



# Penzia Roof Gardens

PAPHOS CYPRUS





## Peyia Roof Gardens

### Located to suit all tastes

Located on the hillside around the beautiful Coral Bay, Peyia Roof gardens is ideally situated for those seeking an energetic holiday of nightlife and beach activities whilst also providing an escape to the cooler, quieter hills of Peyia with its tavernas and slower paced village life.



Sleeping up to six people, the villa is equipped to a level making it a true "home away from home" and has views across olive groves, banana plantations and landscaped gardens to the rear. Built in 2004 as part of a block of five, it has its own communal swimming pool with outside shower facilities and is fully air conditioned throughout, providing a welcome relief from the hot summer sun of Cyprus.



### A true home away from home

The villa provides you with everything you

need for a perfect holiday. Sleeping up to six people the bedrooms are fully air conditioned and have their own ensuite bathrooms, fitted wardrobes, and walk out balconies to the front and the rear. The kitchen is equipped with a large fridge/freezer, washing machine, microwave oven, iron, oven with hob and extractor



and plenty of cupboard space. The living area has two leather sofas, satellite TV with 800 channels and a pre-pay mobile phone. From the living area there are stairs down to a third bedroom and utility area with a washing line and ironing board. To the exterior, there is access, via a spiralled staircase, to the roof garden with views across Peyia. The pool area has shower facilities and six lounge chairs.



### Simple to find

The villa is a 20 minute drive from Paphos Airport. On leaving the airport follow the signs for Paphos. Stay on the coastal road always keeping the sea on your left. At the

sign for Coral Bay turn right and proceed up the hill until you reach a taverna called Harris Bar. Take the next left and the villa is down the hill 800m on your left.

### Activities to suit all tastes

Paphos, situated on the west coast of the island, was in ancient times the capital of Cyprus. The resort's focal point is the charming fishing harbour by Paphos Fort, lined with tavernas that serve a tempting menu of the days catch. There are many



sandy and pebbly beaches in Paphos, but the best in the area, Coral Bay is only a short bus ride away. Historical sites include the famous Tomb of the Kings, the mosaics of Paphos and, and short drive away from Aphrodite's birthplace.

A hire car is well advised to fully enjoy your stay in Cyprus. Costs range from £15 per day for a small hatch to £45 per day for a big 4x4 with loads of luggage space and a roof rack. There is a wealth of things to do and places to visit during you stay at Peyia Roof Gardens. There's go-karting, paracending, jetskiing, night clubbing, fun buses, water Parks and amusement arcades for the dynamo types among us. Those who want a more relaxing experience can explore the peaceful wooded mountain tops, relax on the sandy beaches, shop at the markets in Paphos town or eat traditional Cypriot fare at the numerous tavernas dotted around the hillside.

### What to do

#### 1. Coral bay

One of the finest beaches on the island, Coral bay is five minutes drive from the villa. There are many beach loungers for hire with parasols for just a few pounds a day (don't forget to haggle). There are shops at either end of the beach to buy food and drinks and both have outside tables to eat at along with shower and toilet facilities to wash off the salt and factor 10. Beach activities include pedalos, bumper boats, jet skis, sea sausages, flying lilos, paracending, skiing and glass bottomed boats. The sea is very calm and clear and there are rocks to explore at either end of the beach. Topless sunbathing is acceptable but naturism should be confined to the bathroom. The high street leading up to the



bay has a wealth of shops and supermarkets for cheap fags, booze, leather goods, jewellery, spectacles, lilos etc. There is an internet cafe for checking emails, flight times, etc. Taxis and buses are abundant and reasonable value. At night the street comes alive with some very good restaurants,



amusements and comfy street bars. There are also night clubs that only close down when your ability to order more drinks becomes too impaired

## 2. Peyia Village

Following the road uphill instead of down brings to the calmer and more indigenous town of Peyia. There is Phillipos Supermarket for all your provisions, a bakery offering fresh bread daily, a COOP bank with an ATM, and a pharmacy with adjoining clinic. The old church at the top has fantastic views over Coral Bay and hosts frequent weddings, many of which are between foreigners (English!). There are some excellent value tavernas in the village along with a few bars for a quick drink.

## 3. WaterMania Waterpark - Limassol

Set out early for this one (about an hours drive) A whole day of fun in the water. Wave machines, lazy river, tons of chutes, pools, restaurant and sunbeds. £15 for the whole day for adults (July 2005). Good value. Plus a McDonalds for anyone who's interested...

## 4. Coral Bay Karting

Great hi speed fun. Quite near the villa. £15 for 20 minutes - small bar for drinks and spectators

## 5. Paphos Market

Busy market town with all the usual wares to buy - lace, leather, lilos, etc... Some UK shops and plenty of places to eat.

## 6. The Troodos Mountains

The Troodos mountains take up a large part of the island's surface and are not for nothing a loved destination for excursions. In the summer months, while inland the temperatures are high and in the coastal areas only the sea can bring refreshment, up in the mountains the temperature is lovely. The forests are empty and the air is filled with the fresh smell of pine.

## Where to eat

### Recommended Restaurants

**1. Peyia Tavern** Peyia Village - very good value mezes. Not the happiest owner

**2. Coral King** Coral Bay - top class food reasonably priced. Warm welcome

**3. El faro Restaurant** Coral Bay - very good food. Warm welcome

**4. Vrisi Village Tavern** Peyia Village - good Food, good price, good fun.

## Must sees

### 1. Paphos Harbour and Castle

The harbour at Paphos attracts visitors all year round, who take the opportunity to walk along the quay and maybe visit one of the fish restaurants, tavernas or cafes. The view is superb, with lots of colourful fishing boats bobbing in the harbour. The castle is in fact all that remains of a much earlier castle dating from 1391, which was demolished by the Venetians. The Ottomans used it as dungeons and the British as a warehouse for salt! It can be reached via a small bridge over a moat and is worth a visit for the view from the top. Opening hours - winter daily 9am to 5pm - summer daily 9am to 6pm - tel 26932841 (Paphos Tourism Office). The harbour is also a good place to take a boat tour of the surrounding beaches and coastline.



dessert wine. Despite changing owners a number of times, the castle is inextricably linked with both the Hospitallers and wine making. Both Kourion and Kolossi are signposted from the Limassol-Paphos highway. Kourion is close to Episkopi village, Kolossi to the village of the same name. Opening hours Ancient Kourion winter daily 8am to 5pm - summer 8am to 7.30pm - tel 25995048. Sanctuary of Apollo Hylates October to April daily 9am to 5pm - summer 9am to 7.30pm - tel 25995049. Kourion Museum September to June Monday to Friday 9am to 2.30pm - Thursday only 3pm to 5pm - summer 9am to 7.30pm - tel 25934907.

### 3. Larnaca Salt Lake and Hala Sultan Tekke

For those of you arriving at Larnaca airport, one of Cyprus' most impressive places to visit is right under your noses! As you turn left out of the airport you will find the road running along a causeway. On either side you will either see two lakes, or two salt flats, depending on the time of year - this is the Larnaca Salt Lake and site of the mosque or Tekke of Hala Sultan. Salt has been extracted from the lake since ancient times and this continues, on a small scale, to this day. If you are visiting Cyprus in late winter or early spring, look out for the visiting flamingos and other migratory birds. Another salt lake can be found further along the coast of Akrotiri. Peer across the lake and you will see the Hala Sultan Tekke mosque surrounded by palm trees. This is a wonderful place to visit. Opening hours

Hala Sultan Tekke winter 9am - 5pm - summer 7.30am to 7.30pm.

### 4. Agia Napa and Protaras

If you like entertainment of the non-stop variety, then Agia Napa should be top of your list. It was once a small fishing village, but not any more. It boasts some of the best beaches on the island, lots of opportunities for watersports and is a popular destination for package tours. Arrive on a summer's morning and you will find a quiet, almost eerie place - but only because most of the visitors are sleeping off the excesses of the night before! This is Cyprus, however, and in the midst of all the fun and noise in the very heart of the town, you can find peace and tranquility in the monastery with its fountain, flowers and quiet cloisters. Opening hours 8.15am to 2.30pm and 3pm to 6.30 pm Monday to Friday, closed on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons - tel:

### 2. Kourion/Kolossi Castle

Ancient Kourion and the castle at Kolossi are both in the Limassol area and can be visited together in a day. They are just two examples of the wealth of history to be found in Cyprus - the Kourion sites dating from the second century AD and Kolossi from the thirteenth century.

The ruins at Kourion are to be found in breathtaking scenery overlooking the sea - this is probably the most spectacular archaeological site in Cyprus. There are actually two sites, the old city of Kolossi and the sanctuary of Apollo Hylates - they are a few kilometers apart. There is also a museum in the nearby village of Episkopi. As it is one of Cyprus' most popular tourist attractions, it's worth arriving early in high season. Kolossi castle was the commanderie of the Knights Hospitallers - the name later given to the Commanderia

2372179The nearby resort of Protaras is said to be more family orientated and like Agia Napa, has good beaches and lots of watersports. South of Protaras is Cape Greko, the easternmost point of this end of the island.

### 5. Nicosia 'within the walls' and the House of Hadigeorgakis Kornesios

Look at any map of Nicosia and you will see the distinctive shape of the walls of the old city. The walls and their eleven bastions



were built by the Venetians in the 1570's - most of the historic monuments of Nicosia can be found in the winding streets within the walls. It is also the site of the famous tourist quarter, Laiki Yitoniak, which is full of gift shops and restaurants. The best way to see what is on offer is on foot - for a bird's eye view of the city old and new go to the Ledra Museum and Observatory on the eleventh floor of the Shakolas Tower (next door to Woolworths on the corner of Ledra Street and Arsinois Street). Opening hours winter daily 10am to 7pm - summer 10am to 8pm - tel: 22679369.

One of the most beautiful buildings in the old city is the house of Hadigeorgakis Kornesios - also known as the house of the dragoman - built in the fifteenth century. It is a wonderful example of a combination of Venetian and Ottoman building styles. The position of dragoman was a powerful one - he served as translator to the Turkish governor and liaised between the Ottoman authorities and the Orthodox Christians. He was an immensely powerful man and, as was common for such people in those days, was beheaded in 1808. The house can be found at 20 Patriarchou Grigoriou near the Omeriye mosque. Opening hours 8am to 2pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm Saturday - tel: 22305316

### 6. Cedar Valley

A must for nature lovers, Cedar Valley in Tillyrian Troodos is aptly named. However, the cedars in this secluded valley are no ordinary trees, but the indigenous Cyprus cedar, *Cedrus brevifolia*, a close relative of the famous cedars of Lebanon. There are thousands of them in Cedar Valley. It's not the easiest of places to find, but for that reason you almost guaranteed peace and

quiet when you get there. It can be reached via winding unpaved road from Pano



Panagia on the Paphos side of the mountains or from the Kykkos side along a sign-posted (unpaved) road along the route from Kykkos to Stavros tis Psokas. And if you are really lucky, it won't be only cedars you see. Cedar Valley is in the heart of the habitat of the moufflon, a species of wild sheep native to Cyprus, and the national symbol. They are very shy animals - those who want a guaranteed viewing will need to go to the enclosure at Stavros tis Psokas.

### 7. Panayia tou Araka

It is almost impossible to pick just one of the painted churches of the Troodos - they are all little gems of craftsmanship set in breathtaking scenery. Panayia tou Araka - the church of Our Lady of the Pea - is a superb example and one of ten painted churches on the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. It is to be found on a terrace near the village of Lagoudera, surrounded by trees and wild peas from which it takes its name, with a superb view down the valley. The church itself is tiny, and is dwarfed by its snow-proof roof and the wooden trellis that surrounds it. However, when you walk inside, the vibrant colours and the number of the frescoes take your breath away. They date from the twelfth century and are brilliantly clear, having been cleaned relatively recently. If the church is locked the caretaker priest lives in the adjacent house - admission to the church is free but donations are welcomed. As in all churches in Cyprus, visitors should be modestly dressed and photography is not allowed.

### 8. Choirokitia

To go right back to Cyprus's earliest history, you need to visit the remains of stone-age settlements at Choirokitia, better preserved than most other Neolithic sites in the eastern Mediterranean. The settlement dates back to the sixth or seventh centuries BC - although the site was discovered in 1936, serious excavation did not get underway until the 1970's. It is perhaps one of the earliest human settlements on the island and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The people of Choirokitia lived in beehive-shaped one storey houses - more than sixty such houses can be seen at the site, as

well as the original streets and lanes and a larger chieftain's mansion. This site can be found approximately half way between Larnaca and Limassol, signposted off the highway. Opening hours winter daily 9am to 5pm, summer 9am to 7.30 Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday - tel: 24322710

### 9. Lefkara

To those in the know, Lefkara means only one thing, lacemaking. The exquisite Lefkara lace is one of Cyprus' most famous exports - Leonardo da Vinci is said to have bought some to take back to Italy. As you wander around the streets, you will be invited into the many shops to see and buy the local lace. Lefkara is in fact two villages, Pano (upper) and Kato (lower) Lefkara. Pano Lefkara is the home of the Museum of Traditional Embroidery and Silver-smithing in the house of Patsalos - ideal for the visitor who wants to know more before they buy. Opening hours 9.30am to 4pm Monday to Thursday, 10am to 4pm Friday & Saturday, closed Sunday - tel: 24342326

### 10. The Paphos mosaics

Last but by no means least, the colourful and intricate Roman mosaics to be found in Paphos are a must for all visitors to



Cyprus. They were discovered by accident in the 1960's - further excavation revealed a number of Roman houses all with spectacular mosaics, depicting scenes from ancient mythology. The mosaics give a clue to the wealthy and opulent lives of some of the Roman Paphiots. The main sites are the House of Dionysos, the House of Aion and the House of Theseus. The mosaics can be found near the lighthouse and fortress of Saranda Kolones situated in close proximity to Paphos Harbour.

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