

Мой отдых на Кипре

Hello my dear friends! Yesterday Anya and I came back from the amazing island Cyprus. In this article I'm going to tell you about our holiday and give you some tips on case if you plan to go to this country someday!

First of all I'd like to say that if you prefer the active rest more rather than just lying on the beach all the time, Cyprus is a good chose for you to travel to. There are many activities you can do in this country and many historical places you can visit for sighting. You can go to these places by bus, but much more convenient way is to rent a car like we did. So if you have a driving licence Cyprus is just what the doctor ordered for you! Now a little bit about the country.

Cyprus is an island of the Mediterranean Sea which is divided in two parts Turkish and Greek. These are two different countries with different presidents, laws and religions. For years these two nations had been fighting for the territory and in 70ths by bringing peace-keeping troops of NATO the island had been eventually divided. I don't know much information about the northern (Turkish) part of the island. As far as I see it the southern (Greek) part is more popular for tourists, but I could be wrong.

The native language in the Southern Cyprus is of course Greek. But they speak English pretty well and there are many British tourists there. So I can say that Cyprus is a good place where you can also practise your English! We spoke English a lot there and that was great!

We spent our holiday on the South of Cyprus in the town called Ayia Napa. This town has many night clubs and bars and as a rule people who like parties, loud music and dancing come exactly to this place. So if you want to have a lot of fun you should go to Ayia Napa then! There is a famous street in the town called the Bars' Street. It has many night clubs where you can dance and relax all night long!

I don't know if it's bad or not, but we didn't visit any night club during our holiday. It's not because we don't like parties, but we just didn't need it this time, that's it. Anyway we didn't regret about it.

But for the night clubs Ayia Napa also has the most beautiful beaches in Cyprus. And the best beach which's called Nissi is located there. To be honest all the beaches in Ayia Napa are very good, not only Nissi. The sand is white and the sea is clean and very beautiful. The most popular beaches of the town are Nissi, Macronisos and Landa. Landa and Nissi are pretty shallow ones and you have to go pretty far from the shore to swim freely. Macronisos is deep enough and it's a very convenient beach not only for children, but for adults as well. Keep that in mind.

Ayia Napa is stretched along the seaside. So all the beaches goes one by one not too far from each other. Very convenient. We visited all of them.

Where to go in Ayia Napa? In fact, this is a tourist-town and any sort of a tourist will find there what he needs. If you don't like loud night clubs, there are many other nice places you can go to. If you like Italian food you can go to the Italian restaurants. The same thing with Japanese food. There are many different kinds of restaurants in Ayia Napa! I recommend you to visit a restaurant called BedRock. Do you remember that cool cartoon about the Flinstones' family? If you do, you will like the place! It's well decorated and every evening they have live music. We liked it a lot. Also if you like live music, visit a pub called Queen Vic Pub. Good place with great music and food! You will find it near the port of Ayia Napa. And there is one more restaurant I recommend you to visit. It's called Jungle Mania. A cool decorated bar and restaurant where you can perfectly spend time! Inside there is a parrot which is very funny and beautiful! We seated right next to him and he amused us during the all evening!

If you're not hungry go to amusement park! A pretty good one with many cool attractions! You'll like it! Also in Ayia Napa there is a great Water Park. So you can spend time there in the best way!

So my friends as you see Ayia Napa has everything you might need in your holiday, from gorgeous beaches to night clubs and pubs. It's a tourist-center of amusement in Cyprus. I highly recommend you to go there if you like having fun and relaxing at the same time!

Prices in Cyprus are not so cheap, especially in Ayia Napa. In comparison with Moscow they're similar. So be ready for it. But a good thing is that wines are not expensive there and all of them are very good. Cyprus is known as a great wine maker, so I recommend you to try it. The most famous wine is Commandaria. It's very good, but sweet. We didn't like it so much.

So what about other cities of Cyprus? If you don't like loud places and you don't plan to visit night clubs, I recommend you to go to Larnaca, Limassol or Paphos. These are the most large cities of Cyprus. But there is one more — Nicosia. It's a capital of the country, it's a business center that is located pretty far from the sea. It's definitely not a good place to stay.

Paphos, Larnaka and Limassol are situated along the seaside, but their beaches are not so beautiful like in Ayia Napa. These towns are more calm than Ayia Napa and they have a lot of sights. By the way about the sights of Cyprus!

First of all if you can drive, I advise you to rent a car. It's not so expensive, about 40 EUR per a day. We stayed in Ayia Napa, but rented a car for three days and drove around the whole island! It's very convenient and interesting my friends! I'll tell about each place we've been to!

1. The first is of course Ayia Napa itself. If you stay there you just must see:

— Cape Greco. It's not so far from the town. By the way we went there by bus. I wish we had a car at that time. It turned out not so convenient by bus. The point is that when you go down on your stop you'll have to walk about 2 KM. But anyway we liked the trip! The Cape Greco is a wonderful place where you can take nice photos and swim near the caves in the clean like a brilliant sea.

— Ayia Napa Monastery. It's a great place that's situated right in the center of the town. So it's very easy to find and you can go there even on foot!

2. The second town we visited was Larnaka. We went there by car. But you can take a bus, it's not a problem at all. Larnaka is located 40 KM from Ayia Napa. We visited the following sights there:

— Church of Saint Lazarus. A very beautiful and working church.

— Larnaka Fort. The fort was built by Turkish in 1625! It's located right on the seaside. Very interesting!

— Salt Lake and Halla Sultan Tekke. The famous salt lakes of Larnaka are pretty interesting places to see. And next to them you can visit Halla Sultan Tekke.

— Aqueduct Kamares. The «Arcs» were built by Bekir Pasha Aqueduct in 1747 to supply water Larnaka.

3. The next day we went to Paphos. This is one of the most important cities in Cyprus. If you stayed there, you can't miss the following places:

- Aphrodite's Rock. It's not exactly in Paphos, but before it. So if you drive from Limassol just follow the sights. The bay is called Petra tou Romiou. So don't miss it. A very beautiful place. The God of Love Aphrodite was born there!

— Archaeological Park. Amazing place for those people who like ancient historical houses, mosaic etc. You will see the houses named after the heroes of the Greek mythology. Very interesting, but very hot to walk!

4. On the third day of our car-journey we went to Limassol. I liked that town the most! We visited following places there:

– The Limassol Castle. The Medieval Castle was built in 4-7th century A.D.!!! Amazing place to visit! In that castle Richard the Lionheart married Berengaria of Navarre and crowned her Queen of England in 1191!

After seeing the castle we walked around the Old Part of Limassol, visited some more famous places (Limassol Municipal Gardens, Agia Triada Church) and went to another wonderful World of Cyprus! We went to Troodos Mountains!

Troodos is a region of Cyprus in Mountains. Absolutely amazing place with beautiful views, fresh air and waterfalls! If you're in Cyprus you must go there my friends!

After we gave back the car, we didn't go anywhere from Ayia Napa anymore and just enjoyed our holiday. We sunbathed, swam in the sea, walked around the town, visited restaurants, the amusement park etc.

In conclusion I'd like to say that it was wonderful 10 days of our holidays! We enjoyed our trip a lot! And we highly advise you to go to Cyprus someday!

Take care my friends!