



# Ayia Napa – Protaras

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Once only a small fishing village, Ayia Napa has become one of the world's best travel destinations, known as a cosmopolitan resort area. Located on the eastern coast of Cyprus, it is a town of great beauty, full of history and culture, with friendly and hospitable people. Nearby Protaras is a popular resort area with some of the world's best golden beaches, crystal clear waters and lively entertainment. Whether you are looking for fascinating history, vibrant culture and nightlife, astounding natural beauty or a relaxing beach vacation, together these areas make up one of the Mediterranean's most desirable destinations.

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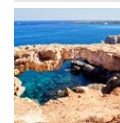
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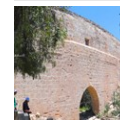
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## AYIA NAPA



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The name Ayia Napa is derived from a Venetian-era monastery of the same name, located in the centre of the town, next to the square that acts today as a nightlife hub. The word "Ayia" (Agia) means "holy" in Greek. "Napa" is archaic and means "wooded valley" or dell, since in ancient times the area surrounding the town was covered with thick forest.

Geographically, Ayia Napa lies near Cape Greco on the eastern part of Cyprus, just south of Famagusta, and forms part of a larger area known as Kokkinochoria ("Red Villages", a name derived from the red colour of the soil). Ayia Napa is about 8 kilometres (5 mi) from Protaras, a town that has recently seen similar development, but still manages to remain low-key and remains more favourable for families and local Cypriot.

## PROTARAS-PARALIMNI



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Protaras-Paralimni is situated on the southeastern fringe of Cyprus and has the privilege of seeing the first sunrise in Europe. Paralimni, the main town, combines the advantages of a traditional village with the conveniences of a contemporary town, and there is an air of timelessness in the Town Center.

Protaras, the tourist area, extends along the eastern coast of Paralimni and stretches for 10km from the district of 'Kapparis' to the location of 'Konnos'. Hundreds of windmills grant its landscape a quaint, tranquil beauty. Fantastic beaches with crystal clear waters are found along this coast, most of them accredited with the prestigious Blue Flag status.

The lengthy seaside promenade is perfect for a sunset stroll or a leisurely bicycle ride, offering visitors the opportunity to explore the area further. Visit the harbors of Agia Triada and the picturesque Agios Nicolaos. Follow a nature trail or one of the cycling paths and enjoy seamless views of the sea. Along them you'll discover rare species of flora and fauna and you'll be greeted by little chapels, such as Agioi Saranta, which is set in a mountain cave, or Agios Ioannis, a little chapel hidden in a valley. The ascent of the 153-steps leading to the chapel of Profitis Elias will definitely reward you with breathtaking

views of Protaras.

Hotels, self-catering apartments, a wide range of restaurants, taverns, pubs and clubs are here to cater to the needs of even the most demanding tourist. Therefore, whether you choose to simply soak up the sun, explore the underwater world, wander the quaint streets of Paralimni, visit Byzantine churches or enjoy yourself in a club, once you are in Protaras-Paralimni a world of choices awaits you!

### Fig Tree Bay



Fig Tree Bay is the most precious gem on this coastal tiara and is named after the solitary fig tree that was planted here by eastern invaders

in the 17th century. On the headland of the bay one can see the recently revealed, glass-covered Hellenistic tombs. A selection of watersports abounds at these beaches, ranging from skiing and paragliding to snorkeling and scuba diving, and boats wait on the piers to take you on unforgettable trips. The bay also has excellent facilities, with sun beds and parasols available for hire. It provides disabled access and is serviced by a lifeguard.

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### The Agios Georgios Churches



The town square of Paralimni is dominated by the metropolitan, three-aisled church, dedicated to St George, the patron saint of the town. The church was finished in 1966 in a

traditional Byzantine style and is full of contemporary frescoes. The impressive fresco which decorates the dome depicts the "All Powerful" surrounded by the Archangels, the Prophets and numerous saints.

The gothic church of St. George is located next to the metropolitan church in the main square of Paralimni. According to a marble inscription, it was erected in 1859 in the place of an older byzantine church, parts of which have been incorporated in this one. Part of its northern wall is covered with a large fresco depicting St. George killing a dragon.

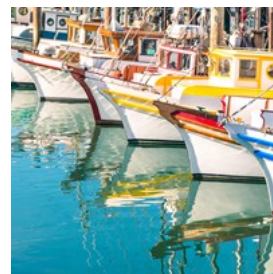
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### Agios Nicolaos Fishing Harbour



The small scenic harbor of Agios Nicolaos is located in the resort of Pernera and is overlooked by the chapel of Agios Nicolaos, which adds some island colour to the place. Visitors can rest and have a coffee while enjoying fine views of the sea and the harbour and watching the boats come and go. At sunset the whole scenery is even more breathtaking.

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### Agios Nicolaos Chapel



In an attempt to honor their protector Saint, everyone involved in marine professions in Paralimni decided to build a chapel dedicated

to him. The perfect place was found next to the sea overlooking the harbor where they tie their boats. Small in size, whitewashed with blue painted dome, the chapel of Agios Nicolaos, reminds one of the chapels found on Aegean islands.

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### Profitis Elias Chapel



The Byzantine Church of Prophet Elias was built in 1984, in the place of an older chapel. Set on a 100m high granite hill and found just a short

distance from the heart of Protaras, it certainly cannot be missed. It was built using stones from the area, and it is in perfect harmony with its natural surroundings. The chapel is especially awe-inspiring in the evenings when it is floodlit.

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### Agioi Saranta Chapel

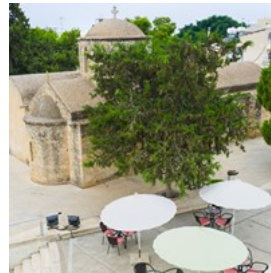


Taking the loose surface road to the area of Agioi Saranta or one of the nature trails, one comes across the picturesque chapel of Agioi Saranta.

Its existence is betrayed by the stone-built canopy on the wild rocks, as the chapel is set in an intact cave. The forty stalactites of the cave are what encouraged a devout christian to turn it into a place of pilgrimage. Apart from the pilgrimage, visitors can enjoy the wonderful scenery that surrounds the chapel.

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### Agia Anna Church



This 13th century Byzantine chapel in the center of Paralimni, built using local limestone, is dedicated to Mother Mary but it is referred to as 'Agia Anna', a name that was given to it when it was restored. The original chapel was decorated with frescoes, which were tragically destroyed and only some remnants betray their previous existence. The chapel now serves as an ecclesiastical museum where icons of the 16th and 19th centuries, holy relics and old books are exhibited.

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### Kapparis Beach



Kapparis beach (a recipient of the Blue Flag accreditation) is found north of Protaras, in the homonymous district of Kapparis. It is also known as the beach of MMAD, named after the training center of the Police Rapid Response Unit (MMAD), located nearby. It is a small, fine golden sandy beach with clear waters and is very popular with locals and tourists happy to give the hectic beaches a miss. There are sun loungers and parasols available for hire, and the area is patrolled by a lifeguard.

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## Paralimni Lake



Paralimni is situated next to a seasonal lake which forms west of the community, between Paralimni and Sotira. This is actually a natural

hollow which collects rainwater from all parts of Paralimni and the neighbouring hills during the winter season. The lake has been part of the NATURA 2000 network since 2009, as it forms the natural habitat of an abundant and important population of the protected grass snake, *Natrix Natrix Cypriaca*, and as a large number of migrating and nesting birds find shelter here.

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## Windmills



The windmills made their first appearance in Paralimni in the beginning of the twentieth century and were used by farmers to

pump water up for the irrigation of their fields. Soon they multiplied in number, and as a result, Protaras, its most productive area, is often referred to as the land of windmills. The windmills were later replaced by mechanical pumps. Today, the large number of windmills testifies the productivity of the past while affording a quaint, nostalgic beauty to the landscape of the area.

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## Traditional Taverns



No stay in Protaras-Paralimni would be complete without a visit to a traditional tavern. In the taverns of Protaras and the main

town of Paralimni you can enjoy authentic, traditional Cypriot cooking. The local cuisine is rich and has a huge diversity of dishes. Most of the chefs use locally grown ingredients, a multitude of herbs and vegetables and recipes that have been passed on from generation to generation, always adding new touches. "Meze", the national speciality, is in essence a culinary cross section, consisting of a variety of dishes. It starts with dips and salads followed by grills, side dishes and desserts. Koupepia are vine leaves stuffed with minced meat and rice, and Tava is tasty stew of meat, herbs and onions. Enjoy your meals while sampling an excellent selection of local wines. So "Kopiaste", relax and discover the flavours of Protaras.

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## Coastal Promenade



The seaside promenade extends for more than 4 kilometers, joining the area of Perneria with Fig Tree Bay, as well as Ayios Nicolaos Harbor with

Louma Beach. It allows the visitor further to explore the area and at the same time come across a wealth of attractive beaches.

This lengthy promenade is perfect for a sunset stroll or jogging while enjoying stunning views across the Mediterranean.

All along the coastal promenade there are platforms that extend from the main path towards the sea. Some of these resting points look as if they hang over the sea. These stops are also marked by benches and people make frequent stops to rest, enjoy the view, the sunset or sunrise or read a book.

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### Protaras Nightlife



When the sun sets, Protaras offers a varied and vibrant nightlife. Beside the in-house entertainment provided by the large hotels, there are plenty of restaurants, pubs, disco/bars and clubs that contribute to the fun-loving atmosphere of Protaras. Many establishments offer live entertainment and Karaoke and the discos feature famous DJ's.

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### Protaras Ocean Aquarium



Protaras Ocean Aquarium is home to over 1,000 species, including piranhas, stingrays, turtles, crocodiles, penguins and many more.

Relax, unwind and delve into the depths of the exciting and diverse underwater world or take a walk in the beautiful 12,500 square metre tropical gardens.

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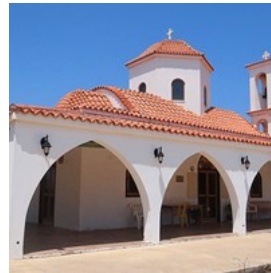
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### Archangelos Gabriel Church

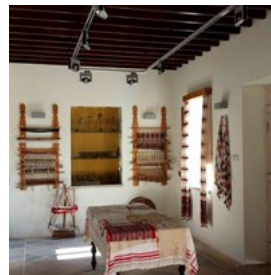


Among green orchards at the foothill of Phanos, which is the highest hill in Paralimni, visitors can find the chapel of Archangelos Gabriel. In

1965, during the building of the chapel, a stone cross sculpture was found in the area, proof that in the past there was a church here. This cross was incorporated in the new chapel. In 1998 the chapel was restored and its walls were decorated with frescoes.

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### The Traditional Cypriot House



The Traditional Cypriot House is located in the old center of Paralimni. It was built in the 19th century and has been carefully renovated to maintain its distinctive character. Its traditional arches together with the local flowers planted in its fore-yard make the house particularly beautiful. Household utensils and farming tools used by a typical rural family of the region are on display in the three rooms as well as in the courtyard. Besides serving as a museum, the house is at the disposal of couples wishing to have a traditional backdrop for their wedding.

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### Agios Panteleimonas Chapel



The chapel of Agios Panteleimonas was built on top of two previous chapels that were destroyed. The present chapel is made of stone and has a wooden roof. Inside there are some particularly beautiful, contemporary frescoes, one of which depicts Mother Mary surrounded by other female Saints.

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### Agia Triada Chapel and Fishing Shelter



The bonny little fishing shelter of Agia Triada is found in the homonymous area of Agia Triada. The chapel dedicated to the Holy Trinity (Agia Triada)

stands close by.

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## BEACH LIFE



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Discover numerous golden beaches with crystal clear waters, each of them awarded a Blue Flag, and indulge in the warmth of the sun. Enjoy swimming, water sports and a cruise around the coast of Ayia Napa. Explore the wild natural beauty of Cape Greco, and do some biking or

hiking on nature trails with wildflowers and fauna.

For more information on the many beaches in the area, visit:

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### Limanaki Beach

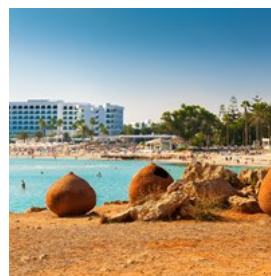


The golden sand of Limanaki Beach gently slopes into the sea - you have to wade in a fair bit just to get knee deep, making it safe and perfect

for children. There are large luxurious hotels along this coastline, with open air restaurants and snack bars, and it is the most accessible beach from the centre of town. People of all ages come here to enjoy themselves. Enjoy the sun and the sea in a refreshing and laid back way.

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### Nissi Beach



Nissi beach is probably the most popular beach in the whole of Cyprus. It consists of 2 connecting beaches, one large one (very busy) and a smaller

one (more secluded). Nissi beach is famed for its beautiful golden sand and clean crystal clear waters. Enjoy your drinks in one of the sand bars there.

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### Makronissos Beach

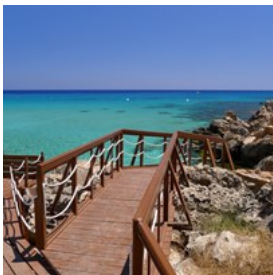


Makronissos Beach, which has a water park nearby, is a long golden sand coastline flanked by two bays - an ideal atmosphere for

relaxation. Children especially enjoy this beach due to its shallow waters which reach far into the sea. It is easily accessible via Nissi Avenue including a bus stop.

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### Konnos Beach



Located to the East of Ayia Napa, Konnos bay stands out from within the Cape Greco National Park. Found in between Protaras and Ayia Napa,

the beach is prominent for its white sands and crystal clear water. Flanked by rocky hills full of pine trees, the road to the beach offers excellent opportunities for amazing photographs. Special plastic sun beds, tailor-made for this beach and which can be used on water, are available for rent. Many yachters drop anchor here to relax for hours.

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### Dome Beach



Laying on the western tip of Ayia Napa, Dome Beach is popular for families with children. In the winter months various types of surfers come here when conditions are right.

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### Kermia Beach

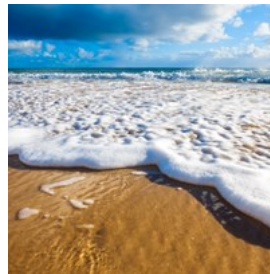


Kermia is a humble sized bay (also called Limnara Beach), also found in Cape Greco National Park. You can go there via the road or walk there

on the coastal path from Ayia Napa (a few kilometers away) to Cape Greco. You will also see rock pools found at the edges of the bay.

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### Grecian Bay

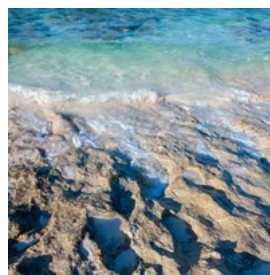


Grecian Bay is the main beach in Ayia Napa and the closest to the city centre. Known by several names, including Glyki Nero (the official name

which when translated means 'sweet water'), it is a long coastal line consisting of lovely fine white sand. It stretches west from the Ayia Napa sea caves to the harbor. Like some other beaches in Cyprus the clear waters run shallow far in to the sea - always exciting and fun for children! It has many luxury hotels lined up on it. Open air snack bars and other facilities for food and drink are waiting there to quench your thirst or fill your appetite after a relaxing swim.

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### Katsarka Beach



Situated about 1,500 feet from Ayia Napa fishing harbor, Katsarka Beach is rocky with fine gravel spread throughout. These rocks continue from the

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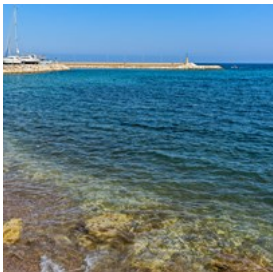
### Ammos Tou Kampouri Beach



Ammos Tou Kampouri Beach is a tiny beach and a peaceful place to swim with golden sands to lie down on.

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### Latchi Beach



Latchi Beach is a small and quiet cove with golden sands which are a common trait with the beaches in Ayia Napa.

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### Landa Beach



Landa Beach is a long sandy beach in between Nissi and Macronissos beaches. It is sometimes referred to as Golden beach or Lanta beach by locals. The beach is well protected and quite deep so there is plenty of room, but no natural shade. Sand dunes bank up the slope to the east and rock pools are found on both sides of the beach (Landa translates roughly as 'water pool').

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### Penera Beach



Penera Beach is located at the opposite end from the harbour, towards the edge of Sandy Bay Beach. It shelves gently into crystal clear seas making it very popular with families.

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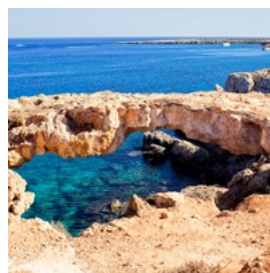
## DO & SEE



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There is a wealth of attractions and places to visit, both beautiful and interesting. Be sure to visit the Monastery and the Old and New Church dedicated to Virgin Mary, the picturesque harbor, the Municipal Museum "Thalassa", the Makronissos Archaeological Tombs, the Venetian Aqueduct, and the rural churches and chapels all around town, as well as the Sculpture Park, the Love Bridge, and the iconic "I Love Ayia Napa" sculpture in the Central Square.

### Cape Greco National Forest Park



views from the sea cliffs looking down to the

Explore the multitude of intriguing nature trails lined with pine trees and a diverse botanical splendour whilst pausing to take in the spectacular

beautiful Mediterranean Sea. Many benches are spread out along these trails to take a break from the walk and admire the surroundings in stillness. One of these nature trails forms part of the European Long Distance Trail E4, running from Cyprus to Gibraltar. Then there's the Aphrodite nature trail which stretches 2 km along the North-East coast of Cape Greko which doubles up as a Cultural Route due to the mythical birth place of Aphrodite. A lovely monument to visit is the tiny white washed church of Agoi Anargyroi, with steps that lead down to the sea where there is a place where Holy water runs. Another trail leads to the 'Cyclops' cave where there is a picnic site close by.

Specially made cycling paths are strewn throughout. Cyprus has the ideal climate for cycling all year round with low annual rainfall and light winds. Thirty foot high limestone cliffs have caves which have been hewn by Mother Nature. Taking a boat trip along the coast you will see that they are really striking, which is why they have been aptly named the 'Palaces'. Cape Greko has warm sea temperatures ranging from 16 to 28 degrees and visibility reaching up to 40 metres. For this reason, as well as for the wonderful scenery and the marine life, this area is very popular with divers.

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### Thalassa Ayia Napa Municipal Museum



This museum has the sea as its subject-matter. The exhibits cover a chronological span, from pale ontological and prehistoric periods until

present times, and include among other things an exact life size replica of the ancient ship of Kyrenia of the Classical period (400 BC), the replica of a Mesolithic (9200 BC) papyrus vessel, a traditional Cypriot boat from 19th century, known as "Passara", Cypriot antiquities, bones and skulls of endemic pygmy hippopotamus and elephants of Cyprus (8000 years old), and fossilized exhibits such as sea-urchins and corals. Moreover, visitors can admire stuffed fish, mammals, sea turtles and marine organisms, such as shells, barnacles, corals, sea-urchins, starfish, crabs, lobsters, sponges, marine plants and more found in various parts of the island.

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### Ayia Napa Monastery



A landmark in the heart of Ayia Napa, the Monastery is the most important sight in town. It is easily accessible by all visitors, as it is located

in the central square, about two kilometers away from the Harbour. Among some of the well known visitors of the monastery was the Greek Nobel laureate Giorgos Seferis, who was astounded by the beauty he faced when he visited the place. He decided to dedicate a hymn to the Monastery, and thus wrote the poem "Ayia Napa B" which can be found in his collection of poems "Emerologio Katastromatos C" (Logbook III).

There is an uncertainty as to when the Monastery was initially built. The cave, the hiding place and the well, witness the presence

of a Christian community there since the Byzantine years (11th century). The first element of the temple (13th-14th century) was built during the Frankish period, while the rest of the Monastery was completed during the 15th century. However, the Monastery as it stands nowadays is a construction of the 15th century, a time during which Cyprus was under the Venetian regime.

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### Ayia Napa Harbour



The picturesque Ayia Napa Harbour is undoubtedly one of the main features of the town, after the Medieval Monastery and Cape

Greco. Many decades ago, the harbour was just a small bay with a few fishing boats. In the beginning of the 70s, the first breakwater was constructed which basically marked the beginning of the current development of the harbour. Nowadays, the Harbour is fully renovated with a large fleet of fishing boats, speed boats, sailboats and cruise ships. The land area is appropriately formed with pedestrian lanes which lead to the two lighthouses. Colourful and typically picturesque, the area around the harbour includes an open theatre, fountains, quaint cafes, fish taverns and restaurants. The ambiance around the harbour is a real ornament and it is rightfully classified among the most contemporary and picturesque harbours in Cyprus.

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### The Ayia Napa Aqueduct



The Ayia Napa Aqueduct is one of the most important monuments preserved within the boundaries of the Ayia Napa municipality. The Aqueduct supplied the monastery and the whole region with water for hundreds of years. The monument in its present state of preservation is an alteration of the original Roman aqueduct, occurred during the Frankish period when the monastery was built. The source of the water is to be found somewhere on the Northeastern hills of Ayia Napa. Up to the year 1974 the original visible route of the channel was marked by a barrel-shaped structure at the locality of 'Manatou Nerou', known traditionally as the House of the Greeks. From that point the aqueduct ran all the way to the monastery following the natural contours of the bedrock.

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### Makronissos Tombs



The Makronissos cemetery includes 19 Hellenistic and Roman tombs (2400 BC). The entrances were originally closed with one large or two smaller calcarenite slabs. Among the findings at the sight are clay sarcophagi which were originally covered with three flat tiles and a limestone Korre statuette (both displayed in the Thalassa Municipal Museum).

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## Sea Caves



The Sea Caves or “Palatia”, as they are called, are certainly one of the main features of Ayia Napa and the centre of attraction for thousands of locals and tourists.

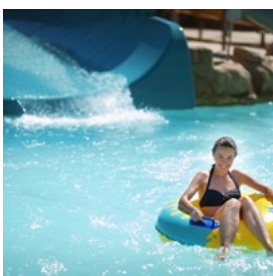
The Sea Caves, which are found between Kermia Beach and the Cavo Greco Cape, have a tremendous geological history and are of social, environmental and economic importance to Ayia Napa.

A visit to the sea caves is a must for an enjoyable walk and a close view of the captivating scenery, designed by nature and time, and a dive into the crystal waters of the sea is a treat.

The geology of the sea caves is one of the determinant factors of Cavo Greco, which has been declared a protected area.

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## Ayia Napa Water Park



The award-winning Ayia Napa Waterpark is one of the twelve best water parks worldwide, according to reliable sources of the American

Television Network CNN. It is located on Ayia Theklis Street, on the west entrance of Ayia Napa.

The Waterpark is an ancient Greek mythology themed park. What makes it special is the fact that the Greek characters of the water park are depicted in a simplistic yet realistic way

throughout the water slides and the recreation areas of the park, including the plethora of games found in all entertainment venues, such as the Fish Spa and the Go Karts.

The water park offers all-day entertainment and it is ideal if you want to spend a pleasant and carefree day in a world of mythology.

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## Sculpture Park



The Sculpture Park is found on the crossroad of Cavo Greco Avenue and Kryou Nerou, in an 20.000 sq.m. area with unbelievable natural beauty and panoramic views.

It’s a park-gem, the first of its kind which acts as an oasis of culture, not only for Ayia Napa, but also for the whole area of Famagusta district.

The park is adorned by sculptures which are created by many world-renowned artists who participate in the Sculpture Symposium which is organized every year by the Ayia Napa Municipality.

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Address: Kavo Gkreko, Ayia Napa

Phone: +357 23 816307

## I Love Ayia Napa Sculpture



Visit the stone sculpture “I Love Ayia Napa” at the central square of the town and leave your photo in between the sculpture, to express your love for Ayia Napa in this way. The sculpture is placed at the Monastery Central Square and was created by the sculptor Yianni Yianni.

Photo: Visit Famagusta

Address: Central Square, Ayia Napa

## Ayioi Anargyroi Chapel



The chapel is found on the Eastern side of the town and is devoted to Ayios Kosmas and Ayios Damianos, or the Omosianoi Saints as they

called them, both doctors who treated and cured patients without receiving any payment.

According to tradition, during their journeys in the area, they faced rough seas and their boat was carried away into a cave which has since been turned into a chapel. At a later stage, the new chapel was built on the rock right above the cave.

The Saints’ blessed water “Ayiasma” is found in the cave under the rock. Church services are held on the 1st of July and the 1st of November.

Photo: Visit Famagusta

Address: Cape Greco Area, Ayia Napa

## Kamara tou Koraka



On the way to Ayioi Anargyroi chapel, on the right side, you’ll find “Kamara Tou Koraka”, an impressive geological formation which looks like a bridge or an arch.

Photo: Visit Famagusta

## Monachus Monachus Arch



The bridge is located just outside the hotel 'Ayia Napa'. The crystal clear waters of the Cape Greco sea shore are amazing.

They seem to be like blue mirrors reflecting the sun's light and they provide the perfect backdrop for photographs.

Photo: Visit Famagusta

## DINING



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The delicious Cypriot cuisine lies at the heart of the island's culture. The Cypriot ‘meze’ is a banquet fit for a king with about twenty different traditional dishes. Meze is often the dish of choice for local Cypriots, ordering them for feasts, celebrations, anniversaries and other joyous occasions. It starts light with salads, dips, olives and fresh bread. Then you start to work

your way up with snails, octopus in red wine, pickled capers and greens, followed by grilled halloumi (Greek cheese made from sheep and goat's milk), smoked pork, fish, keftedes (meatballs), sheftalia and traditional Greek sausages. Then come the kebabs, chicken and lamb chops.

### Blueberries



Blueberries Restaurant & Bar has been providing top-quality food and service since 1985, owned and run by two Englishmen with

backgrounds firmly ingrained in family restaurants, and whose magnetic personalities draw lively crowds to their establishment. Their extensive international menu includes fish, steak, chicken and vegetarian dishes, but the house specialties are made up of typical Cypriot cuisine.

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Address: Odos Giouri Gkagkarin, Ayia Napa  
Opening hours: Daily 5:30pm-11:30pm  
Phone: +357 23 722024  
Internet: [www.blueberriesrestaurant.com](http://www.blueberriesrestaurant.com)  
Email: [info@blueberriesrestaurant.com](mailto:info@blueberriesrestaurant.com)

### Atlas



For fantastic Italian cuisine in Ayia Napa, look no further than Atlas, a large but welcoming family-run restaurant offering pasta, pizza

seafood, fresh salads made with locally sourced-produce and mozzarella. Let the staff recommend the best wine to complement your meal to fully enjoy your experience here.

Photo: keko64 / Shutterstock.com  
Address: Nissi Ave 86, Ayia Napa  
Phone: +357 23722064  
Email: [atlasrestaurant@hotmail.com](mailto:atlasrestaurant@hotmail.com)

### Raphael's Restaurant



Raphael's Restaurant serves wonderful authentic Cypriot cuisine, as well as other Mediterranean and international dishes,

taking advantage of the proximity to the sea and the island's prolific fishing industry.

Photo: Dario Vuksanovic / Shutterstock.com  
Address: Makariou 30, Ayia Napa  
Opening hours: Daily 11am-12am  
Phone: +357 23 721035

### Zaatar Lebanese & Syrian Restaurant



Zaatar uses only the freshest ingredients, which include legumes, grains and seeds, as well as fruit, homemade yogurt, nuts, herbs and

spices, to create authentic and delicious Lebanese dishes. The food is served in small portions so that customers can try many different alternatives, and everything is shared by the whole table, bringing a sense of community and sharing to the meal.

Photo: diplomedia / Shutterstock.com  
Address: Nissi Avenue, by Nissi Beach, Ayia Napa  
Phone: +357 77 776600  
Internet: [www.zaatarbites.com](http://www.zaatarbites.com)

### Quadro



Quadro is another fantastic Italian and Mediterranean restaurant offering everything from pizza and pasta to lamb chops and meze dishes.

You can enjoy your meal in the breezy outdoor seating, finishing with one of their great Cypriot desserts and a cup of coffee or Turkish tea.

Photo: igoly / Shutterstock.com

Address: Kryou Nerou 7, Ayia Napa

Opening hours: Daily 3pm-11pm

Phone: +357 23 723838

Email: elenaisaacquadro@hotmail.com

### Sage Restaurant & Wine Bar



Modern international cuisine, an extensive wine list with selections from the best vineyards in the world and top class-service make Sage

Restaurant & Wine Bar one of the very best restaurants in Ayia Napa. The steaks come highly recommended, and portion sizes are quite generous, so be prepared for a meal to remember.

Photo: theerapol sri-in / Shutterstock.com

Address: Kryou Nerou , 8, Ayia Napa

Phone: +357 23 819276

Internet: www.sagerest.com

Email: sagerestaurant@cytanet.com.cy

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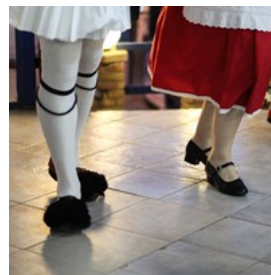
lamb-based dishes and their ayran, a refreshing drink made primarily from watered-down yogurt. After dark the venue becomes more of a cocktail bar with breezy outdoor seating.

Photo: Endla / Shutterstock.com

Address: 136 Nissi Avenue, Ayia Napa

Phone: +357 23 725465

### Isaac Tavern



With a great location next to the harbour, Isaac Tavern is a traditional family restaurant that offers fantastic Cypriot food and filling meze

dishes which can be enjoyed al fresco, often while admiring a typical Cypriot dance performance.

Photo: Marynets Tayisiya / Shutterstock.com

Address: 77-79 Makariou Str, Ayia Napa

Phone: +357 23 723586

Email: isaactavern@gmail.com

### Los Bandidos



For a bit of variety in your menu, head to Los Bandidos, a top-notch Mexican restaurant located near Ayia Napa Square, in the very centre

of town. Enjoy Latin American speciality dishes surrounded by colourful decor and lush greenery.

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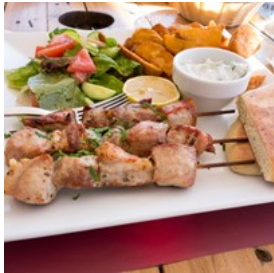
Address: Ari Velouchioti 2, Ayia Napa

Phone: +357 23 723258

Internet: www.losbandidosmexican.com

Email: customercontact@losbandidosmexican.com

### Nicolas Tavern



Nicolas Tavern is a wonderful traditional Greek Cypriot taverna, known most of all for its kleftiko, a dish made of slow cooked lamb

prepared in a wood-fire clay oven. Other options include meze, fish, home made cakes and desserts and regional wines.

Photo: Ekaterina\_Minaeva / Shutterstock.com

Address: 68 Protaras Hotel Road, Anastasia Complex, Protaras

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-10pm

Phone: +357 23 833084

Internet: [www.nicolastavern.com](http://www.nicolastavern.com)

### CAFES



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Cyprus coffee is served literally everywhere on the island. Such is its popularity- a perfect accompaniment for playing games or just shooting the breeze. Cyprus coffee is very different from European coffee, in that it is brewed in small pots with long handles called 'mbriki'. The coffee itself is made from fresh finely ground coffee beans and is poured into tinted porcelain cups. The amount of sugar added depends on your taste: 'sketo' (no sugar), 'metrio' (half a teaspoon of sugar), and 'glykis' (a full teaspoon of sugar).

### Liquid Cafe & Bar



Just across the street from Quatro lies Liquid, a chilled out cafe by day, and a trendy bar by night. The bar is all atmosphere: it is spacious, modern and

sleek, with large screens that show all the big games and all kinds of exotic cocktails.

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Address: Kriou Nerou, 8, Ayia Napa

Phone: +357 2381 9276

Internet: [www.liquidcafebar.com](http://www.liquidcafebar.com)

Email: [liquidbar@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:liquidbar@cytanet.com.cy)

### Jello Cafe Restaurant



Jello Cafe Restaurant is one of the trendiest places in Ayia Napa, perfect for every occasion, from coffee and a snack, to a heartier

meal and a decadent dessert, to late night drinks.

It is a particularly popular place in the area, with crowds of both locals and visitors gathering most nights, a sure sign of quality.

Photo: RitaE / Pixabay

Address: Arch. Makariou 43, Ayia Napa

Opening hours: Daily 9am-2am

Phone: +357 23 724128

### Zorbas Bakery



Zorbas Bakery started off as a small family bakery and cafe in the late 1970's and has since transformed into a household name with

locations all over Cyprus. They serve well-loved snacks, local desserts and both sweet and savory pastries, as well as always fresh bread, of



course.

Photo: Paul Cowan / Shutterstock.com

Address: Nissi Avenue 17, Ayia Napa

Phone: +357 23 725840

Internet: [www.zorbas.com.cy](http://www.zorbas.com.cy)

Email: [info@zorbas.com.cy](mailto:info@zorbas.com.cy)

### Buono Cafe



Located just across the street from Thalassa Museum, Buono Cafe is a cosy family-run cafe that offers some of the area's best desserts, including

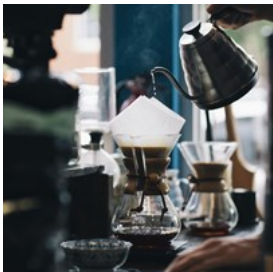
ice cream, banana splits, crepes and wildly popular waffles.

Photo: winuturn / Shutterstock.com

Address: Kryou Nerou 15, Ayia Napa

Phone: +357 23 723314

### Coffee Island



With over 300 branches all over Greece, Turkey and Cyprus, Coffee Island is one of the most trusted names in coffee in the region. They pride

themselves in roasting beans from the very best coffee producing countries in the world, including El Salvador, Colombia and Kenya, in order to prepare truly fantastic cups of coffee.

Photo: Unsplash / Pixabay

Address: Makarios Avenue 27, Ayia Napa

Opening hours: Daily 8am-12am

Phone: +357 23 722626

Internet: [www.coffeeisland.gr](http://www.coffeeisland.gr)

Email: [info@coffeeisland.gr](mailto:info@coffeeisland.gr)

### Costa Coffee



Another famous international coffeehouse chain, Costa Coffee is known worldwide for its quality coffee and impeccable service. The

atmosphere is warm and welcoming, despite being a sleek and modern cafe.

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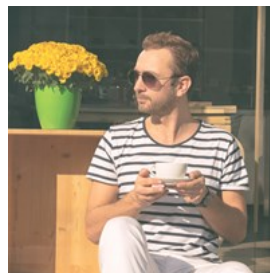
Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-11:30pm

Phone: +357 23 833235

Internet: [www.costacoffee.com.cy](http://www.costacoffee.com.cy)

Email: [info@costacoffee.com.cy](mailto:info@costacoffee.com.cy)

### Senso Cafe



Senso Cafe may not be the cheapest coffeehouse in the area, but many have called their coffee the best in Paralimni, if not all of Cyprus. They

also serve a variety of snacks and light meals, as well as desserts and alcoholic drinks.

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Address: Ayiou Georgiou 11, Paralimni

Phone: +357 23 811950

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Cyprus wines date back to the days of ancient Greece, as it was a major part of the island's wealth. In medieval times the renowned Commandaria wines were drunk by those passing through to the Holy Land. New wineries have developed over the past decades, and you can now sample the local wines at various locations and sites throughout the island. For nighttime entertainment, a slew of bars, nightclubs and restaurants can be found in town, along the beaches and at major hotels.

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Address: Krouy Nerou , 8, Ayia Napa

Phone: +357 23 819276

Internet: [www.sagerest.com](http://www.sagerest.com)

Email: [sagerestaurant@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:sagerestaurant@cytanet.com.cy)

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lamb-based dishes and their ayran, a refreshing drink made primarily from watered-down yogurt. After dark the venue becomes more of a cocktail bar with breezy outdoor seating.

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Address: 136 Nissi Avenue, Ayia Napa

Phone: +357 23 725465

### Glasshouse Lounge Restaurant



By far one of the most extravagant places in the Ayia Napa area, Glasshouse Lounge Restaurant offers a fine dining experience and a

fancy night out to remember. Located on the last floor of the Adams Beach Hotel resort, the views are enviable, and the whole experience is exquisite.

Photo: *AurelienDP / Pixabay*

Address: Adams Beach Hotel, Ayia Napa

Phone: +357 97775775

Internet: [www.adams.com.cy/Bars--Restaurants/Glasshouse-Lounge-Restaurant](http://www.adams.com.cy/Bars--Restaurants/Glasshouse-Lounge-Restaurant)

### Cafe Del Mar Beach Bar



Cafe Del Mar Beach Bar offers relaxation and luxury in an unbeatable seaside location. Enjoy a small snack, like a club sandwich or a salad, a hot

coffee or a cold beer, and be sure to stop by after

dark for some of the island's best parties.

Photo: iko / Shutterstock.com

Address: Pernera Street, Sandy Bay, Ayia Napa

Opening hours: Daily 10am-7pm

Phone: +357 99 631127

Email: cafedelmarayanapa@gmail.com

### The Square Bar



In contrast with Ayia Napa's rowdy club scene, The Square Bar offers a more laid-back alternative right on the city's main square. This

open air bar is also one of the best live music venues in the area, featuring both local and international performers, as well as regular visiting DJ's.

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Address: Main Square, Ayia Napa

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-3am, Sun 9am-12am

Phone: +357 99 274805

Email: chris@squarebar-ayianapa.com

### Red Square Bar



Red Square Bar is a quirky Russia-themed bar and a pretty laid back place to grab a few drinks or hit the dancefloor, without all the pomp of

the Ayia Napa club scene. The friendly atmosphere is what most characterises Red Square Bar, which makes it easy to recommend to any visitor.

Photo: astarot / Shutterstock.com

Address: Katalymmata 41, Ayia Napa

Opening hours: Daily 9pm-3am

Phone: +357 23 721556

Internet: www.redsquarenapa.com

Email: info@redsquarenapa.com

### Pepper Bar Lounge



Part of the Napa Plaza Hotel, Pepper Bar Lounge seamlessly merges class with excitement, offering a great place to chill out with a refreshing drink in the evening and a lively dance club later into the night, as the resident DJ's get the crowd going.

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Address: Makarios Avenue, Ayia Napa

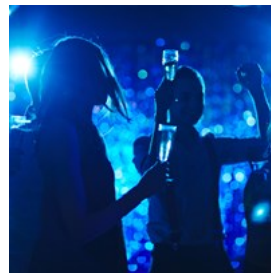
Opening hours: Daily 5pm-2am

Phone: +357 99 595515

Internet: www.napaplaza.com

Email: pr@napaplaza.com

### The Castle Club



The Castle Club is a huge nightclub complex with up to five separate rooms and environments in which to let loose and dance all night, including themes such as urban fusion, nu disco and of course, a VIP area.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com

Address: 20-22 Louka Louka, Ayia Napa

Email: enquiries@thecastleclub

### Tommy's Pub



Tommy's Pub is one of the most popular bars in Ayia Napa for its delicious food, fantastic nightly entertainment and amazing shows. The full bar keeps customers refreshed throughout the night as they drink and dance.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com

Address: Makarios Avenue 24, Ayia Napa

Phone: +357 23 721309  
Internet: [www.thetommypub.com](http://www.thetommypub.com)  
Email: [admin@thetommypub.com](mailto:admin@thetommypub.com)

## SHOPPING



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Strolling down the winding streets and alleys of Ayia Napa, visitors will marvel at the variety of markets, shops and products available, including local handicrafts and artwork, such as wood carvings, traditional dolls, embroidery and jewellery. Don't forget to try some local wines, and maybe take a bottle or two back home as gifts.

### Rialas Jewellery



With over 20 years of tradition and experience, Rialas Jewellery is one of the most trusted names in jewellery in Ayia Napa.

The stunning pieces showcased at Rialas combine timeless elegance with modern aesthetics, making each piece wholly unique.

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Address: 10 Nissi Avenue, Ayia Napa  
Phone: +357 23 724504  
Internet: [www.rialasjewellery.com](http://www.rialasjewellery.com)  
Email: [info@rialasjewellery.com](mailto:info@rialasjewellery.com)

### Ayia Thekla Open Air Market



Every Wednesday in Ayia Thekla (located to the west of Ayia Napa) an open air market is held, where vendors display their wares, which include everything from clothing and jewellery to books and general items, right on the sea front.

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### London Clothing Company



With stores at several locations across the island, London Clothing Company is one of the most important and influential fashion outlets in the country. Modern looks and cutting edge design fill the racks at their numerous stores.

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Address: 14, Nissi Avenue, Ayia Napa  
Phone: +357 23 723 566  
Internet: [www.london-clothing.com](http://www.london-clothing.com)

### Bootlegger Off License Store



For the best alcohol and tobacco shopping, take a short trip north to Pernera and visit Bootlegger Off License Store. They offer perhaps the island's best selection of local and imported wines, beers and spirits, as well as tobacco products from around the world, all at unbeatable products.

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Address: 67, Pernera Avenue, Pernera  
Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-10pm  
Phone: +357 99 371342

Email: kp.panteli@gmail.com

### Plaza Shopping Center



Plaza Shopping Center gathers numerous shops in one location, make it one of the most convenient shopping spots in town. Find

clothes, shoes and accessories, as well as gifts and jewellery to take home, or even a nice bottle of wine.

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Address: 37A Nissi Avenue, Ayia Napa

Phone: +357 23 819191

### Best Buy Supermarkets



For daily essentials and all your holiday needs, the Best Buy Supermarkets chain can be found all over the Famagusta region. Food

and drink, fresh produce, and even necessities like sunscreen, are all on offer at some of the most competitive prices around.

Photo: George Rudy / Shutterstock.com

Address: Archiepiskopou Makariou III, Ayia Napa

Phone: +357 23 202000

### OJO Sunglasses



Protect your eyes from the brilliant rays of the glorious Cyprus sun with a pair of stylish sunglasses from OJO. They offer a wide

selection to match everybody's style, each item being of the highest quality and craftsmanship.

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Address: 4 Nissi Avenue, Ayia Napa

Phone: +357 700 70010

Internet: www.ojosunglasses.com

Email: info@ojosunglasses.com

### Y2K Boutique



Located just to the west of Ayia Napa, Y2K Boutique offers traditional and alternative fashion items from major brands and smaller designers alike, including clothes and shoes, as well as bags and other accessories.

Photo: Ivan Kurmyshov / Shutterstock.com

Address: Nissi Ave, Ayia Napa

Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm

Phone: +357 23 724834

### Taste of Life



Taste of Life is perhaps the best place in Ayia Napa to shop for local products, such as wine, sweets and small souvenirs. The shop is full

of character, and the famously friendly and helpful shop owner is always ready to help with a smile.

Photo: kaband / Shutterstock.com

Address: Nissi Avenue 54, Ayia Napa

Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-11pm

### Glitz Boutique



Glitz is a classy fashion boutique that offers youthful and elegant clothes, shoes, bags and accessories. It is one of the best places in the city

to pick up some interesting and unique pieces.

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Address: Archiepiskopou Makariou III 43, Ayia Napa  
Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm  
Phone: +357 23 724127  
Email: yianna\_tonia@hotmail.com

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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### Larnaca International Airport



Larnaca International Airport (LCA) is the nearest airport to Ayia Napa, located about 45 kilometres to the west of the city. It takes about

45-60 minutes to get to the city from the airport depending on your method of transportation and other factors like traffic.

Most major hotels and resorts provide shuttle services, making it the most common and simple way to get to Ayia Napa. There are also usually plenty of taxis available outside the terminal, as well as several car rental companies.

It is possible to get to Ayia Napa using public transport, and it is quite inexpensive, but there is no direct connection, and the trip can take significantly longer (up to about 90 minutes). Take any bus from the airport to Larnaca city centre and change to bus 711 of the intercity bus

to Ayia Napa at Finikoudes Promenade. Tickets can be bought directly from the driver on both buses.

Photo: Juan Garces  
Address: Larnaca International Airport, Cyprus  
Phone: +357 77 778833  
Internet: [www.hermesairports.com/en/larnakahome](http://www.hermesairports.com/en/larnakahome)  
Email: [customerservices@hermesairports.com](mailto:customerservices@hermesairports.com)

### Public Transport



Local buses are run by Eman, running along the length of the coast all day, from about 8am to 11pm. Services usually run every 20-30 minutes, depending on the time of day.

Buses 101 and 102 run all the way from the Water Park to Paralimni, with stops along Nissi Avenue, while bus 502 goes straight to Paralimni. Bus 201 is the Ayia Napa circle line.

Single tickets and day passes are available, as well as weekly and monthly passes.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair  
Internet: [www.emantravel.com](http://www.emantravel.com)  
More Info: [www.osea.com.cy](http://www.osea.com.cy)

### Taxi



Ayia Napa Taxi Office  
+357 23721111

## Post

Ayia Napa Post Office



Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Odyssea Elyti, Ayia Napa

## Pharmacy

Petinos Pharmacy



Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Petinos Pharmacy, Ayia Napa

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-11pm, Sun 9:30am-11pm

Phone: +357 23 723192

## Telephone

Country code: +357 Area  
code: 23



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## Electricity

240 volts, with a 3-pin  
electrical plug socket (the  
same one used in the UK)



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## Visit Famagusta



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## Currency

Euro, 1 EUR = 100 cents

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Cyprus Observer (in English)

Cyprus Telegraph (in English)

Famagusta Gazette

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