

## 22/05/2026 FULL DAY TOUR TO LARNACA & LEFKARA

➤ Approximate Starting time: 09:00hrs / Finishing time: 15:30hrs



The Tour starts with the Three-Domed Basilica of Saint Lazarus. Located in its own square in the center of Larnaca Town, the magnificent stone church of Saint Lazarus is one of the most remarkable examples of Byzantine architecture in Cyprus and stands over the tomb of the Saint. Built by the Byzantine Emperor Leo VI in the late 9<sup>th</sup> Century, the church was restored in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Although the three domes along with the original bell tower of the Basilica were destroyed in the first years of the Ottoman rule, the gold-covered Iconostas survived this stay, and it is a fine example of Baroque style wood carving. Saint Lazarus came to Cyprus after being resurrected by Jesus Christ, where he was ordained as the Bishop of Kition (Ancient Larnaca) by the Apostles Barnabas and Paul and lived in Kition for 30 years until his second death.

The tour continues to Hala Sultan Tekke. The monument is located on the west bank of the salt lake and was erected over different phases, commencing from 1760 and completed in 1817. It is one of the most important Islamic monuments and revered sites in the Muslim world, which is used for religious purposes to this day. The mosque was built over the grave of Umm Haram, who was believed to be the sister of the Prophet Mohammad's Foster Mother or a follower from Medina to Cyprus. Umm Haram arrived on the island during the 7<sup>th</sup> Century, during the Arabic raids to expand the Muslim Empire in the Mediterranean Sea. However, she died shortly after her arrival and was buried on the same place where she had Fallen from her Mule and later the Tekke was constructed. After Hala Sultan Tekke the tour will continue to Lefkara Village.



On the journey to Lefkara we will pass by the so-called Kamares, 18<sup>th</sup> Century Roman-Style Aqueduct, which is an open-air sight that was built by the Ottomans, that funded sources to carry water to Larnaca from a water source 10 km out of the city. Arriving at Lefkara Village, you will be impressed by the picturesque narrow alleys and the impressive architecture of the Venetian – Frankish inspired houses, built amphitheatrically around the spring of the Village. Wandering around the beautiful alleys, take a break and enjoy a traditional cup of coffee or a homemade lemonade. What makes Lefkara famous though is the Cypriot Lace Embroidery known as Lefkaritiko, which began during the Venetian Period of the island. During this Period, the Village of Lefkara was a popular summer holiday resort for the Venetian Nobility, who taught the women of the village this style of embroidery. Over the years, the local women enhanced the lace designs by incorporating characteristic inspired by the Cypriot Nature. Lunch will be offered at a nearby village before departing back to the hotel.

### **TOUR PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Transfers with a 55-seater Big Bus from the Hotel according to the above itinerary.
- Lunch During Tour including 1 local drink per person.

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