

Saturday, 26/10/2024: WINERY & LEFKARA TOUR

Half day Tour after 15:00hrs

'A picturesque tour filled with history and tradition. This tour highlights the unique preserved to this day Island's culture.'



The route begins in the mountains to the village of Lefkara, home of the island's traditional embroidery. First stop will be a Cypriot Winery located on the outskirts of Lefkara village, where a testing session in a local winery will be held and we will have an opportunity to sample wines made out of the local types of grapes such as **Xynisteri, Mavro & Maratheftiko**. After the winery the tour will continue to the village where you will undoubtedly be impressed by the picturesque narrow alleys and the impressive architecture of the houses built amphitheatrically around the spring of the village and surrounded by large courtyard walls and tall wooden doors. A very impressive element in the construction of the houses are the dominating proportional arches, some round and some pointed, influenced by Frankish and Venetian models. Wandering around the beautiful alleys of the village, take a break to enjoy a traditional cup of coffee or a homemade lemonade. The history of the village dates back to the Byzantine times and the main attraction from this era is the church of "Timiou Stavrou" (Holy Cross church - 14th century).

What makes Lefkara famous though is their Cypriot lace embroidery known as "Lefkaritiko". The tradition of Lefkaritiko embroidery began during the Venetian period (15th-18th century). During this period, Lefkara was a popular summer holiday resort for the Venetian ladies who taught the women of the village embroidery. Over the years, the women of the village enhanced the lace designs by incorporating local characteristics inspired by nature. Legend has it that the famous painter, Leonardo da Vinci, himself visited the village of Lefkara in 1481 (during the reign of Katherine Cornaro, queen of Cyprus). He was so impressed by the Lefkara laces that he bought a lace altar cloth, which he donated to the Milan Cathedral (Duomo di Milan). On 19 October 1986, the Mayor of Lefkara presented the Milan Cathedral, in honor of the 600th anniversary of its foundation, a new altar cloth on which three lace makers from Lefkara village had worked full-time for six months. After Lefkara depart to the hotel.



Price per Person: 53.00 euros

NOTE: The above price for this tour is valid for minimum participation 30 persons

TOUR PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Transfers with a 55-seater bus from the Hotel according to the above itinerary.
- Licensed English-speaking tour guide.
- Wine Tasting Session.

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