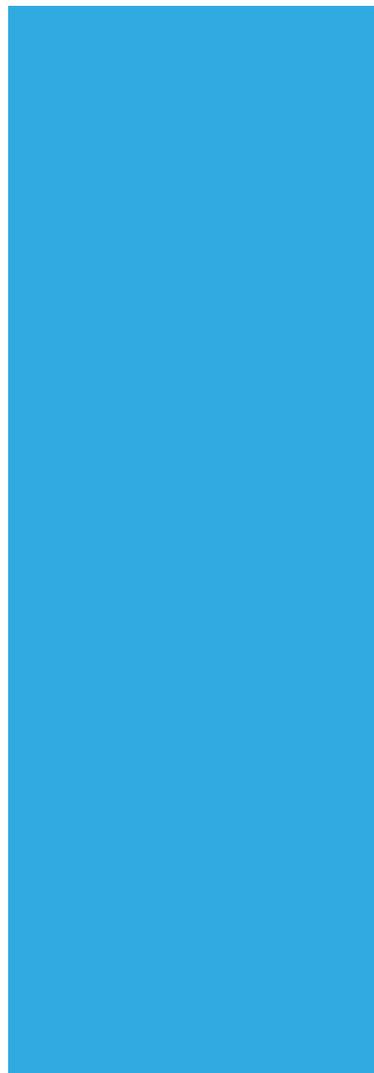




Larnaka's new face

as a prominent
tourist destination



The New Face of Larnaka

The pretty coastal region of Larnaka is truly the Mediterranean destination for all seasons, and it is impossible not to fall in love with Cyprus's oldest town. With a history of 10.000 years, Larnaka is the gateway to Cyprus and a magical blend of old and new. From its traditional architecture, authentic taverns and local handicrafts to its cultural sites and religious monuments, old Larnaka is an evocative glimpse into a Cyprus past. New and modern Larnaka harmoniously intertwines with these elements of ancient Kition, and offers the cosmopolitan visitor beautiful beaches, a bustling promenade lined with cafés and restaurants, brand-name shopping, advanced infrastructure and every conceivable amenity.



Although Larnaka has always offered plenty to both its residents and visitors, this has been further enhanced with a host of changes the town has recently undergone. Big investments such as the new international airport and the creation of three town squares - amongst others - have been a welcome addition, but Larnaka has even bigger plans for the next five years, most of which are described in this brochure. Thanks to these changes, Larnaka's future has never looked brighter.

Larnaka Tourism Board

The Larnaka Tourism Board was established in 2008 to promote Larnaka as a tourist destination, offer new initiatives to attract visitors to the region and solve any issues that may directly or indirectly impact on Larnaka and its potential as a holiday destination.

The Board is a collaboration of all stakeholders of tourism in Larnaka, which include the Larnaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Cyprus Tourism Organisation, the Municipality of Larnaka and Lefkara, the Local Authorities of Voroklini and Pyla, the hoteliers and travel agents of the region, the Larnaka District Development Agency and the Cyprus Agrotourism Company.

The Larnaka Tourism Board has been working tirelessly to upgrade Larnaka and its services since its inception, and with so many positive changes on the way, it won't be long before this already-popular destination becomes a firm favourite for all.

Larnaka Port & Marina Re-development

The total re-development of the Larnaka Port & Marina will boost Larnaka's image and bring much investment to the town as its port becomes the main passenger terminal in Cyprus, and the marina is expanded to accommodate up to 900 berths. This huge project will also incorporate luxury villas, a 5-star hotel and commercial and recreation areas complete with plazas, shops, dining opportunities, promenades and parks.

Area: Larnaka City Centre

Completion Date: Phase A – 2015, Full completion - 2020



Renovation of Piale Pashia

The coastal road of Piale Pashia (from the Medieval Castle towards to the beach area of McKenzie), will be upgraded to become more pedestrian friendly and attractive. The improved road will include a cycle lane, a pedestrian walkway, new lighting and a green area with fragrant plants. An extra pedestrian walkway on a lower level will allow walkers to enjoy a stroll right alongside the beautiful blue Mediterranean.

Area: Larnaka City Centre

Completion Date: 2013



Olympic Standard Shooting Range

A modern Olympic standard shooting range will be created in the village of Klavdia. The range will boast four combined Olympic trap-skeet-double trap, one separate skeet, one separate trap-double trap layout and 10 – 12 layouts for sporting and kompak shooting. It will host major shooting competitions in both Olympic and non-Olympic shotgun events, and will also be used as a major European training centre for shotgun shooting.

Area: Klavdia Village

Completion Date: 2011



The Larnaka Golf Resort and Country Club

An international standard, 18-hole par 71 golf course will be built in the village of Tersefanou. Designed by leading golf course architects 'European Golf Design', the course will be complemented by attractive water features and will boast Cyprus' only PGA branded facility at the PGA National Golf Academy®. The Academy will provide state-of-the-art technologies, instruction and practice facilities, whilst an elevated clubhouse, spa and banqueting and conference facilities will complete the project.

Area: Tersefanou Village

Completion Date: 2014



Removal of Oil Refineries and Area Regeneration

The road leading from Larnaka city centre to the tourist region of the Larnaka-Dekeleia Road will undergo regeneration with the removal of the oil refineries and new area upgrades. The area will be developed for touristic and recreational use and with the refineries transferred there will also be an additional 3 km of beach for use. Larnaka-Dekeleia Road is lined with hotels, holiday apartments, restaurants, pubs and other leisure facilities.

Area: Larnaka-Dekeleia Road

Completion Date: 2014



Completion of the Larnaka-Dekeleia Road

Phases C and D of roadworks along the Larnaka-Dekeleia Road will see the roads in the areas of Voroklini and Pyla completed. The road will be modernised with the creation of walkways, cycle paths and green spaces. This will combine with the removal of the oil refineries and the area regeneration to make this popular tourist area even more attractive for locals and visitors alike.

Area: Voroklini and Pyla

Completion Date: 2014



Excavations of the Ancient Port of Kition

The ancient port of Kition is one of the world's major surviving ancient ports, but a major part of this archaeological site is currently obstructed by the Larnaka Tennis Association's tennis courts. The tennis courts will be relocated so that further excavations can commence and the site will become an archaeological park along with the Archaeological Museum and the archaeological area of Kition where numerous ancient artefacts have already been unearthed.

Area: Larnaka City Centre

Completion Date: 2013



McKenzie Sports Complex

Larnaka Municipality is developing a sporting complex in the area of McKenzie that will provide an attractive and convenient place for training sessions and matches for both local teams/athletes and those from abroad. The facilities will include a football and track field, three football pitches, 10 tennis courts, a café and changing rooms with showers and toilets. Green spaces will add to the aesthetics of the complex.

Area: McKenzie

Completion Date: Phase A – 2012, Full Completion 2015



Alethriko Tennis & Sports Centre

The new sports village in Alethriko will help develop the island's athletes as well as attracting international ones. Its focal point will be a 5000-seater professional tennis court – as approved by the International Tennis Federation for world-class tennis tournaments like the ATP 500 and the WTA. There will also be a tennis academy and facilities for hockey, basketball, mini football, volleyball, boxing, Olympic standard gymnastics, ice-skating and other international sporting events.

Area: Alethriko Village

Completion Date: 2014



Pedestrian Walkway Joining Pyla and Voroklini

The tourist areas of Pyla and Voroklini are to be seamlessly joined with a single 5.5 km seafront walkway for pedestrians to enjoy a scenic stroll right alongside the sea. The current walkway of Voroklini (which is at the moment 850 metres long) will be expanded to 1 km by 2012 and to 1.5 Km by 2013 and will span the distance from Mer Bleu to the Larnaka Municipality city limits.

Area: Pyla and Voroklini Villages

Completion Date: 2013



Voroklini Open-air Amphitheatre

A traditional open-air amphitheatre will be built at the heart of Voroklini and will host all types of events and entertainment. Built at the foot of the mountain, the theatre will seat 1100 spectators who will be surrounded by the natural beauty of sea and mountain views that embrace the village whilst enjoying the various productions staged.

Area: Voroklini Village

Completion Date: 2014

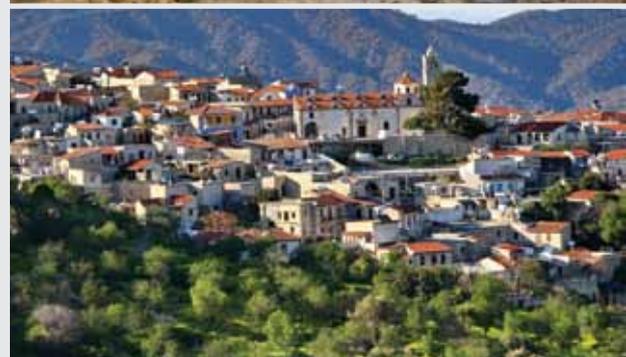


Lefkara Conference Centre

Lefkara village will have a new addition to its picturesque square with the creation of a conference centre that will be built in the traditional architectural style of the village. The centre will serve as a multi-purpose venue with the capacity for 300 people. The village is already famous for its traditional lace embroidery and silver art and will provide an idyllic setting for a conference centre with a difference.

Area: Lefkara Village

Completion Date: 2012



Environmental Centre at the Salt Lake

Larnaka Salt Lake (included in the Natura 2000 network and the Treaty of Ramsar), is popular with nature lovers thanks to the migrating flamingos that make the lake their home between November and March. The new information centre will provide visitors with information on the different types of flora and fauna that live in the salt marshes and wetlands, and will help to preserve the importance of this natural treasure.

Area: Larnaka Salt Lake

Completion Date: 2013



Skarinou Environmental Education Centre

The Environmental Educational Centre - based in the hillside village of Skarinou - will educate and inform visitors about Larnaka district's mountainous villages and their natural beauty of forests, flora and fauna. It will also promote visits to these areas and ensure their protection by making people aware of their significance and how to respect them. Skarinou village is a popular agrotourism destination and favoured for its picturesque and peaceful qualities.

Area: Skarinou Village

Completion Date: 2013

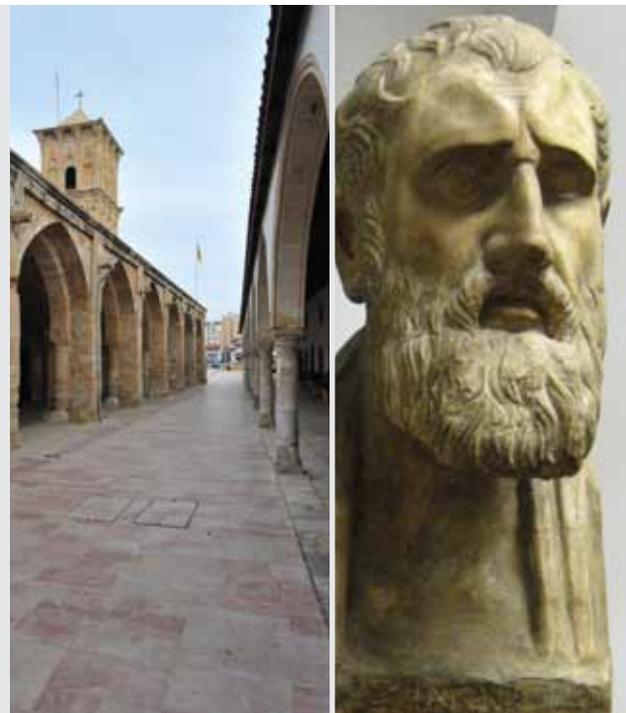


Larnaka Cultural Walk - In the Footsteps of Zenon

Larnaka will offer tourists three new walks that take in the town's various attractions, all with comprehensive signage. The first walk covers the seafront and town centre, the second walk is dedicated to the town's archaeology and museums, and the third walk combines cultural aspects with sites of natural beauty. The walk is named after the great philosopher Zenon who lived in Kition (ancient Larnaka) and founded the Stoic School.

Area: Larnaka City Centre & Salt Lake

Completion Date: 2011





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