



Larnaka is a modern city with a port, marina and an international airport.

History of Larnaka

The water has always been the most important element in the development of the city, opening Cyprus to both the east and the west. Its rich cultural heritage reflected through its uninterrupted cultural continuity from Neolithic times until today gives the chance to the visitor to see and learn much of interest.

3rd Millennium B.C.: The foundation legend associates it with the grandson of Noah, Kittim, who founded Kition the ancient city of Larnaka, and named it after himself.

8th - 6th c. B.C.: Finds at Kition reflect the Assyrian and Egyptian influences have been found.

6th - 4th c. B.C.: During the Persian Domination Kition played an important role in relations with Athens on commercial transactions and on the efforts for the liberation of the island from the Persians.

5th c. B.C.: Kimon, the Greek General, attempted to liberate Kition from the Persians, one of the many Greek attempts at liberating the island.

4th c. B.C.: Cyprus was liberated from the Persians when Alexander the Great defeated them in Syria in 332 B.C. Zenon the Philosopher, founder of the School of Stoic Philosophy, and Apollonios the physician were born in Kition.

1st c. A.D.: Saint (Agios Lazaros), the friend of Christ, came to Larnaka after his resurrection and became its first Bishop as well as the patron Saint of Kition.

13th - 16th c. A.D.: Medieval Kition, then

called Larnaka or Salines, became an important port during the last phase of the Lusignan Period and in the Venetian Period.

16th - 19th c. A.D.: During the Ottoman period Larnaka continued commercial activity between the Levant and the West and attracted many European merchants, consuls and educated people.

1900 - 1930: Larnaka and Scala grow into one city - Larnaka. Until the beginning of the century Larnaka was the biggest port on the island.

1974 - : The Turkish invasion and the uprooting of 200,000 Greek Cypriots from their homes in the north of Cyprus increased Larnakas population overnight. Larnaka grew and developed as a Tourist center, becoming one of the most important tourist destinations with luxurious hotels, and thus contributing its share to the economy of the island.



Larnaka Attractions

Larnaka offers numerous sightseeing attractions such as:

Larnaka Salt Lake: Now at its best! Visited by migratory birds, mainly flamingos.

Palm Trees Promenade: One of the most pleasant entertainment seafront areas of the whole of Cyprus.

Europe Square : Decorated with the first colonial buildings the British Administration built in Cyprus.

Larnaka Marina and the Colonial Pier: The walk on the Pier is a traditional social activity.

Kimon Square and Seafront Stage: In the middle of Palm Trees Promenade, to honor Athenian General Kimon.

Kamares, the Old Aqueduct of Larnaka: Grandiose arches which perhaps existed since Roman times but reconstructed in 1745.

Municipal Theatre, Library and Gardens :All these co-exist in a large city triangle.

Zenon of Kition Statue: The founder of

the Stoic school of Philosophy who was born in ancient Kition (Larnaka)

Piale Pashia Street and Psarolimano: Will give you the feeling of 18th century Larnaka.

Traditional City Quarter (laiki gitonia): A traditional quarter of the town.

Pattichio Open Amphitheatre and Park : A 2100 seats open-air amphitheatre in the middle of a natural park.

Larnaka Marina

All the visitors are welcome to stroll along the pier and enjoy the huge array of beautiful yachts.

This idyllic setting is totally inspiring and will make you want to take a trip on a yacht. The Marina has security guard on a 24 hour basis.

Larnaka Marina Amenities

All yachts moored in the Marina may use every facility and service available, at a reasonable charge;

Water Supplied on board (free of charge)
Electricity Supplied on all quays at 240 volts/50HZ;

Telephone, Telex and Fax Services are available at the Marina office;
Fuel is available at the end of the main North pier;

Yacht Repair/Facilities: A unit for the hauling/launching and servicing/repairing of yachts operates within the Marina;

Laundry-Showers-Lockers-Post Office boxes: Available within the Marina;

Public Address system to all areas;
Serviced Asphalted Hard standing areas;

Independent Brokerage;
Dry Cleaners;

Mini Market and Provision Store;
Duty Free Shop;

Toilets, Showers & Coin Operated Washing Machines;

Osmosis Treatment Unit;
Travel Hoist 40 tons.

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