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January Saw 28.8 Percent Boost in Arrivals



Alkamas

In January, Cyprus welcomed a total of 62,611 visitors, a year-on-year surge of 28.8 percent.

The UK and Russia were the main source markets, representing 27.8 percent and 21.8 percent of all arrivals, correspondingly. Additionally, the two countries also recorded significant growth during the month under review, with Russian travellers up 157.9 percent while British holiday-makers grew 19.6 percent. Furthermore, tourists from Israel, Greece and Germany also soared 55.3 percent, 19.1 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively.

On the other hand, there was a notable drop in visitors from Ukraine, down 23.5 percent. Some 53 percent arrived for holidays, 24.3 percent were visiting friends or family and 22.5 percent were on a business trip.

Air Transport Traffic Rise for Cyprus in 2016



Larnaka International Airport

According to a recent survey released by the Statistical Service of Cyprus, 2016 was a successful year for air transport compared to 2015.

The increase in air traffic recorded in 2016 was the result of establishing new airlines on the island, after the termination of activities of Cyprus Airways in 2015.

The Turnover Value Index of transport and storage for the fourth quarter of 2016 recorded an increase of 0.2 percent compared to the corresponding quarter of 2015. The survey assumes a successful future regarding air traffic on the island.

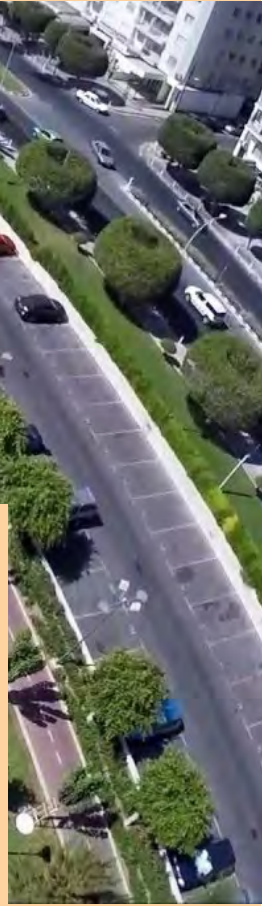
Cyprus Discussed the Prospects of Chinese Tourism

Molos promenade, Limassol

During the seminar titled; *Chinese Tourist Welcome*, matters relating to the strategic framework of attract Chinese tourists and serving their basic service principles were presented. The event, held at the Atlantica Miramare Hotel Beach, Limassol, on January 27, was co-organised by Elpis Tourism, Hospitality Seminars and Tourism Generis companies of Greece, under the auspices of the Association of Cyprus Travel Agents (ACTA).

The symposium was attended by representatives of ACTA, the Cyprus Tourism Organisation, Cyprus Hotel Association, as well as hotel executives, tourist offices and land development companies.

George Drakopoulos, certified instructor, Chinese Outbound Tourism Research Institute, said, "China is today, and will be for many years, the dynamic outbound tourism market. Cyprus, within the diversification strategy of the mixture of inbound purchases, must claim a share of the Chinese market, taking advantage of the islands natural beauty and culture."



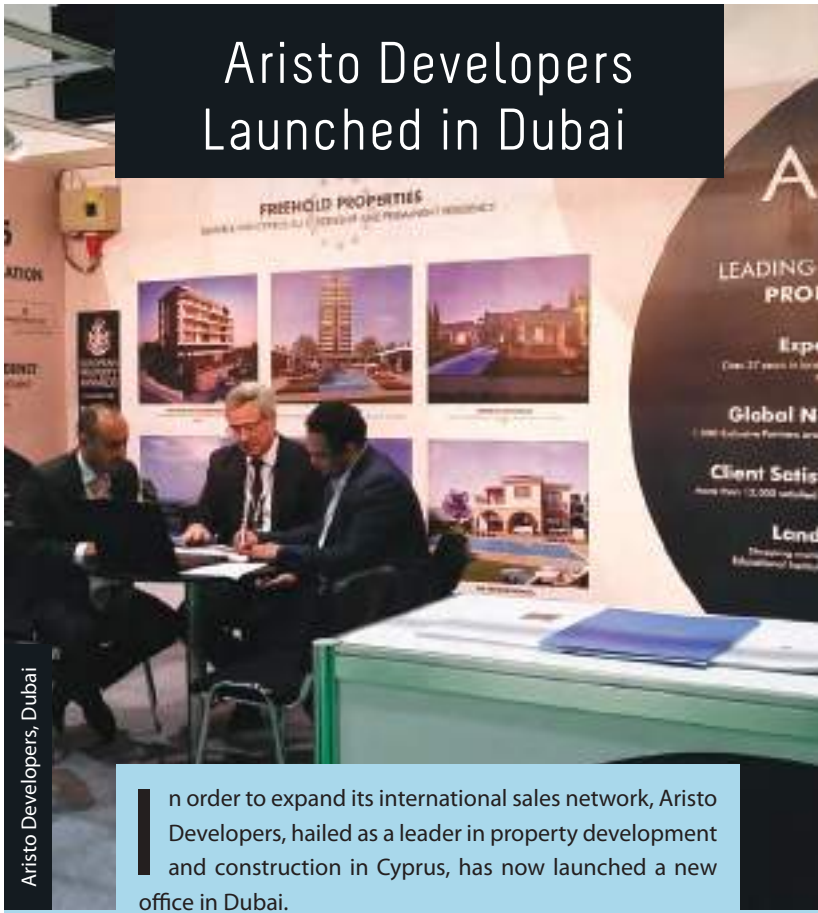
Aristo Developers Launched in Dubai

Aristo Developers, Dubai

In order to expand its international sales network, Aristo Developers, hailed as a leader in property development and construction in Cyprus, has now launched a new office in Dubai.

Boasting an experienced team of bespoke professionals, the new office offers a wide range of services and support to customers and partners of the company in the emirate.

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CSTI's Actions Towards Sustainable Tourism

Following the United Nations (UN) declaration that this year is the *International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development*, the Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Association (CSTI) has announced a series of steps and collaborations in order to promote Cyprus as a sustainable tourism destination.

During a conference, held on February 09, Philippos Drousiotis, chairman, CSTI, stressed that sustainable tourism is a vital tool for the promotion of the island's cultural heritage.

With special reference to the 2010 memorandum of understanding, which had been signed between the CSTI, the Cyprus Tourism Organisation and the Travel Foundation, Drousiotis mentioned a series of innovative projects that resulted from the collaboration with Greening Cyprus Beaches which

has been awarded with the prize of Best practice from the MITOMED programme.

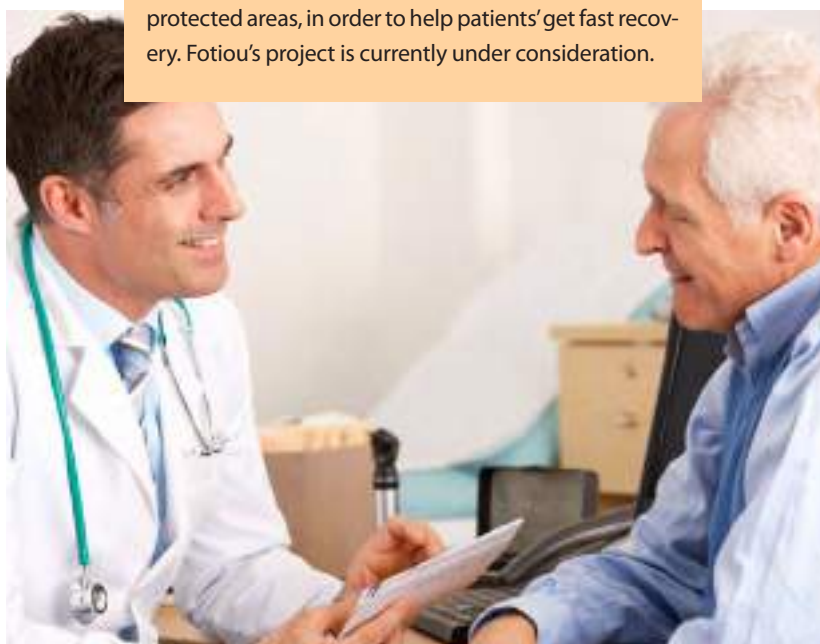
According to Drousiotis, close collaboration of the industry with government agents will play an integral role in the future for the promotion of sustainable tourism on an international level. Drousiotis also announced a series of future training projects and initiatives. These include, a training programme for the hotel industry on waste management in collaboration with the University of Cyprus as well as the celebration of the World Environment Day with the annual cleaning activities of Nissi Beach in Ayia Napa. He also talked about CSTI's participation in European programmes such as the ALTER ECO, aiming to enhance the local sustainable development of tourism by promoting Mediterranean identity.

Drousiotis

Fotiou Promotes Medical Tourism

After announcing plans to construct a diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitation centre in Souskiou village, Apostolos Fotiou, has presented a vision to transform Paphos into a hub for medical tourism.

Due to feature 60 beds, on-site staff accommodation, a physiotherapy centre and a gym as well as a spacious parking area, the new medical centre will be situated in a quiet location, between two *Natura 2000* protected areas, in order to help patients' get fast recovery. Fotiou's project is currently under consideration.



Ayia Napa Hosted Sculpture Symposium

Following the first phase of the 4th Sculpture Symposium, organised by Ayia Napa Municipality, 13 sculptures created by participating artists, have been transported from the municipality's technical workshop to Ayia Napa International Sculpture Park. The second phase of the symposium, which took place from March 01 – 02 welcomed artists from all over the world, such as Vassilis Vassili who currently lives in Canada who presented his project *Seeking Hades*.

The park was inaugurated in 2014 with the aim of creating a completely new tourist experience. The site continues to grow, with more works being added to its collection by talented international artists and it is gradually becoming a work with pan-European scope.



Ayia Napa International Sculpture Park

TECOMA SERVICES Supports FNL Cup 2017

TECOMA SERVICES Cyprus, the official representative of the Russian Federation Soccer, announced the resumption of the Football National League (FNL) Cup 2017 in Larnaca. 16 first-division teams of the Russian Premier League took part in the competition. The event hosted more than 700 people including players, coaches

and federation seniors.

All matches were available online and the final game was broadcasted live across Russia. The FNL Cup 2017 took place between February 11 – 24 in Larnaca and was supported by the Cyprus Tourism Organisation, hoteliers and other stakeholders.



FNL Cup

Maragkou's Interview at CNA

In an interview given at Cyprus News Agency (CNA), Anna Maragkou, and vice chairwoman, International Association for the Reunification of the Parthenon Sculptures, highlighted the significance of the monument as an integral part of the Greek cultural heritage.

The Cypriot archaeologist underlined that the return of the marbles is a crucial matter not only for Greeks and Cypriots but also for the humanity. Maragkou, emphasised, "The Parthenon is not just a symbol which belongs to Greece. It is now ecumenical and when an ecumenical construction is missing its half, then we have an argument to put forward." She also suggested that the British Museum should return the Parthenon marbles and Greece will commit to granting the museum important pieces from its collections the enhancing continuous relationship of the museum with the Greek government.



Anna Maragkou



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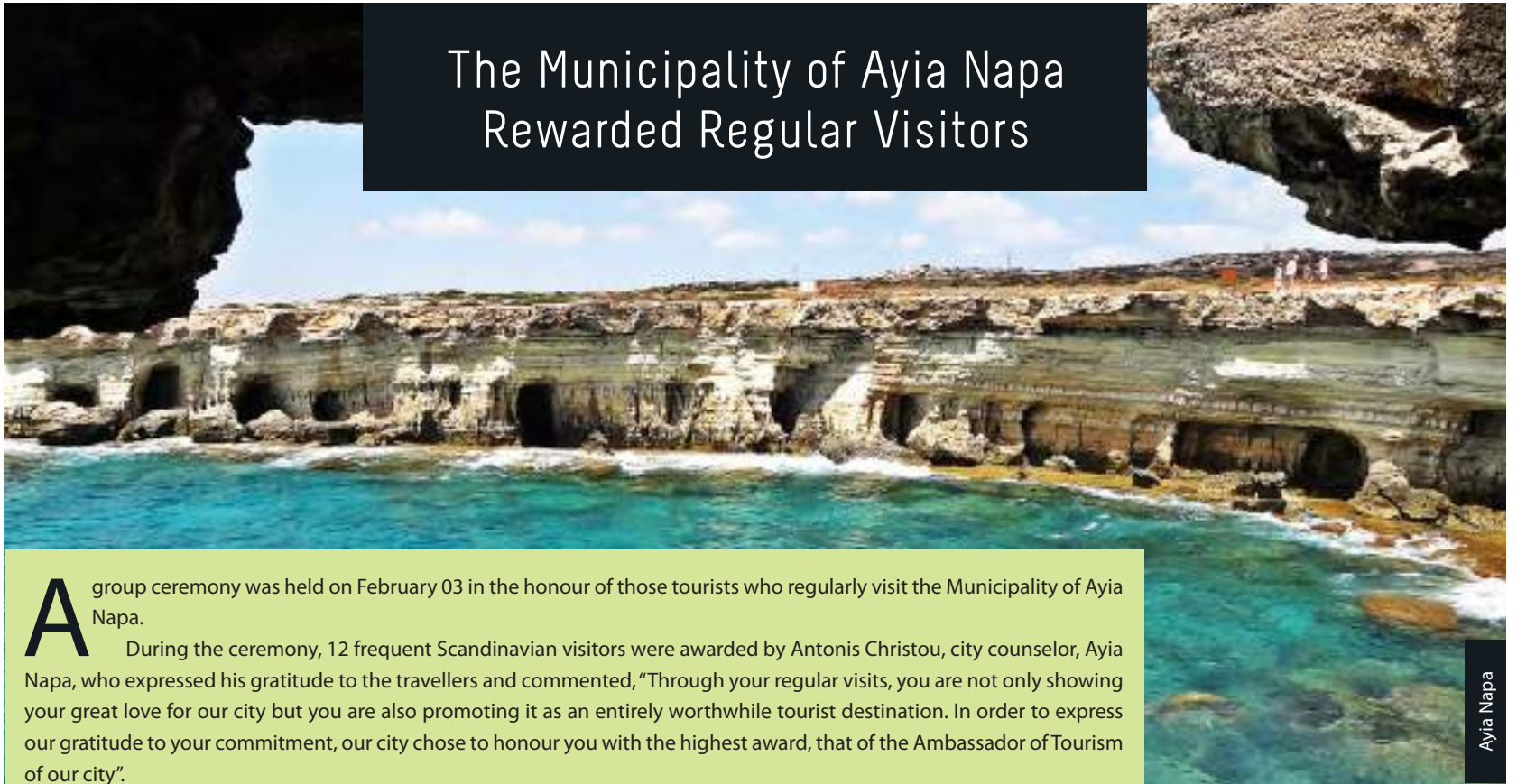
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The Municipality of Ayia Napa Rewarded Regular Visitors



Ayia Napa

A group ceremony was held on February 03 in the honour of those tourists who regularly visit the Municipality of Ayia Napa. During the ceremony, 12 frequent Scandinavian visitors were awarded by Antonis Christou, city counselor, Ayia Napa, who expressed his gratitude to the travellers and commented, "Through your regular visits, you are not only showing your great love for our city but you are also promoting it as an entirely worthwhile tourist destination. In order to express our gratitude to your commitment, our city chose to honour you with the highest award, that of the Ambassador of Tourism of our city".

Get to Know Your Charming Region 2017



Oroklini Lake

Organised by the Larnaka Tourism Board, the annual *Get to Know Your Charming Region 2017* field trip was successfully held on February 15.

Through a wide range of experiential activities, participants had the opportunity to learn about Larnaka's unique biotopes and historic buildings. The trip started at Oroklini Lake, a natural wetland that is home to more than 190 bird species, where visitors had the opportunity to learn from experts about the birds' natural habitats and behavioural ecology.

The next destination was the Craft of Caning Museum in Livadia, a village that is home to a unique basket weaving folk art, followed by a visit at Saint Mina's Monastery, a 15th century building that blends Byzantine and Gothic architecture. The tour ended with a beekeeping activity organised by G.S Ecophys in Vavla. The Larnaka Tourism Board expressed its gratitude to tour operators and Cyprus Tourism Organisation's staff for their significant contribution to the success of the trip.

Larnaca Goes Green

In order to enhance surroundings for its residents and visitors, the Municipality of Larnaca has adopted a green approach by transforming key avenues and roads into green spaces.

This initiative aims to improve the image of the city while also upgrading the quality of life in an urban setting. The first target was Tassos Papadopoulos avenue, which was upgraded with planting and maintaining green islets. As in every modern city, green growth is significantly important for Larnaca and more work is expected to be done in other central arteries of the city.



Larnaca

Tourists' Safety is a Priority for Cyprus

On February 08 an event was held at the house of the high commissioner of Great Britain, focussing on the role and function of the Cyprus Safer Tourism Platform.

The initiative was funded by Cyprus Tourism Organisation (CTO) in close collaboration with the high commission of Great Britain.

The high commissioner expressed his satisfaction and his intention to support and promote the platform's actions and he pointed out the significant increase in tourists arrivals from the UK to Cyprus.

Xenia Loizidou, board member, CTO, welcomed the commission's initiative while also highlighting Cyprus' position as a safe destination for tourists.

Loizidou expressed her gratitude to all members and stressed the importance of collaboration between the private and public sector.



Paphos Hosted 19th Logicom Cyprus Marathon

The Logicom Cyprus Marathon took place in Pafos for the 19th consecutive year on March 05. The event, which welcomed more than 2000 runners from all over the world, incorporated four different distances; the marathon, half marathon, 10km and a five kilometre fun run.

Stavros Kakourides, race director, Logicom Cyprus Marathon, commented, "The marathon started from Petra Tou Romiou, known as Aphrodite's birthplace, and finished along the Paphos seafront to the castle square."

This year's event was dedicated to the memory of the Paphian marathon runner Stelios Kyriakides. The race was officially recognised by the International Marathons and Distance Races who accurately measured the course.



2016 Logicom Cyprus Marathon

Elpis Continues to Improve Customer Services

Elpis Tourism and Hospitality Seminars, a company with experience in the hospitality industry, in collaboration with the Human Resource Development Authority of Cyprus (HRDA) had organised an educational seminar at Poseidonia Beach Hotel in Limasol.

A selected group of employees who are involved in the customer service sector have been further educated on how to improve the quality of their services towards the visitors while also promoting the island's environmental and cultural heritage. The instructor of the seminar was Michael Demosthenous, managing director, HRDA, and the seminar was funded by HRDA.

Poseidonia Beach Hotel

Leptos Estates' Launches New Project in Limassol



Leptos Limassol Park, the new project unveiled by Leptos Estates will enrich the residential and tourist life in Western Limassol.

Featuring spacious gardens and green areas with paths and ponds, two large free form swimming pools and a separate children's pool along with a playground, the new development is set to offer the luxury of sub-urban living in a safe enclosed environment.

Within a short walk from Leptos Limassol Park are other upcoming projects, including the Cyprus Casino Resort, the Limassol Mall, the Waterworld Water Park, as well as the sandy beaches of Lady's Mile and Kourion. Following the success of its previous projects in Paphos, Leptos Aphrodite Gardens and Leptos Limnaria Gardens, the company continues to enrich its portfolio in Limassol's most promising area.

Leptos Aphrodite Gardens



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Every year we treat more and more donkeys on island and 2016 was no exception with 274 visited. Many of them were receiving their first vet and farrier treatments and we were extremely pleased that their owners were keen to learn about how to take care of their donkeys.

We also met a lot of very young foals that were born this year: one born only three days before we arrived. Several of the owners had already contacted us asking for advice of feeding the mare and taking good care of mother and baby. They were very grateful that we could go and check the foals, give further advice and show them how to get the foal used to being handled.



Unfortunately there continue to be donkeys living in terrible conditions without the basic care they require. Plastic, general rubbish, dangerous string, wire and metal, filthy water (if there is any), rotting vegetables and other inappropriate food are sights we still come across.

The majority of owners will take notice of our requests and advice, particularly if they see us picking up some of the rubbish in front of them. However, some do not and over the winter we will be collating evidence of the type of situations we come across to present to the authorities.



As most of you know, we do not have any legal jurisdiction and cannot force people to take better care of their animals. Without support from the authorities the lives of these donkeys will continue to be unacceptable. The Animal Welfare Act is quite clear about causing suffering and we will push to get the Law upheld. It's a painfully slow process but with your support, not only would we be able to try our hardest to do this but also continue to visit and treat more donkeys and improve their lives.

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Paphos Proves Popular Among Athletes

Paphos is becoming an attractive destination for sports tourism reflected by a high number of individual athletes and international teams that are expected to visit the city within the next following months.

Amongst the most popular destinations are Pegia and Geroskipou as well as the countryside. The fact that sports tourism has become more prominent than ever before, is due to the coordinated efforts and collaboration between the private sector and Cyprus Tourism Organisation (CTO).

With ideal weather conditions, good infrastructure for sports, and unique hospitality, Paphos is said to be perfect destination for athletes. Pafos Regional Board of Tourism has expressed gratitude to the different stakeholders contributing to this success including CTO and local authorities and reassures that more efforts will be made in the future in order to attract more athletes and sports teams to the region.

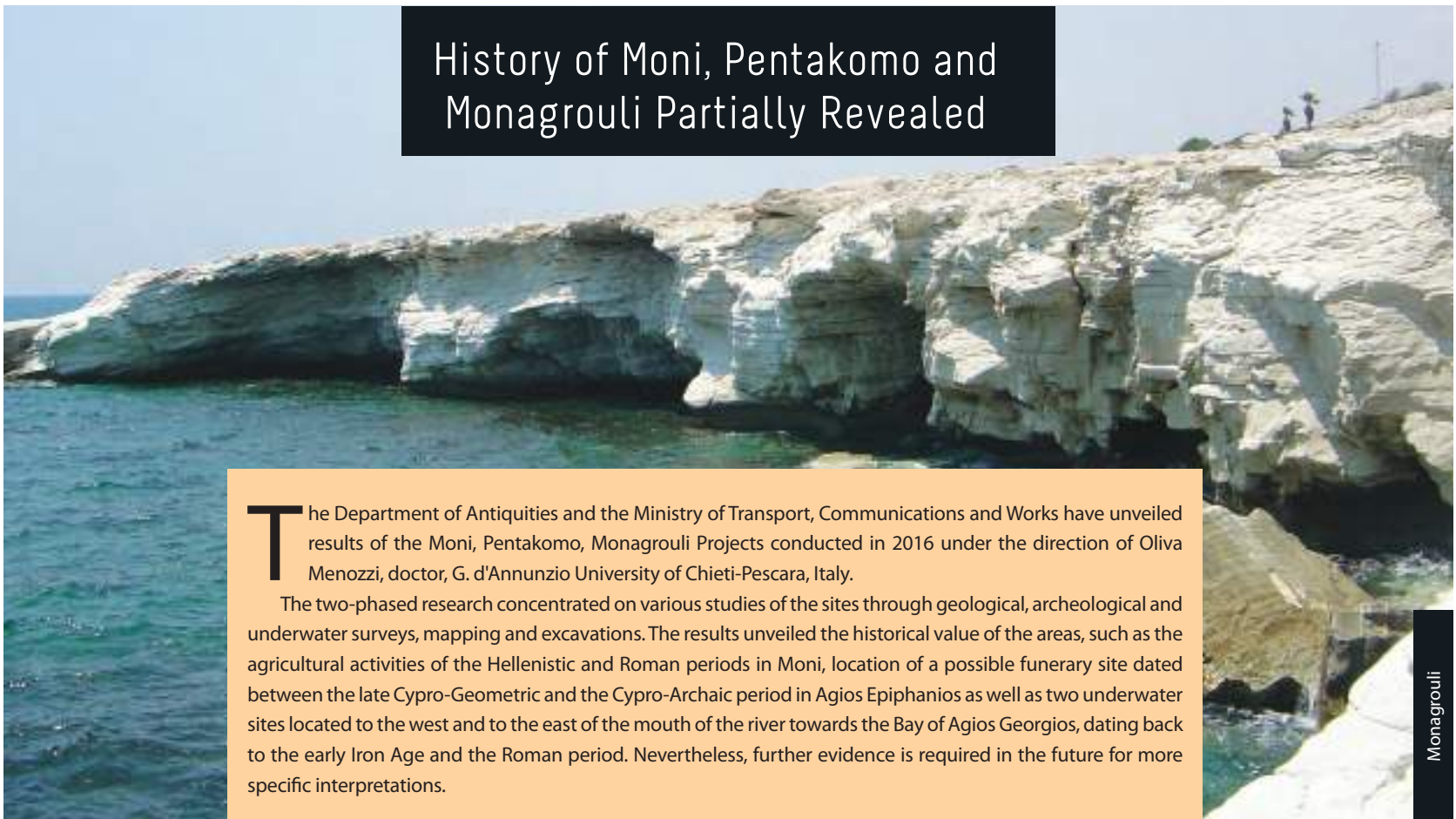


Sports Tourism

History of Moni, Pentakomo and Monagrouli Partially Revealed

The Department of Antiquities and the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works have unveiled results of the Moni, Pentakomo, Monagrouli Projects conducted in 2016 under the direction of Oliva Menozzi, doctor, G. d'Annunzio University of Chieti-Pescara, Italy.

The two-phased research concentrated on various studies of the sites through geological, archeological and underwater surveys, mapping and excavations. The results unveiled the historical value of the areas, such as the agricultural activities of the Hellenistic and Roman periods in Moni, location of a possible funerary site dated between the late Cypro-Geometric and the Cypro-Archaic period in Agios Epiphanyios as well as two underwater sites located to the west and to the east of the mouth of the river towards the Bay of Agios Georgios, dating back to the early Iron Age and the Roman period. Nevertheless, further evidence is required in the future for more specific interpretations.



Monagrouli

Cyprus Airways Earned Air Operator Certificate



Cyprus Airways has obtained the Air Operator Certificate from the Cypriot Department of Civil Aviation, demonstrating the compliance of its processes with requirements of European aviation authorities.

The carrier operated a proving flight on March 04 from Larnaka International Airport to Heraklion International Airport with Airbus A319, as part of the procedure to get the certificate.

Natalia Popova, chief commercial officer, Cyprus Airways, explained that the certificate represents an essential step forward before getting the license for commercial flights and finalising the preparations for commencement of scheduled services.

Cobalt Teams up with Paxport

As a part of its growing strategy, Cobalt Air is now collaborating with Paxport, a global merchandising distribution system.

With a distribution deal signed between the two parties, the Cyprus-based carrier aims to transform Cyprus into a hub between Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Mats Torebrandt, commercial director, Paxport, enthused, "We are delighted that Cobalt recognises the distribution advantages provided by our online booking API Find-and-Book and we are extremely happy to support Cobalt in its growth strategy".



Austrian Airlines Adds Flights to Greece



Heraklion

For its summer schedule, Austrian Airlines will increase frequencies on a number of its Greek routes, including Rhodes, Heraklion, Zakynthos, Chania, Athens and Kos, in response to stronger demand.

Overall, 12 additional weekly flights will be offered compared to summer 2016, bringing the total number of weekly flights to 49 across 17 Greek destinations.

Additionally, the airline is expanding its North American portfolio with the addition of Los Angeles, as well as increasing frequency on routes to the Middle East and Eastern Europe. All in all, the carrier will offer passengers the option of 135 destinations in 54 countries this summer.

Ellinair Strengthens Thessaloniki – Athens Route



Providing more flexibility and options for passengers, Ellinair now offers increased flying frequencies between Thessaloniki International Airport and Athens International Airport.

Four weekly flights, on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, have been available between the destinations since February 20. The summer schedule will boast an additional Saturday service on the route, starting from June 22.

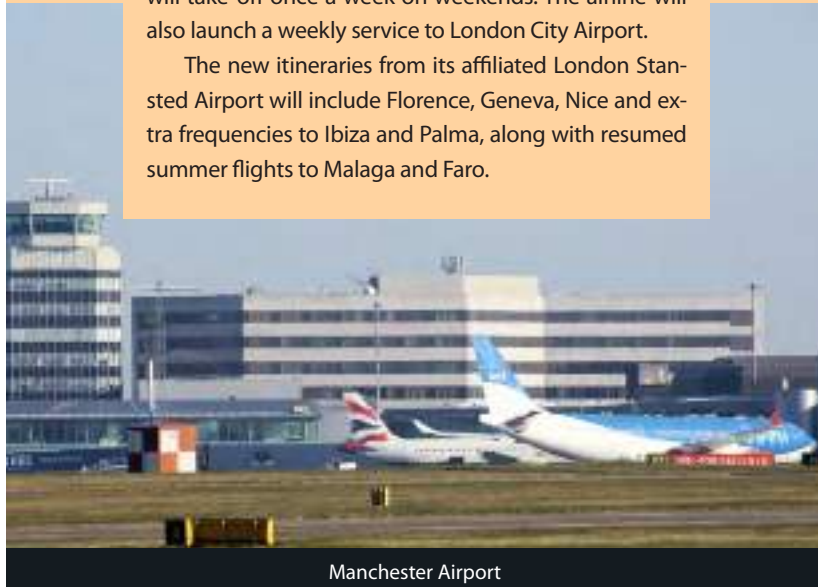
Founded in 2013, the Thessaloniki carrier operates both scheduled and charter flights with a network up to 30 domestic and international destinations.

Busy Summer Schedule for British Airways

British Airways is to launch seven new routes from Manchester Airport and three new destinations from London Stansted Airport this summer.

Beginning in May, the UK's national carrier will launch its summer schedules from the Manchester hub to Spanish holiday destinations of Alicante, Malaga, Ibiza and Palma; to the Greek island of Mykonos and to Nice in the South of France. Except the Ibiza route, which will operate three times a week, all the new flights will take-off once a week on weekends. The airline will also launch a weekly service to London City Airport.

The new itineraries from its affiliated London Stansted Airport will include Florence, Geneva, Nice and extra frequencies to Ibiza and Palma, along with resumed summer flights to Malaga and Faro.



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Canaves Oia Suites Reveals New Spa

Canaves Oia Suites has announced plans to reopen its authentic spa set within two renovated 17th century caves, in April.

The Santorini-based property has teamed up with Elemis to offer an array of treatments such as Pro-collagen Quartz Life Facial and Jetlag Energising Massage within the uniquely designed interior which will also be home to first-class amenities.

Additionally, the resort will launch a boutique with a range of international pieces available to purchase, an infinity pool and cabanas offering stunning views and a setting for relaxation.



Canaves Oia Suites

Travelport and Viva Online Services Team Up

Following a new partnership with Travelport, Viva Online Services has been described as the first Greek agency to implement the technology provider's branded fares and ancillaries.

The travel agency now has access to customisable content from over 200 airlines and 650,000 hotels through Travelport's Travel Commerce Platform.

While noting that the company has seen over 30 per cent upsell since using the solution, Yannis Giovanos, senior product manager, Viva Online Services, added, "We have also experienced a significant number of customers choosing to upgrade to a business fare because they can see more easily what they get, which is a very strong additional benefit of the implementation."



Myconian Kyma Design Hotel in Mykonos Town

Embracing the concept of Greek hospitality, Myconian Kyma has recently joined Design Hotels and is expected to open its doors on May 01 in Mykonos.

Featuring 52 rooms, 29 suites, a multi-level infinity pool, a world-class steakhouse, and a full-service spa, the new property which took its name from the Greek word for wave, will be located in the heart of the island's nightlife centre.

White interiors inspired by the Aegean light along with contemporary design and glorious views over the iconic windmills promise an ultimate luxurious experience. Myconian Kyma will be a place where polished luxury and a culturally-rooted experience marry in perfect alchemy.

Celestyal Cruises Reached Top 10



Celestyal Crystal

Celestyal Cruises scored four first places in 2017 Cruise Critic Cruisers' Choice Awards in mid-sized ship categories *Best for Value*, *Best for Entertainment*, *Best for Embarkation* and *Best for Shore Excursions* along with a placement in the top 10 for *Best Overall* cruise line.

Operating five mid-sized vessels and serving the Greek itineraries and Cuba, the liner was awarded based solely on the ratings of passenger reviews in 2016.

Kyriakos Anastasiadis, CEO, Celestyal Cruises, commented on the success, "Celestyal Cruises is focussed on providing an authentic, destination-centric experience in each port we visit. [...] Having our cruise line receive these awards demonstrates how much our commitment to excellence and value is appreciated and recognised by our cruise guests."

5th Trilateral Maritime Meeting



Marios Demetriades

Marios Demetriades, minister of transport, Cyprus, participated in the 5th Trilateral Maritime Meeting of Cyprus, Greece and Malta which took place in Athens on February 03.

Panagiotis Kouroumplis, minister of shipping and island policy, Greece, and Joe Mizzi, minister of infrastructure and transport, Malta, were also present.

The meeting focused on issues related to maritime activity with the three ministers having discussed how to further expand co-operation between their countries.

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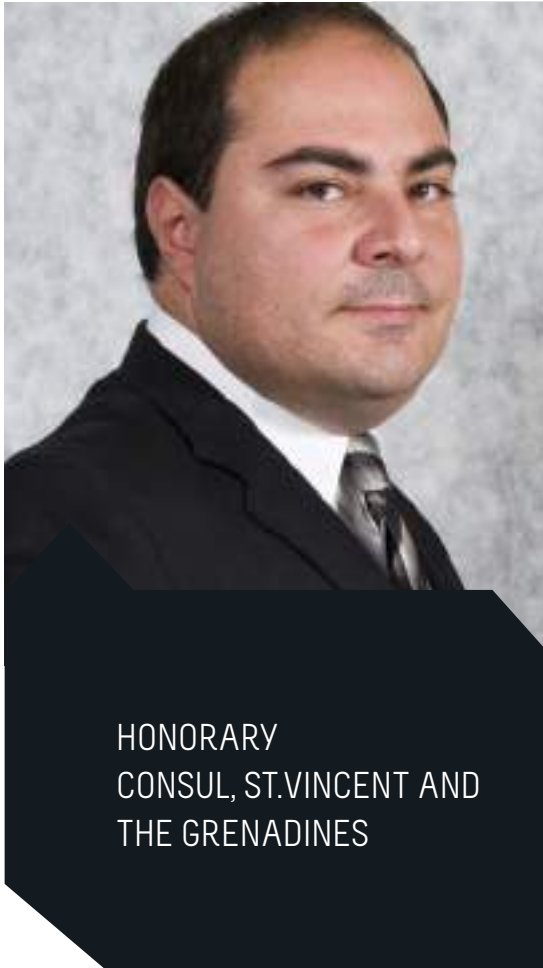
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“Green hotels combine excellent design and sustainability to achieve their main goal, that is, to minimise their impact on the environment. [...] Indeed, being a green hotel offers a wide range of benefits. On the one hand, saving money through the application of ecological practices leads to a reduction in operating costs. On the other hand, it promotes environmental awareness among visitors and fosters sustainable development through conserving natural resources. Given the current global economic conditions, no business should ignore today’s environmental reality. Switching to environmentally

friendly hotels comes across as absolutely necessary. Lastly, tourism is a phenomenon that relates and interacts with the economic, social, cultural and environmental elements of each country. It affects both people’s lives and the environment. Therefore, policies should be implemented to address the green turn in a manner which is organised, systematic and comprehensive. The tourism strategic planning of Cyprus should be placed in a context of sustainable development so as to create a balance between economic, social and environmental elements at all levels.”



Excavations Revealed Paphos’ Central Role in Prehistory

Roman trenches, Paphos

Excavations undertaken by the Polish Archaeological Mission of the University of Warsaw in the Kato Paphos–Maloutena area have revealed the discovery of an internal court of a Hellenistic and an adjacent Roman period house. The excavation of luxurious Hellenistic villas such as the House of Aion as well as the discovery of impressive moveable finds, suggested the high level of artistic achievement in the ancient city of Paphos. The study of the archaeological finds revealed Paphos’ extremely important role in the history of Cyprus and its central position in the economic, commercial and military world of the ancient Eastern Mediterranean.



Stelios Haji-loannou Encourages Bi-communal Collaboration

Haji-loannou

Stelios Haji-loannou has announced the inauguration of Bi-Communal Awards in Cyprus. The awards have been in operation on the island since 2009 and represent a private initiative as part of Haji-loannou vision to promote and encourage bi-communal cooperation and lasting peace between Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriots. The main objective of the prize is to support the socio-economic relations between the two communities. All forms of cooperation are eligible to apply in the areas of business, arts, sports and life. Application for the award can be submitted through the Stelios Philanthropic Foundation Facebook page, after joining the Stelios Bi-Communal Awards 2017 group. The winners will be announced at a ceremony held in October in Nicosia.



Anthony Christou, city councillor, Tourism Committee, Ayia Napa municipality, awarded Norwegian and Scandinavian tourists for their frequent visits to the region



A cultural performance in Ayia Napa



The Donkey Sanctuary ensures all the island's foals are well looked after

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Natalia Evangelidou achieved a new Cyprus women records at AIT International Arena Grand Prix Athlone, Indoor Championship held in Dublin



Ayia Napa Cultural Winter 2017 dance programme by Shakkalis Dance Group



The Chamber of Commerce Paphos and FairWorks Business Consultants hosted a lecture titled *Correct preparation of a successful, Business Plan*

EVENTS

PAFOS SPRINT & OLYMPIC TRIATHLON

Paphos
April 23

Individual triathletes and relay teams can take part in the sports event, held in conjunction with Bicycle Expo.



CYPRUS FILM DAYS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Rialto Theatre, Limassol and Zena Palace Cinema, Nicosia
April 27 – May 06

The 15th annual film programme of screenings, workshops and musical events will celebrate the best in international cinema.



INTERNATIONAL PHAROS CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Shoe Factory, Nicosia
May 15 – 22

Renowned musicians from across the globe will perform at the week-long event.

Local Green Synergies Awarded

A collaborative initiative between Cubix Minds Events, Cyprus-based event planners, and Vavla Rustic Retreat, titled *Roots: Creating Life Moments*, was named amongst the top awarded partnerships during Green Cluster Synergies Competition.

The joint project endeavoured to offer sustainable tourist destination event planning for weddings, reunions or other special occasions, with a focus on the traditional, authentic and natural aspects of Cyprus.

Meanwhile, the contest, organised by AKTI Project and Research Centre, aimed to encourage collaboration between small businesses and sustainable practices.

Volunteers Cleaned Up Limassol



Thousands of spray cans were picked up after the carnival festivities in Limassol on February 27.

Members of volunteer programmes collected a total of 250 plastic bags of recyclable objects. The spray cans were delivered to Green Dot for proper disposal, while the aluminium cans were given to Cans for Kids charity that raises funds from the crushed cans it collects for medical equipment.

The organisers, Friends of the Earth Cyprus and Let's Do It Cyprus are preparing a report to be given to the Limassol Municipality and other competent services asking for support for the 2018 carnival as they intend on repeating this action for the 2018 event.

Limassol Carnival 2017

International Property Show to Host Top Investment Markets



International Property Show 2016

Portugal, Cyprus, India and Pakistan have been highlighted as the top markets for residential property investments, while London has been named as the third-biggest market among Middle Eastern buyers, after Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

International Property Show 2017, to be held on April 02 – 04 at Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre, is set to showcase the best of the aforementioned destinations to investors.

According to property broker CBRE, purchasers from the Middle East and GCC have invested around USD5.2 billion into hotel developments across the UK and mainland Europe, despite tumbling oil prices.

Dawood Al Shezawi, CEO, Strategic Marketing & Exhibitions, said, "These areas have seen an increase in returns in 2016 and it is expected that they will continue the positive momentum this year."