















# HOW MUCH OF A NICOSIAN ARE YOU?

- coming in huge quantities and you realise you are just halfway in what you've ordered when your tummy is already full. Do you: You are out, eating with friends. The food keeps
- A) do what common sense suggests and stop eating B) take a break with the intention to have some more later

A) 30 mins B) 3+ hours

How long do you think it will take? You are going for a coffee with

your Nicosian friends

C) 1,5 hours

C) in a much-practiced maneuver, undo your jeans button and keep going

Do you:

You are out having drinks with friends and the bill comes

- A) take your car and park it right in (front of) the from your house. Do you: You feel like having a soda. The kiosk is 200 meters
- B) walk there C) cycle there entrance of the klosk
- A) do nothing, you might text them later
   B) wave or nod at them in case they saw you too
   C) honk and perform big gestures until you get their You are in your car driving. You see someone you know in the car coming from the opposite direction. Do you: attention, you both roll down your windows and
- 4 You have arranged to meet friends at 21:00. What

A) 21:20 B) 21:05

impatient and starts honking start chit chatting until someone behind you gets can tell that you are not from Nicosia. Try harder. You will possibly blend in, in some occasions, but people

If you scored 3 or 4 correct answers and get to meet its loud, kind-hearted people. If you scored 0 - 2 correct answers

are a tourist. Enjoy this exotic destination called Nicosia

- time do you get to the meeting point?
- You could easily be one of us! Now you only need to learn to speak Cypriot before you can pass as a true Nicosian. Go to Say it Like a Local section of this map and start practicing
  - If you scored 5 or 6 correct answers



and anyone interested in peace-building and civil society efforts. Something's always cooking (festivals, live gigs or workshops) including budget friendly walking or bike (see 5 Minutes of History), a space dedicated to fostering peace and cooperation has found its place. **HOME FOR COOPERATION (H4C)** is a hub for collaborative initiatives busy and colourful crowd or to get some work done away 09:00-21:00, Sat 09:00-16:30) to get acquainted with this tours. Intrigued? Head to the cosy HOME CAFÉ (Mon-Fri and projects involving Greek-Cypriots, Turkish-Cypriots



### SANDSTONE PALACI

seeds of hope sprouting. its façade today in the same way violence and pain has scarred this city but, you only need to turn around to see royalty and world-famous celebrities. Bullet holes mark competitions and served signature cocktails to foreign pools in the island, hosted beauty pageants and dance cosmopolitan lifestyle. It featured one of the first swimming with arched windows introduced the Cypriot elite to  $\varepsilon$ Built 1947-1949, this grand, five-storey sandstone hotel key role in the peace-building process in Cyprus as the meeting place for negotiations and bicommunal initiatives serving the UN peacekeeping force. It has also played a Zone (see 5 Minutes of History), LEDRA PALACE has been "Ever since it was caught in "no man's land" a.k.a the Buffer

Antonis | 24 | law student



Overlooked for many years, the impressive star-shaped fortification that runs around the nucleus of the city is archetype of renaissance bastion forts (see Urban Trivia) know that the VENETIAN WALLS OF NICOSIA are the now a focal part of city-branding campaigns. But still, few ecture or festival. the noble family that funded its construction. Don't miss and that each one of the eleven bastions was named after amagusta Gate when open for an event, art exhibition chance to admire the impressive interior of the sublime



to enjoy our starchitect square by the end of this year. opened to the public recently. Looks like we will be able made since 2018 though and part of the square has been frustration, debate and criticism. Great progress has been opening on the renaissance fortification old with the modern part of the city and lies where the first ELEFTHERIAS SQUARE (Freedom Square), connects the now. The slow-moving working pace has been a source of Nicosia has been a work in progress for more than a decade revamped, designed-by-Zaha (Hadid), central square of historic centre, was established by the British in 1882. The

> Three consecutive shops where you will find cool and crafty **III** MEMORABILIA THAT STAND OUT

SOLOMOS SQUARE

## URBAN LEGEND

B) do as above plus tip
C) take the bill, stand up while everyone yells at you A) chip in the amount that corresponds to you

consumption

care of it. When you are back to your table argue with everybody, before they all compromise with questioning your intention, go to the bar and take

the declaration slash promise that they "will get the

Most interesting and surreal conversations might occur meet. Grab a pizza and a boiled egg on your way back to your bed after a long night out and a few too many drinks. his trailer canteen where Ledras and Onasagorou streets Drunk munchies? ELIAS has got you covered. Look for next to the cheese pies



UP AND DOWN . TOURIST CLASSIC .

"other side". Onasagorou is home to many tabric shops like Regis), browse collections of authentic vintage sunglasses favourite local ice cream brands (Pahit Ice, Heraklis) can't leave Nicosia not having strolled up and down these start shriveling up again a decade later. Still, you simply became, once again, the beating heart of the city, only to falling from grace in the early 2000's. Around 2010 they LEDRAS and ONASAGOROU were the two main in time capsule shops or cross the checkpoint to visit the two paved streets, like locals do. At Ledras you can taste commercial streets of Nicosia for many years before



that. This map is about the southern part of the city the northern part of the city but there is a reason for that there are no street names or points marked on No, we didn't get lazy halfway. You are right to notice

> glance at the 5 Minutes of Hist explore the entire city, mingle wit across the divide is possible but map might also help. Keep in m Nicosia and get an idea of the ci northern part of the city. You can this situation, we are not entitled the "two sides" is still not that



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### Then, what about a role-playing game session at ANT COMICS (Mon-Tue & Thu-Sat 10:30-18:30) next door. invite you to an artsy tarot session. Next in line, GATAPOU (Γαταπού) (Mon-Tue & Thu-Fri 11:00-14:00 & 16:30-19:30, Wed 11:00-14:00, Sat 10:00-17:00) is probably the cutest they ask to record you while citing your favourite poem or a shop but also a project space so don't be surprised if Fri & Sat 11:00-19:00, Wed & Sun 11:00-15:00). Not just at PHANEROMENIS 70 (Mon-Tue & Thu 11:00-18:00, knitted by one's granny are a best seller. Not your thing? and most colourful shop in town. The woolen slippers souvenirs by local creators. Buy responsibly and fair-trade

## take home with you.

You can also grab a copy of a Cypriot graphic novel to

60 GET SOME WORK DONE

area in front of Faneromenis Church was overwhelmed by cafés, this traditional *kafeneio* stood here as the sole 22 SIMIS' KINEDOM
(Mon-Sat 10:00-01:00, Sun 17:00-01:00) KALA
KATHOUMENA is a place with history. Long before the bar. Order a halloumi pita and enjoy it here together with an ina-cold francé on a support morning. Or brokes through Simis' eyes boring into you from his portrait behind the projects, collaborations, movements, friendships and and few places have witnessed the birth of so many ideas hangout of artists, freaks, flaneurs and non-conformists younger ger romances as this one has. The past couple of years the Few people know the walled city like Simis, the owner, eration has taken over, but you can still feel

### our laptop. The $\mathfrak{C}10/$ day pass gives access to the space and facilities + snack + drink + hourly refill. Alternatively, we opt freelancers this is your spot. A café and co-working space with high ceilings and checkered for the €5/ day pass and bring our own food and drink(s). to get things done, relax with our favourite book or work on floors that preserves the ambience of another time (Mon-Sun 09:00-21:00) Digital nomads and YFANTOURGEIO THE WORKPLACE is where we come

Cyprus" is a must-read for history buffs. for some pretty interesting reads. Rupert Gunnis's "Historic Ask about their monthly packages or browse their library

(Tue-Sat 11:00-19:00) **DESERT ISLAND** is small and stylish. This is where you come to find your trip-to-Nicosia

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# DRINK [COFFEE] LIKE THE LOCALS

For many years coffee in Cyprus meant three things: traditional Cypriot coffee (a.k.a. Turkish/Greek coffee) coffee shops offer but, truth is, many Nicosians don't hooked on the specialty brews that the new generation ice cold frappé and hot instant coffee usually served with loads of fresh milk (yikes). Many of us are now Here's a cheat sheet to nail ordering coffee like locals do: seem eager to abandon their good old drinking habits

## SAY IT LIKE A LOCAL

speak a variety of Greek; the Cypriot Greek! Here are some words and phrases that you should have in mind no idea what we are talking about. That's because we we speak Greek and yes people from Greece have

when interacting with Nicosians:	Nicosians:
Nicosia	Λευκωσία (Lefkosia)
Cheers	Εις υγείαν (is iyian) / Γεια μας (yia mas)
Dude	Pε (re)
Dudess	Κόρη (kori)
Friend / Mate	Κουμπάρε (kumbare)
Hello / Goodbye	Γεια (yia)
Good morning	Καλημέρα (kalimera)
Goodnight	Καληνύχτα (kalinichta)
Okay	Eντάξει (endaxi) / Ντάξει (ndaxi) / Ντα (nda)
Thank you	Ευχαριστώ (efcharisto)
You are welcome	Παρακαλώ (parakalo)
Yes / No	Nαι (nne) / 'Oι (oi)

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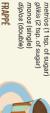
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1.C, 2.A, 3.C, 4.A, 5.B, 6.C

### CYPRIOT COFFEE

sketos (no sugar) monos (single) glikis (2 tsp. of sugar) metrios (1 tsp. of sugar)





me ligo gala (with some milk) miso miso (half milk - half water) metrio (1 tsp. of sugar) mavro (no milk just water) gliko (2 tsp. of sugar) sketo (no sugar)



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## ARMENIAN CLASSIC

before choosing

are all these people waiting for at a corner shop in the middle of Onasagorou Street? For a *lahmajoun* baked in a traditional mud brick oven from **AVO** of course! This order while queuing and be patient. (for £1) and all the young short-haired soldiers to wait in line for a pork steak with fries (for £3.50). Decide your (Mon-Thu & Sun 08:00-23:00, Fri-Sat 08:00-00:30) | What Armenian eatery made us all go crazy for a <u>halloumi pie</u>

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the spectacular panoramic view, gazing over the whole city. Can you identify all the different flags? of History), that was our only opportunity to glance at "the other side". We still visit the MUSEUM & OBSERVATORY on the 11th floor of the SHAKOLAS TOWER to appreciate were opened on the border dividing the city (see 5 Minutes (Mon-Sat 10:00-17:00, Sun 11:00-17:00 | 2.50€) It smells touristy and indeed, it is. But, before any crossing points

## 19 THE PIONEER OF ICE-CREAM

probably the best and definitely the most Cypriot choice them introducing your taste buds to rose ice cream · grandpas, so it has to be good! Grab a chair and sit among ice-cream, right here. Usual suspects are grannies and you would still find HERACLIS, the pioneer of Cypriot (Mon-Sun 09:00-23:00) Travelling 80 years back in time

## BEER FELLAS

chit chat over a cold one. place if house wine and zivania are not your cup of tea. A mixed crowd turns up for after work drinks or late-night lines and a huge range of rare imported bottles this is your first craft-beer pub has opened up a whole new world for all us amber nectar aficionados. With nine dedicated draft and still a classic) is long gone. BREWFELLAS, Nicosia's when beer in Nicosia meant KEO (the oldest local brand (Mon-Thu & Sun 18:00-01:00, Fri-Sat 18:00-02:00) The time

gargoyles. They are pretty cool

projects, collaborations, movements, friendships and romances as this one has. The past couple of years the younger generation has taken over, but you can still feel the exuberant list of tsipouro inspired cocktails, result of an ice-cold frappé on a sunny morning. Or, browse through bar. Order a halloumi pita and enjoy it here together with and few places have witnessed the birth of so many ideas Few people know the walled city like Simis, the owner eyes boring into you from his portrait behind the

# BRITISH TROOPS AND PASTRIES

the exclusive alchemies of the new management

after the aircrafts of the British Royal Air Force, served as a popular tearoom for the English in Nicosia. Nowadays you cup of tea, like the British do. in town here. Enjoy them with a Cypriot coffee or with a can still find the best cheese pies and almond croissants to the 1940s. Once, this small bakery which was named (Mon-Sat 06:30-17:00) HURRICANE brings you right back

### BERLIN WALL

reads **BERLIN WALL No2 Kebab House**, but we just call this place Berlin. This is where you will have the quintessential Cypriot sounlaki experience. It's all about (Tue-Sun 12:00-15:00 & 19:00-22:45) The wooden sign reads BERLIN WALL No2 Kebab House, but we just what's happening next to the bar and where all these and in case you are wondering about the name, check or combine both. Don't forget the tahini and the fries. Oh go for a halloumi (vegetarian) or a mushroom (vegan) pita flavourful meaty sheftalies. Despise meat? You can always pita (flatbread pocket) with freshly chopped salad. Feeling soldiers come and go. adventurous? Then go for a mixed one and taste the pork or chicken square kebab pieces, served inside Cypriot

# THE HEART OF THE WALLED CITY

authoritarian movements and subcultures of Nicosia. Then, for quite a while, it was overwhelmed by bearded hipsters, Before it was gentrified -less than a decade ago-FANEROMENIS SQUARE served as the incubator of antito the sound of the colourful multitude exiting the historic Good news is you can still join the old men sipping their interest. Even if you don't fit that profile do check the church big Christian orthodox Faneromenis Church of particular types will find the small mosque "of the Arabs" and the Faneromenis School. The it's-all-about-cultural-heritage morning or pick a table at Mathaios for an uber-cypriot lunch daily dosis of Cypriot coffee here, at Tria Fanaria early in the side. Recently the square, once again, kind of lost its appeal high-heeled ladies and young anarchists sitting side by TOURIST CLASSIC •

stylish. This is where you come to find your trip-to-Nicosia soundtrack. Whether you are into Greek music or not, you will definitely find a vinyl or CD that will take you back in to help you. time. Not sure what you are looking for? Markos is there (Tue-Sat 11:00-19:00) DESERT ISLAND is small and

# **Q**:

here and the kitsch postcard your mum asked for. For your friends, you could pick a more designy one from any supermarket outside the walled city. consumable souvenirs (e.g. Cyprus delights) cheaper Phaneromenis 70 and you can buy most of the where the traditional Cypriot urban architecture is wellshould not avoid the romantic scenery of the few streets We rarely cross LAIKI GEITONIA, but as a tourist you preserved. You'll find the Tourist Information Office 🕕

### 22 A TASTE OF THE ORIEN

FANOUS' RESTAURANT next door - also owned by Ramis. tourists and locals who go there to enjoy the mesmerizing a drink. Usually, every Saturday the street is crowded with when you want to chill, smoke shisha (hookah) and have (Mon-Sun 11:00-01:00) RAMIS is the place to go oriental music and to watch the belly dancer that dances at

## POINT OF REFERENCE

pronounced Ochi, is one of those reference points you will be hearing a lot when you ask for directions trying to find your way around Nicosia. It has the shape of the city-wall out of a Bukowski novel. night, barber shops are always busy and most signs are in the street is mostly immigrants, shops stay open late at find yourself in a parallel reality. The micro-population of OXI ROUNDABOUT, named after the nearby kiosk and simultaneously or meet people who seem to have popped Arabic. You might hear 5 different languages being spoker and it is filled with water. Head north to Trikoupi Street to

for some pretty interesting reads. Rupert Gunnis's "Historic Cyprus" is a must-read for history buffs.

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## BAR FOR A BEEF

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Eleni i. | 31 |performance designer

you're lucky enough, get the locals to fresh local produce and smell all the Nicosia, set in the Constanza bastic Wander around one of the most co

(Sun-Thu 19:00-02:00, Fri-Sat 19:00-03:00) **PLATO'S** is one of those places where time stood still. This pub is a.k.a. Belly Buster. Jazz, blues, classic and rock tunes, good its secret chicken souvlaki recipe and its cheeseburger (it was voted as one of the 100 best bars to visit in Europe), famous for its massive range of beers, vodkas and rums service, a proper bar and the outdoor fireplace make it an

> never let you feel lonely. the animated crowd of young actor the cosy retro atmosphere at KAFEN served with homemade bites help

during weekends or any random day. after 21:30 to catch one of their live C (Tue-Sun 18:00-02:00) Local wine,

(Mon-Sat 06:00-17:00) GRANNY FOOD

Tavernas

all-time classic for Nicosians throughout the year. TOURIST AREA . TOURIST CLASSIC .

### Originally the Augustinian Church of TOWAN TRACES . TOURIS

or blue-collar male clientele and hur don't forget the salad and yogurt. Fi a visit will reward you for not judging Come before 14:00 and have the meat EFROSINI. It looks far from being a p should join a Sunday meal at a gra option? Then come for a home cooks great, but if you really want to tas

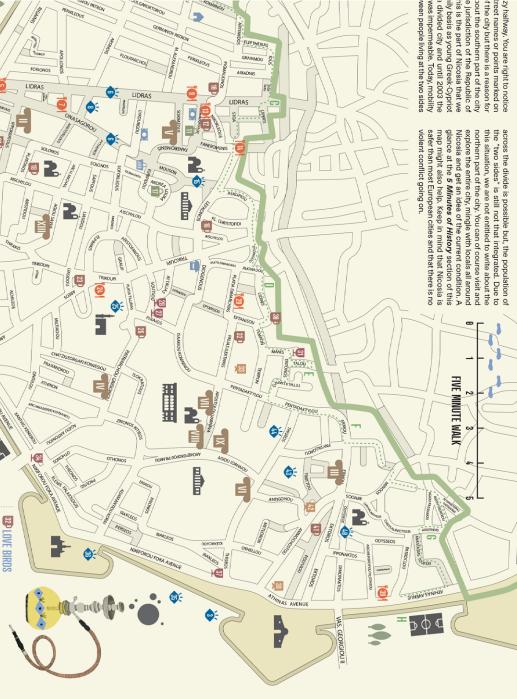
The only part which belongs to the building is the door of the main ent the street, built during the 16th cent Heritage in 2006. Europa Nostra prize for the Conserva respectful. Or, spoil yourself at OMEF have a look inside, take off your sho spot where prophet Omer rested duri was turned into OMERIYE MOSQUE

### ZED TELIS

few blocks further to find the right sp to nestle. Step in this retro Mediter enough you'll be surprised by a live decorated with his very own partic 02:00) Telis, the owner, left his previou your ouzo, tsipouro or retsina and g (summer Mon-Sun 18:00-02:00 | wi

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# 22 A TREAT FOR ALL THE SENSES

historical Bayraktaris mosque and OXI square. Feast on fresh local produce and smell all the smells, watch the faulds and antagonisms hatwarn the louid vandors and if Wander around one of the most colourful spots in old going people-watching at OXI FARMERS' MARKET (Wed & Sat early morning - early afternoon) "I just love set in the Constanza bastion parking lot by the

Myria| 28 | music lover

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thly packages or browse their library and bring our own food and drink(s)

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of the fireplace in the winter. It is one of the few authentic heritage. Check their Facebook page for live music nights places where you can feel the mystagogic atmosphere and its colourful courtyard in the summer or next to the warmth At the end of a week full of obligations, I very often retire in you the feeling of time travel, to a long-gone romantic era-(Tue-Sun 10:30-14:30 & 17:30-01:00) \*KAFENEIO 11 gives enjoy unplugged rebetiko tunes, the early 20th century urban Greek music - part of UNESCO's intangible cultura

## ART CIRCUITS

pole of attraction for a youthful, fussy mob. CHILL BAR (PALIA ILEKTRIKI) that recently became a the industrial architecture of the building and the lovely Municipal Arts Center). A renovated former powerhouse (Tue-Sat 10:00-21:00) Whether you are an art lover or a lost artistic soul, come pay a visit at **NIMAC** (Nicosia courtyard. Here you will find THE OLD POWERHOUSE Even if you are not the artsy type, it's still worth a visit for nosting temporary modern and contemporary art shows

(Sun-Thu 20:00-03:00, Fri-Sat 20:00-04:00) Fun fact: Peter Pan and the lost boys were rock fans. **NEVERLAND** is their church and rock is their reliaion. Eucl vour advanture with

### MUCH ANTICIPATED

a recently inaugurated annex of the Tar State Gallery of Contemporary Art, housed in a restored and renovated STATE GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY ART - SPEL is if there are any free tours available and sign up for one. installed and open to the public. In the meantime it is worth the second half of the 20th century to today, is going to be when the permanent collection, with works spanning from industrial modernist building of the 1960s. It is rather vague

### ORPHEAS' SOUVLAKI and KIPOS TIS CHRISALINIOTIS-SOUVLAKI HUB

or fascinating meze and ice cold beer under the Nicosian by the locals during summer. Taste spellbinding souvlaki stay open until midnight. summer starry sky. Both open late in the afternoon and

## TO I WHO WANTS TO LIVE

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way from Iceland to build her artisan meat-free paradise in the land of devoted carnivores. Both the place and she residential neighbourhood of the old city and envy the tenants. Check out the early 20th century urban Cypriot and find that special gift/souvenir you wanted to take Mary) which you can still visit. In recent years it was after the principal church devoted to Panayia (Virgin neighbourhood, built in the medieval times, was named on their façade and stop to smell the jasmine. The architecture, spot the construction year of each building Inga's Veggie Heaven (Tue-Sat 09:30-17:00), Nicosia's first back home with you. When you are done, pick a spot at Arts & Crafts Centre to admire the work of local artists nousing program. Pass by the restored Chrysaliniotissa today the municipality aims to revitalise it through a social However, it was renovated during the '80s and '90s and underdeveloped due to its proximity to the Buffer Zone. Wander around CHRYSALINIOTISSA, the last purely vely vegetarian restaurant. Ms Inga came all the left



### 41 CUTE SECRET SPOT

tasting the <u>mahalepi</u>. We can't guarantee that you'll like it but it will definitely cool you down - plus, it's very instagrammable. happen to be here during summer don't leave without and sweets prepared by Ms Androulla (the owner). If you herbs and of course the freshly made traditional peaceful and cosy atmosphere, the extensive list of local APOMERO has its loyal crowd. We come here for the beautiful narrow streets of Agios Kassianos neighborhood suggests) traditional *kafenio*. Located along one of the most (Wen-Mon 10:00-23:00) We love this remote (as its name pies

behind the counter. Since it served its first table a year ago. homemade cordials, yummy nutritious snacks, flawlessly

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE

from Venice and the custom-made retro foldable chairs. to the sound of lovingly put together compilations. PS: we are in love with the quirky toilet signs brought all the way day, or join the cool crowd in the evening and sip your drink the light-filled interior or at the secret backyard during the SWIMMING BIRDS became a destination. Pick a spot inside executed classic or signature cocktails and two lovely ladies (Mon-Sat 7:30-00:00) What made us all fall for this place? A tasteful industrial cosy space, state-of-the-art coffees,

Cypriot artists re-introduced in a fresh way. numerous artistic events involving both young and pioneer elegant oval building, we have had the chance to attend artists. Since she established GARAGE (FKAPAZ), at this art shows and other creative initiatives by emerging local hosting workshops and cultural events, performances, Anna Maria, a young visual artist, envisioned a space

### BACK IN TIME

of several areas within the walled city. Lose yourself around Antigonou and Ymittou streets and seize the At TAHTAKALA area people still like to sit on their doorsteps chatting with their neighbours while children numerous photo opportunities. Master Plan, a bi-communal project for the revival until 1963. It was re-inhabited only after 1974 and then to the Turkish-Cypriot inhabitants who were living here The mosque and the Turkish name of the area alludes are playing and cats are taking a nap in the flowerpots ated during the '80s and '90s under the Nicosia

### This is probably the most creative representation **\$**: NICOSIA IN A NUTSHEL

of Nicosias' ubiquitous fortification. The iconic in the courtyard around the corner. perk, the gigantic cactus and the cute garden hiding the city and its history. Created in 2004 it was badly O'Neill summarises, in a mesmerising way, aspects CONSTRUCTING THE PAST mural by Farhad Nargol influences and elements that have shaped the face o

### WALK THE LINE

city are the Blue Berets of the UN peacekeeping force ones entitled to reside and move around this part of the than a line, also called the Buffer Zone, and the only dividing our city in two. It is actually more of a land lane Take a walk across the Green Line, the artificial border

Step into the Zone at LEDRA PALACE CHECKPOINT

Walk towards PAFOS GATE, one of the three gates of wrap at their Home Cafe. out H4C's () events while devouring a halloumi a moment to embrace the paradox before checking that often host wedding receptions. Allow yourself public art interventions and the fancy event venues Spot the once glamorous Ledra Palace Hotel 2, the

are adorable.

- old town definitely worth exploring of the Vatican. This is the least touristy part of the Catholic and Maronite churches and the Embassy used to be an aristocratic neighbourhood, mostly inhabited by rich minorities, which explains Nicosia's Venetian wall 👸. The surrounding area
- crossing point right in the heart of the walled city. Since it opened in 2007 it gave a boost to the local Continue to LEDRAS CHECKPOINT. It's the busiest of people show their passport in order to cross and market and urban development. Everyday thousands
- Keep walking towards LIDINIS STREET spotting the exploration! Order a homemade lemonade at Haratsi
  B) and contemplate listening to the church bells and of the Sleep Hotel across the street - a place for urban walls. Pass by the workshops and salute the owner outposts, sandbags, barricades and graffiti on visit the "other side"
- of a creative way to repurpose the barricade barrels and approach the barricade. Someone has thought At TALOU STREET spot the "old man" on your right

muezzin's call to prayer dominating the soundscape

- of the crafty, designy shops that flourish in the area bars and choose a gift for someone special at one serious renovations and it's busy once again. Grab a drink or a Cypriot coffee at one of the lively café. abandonment, it has recently undergone some commercial heart of the town and now partially Head to ERMOU STREET, once the flourishing in the Buffer Zone. After decades
- Continue through Agiou Georgiou street and turn under the starry sky in summer and in autumn Cultural Centre. Live performances take place here right, just before the barricade, to enter Axiotheas MANSION today hosting the University of Cyprus Spot the aristocratic 18th-century AXIOTHEA
- . Check out the football match at ORFEAS STADIUM before you make a stop to chill under the trees and play with the cats at **TOUFEXIS PARK** right next to

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you are looking for? Markos is there you are into Greek music or not, you inyl or CD that will take you back in you come to find your trip-to-Nicosia i0) DESERT ISLAND is small and

### OR A BEER

icosians throughout the year. z, blues, classic and rock tunes, good ve range of beers, vodkas and rums vhere time stood still. This pub is *uvlaki* recipe and its cheeseburger f the 100 best bars to visit in Europe), and the outdoor fireplace make it an

### REA . TOURIST CLASSIC .

side the walled city. irs (e.g. Cyprus delights) cheaper postcard your mum asked for. For uld pick a more designy one from d the Tourist Information Office KI GEITONIA, but as a tourist you 70 and you can buy most of the romantic scenery of the few streets Cypriot urban architecture is well-

### OF THE ORIENT

**INT** next door - also owned by Ramis. ill, smoke shisha (hookah) and have no go there to enjoy the mesmerizing /Saturday the street is crowded with :00) RAMIS is the place to go vatch the belly dancer that dances at

et people who seem to have popped vel. ar 5 different languages being spoken re always busy and most signs are in mmigrants, shops stay open late at osia. It has the shape of the city-wall one of those reference points you will n you ask for directions trying to find allel reality. The micro-population of ater. Head north to Trikoupi Street to named after the nearby kiosk and

### 22 A IKEAI FUK ALL THE SENSES on) "I just love

you're lucky enough, get the locals to buy you a kypriako." feuds and antagonisms between the loud vendors, and if fresh local produce and smell all the smells, watch the historical Bayraktaris mosque and OXI square. Feast on Wander around one of the most colourful spots in old Nicosia, set in the Constanza bastion parking lot by the going people-watching at OXI FARMERS' MARKET! (Wed & Sat early morning -

# Eleni i.| 31 |performance designer

# TRAVELLING IN A SUITGASE

never let you feel lonely. the animated crowd of young actors and musicians will during weekends or any random day. Even if you are alone after 21:30 to catch one of their live Greek music sessions the cosy retro atmosphere at KAFENIO VALITSA. Pop by served with homemade bites help you relax (Tue-Sun 18:00-02:00) Local wine, KEO beer or zivania and enjoy

great, but if you really want to taste local cuisine you should join a Sunday meal at a granny's house. Not an option? Then come for a home cooked dish at KAFENEIO Come before 14:00 and have the meatballs or koupepia and or blue-collar male clientele and hungry cats. don't forget the salad and yogurt. Frequented by elderly a visit will reward you for not judging by the appearance. EFROSINI. It looks far from being a proper restaurant, but (Mon-Sat 06:00-17:00) *Tavernas* and *souvlaki* places are

# OTTOMAN TRACES . TOURIST CLASSIC .

the street, built during the 16th century and awarded the Europa Nostra prize for the Conservation of Architectural Originally the Augustinian Church of St Mary, the building Heritage in 2006. respectful. Or, spoil yourself at OMERIYE HAMAM across have a look inside, take off your shoes and be silent and building is the door of the main entrance. If you want to The only part which belongs to the 14th century original spot where prophet Omer rested during his visit to Nicosia was turned into OMERIYE MOSQUE commemorating the

## **TELIS RELOADED**

enough you'll be surprised by a live music gig. universe of Nicosia's night creatures. If you are lucky your ouzo, tsipouro or retsina and get immersed into the decorated with his very own particular aesthetic, grab to nestle. Step in this retro Mediterranean kafeneio-bar few blocks further to find the right spot for his MARABOU 02:00) Telis, the owner, left his previous place and moved a (summer Mon-Sun 18:00-02:00 | winter Tue-Sun 17:00-

> enjoy unplugged rebetiko tunes, the early 20th century urban Greek music - part of UNESCO's intangible cultural of the fireplace in the winter. It is one of the few authentic heritage. Check their Facebook page for live music nights.' places where you can feel the mystagogic atmosphere and its colourful courtyard in the summer or next to the warmth

### Myria| 28 | music lover

## PA CHILL BAR/00UI

by the fuchsia bougainvillea and tropic vegetation. in the old town, it welcomes people from all walks of life those places that never let you down and where you always return to. One of the most chilled and atmospheric places make yourself comfortable at the scenic courtyard, framed and friendly. Sit at the bar inside the elegant building or spirits and cocktails list is long and the waiting staff relaxed (Mon-Sat 18:00-02:00) KORNIZA BAROQUE is one of -diplomats to hippies-serving alcohol and light food. Their

### 29 LOCALS' CHOICE

night the atmosphere changes and it serves grilled taverna food. Those of us who were born and raised in the city cooked dish at lunch time. The slow-roasted lamb with spinach is divine but the pulses and poulles (fried baby 00:00) AGIOS GEORGIOS (Saint George), serves typical Cypriot dishes that feel and taste homemade. Go for a range between €6.50-€13. centre adore this place and are frequent visitors. Prices tarot), are guaranteed to keep the vegan ones happy. At (Tue-Wed & Sun 11:00-16:00, Thu-Sat 11:00-16:00 & 18:00

# **38)** YOUR HEAD ON YOUR SHOULDERS

Christians had to pay to the Ottomans granting them permission to carry their heads on their shoulders. The can still expect to meet some of Nicosia's most interesting, daily updates and events go to their Instagram: @haratsi17. traditional colonial Cypriot cocktail making a comeback! For included. Try not to lose your head over the Brandy Sour, intellectual and/or wacky people hanging out here, the owner kafeneio-bar-venue situated right on the Buffer Zone. But you restoration of the neighbouring buildings has taken away 23:30) HARATSI (Χαράτσι) was the annual tax that Orthodox (summer Tue-Sun 17:00-00:00 | winter Tue-Sun 15:00 some of the end-of-the-world surrealism that surrounded this

# THE PIN(EZA) ON THE MAP

dance the tension of the week away to the beats of local dis favourite, the kokkini or prasini pineza, and on a weekend PINEZA is one of the most popular bars of the old town. A next to the barrels and sandbags of the Buffer Zone, PALAIA (Sun-Thu 19:30-02:00, Fri-Sat 19:30-03:00) Situated right dead-end road, full of life, music and drinks. Order a local

> pole of attraction for a youthful, fussy mob. courtyard. Here you will find THE OLD POWERHOUSE CHILL BAR (PALIA ILEKTRIKI) that recently became a

### LOST BOYS' (AND GIRLS') ROCKTOPIA

their holy intoxication! Pan and the lost boys were rock fans. NEVERLAND is their church and rock is their religion. Fuel your adventure with



and Constanza bastions, is our favourite hangout in the city. From late afternoon until late at night, sometimes early in the morning too, you will find us here. We get to run fetch the ball while our two-legged companions socialize, flirt and exchange home-cooked dog food recipes. Yummy!" carefree, play, meet others of our kind and most importantly "The GREEN AREA IN THE MOAT, defined by Podocattaro

### Alice | 5 & Chalie | 1

the mountains north of the city. alongside some of the few square meters of proper green grass in town, are the remains of the **OLD AQUEDUCT**, from the war of 1974. Just on the other side of the street, ridiculous positions. Few seem to notice the bullet holes Erasmus students returning from Verilabel place themselves in between the statues, taking up the most it's a photographic highlight where tourists and drunken who fought against the British colonial rule. Nowadays "Statue of Liberty", was built in 1973 to honour those The LIBERTY (ELEFTHERIA) MONUMENT, Nicosia's built in the 18th century to supply Nicosia with water from PHOTO OPPORTUNITY - TOURIST CLASSIC -

This old house has been a nightclub for more than 20 years. It is one of the few that welcomes everyone, whether you make sure to check their Facebook page. opening times vary depending on the weekly schedule so to the LGBTQI community and friends. Theme nights and first places in town to introduce weekly events dedicated students that passed from Nicosia. It was also one of the Ithaki has a special place in the heart of most exchange like to go all dressed up or in a pair of good old sneakers. In the mood for party party? Then head to ITHAKI egendary Erasmus nights have been staged here and ONCE "YOU SET OUT FOR" ITHAKI

It's not complicated at all. We love food so much, we discuss what's for dinner during funch. Just count the sorties on this map. Much of our social and family life is linked to food preparation and consumption. Souvla, big chunks of meat on a metal skewer prepared on a charcoal more you should taste. Here are a few not-to-be-missed Sunday tradition for many Nicosians. But, there is much barbeque grill (foukou), is our national sport and a family

With an average of 326 sunny days each year it's no wonder why people are so smiley and happy. Any time

- koupepia | 129 | 129 | 189 | 189 |
- halloumoti (halloumi pie) V 139 109 109

# (Sun-Thu 20:00-03:00, Fri-Sat 20:00-04:00) Fun fact: Peter

H. Check out the football match at ORFEAS STADIUM

under the starry sky in summer and in autumn. Cultural Centre. Live performances take place here MANSION today hosting the University of Cyprus street. Spot the aristocratic 18th-century AXIOTHEA

before you make a stop to chill

play with the cats at **TOUFEXIS PARK** right next to it. Finish with some *souvlaki* for dinner at [69].

## FOODIE CHECKLIS

local favourites and some hints where to find them:

the shops are closed.

because most of us are away on holidays and most of to avoid the week before and after the 15th of August of the year is a good time to visit Nicosia. However, try

### ofto 😘

halloumi cheese V | 100 | 180 | 

> friendly accommodation options (max 40€ pp) on soon and in the meantime we mark some budgetpresented in this map. We hope that this will change There are currently no youth hostels at the area

- pulse (broad beans, blackeyed beans
- poulles or kolokasi (V) (19) (19) (19) lentils etc) (V) (29) (29)
- elioti (olive bread) V (V) 411 (8)
- koupa [69] [69] [69]

### SWEET TOOTH



- souvlaki / sheftalia | 10 | 189 | 189 | 189

- tahinopitta (V) (1891)
- mahallepi 🚫 🜓 🔞
- loukoumades (V) (1991)

## out for their green neon lights.

many more, but on the map we've marked those that stay open 24/7. Easily spot them by keeping an eye The periptero (περίπτερο) is the Cypriot large-scale version of a survival kit. In these shops you will find all the essentials, from beer to deodorant. There are

## **5 MINUTES OF HISTORY**

is actually formed by the uplifting of the oceanic crust. Mini elephants and cute pygmy hippos peddle all the way from the Near East to Cyprus where they wander around until 10.000 years ago. Miracle! Nicosia rises from the sea! The whole island

area of Nicosia. It took some time, but the first humans arrive in the

kings is Onasagoras. Nicosia is a small city-state named Ledra. According to the myth, the city is founded by Greek heroes on their way back home after the Trojan War. One of its

Byzantine times

Cypriots have their hands full with the many conquerors trying to take over the island: Persians, Assyrians, Ptolemies and then the Arabs Nicosia is a small village, named Lefkotheon, and

who after a while hand it back to end up with the French island and gives it right away to the Knights Templar the Third Crusade, Richard the Lionheart conquers the Busy times for Cyprus. The island seems to be a popular Glory at last! During the Byzantine era Nicosia becomes the capital of Cyprus and since then the city has kept and the capital's name becomes Nicosie. The Genoese Lusignans. They turn it into "The Kingdom of Cyprus" ination for conquerors. On his way to Jerusalem for

princess Catherine Kornaro, so they can take over.

French king of Cyprus to get married with the Venetian followed by the sneaky Venetians. They force the last

the landscape of the city until today capital. In only three years they build a star-shaped fortification with eleven bastions around Nicosia . control -oh, so original- Venetians try to protect the As the Ottomans want to put the island under their Designed by the architect Julio Savorgnano, it marks

but loses its glory and take over the island. Nicosia remains the capital The Ottomans manage to break through the walls

Time for yet another change. Cyprus becomes part of

the British Empire

### MUSEUMS

### CYPRUS MUSEUM Hard-core archaeology

- Discover the history of Nicosia LEVENTIS MUSEUM

visitors and travelers The island's recent history through the eyes of

ETHNOLOGICAL MUSEUM HOUSE OF HATZIGEORGAKIS KORNESIOS Look into to the life of rich Nicosians during the

### Ottoman

 $\leq$ Archaeology and Money

Bones of pygmy hippos and science equipment from the '50s school

### $\leq$

oh yes indeed- Makarios III. First vice president: dr Fazil

under control UN official Peter Young draws a line on the map -the Green Line- dividing Nicosia in two, keeping the (around 18% of the total population). To keep the tension

island and to occupy 36.2% of its territory by force. The Greek-Cypriot community is concentrated in the south of As Cyprus did not yet have enough "outsiders" interfering, the Greek military Junta shows up with a coup d'état that through Nicosia and any interaction or mobility between the island and the Turkish-Cypriot community in the north A UN-controlled Buffer Zone runs across the island and fails. Five days later the Turkish army is here to invade the

first time along the Buffer Zone and people can choose to visit the "other" side, as crazy as it may sound, by showing their passport Thirty years later, some checkpoints are opened for the

take over for a while, and then the Mamelukes of Egypt

go on and on, until today. No need to worry about your Problem". So close for the first time, but nope. The safety though. It's an awkward but most definitely a non negotiations between the leaders of the two communities

wave is mild but the second one is more intense. There are lockdowns, face masks, physical distancing and publication of this map Nicosia

### VIII. FOLK ART MUSEUM

Traditional Cypriot crafts

## $\times$

STATE GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY ART

# PANCYPRIAN GYMNASIUM MUSEUMS

## BYZANTINE MUSEUN

themselves from the British

(around 80% of the total population) and Turkish-Cypriots main ethnic communities on the island, Greek-Cypriots Unfortunately, violent conflict emerges between the two

the two communities is banned.

violent conflict situation A referendum takes place for the solution of "The Cyprus

restrictions. So many things are put on hold but not the

they live together happily ever after

### Cypriots vs British

20th century Cypriot art at a most elegant neoclassical

### $\times$

Independence at last! Hurray! First president: Archbishop

doesn't escape the COVID-19 pandemic. First

Pygmy hippos and elephants reappear on the island and



## NATIONAL STRUGGLE MUSEUM

## Cypriot, Greek and European art (17th - 20th century) in a shiny new building LEVENTIS GALLERY

 $\cong$ CYPRUS CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM Must-see for bikers and war-history nerds

## XIII. POSTAL MUSEUM

But again, not an ideal situation and Cypriots fight to free

### **\$**: the Mayor of Nicosia.

# THE RIGHT TO THE GARDEN

and don't be indiscreet in mind that homoerotic activity takes place in the garder VEGAN AND VEGETARIAN cafe bar to be energised. Keep plants. Today, it is managed by Visual Artists Cyprus and it hosts contemporary art exhibitions and cultural events. Drop by **PHYTORIO**, designed by a pioneer of the modernist movement in Cyprus to host some exotic succulent garden and the gracefully lined washingtonias have been staged here. Try to ignore the sad bird cages and dirty ponds and focus on the soothing cactus and to the garden" and various initiatives and happenings past few years Nicosians decided to exercise their "right lost its glamour and visitors around the year 2000. Soon taken during the '90s, the MUNICIPAL GARDEN suddenly The most popular spot for nev Wandering around the garden can be exhausting so make picnics and being nostalgic of their home countries. The from Asia who spend their day off here, socializing, having after it became a meeting point for the immigrant workers ed cute as a button EVERGREEN vlyweds to have their picture

# RUN FREE AND SOME ARCHITECTURE

to admire some of the most charming early 20th century peaceful green area. Exit the park at Gladstonos street alongside Pedieos, Nicosia's river, in this sheltered and Whether looking for a place to exercise or a romantic peaceful walk, **PRODROMOU PARK** will make you happy. dencies in the whole island. cycle carefree next to the eucalyptus trees

# WE CONTINUE FOR THE BINGO!

they issue it right on spot and it only takes a few minutes efficient staff to update you about the deals of the day but, remember that Cyprus coffee is always on the house be ordered from the waiters walking around. Ask the to spend half of their lifetime here, drinks and food can can cheer for the money just won. As some people seem deeply focused on the numbers announced one by one in Greek and English, until someone calls "check" and ASSIAS you can find numerous amateurs and fanatics (Mon-Sun 20:00-02:00) Walking down the stairs, a secret This is a club so you will need a membership card to enter ound tribe is revealed to you. At BINGO ETHNIKOS

Library at the University Campus

### (Mon-Thu 17:30-00:30, Fri 17:30-01:30) SILVER STAR is TO TELEGANT SIPS AND BITES

working Nicosians up way past our bedtime. With a great wine selection, exquisite cocktails, a refined playlist and The stylish modern deli **KANTINA** (Mon 09:00-17:30, Tue-Sat 11:00-17:30) next door serves brunch or light lunch, to enjoy there or to take out. Both are owned by hot visiting DJs, it easily becomes packed during we the after-work drinking spot that keeps all us young hard-

FIVE MINUTE WALK

RKOU DRAKOU AVENUE

# PA WHOLE NEW (OLD) DIVISION

their best to impress you! They get drunk, they mix up with the crowd and they have fun. In the summer a bar party. Architects, street musicians and accountants all gather here on Friday nights to kick-start the weekend. everyone and on a busy night you feel like at a house laid back and easy to talk to. Everyone seems to know it looks as if it has been here forever. People are friendly people hang out during the day, but where do they go at night? **NEW DIVISION** pub/bar is the place. Housed in (Mon-Sun 21:00-late) So you figured out where the cool pops up in the garden and live gigs happen occasionally Local DJs might be on deck but don't expect them to do residential building with the most welcoming garden

### ROYAL FILM REELS, SKATERS MODERNIST ARCHITECTURE

(May-Sep: Mon-Sun 10:00-19:00) Yes, we know, no

THE SEASIDE OF NICOSIA

### summer. Nearly dying? Not feeling tempted to climb on a bus to the beach with many sweaty people? Cool down completed this project during the 30 years he served as skateboarders. To get there, ask directions for "Lellos" also a café, beach chairs, palm trees and a park loved by POOL, which is more than just a tub of water. There is in Nicosia, and yes, we know, it's sooo hot here during swimming pool, named after Lellos Demetriades in the waters of the open-air MUNICIPAL SWIMMING Don't be fooled by the name; a cinema venue and an iconic

a glimpse of its decadent glamour. If nothing is on, then enjoy a beer on the stairs of its courtyard where some country and to our city. It was recently renovated, but its doors open only on special occasions. Catch the *Cyprus* from. The modernist cluster Zena Kanther Mansion, which hosts the cinema-hall, was one of her many gifts to her even though it was built by a princess. Zena, the Cypriot version of Cinderella, met her prince but didn't live happily ever after. However, she never forgot where she came Film Days ZENA PALACE has nothing to do with a royal residence legendary DIY parties have been staged. international film festival in April in order to get



### **™** Tolstrange wonderful nights (Tue-Fri 19:00-1:30, Sat-Sun 10:00-16:00 & 19:00-1:30)

boutiques and nightlife options, recently re-launched as a paved street after undergoing a facelift. Makariou was next in line to go through the beautification process. We

about 10 years ago. Stasikratous dotted with many high-end old town became the popular fashionable meeting place

at the moment. Until then, urban explorers might enjoy a do hope the result is rewarding since it's not a pretty sight

visit to Nicosia's first shopping-malls, Capital Centre and

music and the night strangely changing directions, be open to meet (up) with "strangers" and you will sure remember these strange days in Nicosial to. Scrumptious cocktails -I've fallen for their Tommy's electronic tunes. Go with the flow and experience the margarita- and tacos served with loads of melodic "STRANGE DAYS is the chill atmospheric place to go

# TUMMY AND BUDGET FRIENDLY

are popping up like mushrooms

a turn at the adjacent Stasandrou/Pindarou Street where **City Plaza.** Both are open but nearly deserted. Funny thing is that you can still get a tattoo at both of them! Tip: take

all the new talk-of-the-town coffee shops and restaurants

## THE JEAN NOUVEL TOWER

Apostolia |23| urban explorer

architecture firm, counts only 19. Some say the number comes from the 25 million euros spent for the project. Others narrate how the money ran out after floor 19. When we had dubious feelings about it as it kind of ruined the city's skyline. Since it was overshadowed by the way more You would expect it to have 25 floors, but **TOWER** 25, designed by the prestigious Ateliers Jean Nouvel in whole Nicosia for everybody to see and admire! If you we have to admit that it has its charms, from the back it popped up in 2015, it raised a lot of controversy and second monumental project in our city, the Stelios loannou are impressed, you should definitely check out Nouvel's mainly: probably the largest and greenest vertical garden more sympathetic to it. At least pigeons still adore it and aggressive 360 Nicosia high-rise building, we became 

### 59) COFFEE LOVERS

down with some cold <u>ayrani.</u>

chance too. Be kind to your stomach and wash them all many. Give their falafel wrap, pizza and oregano pie a meat and herbs, are considered the best in Nicosia by friendly prices. Should we say more about BAKE 'N' TAKE? cypriot snacks, freshly baked in the clay oven and wallet (Mon-Sat 8:00-22:00) Great quality lebanese-armenian

Their <u>koupes,</u> deep fried bulgur shells stuffed with minced

At A KXOFFEE PROJECT they serve masterful brews including your beloved cappuccino or flat white made of get goosebumps of nescafé or filter coffee, don't despair! Third wave coffee hype got as far as Cyprus and Nicosia. on the pavement to watch the traffic go by. can't be persuaded to drink "muddy" Cypriot coffee and comfortable next to the coffee-roaster or occupy a table freshly roasted and/or grounded beans. Make yourself (Mon-Fri 07:30-20:00, Sat 08:30-15:00) For those who really

## BOOKS AND A WILD SHEEP

many books or admiring its interior

her loyal crowd followed. She can tell you everything about the moufflon, a wild sheep only found on the Cypriot her eclectic Cyprocentric collection here and of course enough space = MOUFFLON, a bookstore that has become you might be looking for is here. A lot of books + not archaeology, history, maps, anything Cyprus-related that (Mon-Tue & Thu-Fri 09:30-18:30, Wed & Sat 09:00-17:00) mountains, and much more, in her gentle, low-pitched Literature, poetry, drama, art, cooking, travel guides

## place to be (for coffee, food, drink, shopping or weekend stroll) to absolute oblivion and decay when the centre of the have had their share of ups and downs. From being the

MAKARIOU and STASIKRATOUS, the two

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ITHE DESERTED SHOPPING
IR BACK FROM THE DEAD

Facebook page for upcoming live give young local artists. try zivanomelo: zivania with honey ar cocktail, if you're in need of someth by his mother. If you like mastiha, go tastefully put together by the owner, hot and cold drinks are served in glaz coffee shops that seems to be bles You can easily spend a couple of hor (Mon-Sat 16:00-23:00) PROZAK (II **BOD ANTIDEPRESSANT** 

During daylight AGIOS ANTONIOS

DOUBLE FACE MARKE

streets of the city outside the medieva

lwalls mair

and burgers in town. 06:00-18:00) looks like another Nicos with crates full of fruit, piles of fresh destination where you might taste so with loud voices. But at night, it tra

### 100 OVERDOS

experience "eating like a local", at you'll face the ultimate challenge coming way after you have unbuttone Quiz on this map]. If you'd like to su Uncountable small plates with tradit at noon but make sure not to pass Cypriot Greek. Go for the casserole Cypriot taverna literally goes all the to traditional delicacies and even it hospitable and a little bit chaotic. (Mon-Sat 12:00-16:00 & 19:30-23 the

## 100 24/7 FOOD PARADISE

of heartwarming zivania, and roll you

start slowly and don't eat too much b

to be for your breakfast, lunch, 4 o'cle party and hangover cure. Grab a <u>tah</u> Zorbas or an <u>elloti</u> (olive bread) at Pa can't close it again. Only when you you completely understand what fo most popular ones are **PANDORA** & our obsession with food. can decide for yourself as they appe fighting for the customers day and nic a never-ending discussion which (24/7) Once you have opened this

## B HIGHLY VEGETARIAN UNFR

dish of goat or lamb with potatoes thing so it has to be good. It's all ab enjoying an ofto serving and an ice-co the vine on a late summer evening. T Cypriot than sitting on a plastic ch (caper leaves in vinegar), yoghurt an meat's fat for several hours in a tradi have this experience. OFTON KYRIA (May-Oct: Mon-Sat 19:00-00:30) Th oven. Accompany it with salad, pourk



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PANCYPRIAN GYMNASIUM MUSEUMS Bones of pygmy hippos and science school equipment from the '50s

VII. BYZANTINE MUSEUM

Art in the service of religion

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Cyprus-themed philately and paraphernalia

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are included in the menu. to enjoy their meal here while gossiping or discussing their next project. Expect to pay 10-15€ and to leave with of the most popular spots for breakfast, lunch break or weekend brunch. **SILVER POT** offers a small but mouth-(Mon-Fri 8:00-16:00, Sat-Sun 10:00-17:00) This cute, cosy little space is fuelled exclusively with girl power and is one a happy tummy. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options with a twist, prepared with handpicked fresh ingredients watering selection of salads and fusion or traditional dishes ccording to the owners' daily inspiration. Accountants and nen mingle with artists and university professors

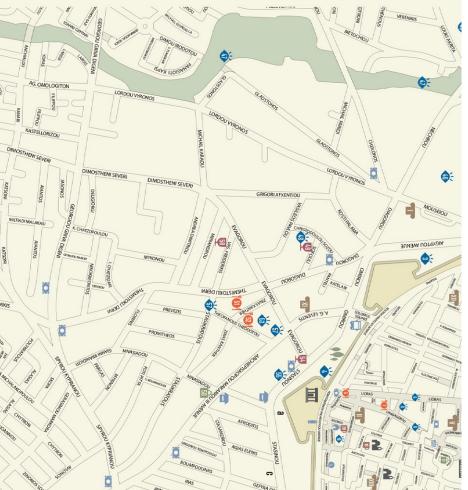
# (22) THE GREASIEST FOOD YOU CAN EAT

a frame from Jim Jarmusch's movie Coffee and Cigarettes. It is extremely kitsch and the food is very greasy but tastes dreamy before or after a few drinks. Go for one of the gigantic submarines and don't forget the fries. (Mon-Sun 12:00-04:00) The YELLOW SUBMARINE is like



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### 9:30-18:30, Wed & Sat 09:00-17:00) VILD SHEEP

th more, in her gentle, low-pitched FFLON, a bookstore that has become g for is here. A lot of books + not wed. She can tell you everything ntric collection here and of course he savvy owner, recently relocated rama, art, cooking, travel guides maps, anything Cyprus-related that vild sheep only found on the Cypriot

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atch the traffic go by.

### **GOP ANTIDEPRESSANT**

coffee shops that seems to be blessed with a long life. You can easily spend a couple of hours getting lost in the young local artists. Facebook page for upcoming live gigs and exhibitions by try zivanomelo: zivania with honey and herbs. Check their cocktail, if you're in need of something to warm you up by his mother. If you like mastiha, go for an Anna Banana hot and cold drinks are served in glazed ceramics created many books or admiring its interior and exterior that was (Mon-Sat 16:00-23:00) PROZAK (Πρόζακ) is one of the ully put together by the owner, Orestis. Various loca

## **TOTOUBLE FACE MARKE**

and burgers in town. destination where you might taste some of the best pizza 06:00-18:00) looks like another Nicosian municipal market During daylight AGIOS ANTONIOS MARKET (Mon-Sat with loud voices. But at night, it transforms to a foodie with crates full of fruit, piles of fresh eggs and salesmen

### FOOD OVERDOS

coming way after you have unbuttoned your jeans [see the Quiz on this map]. If you'd like to survive the procedure, (Mon-Sat 12:00-16:00 & 19:30-23:30) If you want to experience "eating like a local", at **STOA TOU DIMITR** of heartwarming zivania, and roll yourself back home start slowly and don't eat too much bread. End with a shot Uncountable small plates with traditional delicacies keep Cypriot Greek. Go for the casserole and cooked dishes Cypriot taverna literally goes all the way when it comes to traditional delicacies and even its menu is written in hospitable and a little bit chaotic. This unpretentious you'll face the ultimate challenge. sure not to pass the meze at night It's loud, friendly

## 124/7 FOOD PARADISE

you completely understand what food means to us. The most popular ones are **PANDORA** and **ZORBAS**, but it's our obsession with food. Zorbas or an *elioti* (olive bread) at Pandora and embrace party and hangover cure. Grab a <u>tahinopita</u> (tahini pie) at to be for your breakfast, lunch, 4 o'clock tea, dinner, after fighting for the customers day and night. It's here you have can decide for yourself as they appear here side by side a never-ending discussion which one is the best. You can't close it again. Only when you enter a local bakery (24/7) Once you have opened this box, you definitely

# HIGHLY VEGETARIAN UNFRIENDLY

thing so it has to be good. It's all about a mouth-melting have this experience. **OFTON KYRIAKOS** serves just one the vine on a late summer evening enjoying an ofto serving and an ice-cold glass of beer under Cypriot than sitting on a plastic chair at the street side (May-Oct: Mon-Sat 19:00-00:30) There is nothing more This is where you can

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meat's fat for several hours in a traditional wood-fired clay dish of goat or lamb with potatoes slowly cooked in the

oven. Accompany it with salad, *pourkouri* (bulgur), *kappar* 

leaves in vinegar), yoghurt and cold KEO beer for a

100% Nicosian summer dine-out evening.

## **GOVERNA UNDER THE STARS**

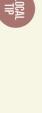
the canteen. Their taste takes us back to our childhood, since it was a very popular snack for children in the '90s want a small bite during the break, buy some garidakia from international and/or cult films under the starry sky. If you air cinema to experience watching a great selection of most people have left the city, head to CONSTANTIA open (Jul-Sep: Wed-Sun 21:00) On a late summer evening, when

## 10 SWEET ESSENTIALISM

to the essentials setting and the typography on the sign indicate that this is a place from another era where the (Mon-Sun 17:00-22:30) The unsophisticated, restricted January, available here throughout the year. (Μιχαλάκης)' family affectionately prepares a national product was all that mattered. For 31 years MICHALAKIS spheres dipped in syrup, traditionally consumed on 6th avourite. <u>Loukoumades</u> are deep-fried, flour-based sweet



updates." art events. Check their Instagram for events and shows a sense of community, hosting both visual and sound run the space, are both active artists and have created the art scene in an immediate way. Peter and Stelios, who galleries, in an industrial space, here you can engage with on the regular. Away from the golden triangle of commercial PPALIES, one of the few spaces showing contemporary art



### ART REGULARS

"No visit to Nicosia is complete without a stop at **THKIO** 

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### URBAN TRIVIA

KYRIAKOU MATS

by casually bringing up these fun facts about their city: Daze and dazzle your newly acquainted Nicosian friends

- b. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8! We bet you would never notice that We believe that our city is like no other but, Nicosia by the Venetian engineer and architect Julio Savorgnano. our Nicosia 📀. Both FORTIFICATIONS were designed in southeastern Italy, is surrounded by a wall with arrow shaped bastions, pretty identical to the one of bears the exact same name while Palmanova, a town actually has two doppelgangers. Nicosia in Sicily
- d. GALIP STREET is a tiny street that bears the name of CHAPEL on the whole island - and probably in the whole world. It only popped up in the courtyard of the One would expect that the first Bishop and patron saint to his grace. There is a sole tiny AYIOS TRIFILIOS of Nicosia would have at least a lofty church dedicated you don't believe us check the back cover of this map. natic Elenio Primary school in 1992!
- the Turkish doctor who once resided here. It's the only street that escaped the change in street names post 1963 (see 5 Minutes of History)

ARCHIEPISKOPOU MAKARIOU

frame look like they were cut in half. Feeling curious? The other half is to be found on the other side of the THREE on the adjacent wall. Both the picture and the CHAPEL OF AYIOS NICOLAOS. But, wait! There is You will spot a wooden door on the semi-derelict stone wall. Open it and you will encounter the pint-sized Check out the framed ART PIECE BY TWENTY you?

ZON KENNENTY

# A VILLAGE WITHIN THE CITY

well-known architects and lawyers to young artists musicians, Syrian refugees and Filipino immigrants OLD KAIMAKLI still preserves the allure of a small village while being insanely close to the city centre. Traditionally a working class neighborhood with the sense of community is still present. Take a walk on this less touristy side of the city where has attracted an unusual blend of residents. From cobbled streets and yellow sandstone houses

- Join the Saturday collective-kitchen at SOCIAI SPACE KAYMAKKIN\* and seize the opportunity to Genders and Power. mingle with Nicosia's radical political move other things they organise and host the yearly festival eatures screenings, discussions and more. alternative culture advocates. Their weekly agenda
- Stop to admire AYIA VARVARA CHURCH's exquisite bell international career having worked in i.e. Zimbabwe. Kaimakli was home to some of the most famed construction crews of the island, particularly skilled in stone carving. Some of them achieved a somewhat tower crafted in the early 20th c. by local stonemasons
- Step in JULIA ASTREOU WOVEN TEXTILES\* where you are up for the challenge she also offer courses around the showroom to admire Julia's creations. I looms in use and wande
- the motley crew that cuts across the small square. Have a sit at traditional KAFENEIO PLATEIA a cup of coffee before switching to zivania. Observe KAIMAKLI\* (Καφενείο Πλατεία Καϊμακλί) and order
- Walk across VASILEOS PAVLOU STR to admire the to be their neighborhood. the flowers growing in pots and backyards seduce the inviting interiors through the open doors. Let the you and appreciate why all these people chose this smell of the food being prepared and the scent

opening times updates. \*Before you head there check their Facebook page for



each being on a different side of the wire. You might even come across people chit chatting you see walking in the park is on the "other" side Paphos Gate? It's the only spot where the **GREEN LINE** is actually a line and not a land-lane. Anyone See the barbed wire on top of the bastion opposite

in the official LOGO OF NICOSIA MUNICIPALITY. If there are only eight out of the eleven bastions of the

- Wondering what a Cuban National Hero has to that both countries fought. Che Guevara's daughter commemorate the similar struggle for independence shaped JOSÉ MARTÍ MONUMENT was put here to do with Nicosia Aleida came by and paid her respects in 2017. Will We'll give you a hint. The star
- If you are an old-school soul who insists on sending were painted yellow in the post-independence era when additional lesser steel imitations, lacking the indicating their "period of birth". Originally red, they COLONIAL MAIL BOXES are a legacy of the British pillar tube boxes around the city. The iconic cast iron postcards back home, then you can't miss the yellow rule, still bearing the initials of the British mo



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## ROM/TO THE AIRPORT

royal demarcation, made their appearance. when additional lesser steel imitations, lacking the were painted yellow in the post-independence era

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This shared intercity taxi service will pick you up Option B: Travel Express

Paphos airport: 2 hrs (including a stop at Limassol) / ca. 236 (Mon-Sat) - 256 (Sun) ca. 11€ (Mon-Sat) - 13€ (Sun) at any given address (home / hotel / airport) Reservation necessary online or by phone Larnaca airport: 50 mins /

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are open between 8:00-14:00
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Shops out of the walls: Mon-Sat 9:00-13:00

& 15:00-19:00 (closed on Wed afternoons)

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