



## Cyprus 1: The island of Aphrodite



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Nicosia is the only capital city in the world which continues to be divided in two, as it has been since the Turkish invasion in 1974.

Some of the magnificent Venetian walls of the city have been preserved. Inside visitors wander through a picturesque network of medieval lanes, stopping to visit the Museum of Byzantine art.

Paphos, situated on the eastern side of the island, was consecrated, in ancient times, to the Goddess Aphrodite.

It is definitely worth a trip to see the exceptional collection of renovated Roman mosaics above the port, including the house of Dionysos.

Built in an exquisite setting, the church of Asinou houses the most complete set of Byzantine paintings to be found on the island.

Thanks to the generous financial support of the princes and orthodox community, the Kykko monastery has been the richest monastery on the island since the 11th century.

Omodos and Kakopetria, are two picturesque mountain villages, not far from the Valley of Cedars, with an old monastery and a charming little streets.

Of all of the Frank buildings left in Cyprus, the most impressive is the