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28 of the best hotels in Cyprus

Whether you're after a family-run gem or a five-star brimming with facilities, you'll find a lovely place to stay on this charming Mediterranean island.



The choice of accommodation on this jewel of a Mediterranean island is vast, so before you start your search decide on the type of holiday you want: easy and all-inclusive; down by the beach or up in the mountains; close to Unesco world heritage sites or within walking distance of bars and clubs.

To make the most of your trip you'll need a car, as the public transport infrastructure on Cyprus isn't as comprehensive as in some destinations. The capital, Nicosia, as well as Paphos and Limassol are always popular; the south and east coasts have beautiful beaches; while the Akamas peninsula, in the northwest, is still untamed and a great place to explore — follow those rugged trails to explore secluded bays where you can skinny-dip and soak up views you'll want to remember for ever.

<u>The Agora Hotel, Pano Lefkara</u>

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Lovely Lefkara is one of those time-stood-still discoveries that add character to Cypriot holidays. It is the island's centre for handicrafts, particularly lacework and silverware, and the village is also known for its cobbled streets and Venetian architecture. One former market has been transformed into the Agora: an adults-only boutique beauty dressed with bespoke furnishings and traditional touches that is as characterful as the village in which it stands. Guests can visit the weekly market or pop into workshops to learn about (or try their hand at) pottery, embroidery or beekeeping. It's a world away from the beach resorts, yet just 30 minutes' drive from Larnaca.