



Cricket tours to Cyprus

Sink your toes into the warm sand, feel the sun on your back and look out over the azure waters of the eastern Mediterranean you're in Cyprus, what's more - you're here to play some cricket!

Cyprus is a cricketer's paradise and it's both affordable and accessible (only four and a half hours flying time from the UK). The cricket is surprisingly good too and it's improving all the time - in 2003 a league was set up and youth cricket was started in schools, there's even a national senior team now which competes in European competitions. Teams are not only made up of expats and Cypriots but include an interesting mix of players from all over the world. The main ground is aptly named Happy Valley situated at the sovereign base of Episkopi.

Our first choice hotel is right on the beach in Limassol and there are a wealth of other beaches to choose from. Limassol is the second

largest city on the island and offers something for everybody at night with its rich variety of restaurants, taverns, cafes and discos.

There's plenty to see and do on days off when you've done enough chilling out on the fabulous beaches. We recommend a trip around the Troodos mountain villages to take in the spectacular scenery and a holiday to Cyprus would never be complete with visiting some of the magical archeological and mythological sites - the guys might increase their chances of success with the ladies by visiting **Aphrodite's Rock** the birthplace of the Goddess of Love and Beauty!

Cyprus is a fabulous tour - it's hot with good cricket and great nightlife, who could ask for more? Plan to go for 4 to 7 nights and expect your stay to incorporate a weekend when most cricket is played.

Why Cyprus?

- The weather – superb climate, all year round
- The beaches – glorious and plentiful
- The history – archeological and mythological wonders
- Value – affordable winter sun

Tour guidance

Best months to go	September - June
Days to tour	Must incorporate a weekend
Max no. fixtures	3
Time Difference	GMT + 2 hours
Currency	Cyprus Pounds (CYP or CE)
Direct Flying Time	Around 4 1/2 hrs from London

Airports you can fly from

London Heathrow, London Gatwick, London Stansted, Manchester



Cyprus - 'cricket with the gods'



5 night tour packages from as little as £395 including flights

What's included?

- Return economy class flights including taxes
- 3* accommodation including breakfast
- Arrangement and confirmation of all fixtures
- Transport to and from fixtures
- Cricket ground hire charges
- Airport transfers
- Services of a Shire Sports Tours representative

What's not included?

- Meals other than Breakfast
- Match day refreshments
- Optional excursions and activities

Flexibility – customise your Cyprus tour

- Higher or lower grade of accommodation
- Meal plans – upgrade to half board
- Length of tour – stay more or less nights
- Activities and excursions – We can arrange whatever you want. First decide on and book your basic itinerary, we'll then have plenty of time to help you decide on which exciting trips and activities to add on.

DAY 1 / Departure day / Cyprus

- Morning** Meet at the airport for a direct 4 hour flight to Cyprus.
- Afternoon** We'll meet you at Larnaca airport and take you to your hotel in Limassol by coach where you'll check in for a 7 night stay.
- Evening** Enjoy a welcome meeting with our representative to review your itinerary before your first taste of Limassol's great nightlife.

DAY 2 / Cyprus / Full free day

- Morning** Soak up the sun on the beach or explore your new surroundings.
- Afternoon** Suggested optional excursion – Visit to the Troodos Mountains and villages. Visit a local winery on the way then take in the spectacular scenery and at 1800 metres above sea level, maybe even see some snow!
- Evening** Head back to Limassol and paint the town red.

DAY 3 / Cyprus / Match day 1

- Morning** After breakfast spend the morning at leisure before we transfer you to your first fixture.
- Afternoon** Enjoy a competitive game then spend some time socialising with your oppo before we transfer you back to the hotel.
- Evening** Savour some of the wonderful local dishes (we can recommend plenty of excellent restaurants) then hit the town again.

DAY 4 / Cyprus / Match day 2

- Morning** Relax on the beach after breakfast or take a stroll around Limassol.
- Afternoon** Second fixture against local opposition in the warm Mediterranean sunshine. Post match socialising then transfer back to hotel for another great evening out.
- Evening** Suggested option – **Meze evening**. Traditional Cypriot evening with great food, live music and dancing (a Meze meal is several small dishes of traditional Cypriot food).

DAY 5 / Cyprus / Full free day

- Morning** Full morning at leisure, recharge the batteries with a relaxing morning on the beach.
- Afternoon** Optional excursion - Visit to Paphos, with a stop at Aphrodite's Rock on the way, the birthplace of the Goddess of Love & Beauty.
- Evening** Try a new bar or head back to your favourites from previous nights.

DAY 6 / Cyprus / Full free day

- Morning** Soak up some more sun on the beach or take in the local sites.
- Afternoon** Suggested optional excursion – Curium, an ancient city dating back to 1200 BC featuring a huge amphitheatre overlooking the bay of Akrotori.
- Evening** If you like we can arrange an additional coach to take you to another of the island's lively nightspots.

DAY 7 / Cyprus / Match day 3

- Morning** Spend the morning at your leisure and maybe have a look around Limassol old town before transferring to your third and final fixture.
- Afternoon** Play your third fixture in glorious surroundings then enjoy the company of your hosts after the match.
- Evening** Head back to the hotel for your last night out in Limassol. We can arrange a Gala Dinner to celebrate a successful tour either at the hotel or at a restaurant of your choice.

DAY 8 / International flight

- Morning** After a relaxing breakfast we'll transfer your group to Larnaca Airport and assist with check in for your return flight back to the UK

Friendly advice on all tour packages available from Shire Sports anytime you need it.
Call us, we'll even pay for the call - **0800 9121619**

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