

## **NICOSIA: A divided capital**

- ❖ Full Day Excursion
- ❖ Visits to:
  - Handicraft Centre
  - Archaeological Museum
  - Byzantine Museum
  - Laiki Gitonia & Green Line

A visit to any capital is a must, but Nicosia is unique in that it is the only remaining divided capital in the world today. The contrast of the old and new is most evident in Nicosia, with its modern architecture and old city within the Venetian ramparts of the 16th century. Nicosia is a city boasting many important historical monuments and interesting museums.

The first stop will be the Handicraft Centre. The centre aims to promote and enrich the traditional folk art and craft skills. It has various workshops and a showroom/shop where the guests may be able to view and purchase handmade items.

The guests will then visit Nicosia's Archaeological Museum; here there are artefacts go back to 7000 BC. The Archaeological Museum of Lefkosia consists of fourteen rooms surrounding a square main area and it is comprised with offices, a library, storerooms and areas for preserving and studying items of the collection. The objects in the rooms follow a chronological and a thematical succession.

The next stop is the Byzantine Museum and Art Galleries, an Archbishop Makarios III Foundation Cultural Centre with the largest collection of icons on the island, covering the period from the 9<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> century. The Art Galleries contain oil paintings, maps and lithographs.

Last stop 'Laiki Gitonia', the restored commercial quarter of the old city. Here the guests will be able to have a stroll and visit the picturesque shops which sell traditional items. They will also have the possibility to visit the "Green Line", the area which presents the last divided capital of the world.

Free time will be given for a stroll, lunch and shopping!



**PRICE: €50/60\$ per person**

**The following services are included in the above price:**

- ◆ Private return transfers
- ◆ Licensed English-speaking Guide
- ◆ Entrance fees at archaeological sites
- ◆ Organisation and assistance by Smart Events