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The island of Cyprus combines the Mediterraneans rich history with terrific local food and unparalleled weather. Situated in the eastern section of the Mediterranean Sea, Cyprus is sure to offer something to every vacationer who visits this beautiful land. There has been plenty of time for Cyprus to cultivate its culture, as its settlement dates all the way back to the 2nd millennium BC.

This early civilization is seen in Choirokoitia, possibly Cypruss first settlement. In addition to being the first established on the island, it is considered to be one of the first to appear anywhere in the world. Cementing its place in human history, UNESCO has added Choirokoitia as a World Heritage Site. When discovered, the establishment was already in very good shape for something so old, but it has been fully restored so that tourists and residents alike can appreciate this piece of prehistory. Ten painted churches on Cyprus have also been given World Heritage Site status due to their breathtaking examples of Byzantine art. Bright frescoes decorate the walls, artful examples of the skills the earliest settlers possessed. For the adventurous, the Tombs of the Kings await in the depths of the solid rock of island.

Any vacation worth its salt requires a sampling of local cuisine. Due to its proximity to the Turkish mainland and its history of Greek settlers, Cypriot food enjoys a unique blend of ingredients found in Greece, the Middle East, and Asia Minor. Many of the recipes full of fish, fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, poultry, wine, and of course olive oil have been passed down from generation to generation, so even the food of Cyprus is steeped in history. Accompany your delicious meal with a locally distilled wine. Wine has played a major role in the Cypriot economy nearly as long as people have dwelt on the island, and Commandria, a very sweet wine, is considered to be one of the first wines in the world to be identified. If you want a little more kick, try Zivania, a wine that is nearly pure alcohol.

Being a Mediterranean island, Cyprus is rife with sunny, sandy beaches perfect for lying out in the sun or diving into the waves. Cypruss climate places it above most other places on earth for swimming and sunbathing. Theres more to the beaches than swimming. You can enjoy windsurfing and sailing year round on Cyprus. Head underwater with some snorkeling and go out for deep water fishing, activities that many enjoy on the waters of the Mediterranean Sea.

There is something on Cyprus for everyone. From the crystalline beaches to the painted churches, it is a land full of history and culture. You can experience it for yourself by planning a trip today.

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