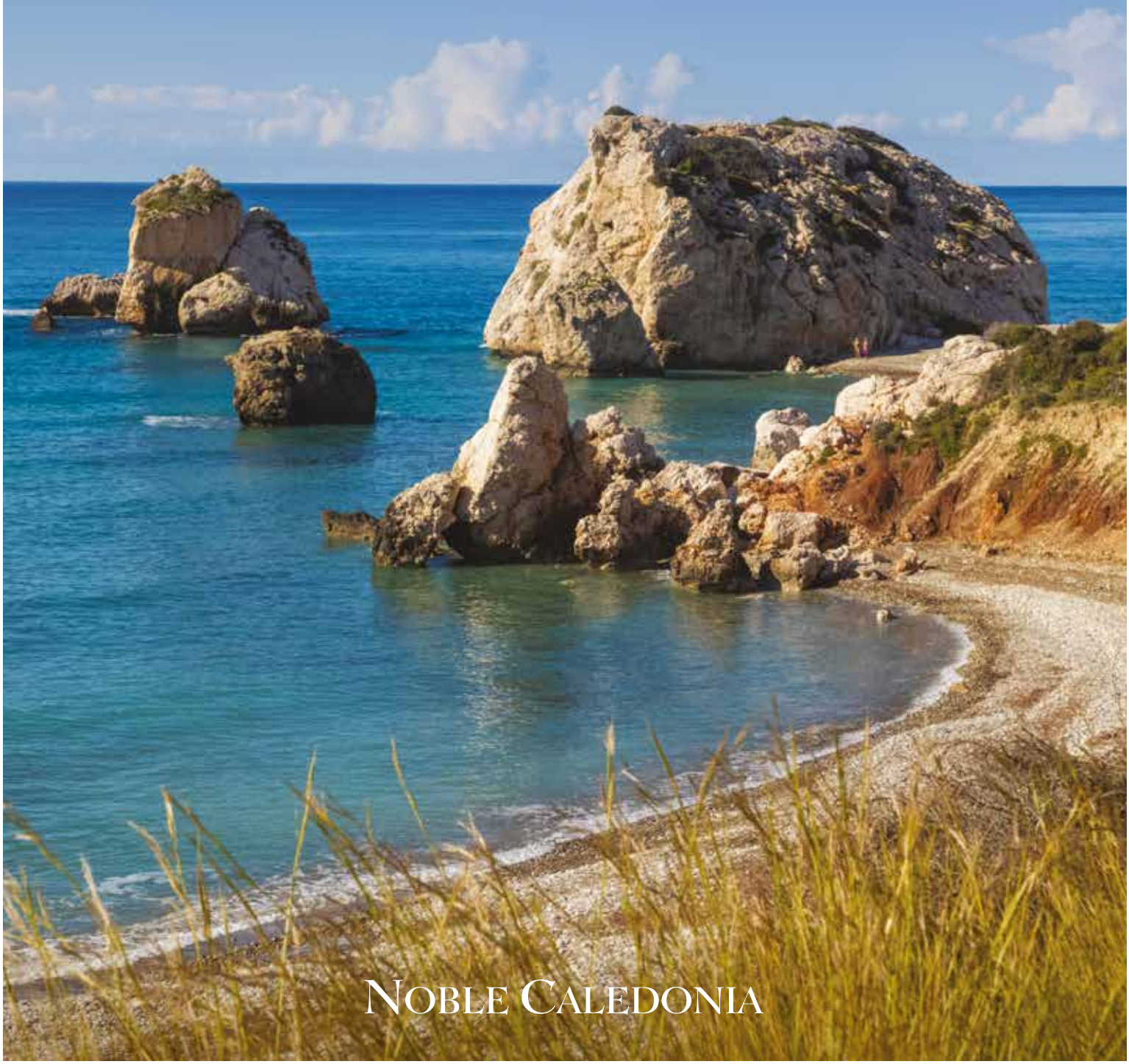
CYPRIOT TREASURES

An escorted tour discovering the ancient sites of southern Cyprus
staying at the Amathus Beach Hotel

22nd to 29th March & 1st to 8th November 2027



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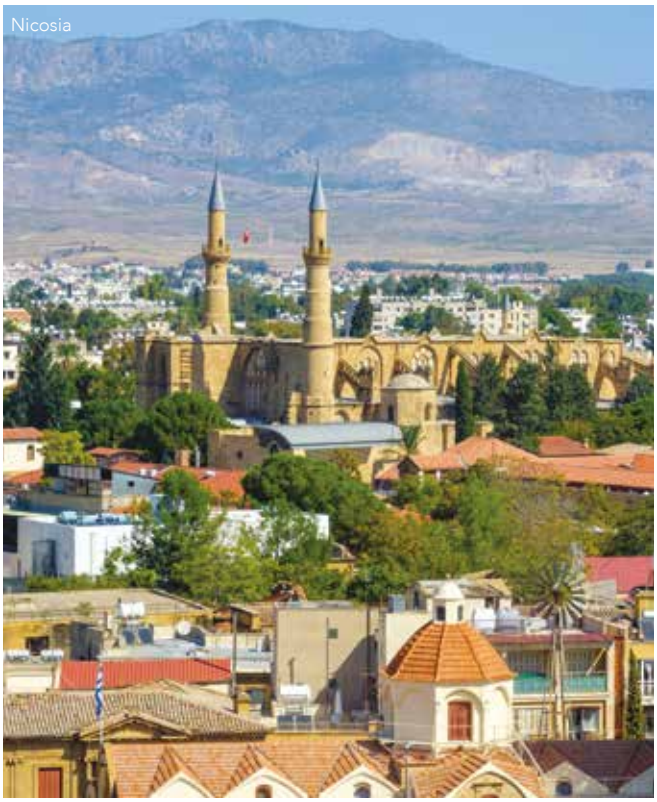

Kolossi castle


Mosaic floor in the archaeological park, Paphos


Omodos village, Troodos Mountains


Kourion

Dotted with ancient ruins, Medieval castles, Byzantine churches and monasteries, Cyprus is a land steeped in ancient mythology with a fascinating history and a compelling culture and lifestyle. The island also enjoys glorious sunshine for much of the year and a coastline teeming with endless stretches of white-sand beaches, secluded bays and rocky coves, all surrounded by the crystal-clear waters of the Mediterranean Sea. For our week on the island, we have chosen to stay at the five-star Amathus Beach Hotel on the south coast and have included two full days at leisure to relax and enjoy the many facilities, including a private beach, landscaped gardens, swimming pools and Spa. During our included guided tours, we will visit Paphos with its array of extraordinary archaeological sites such as the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Tombs of the Kings, which are unique in Cyprus being heavily influenced by ancient Egyptian traditions, and the House of Dionysos with its fabulously preserved mosaics which date back to the 2nd century AD. Close by we will also discover pine-clad mountain villages with their simple stone Byzantine churches featuring Medieval icons and the city of Nicosia.


Nicosia

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Limassol, Cyprus. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the Amathus Beach Hotel for a seven night stay. Enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel this evening. **(D)**

Day 2 Limassol. Our first stop this morning is the Temple of Apollo, one of the main religious centres of ancient Cyprus, where Apollo was worshipped as God of the Woodlands. It seems that the worship of Apollo on this site began as early as the 8th century BC and continued until the 4th century AD. We will continue to the ruins of Kourion, a city built in 1200 BC. Of particular interest are the public baths, the necropolis, the Fountain House, House of Gladiators and House of Achilles. The most spectacular site at Kourion is the Greco-Roman Theatre that has been completely restored and is used today for open air musical and theatrical performances. We will also visit Kolossi Castle, which was built in the 15th century on the ruins of a former fortress dated to the beginning of the 13th century. Some of these ruins can still be seen east of the present castle. Continue through the wine-growing region around Limassol and through the fragrant citrus plantations to the old centre of Limassol for lunch and some free time before we visit Limassol Fort, just above the old harbour. According to tradition, this is where Richard the Lionheart married Berengaria of Navarre and crowned her Queen of England in 1191. The fortified walls are of considerable archaeological interest and thought to be fragments of a much larger castle. Return to the hotel and meet later this evening for dinner. **(B, L, D)**

Day 3 Troodos Mountain Villages. After breakfast, we will explore the Troodos Mountains. Our first stop will be the 11th century church of Saint Nicholas of the Roof which in 1985 was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list alongside nine other painted Byzantine churches of the




Limassol

Troodos range. It is completely painted with murals dating from the 11th to the 17th centuries and is considered one of the most interesting Byzantine churches on the island. The church took its name from the steep, pitched timber roof that was built to protect it from the weather. Close by is the beautifully cool and green village of Kakopetria where huge plane trees line the streets, squares and the banks of the river. We will continue to the picturesque village of Omodos, where we will take a walk past the monastery and restored houses before we stop for lunch. Omodos is also known for its traditional wine press known as 'Linos' and we will stop at a local winery where we will have the opportunity to taste the wine and other products produced on the estate. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. **(B, L)**

Day 4 Limassol. Spend the day at leisure to enjoy the hotel's facilities or take the local bus into Limassol town centre. Alternately, a short walk from the hotel will take you to the impressive remains of the archaeological site of Amathus, one of the ancient royal cities of Cyprus until about 300 BC. **(B)**

Day 5 Paphos. We will depart for our guided excursion after breakfast and make a brief stop at the most famous landmark in Cyprus - Aphrodite's Rock, the birthplace of the Goddess of Love and Beauty. We continue to Saint Neophytos Monastery founded by the Cypriot hermit and writer Neophytos. It is built in what used to be a secluded location at the head of a picturesque valley. The Egkleistra, an enclosure carved out of the mountain by the hermit at the end of the 12th century, contains some of the finest Byzantine frescoes from the 12th to the 15th centuries. The later monastery church contains some of the best examples of post Byzantine icons of the 16th century. Then on to Paphos where we will visit the 13th century Chrysopolitissa Church which is shared by the Anglican and Catholic congregations, who hold regular services at the invitation of the local Orthodox priest. Saint Paul visited Paphos in 45 AD in an attempt to convert the ruler of the time to Christianity. He was successful in his efforts, but not before being tied and whipped to an otherwise unremarkable lump of stone, the Pillar of Saint Paul which we will see during our visit. It is one of several popular stops for pilgrims who come to see the religious sites of this early bastion of the Christian faith. We continue to the archaeological park, known as the House of Dionysos with the fabulously preserved mosaics which date back to the 2nd century AD. The name House of Dionysos is mainly due to the many representations of Dionysos, the God of wine. Our final stop in Paphos is at the Tombs of the Kings. Spread over a vast area, these impressive underground tombs date back to the 4th century BC and are carved out of solid rock while some are decorated with Doric pillars. High officials rather than Kings were buried here, but the magnificence of the tombs gave the locality its name. After lunch and some free time in the picturesque fishing harbour of Paphos, return to the hotel. Enjoy dinner at the hotel this evening. **(B, L, D)**

Day 6 Nicosia. Today we visit Nicosia, the only divided capital city left in the world, part of the city is under Turkish occupation. We begin the day with a visit to a handicraft centre where we can see traditional skills still performed, and then continue to the 'Green Line' which divides the city. We will have a panoramic view of the capital passing in front of the Venetian Walls, the Famagusta Gate, the Statue of Liberty and finally we will stop in front of the Archbishop's Palace. We will visit Saint John's Cathedral which was built in 1662 and is the only church in Nicosia in which the internal wall paintings have survived in their entirety. Then on to the Cyprus Archaeological Museum, founded in 1882 it is the oldest and largest archaeological museum in Cyprus. The museum houses artefacts discovered during numerous excavations on the island and is home to the most extensive collection of Cypriot antiquities in the world. The tour continues towards the newly restored 'Laiki Gitonia', an example of an old Cypriot neighbourhood, where we will stop for lunch and have time for shopping (folk art, jewels, pottery). Return to the hotel where the remainder of the afternoon and evening are at leisure. **(B, L)**

Day 7 Limassol. Spend a final day at leisure to enjoy the hotel's facilities or to explore further independently. Meet this evening for a farewell dinner at a local taverna. **(B, D)**

Day 8 Limassol to London. After breakfast check out and transfer to the airport for the return scheduled flight to London. **(B)**

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

	Mar 2027	Nov 2027
Superior Sea View Room – Twin:	£3195	£3395
Superior Sea View Room – Sole Occupancy:	£4195	£4395

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Seven nights accommodation at Amathus Beach Hotel, Limassol • Meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner) • Wine, beer and soft drinks with included lunches and dinners • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Excursions as described with local guides • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes
Not Included: Travel insurance.
Group Size: We are restricting the group size to no more than 25 participants.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

The Amathus Beach Hotel, Limassol, Cyprus

The base for our week-long exploration of southern Cyprus is the Amathus Beach Hotel, a five-star resort situated on the southwest of the Bay of Limassol and fully renovated in March 2025. Set away from the bustle of Limassol's centre, and close to the archaeological site of the kingdom of Amathus, the hotel's unrivalled setting provides spectacular views of the island's southern coastline and boasts a private beach, indoor and outdoor swimming pools and extensive Spa facilities. The property features 239 rooms, many of which benefit from magnificent sea views.



Amathus Beach Hotel

Your Room

During your stay you will be accommodated in the comfortable Superior Sea View rooms which offer 26 square metres of space, a furnished balcony with stunning views over the bay, and an en-suite bathroom with walk-in shower (a room with a bathtub is on request). The room amenities include central air-conditioning/heating, LCD TV, safe deposit box, mini-bar, bathrobes and slippers, and tea and coffee making facilities. The beds can be configured as twin or double. There is complimentary W-Fi in the room as well as throughout the hotel.



Amathus Gardens



Athina Lounge

Your Space & Dining

The hotel commands glorious sea views and has an indoor saltwater swimming pool and an outdoor freshwater pool, landscaped gardens and two beaches within extensive grounds. There is also a large fitness centre and Spa with sauna, steam bath and treatment rooms. The hotel offers a choice of restaurants and bars. The Kalypso Restaurant serves an extensive buffet breakfast with live cooking stations as well as an à la carte dinner, whilst The Grill Room offers prime steaks with commanding views of the Mediterranean. The Athina Lounge & Terrace is the perfect spot to unwind and relax with a large selection of cocktails, aperitifs and snacks as well as tea and coffee during the day.



Superior Sea View Room



Pool



The Kalypso Restaurant

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