

Cyprus Splendour

A firm favourite with UK buyers – the sun-kissed island of Cyprus has a brand new luxury resort to shout about and it's a gem.



Cyprus has long been a meeting place of cultures, with nations competing over the millennia to occupy its sun-graced shores and strategic position at the cross-roads of Europe, Asia and Africa. From the earliest evidence of human habitation in the tenth millennium BC, through conquest by Alexander the Great in 333BC, annexation by the Romans in 58BC, 800 years of Byzantine rule, occupation by the Knights Templar in the Middle Ages, the Ottomans in the 16th century and British administration in 1878, Cyprus has garnered a rich history, not to mention mythology as the birthplace of the goddess of love, Aphrodite.

Nowadays, Cyprus is proud to be a full member of the EU and uses the Euro as its currency. With 330 days of sunshine every year and a culture of uncomplicated, friendly service that puts the rest of Europe in the shade, Cyprus has become one of the world's favourite holiday destinations. The east of the island tends to cater to the traditional package holiday crowd, while the west- the Paphos region- provides a more peaceful environment. The farthest western tip of Cyprus is dominated by the Akamas Peninsula, a 90 square mile (230 square kilometre) wilderness accessible only via dirt tracks or the sea. This area is home to some wonderful deserted beaches, which are

breeding grounds for the endangered Green and Loggerhead Turtles, and the Akamas Peninsula is also home to some 530 plant species, 126 of which are unique to Cyprus.

Immediately outside the Akamas Peninsula, the area is largely agricultural, with banana plantations dominating. Property development here has generally been sympathetic to the environment, and none more so than Cap

St Georges Villa Club. Featuring low-rise villas set into a natural slope rising up from the sea, Cap St Georges combines stunning views, original, contemporary design from London-based architect Georges Andraos and environmentally responsible building practices. The villas themselves are light, spacious and airy on the inside, with facades that combine exterior sun-shading, low U-value glass (ie the windows transmit only the minimum amount of heat from the outside to the inside, helping to keep the interiors cool and reduce the energy required for air-conditioning) and local, natural stone, carved by Cypriot craftsmen and built up, block by block, using the same, traditional



skills that you find in English dry stone walling.

Not content with simply building stunning houses in a stunning location, Andraos wants posterity to remember him kindly. With a beachfront Clubhouse, all-but private beach and concierge service managed by Thanos Hotels, owners of the Anassa, Almyra and Annabelle, not to mention freehold ownership and rigorous attention to detail, Cap St Georges Villa Club is designed to be both a rewarding long-term investment and the perfect holiday experience, year after year. And for those looking to live in Cyprus outside the long spring, summer and autumn seasons, Andraos has specified under-floor heating and insulation to British standards, making a villa at Cap St Georges as comfortable in Cyprus' mild winter months as it is in the heat of summer.

Of 12 villas under construction in Phase A, four remain available, from 295 to 404 sq. m. (gross internal area), with three and four en-suite bedrooms respectively. All Phase A villas have private gardens, long swimming pools and extensive terraces and balconies. Delivery- July 2011.

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