



The Euromed 2012 Excursions

1st and 2nd November, 2012

Two exciting complimentary excursions offered to Conference participants as well as their accompanied persons by the Cyprus University of Technology: lunch and drinks are not included.

Register now on events@cut.ac.cy (with the subject: **EuroMed2012 excursions**) as there is a limited availability of bus seats.

Final confirmation will be asked during the 1st day of the Conference.

Route #1 – Thursday 1st November

The Monastery of Kykkos



A guided tour by bus.

Departure from the Amathus Hotel, Limassol at 8:30am (estimated)

Arrival at the Amathus Hotel at 18:00 (estimated)





The excursion is through the Marathasa area. The route leads up to an altitude of 1318 metres northwest of Troodos, leading to the world-renowned Monastery of Kykkos.

- Drive up (50 min.) to the village of Platres, a popular hill resort since the British rule of the island. The village history dates back to the Lusignan (Frank Rule, 1192-1489 AD) and the Venetian Era (1489-1571 AD). Enjoy a short coffee break in the environment that had inspired Greek Nobel prize laureate (Literature, 1963) George Seferis.
- Next stop (20 min. drive) is the Trikoukkia Monastery, operated by nuns that live there. Most historians place its foundation to Byzantine times. The Cypriot medieval chronicler Leontios Machairas suggests that it is older than that of Kykkos. The Monastery has seen days of glory especially under Frankish Rule.
- The Holy, Royal and Stavropegic Monastery of Kykkos, (50 min. drive) is the wealthiest and best-known Greek Orthodox monastery in Cyprus. It was founded around the end of the 11th century by the Byzantine emperor Alexios I Komnenos (1081 - 1118). The first President of the Republic of Cyprus, Archbishop Makarios III, served here as a novice. At his own wish he was buried on the summit of Throni, 3 kilometers west of the monastery, and not far from his native village of Panayia.

The Museum of Kykkos is situated inside the holy monastery itself and like its treasure it forms an integral part of the religious complex. The exhibits such as icons, holy objects, woodcarvings, vestments, embroideries, manuscripts etc., are exhibited as part of the living adoration and the history of the monastery. The Museum contains invaluable religious relics which have been collected by the zeal and piety of the monks, objects that have overcome the ravages of time - full of meaning and history.

Lunch at Kykkos.

More information:

<http://www.platres.org>

<http://noctoc-noctoc.blogspot.com/2009/10/monastery-of-panagia-trikoukkia.html>

<http://www.kykkos-museum.cy.net/index2.html>

http://www.visitcyprus.com/wps/portal!/ut/p/c4/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os3hXN0fHYE8TIwMLtzBXA6NQ48DAoBAjQwMvE_3g1Dz9gmxHRQBtfxRy/?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/English_en/CTO+B2C/Tourist+Information/Culture/Sites_and_Monuments/Kykkos_Monastery



Route #2 – Friday 2nd November

The Eastern Route

A guided tour by bus

Departure from the Amathus Hotel, Limassol at 9:00am (estimated)

Arrival at the Amathus Hotel at 15:00 (estimated)

The route is along the eastern part of Limassol and the western outskirts of the Larnaca District. The excursion combines visits to sites of antiquity, folk tradition and to one of the most popular fishing villages on the island.

- Imagine life in the Stone Age by visiting the ancient settlements of Tenta and Choirokoitia with its historic reconstructed round huts. (30min drive).
- Next stop (15 min drive) is at the picturesque hillside village of Lefkara, known for its lace and silverware. A walk through the narrow streets and alleys and a short coffee break.
- The excursion continues southwest towards the waterfront fishing village of Zygi. Depending on the Season, dozens of local fishermen supply the seafood restaurants on a daily basis with various kinds of sea breams (pagrus, dentex, white, red), the red mullet, the parrot fish, the rabbit fish, the octopus, the cuttlefish and squid.

Lunch at Zygi village.

More information:

<http://www.lefkara.org.cy> and <http://www.zygi.com/en/history-len/>

