature end-of-summer event

Lifestyle

Antama Festival

The Antama Festival is a vibrant weekend celebration held in late September at the Nicosia Municipal Gardens.

Culture & Creativity

Culture Festival

The Nicosia International Festival is Cyprus' premier performing arts event.



As the city returns to its lively rhythm, September brings fresh energy to Nicosia.

Cultural experiences, outdoor gatherings and community celebrations fill the calendar, creating the perfect opportunity to rediscover the capital after the summer months.



European Heritage Days

Category:
Culture & Creativity

Dates:
September and October

Venue:
Old Nicosia & Cultural Sites

Info:
The European Heritage Days in Cyprus are an annual autumn initiative that opens the doors to historic buildings, private mansions, and archaeological sites that are normally closed to the general public. Organized island-wide by the Department of Town Planning and Housing, the event celebrates local culture through free activities like guided architectural tours, traditional craft workshops, and storytelling sessions. It offers a unique opportunity for both locals and travelers to explore the hidden history, diverse architecture, and living traditions of Cyprus's towns and rural villages.

SeptemberFest Nicosia Beer Fun Festival



Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
1 - 7 September

Venue:
Akadimias Park, Aglantzia, Nicosia

Info:
The largest beer festival on the island and Nicosia's signature end-of-summer event. For seven consecutive nights, thousands of people gather to sample hundreds of local and imported beers. The main draw, however, is the massive live concerts. Every night features major rock, pop, and traditional artists flying in from Greece and Cyprus. The air is thick with the smell of street food, souvlaki, and burgers.

Flying Away Art & Music Festival



Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
Mid September

Venue:
tba

Info:
The Flying Away Art & Music Festival is Nicosia's ultimate three-day September block party. It pairs a massive outdoor market showcasing over 150 local artists and designers with a high-energy music festival featuring top Greek and Cypriot alternative bands, global street food trucks, and craft cocktail bars.



Antama Festival

Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
12 - 13 September

Venue:
Nicosia Municipal Gardens

Info:
The Antama Festival is a vibrant weekend celebration held in late September at the Nicosia Municipal Gardens that aims to reconnect younger generations with their roots. The event features massive open-air traditional music concerts, folk dancing, and interactive workshops showcasing fading Cypriot crafts and authentic local gastronomy.

Dance Waves Festival

Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
25 - 27 September

Venue:
Egomio Black Box Theatre

Info:

The Dance Waves Festival is an annual contemporary dance event showcasing cutting-edge short choreographic works from local and international artists.



21st Cyprus International Film Festival (CYIFF "Golden Aphrodite")

Category:
Culture & Creativity

Dates:
20 September - 31 December

Venue:
Melina Merkouri Hall

Info:

The Nicosia International Festival is Cyprus' premier performing arts event, showcasing a diverse, year-round lineup of theatre, music, and contemporary dance. The festival brings together world-class international creators and local artists to champion themes of inclusivity and cultural heritage.

World Tourism Day

Category:
Culture & Creativity

Dates:
27 September

Venue:
Cultural Hubs And Public Spaces

Info:

The city comes alive with cultural activities, including walking tours of the historic Old Town and festivals featuring traditional music, local food, and crafts. Organized by local tourism boards, the event also emphasizes sustainability through community eco-cleaning initiatives and hospitality awards.

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Culture & Creativity

Cyprus Independence Day

This day marks the island's official independence from British colonial rule in 1960.

Lifestyle

Nicosia Book Fest

Nicosia Book Fest is an annual cultural event that celebrates literature and promotes love for reading in the community of Cyprus.

Lifestyle

Cyprus Cocktail Festival

Outdoor bar festival with award-winning cocktails and DJ sets.

Lifestyle

Zivania Festival

Traditional rural festival with zivania tastings, local products, music and folk dancing.

Culture & Creativity

Independence Day (Oxi Day)

Oxi Day (The "No" Day) commemorates the exact moment in 1940 when the Greek Prime Minister gave a defiant one-word response—"Oxi!"—to Italian dictator Mussolini's ultimatum.

Lifestyle

Cyprus Comic Con

Pop-culture expo with cosplay, panels, gaming, and fan meet-ups.

Lifestyle

Cyprus Rally

The Cyprus Rally is an international motorsport competition.

Culture & Creativity

Buffer Fringe

The Buffer Fringe Performing Arts Festival is an annual event featuring performances.

Culture & Creativity

Pame Kaimakli Festival

The Pame Kaimakli Festival is an annual community event that transforms public streets and private courtyards into open-air contemporary art hubs.



The city is buzzing with activities as October is a month full of energy and inspiration.

From creative festivals and cultural experiences to vibrant neighbourhood events, Nicosia showcases its dynamic and contemporary character.



Cyprus Independence Day

Category:
Culture & Creativity

Dates:
1 October

Venue:
National Holiday

Info:

This day marks the island's official independence from British colonial rule in 1960. The centerpiece of the day is a massive, formal military parade held in the capital city of Nicosia, attended by the President and international dignitaries. It is a day filled with patriotism, flag-waving, and family gatherings.

Cyprus Comic Con



Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
2 - 4 October

Venue:
Cyprus State Fair, Engomi

Info:
The massive indoor and outdoor halls are taken over by world-class cosplayers, international celebrity guests (from shows like Game of Thrones or Stranger Things), comic book artists, and gaming tournaments. If you are anywhere in Nicosia during this weekend, you will see people dressed as superheroes or anime characters riding the city buses.

Nicosia Book Fest



Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
9 - 11 October

Venue:
Acropolis Park

Info:
Vibrant and community-minded. Acropolis Park gets completely taken over by hundreds of stalls representing publishers, local and international bookstores, foreign embassies, and universities. Beyond buying books at great prices, the festival features multiple stages hosting live theater performances, interactive storytelling for children, panel discussions on current socio-political issues, and meet-and-greets with famous authors.



Cyprus Rally

Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
9 - 11 October

Venue:
Nicosia District Roads

Info:
The Cyprus Rally is an international motorsport competition where drivers race high-performance cars on rough gravel roads at high speeds.

Cyprus Cocktail Festival



Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
tba

Venue:
Near Municipal Theatre / Outdoor Square

Info:
The Cyprus Cocktail Festival is a massive, free-admission mixology event held annually at the Nicosia Municipal Theatre plaza. It transforms the capital's center into an open-air party featuring over 20 top-tier local and international pop-up bars. Visitors can enjoy unique craft cocktails, street food, and live music from popular radio DJs.

Zivania Festival



Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
24 - 25 October

Venue:
Alona village, Nicosia District

Info:
The Zivania Festival is a cultural celebration in Cyprus dedicated to the island's traditional spirit. It takes place every autumn in scenic mountain villages like Alona and Pelendri, where visitors can watch live distillation, taste free samples, and enjoy local food, folk music, and dancing. While some hosting villages belong to the Nicosia district, the event is held exclusively in the Troodos mountains rather than the capital city itself.



Buffer Fringe

Category:
Culture & Creativity

Dates:
2 - 4 October

Venue:
tba

Info:

The Buffer Fringe Performing Arts Festival is an annual three-day event featuring a variety of experimental and interdisciplinary solo and collaborative performances. It showcases local and international artists using theater, music, and physical performance to encourage peaceful coexistence and social transformation.



Pame Kaimakli Festival

Category:
Culture & Creativity

Dates:
24 - 25 October

Venue:
Sinergasias Street

Info:

The Pame Kaimakli Festival is an annual community event that transforms public streets and private courtyards into open-air contemporary art hubs. It features interactive installations, workshops, performances, and films created through close collaborations between artists and local residents.



Independence Day (Oxi Day)

Category:
Culture & Creativity

Dates:
28 October

Venue:
National Holiday

Info:

Oxi Day (The “No” Day) commemorates the exact moment in 1940 when the Greek Prime Minister gave a defiant one-word response—”Oxi!”—to Italian dictator Mussolini’s ultimatum to allow Axis forces to occupy Greece during WWII. Because of Cyprus’s profound cultural ties to Greece, it is celebrated with equal fervor here. You will see student parades in every major town and village across Cyprus. Schoolchildren march in uniform down the main streets, accompanied by marching bands, carrying Greek and Cypriot flags.

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Fikardou Christmas Festival

The village transforms into a winter festival featuring lit streets and local food stalls

Lifestyle

Paramithoupoli

The village transforms into a winter festival featuring lit streets and local food stalls.

Lifestyle

Eleftheria Square Christmas Market (Pop-Up)

This free Christmas market transforms a modern city square into a cozy holiday village filled with live music and festive street food.



As autumn settles in, Nicosia embraces a season of culture, creativity and discovery.

The city’s welcoming atmosphere, combined with a growing festive spirit, makes November an ideal time to explore its unique experiences and hidden gems.





Fikardou Christmas Festival

Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
tba

Venue:
Fikardou, Cyprus

Info:
The village transforms into a winter festival featuring lit streets and local food stalls. Visitors can attend craft workshops, watch live performances, and tour the historic stone houses.

Paramithoupoli



Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
tba

Venue:
Strovolos

Info:

The village transforms into a winter festival featuring lit streets and local food stalls. Visitors can attend craft workshops, watch live performances, and tour the historic stone houses.

Eleftheria Square Christmas Market (Pop-Up)



Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
November-January tba

Venue:
Eleftheria Square

Info:

This free Christmas market transforms a modern city square into a cozy holiday village filled with live music and festive street food. Visitors can explore over 200 rotating artisan stalls offering unique handmade gifts, warm seasonal drinks, and specialized international food pop-ups.



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Lifestyle

Nicosia Mall Christmas Experience

The Nicosia Mall Christmas Experience converts the shopping center into a holiday-themed spac

Lifestyle

Oenognosia

Oenognosia is an annual international wine exhibition that showcases hundreds of labels from Cypriot, Greek, and global producers.

Lifestyle

Christmas at Chrysaliniotissa

Christmas at Chrysaliniotissa is a holiday event held in the old town quarter of Nicosia.

Lifestyle

Laiki Geitonia Christmas Village

Laiki Geitonia Christmas Village is a festive holiday market located in Nicosia.





Festive lights, seasonal traditions and family-friendly experiences transform Nicosia into a magical winter destination.

Across the city and district, visitors can enjoy the warmth, charm and celebrations that make December one of the most memorable times of the year.



Nicosia Mall Christmas Experience

Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
Late November – December tba

Venue:
Nicosia Mall

Info:
The Nicosia Mall Christmas Experience converts the shopping center into a holiday-themed space with light displays and decorations. Throughout December, the mall hosts public events including children's workshops, parades, and live music performances.

Oenognosia



Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
6 December

Venue:
Pavilion Hall

Info:

Oenognosia is an annual international wine exhibition that showcases hundreds of labels from Cypriot, Greek, and global producers. The event brings together industry professionals and enthusiasts for extensive tastings, masterclasses, and networking opportunities.

Christmas at Chrysaliniotissa



Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
Mid–Late December tba

Venue:
Chrysaliniotissa Crafts Centre

Info:

Christmas at Chrysaliniotissa is a holiday event held in the old town quarter of Nicosia. It features markets, open artist studios, live music, and church services.



Laiki Geitonia Christmas Village

Category:
Lifestyle

Dates:
tba

Venue:
Laiki Geitonia, Nicosia Old Town

Info:
Laiki Geitonia Christmas Village is a festive holiday market located in Nicosia's historic pedestrian quarter. It transforms traditional stone-paved alleys into a winter wonderland featuring wooden stalls with Cypriot crafts, seasonal street food, mulled wine, and live holiday entertainment.



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