



# Famagusta (Mağusa) & the Karpas (Kırpaşa) Peninsula

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## Why Go?

Arguably the island's most captivating region, with a wealth of historical buildings, ancient ruins and archaeological gifts of incredible beauty, Famagusta and the peninsula offer vast potential and myriad discoveries for the independent traveller.

The ancient city of Salamis is one of the island's most impressive windows into the Hellenic world, and the coast of the Karpas (Kırpaşa) Peninsula, the long stretch of virginal land pointing towards the Asian mainland, is mesmerising. Even with renewed efforts to develop the area it remains one of the quietest and most serene parts of the country, with fantastic natural beaches and the wilderness of nature.

At the very tip of the peninsula is the revered Orthodox monastery of Apostolos Andreas, one of the few churches in the North to survive invasion and to which Greek Cypriots still make a twice-yearly pilgrimage.

## Best Places to Eat

- » Aspava Restaurant (p186)
- » Ginkgo (p186)
- » Cyprus House Restaurant (p186)
- » Petek Confectioner (p186)

## Best Places to Stay

- » Crystal Rocks (p211)
- » Salamis Bay Conti (p211)
- » Nitovikla Garden (p212)
- » Karpaz Arch Houses (p212)
- » Club Malibu (p212)

## When to Go

From March to May northern beaches are visited by a variety of bird life, such as hoopoes, rollers and golden orioles. In September and October the peninsula's wild beaches become home to rare species of Mediterranean turtles that nest and hatch their eggs in the soft sands.

Midsummer evenings in June and July are filled with music, dancing and theatre as Famagusta takes centre stage during the city's international art and culture festival, held in parts of the Old Town and at the ancient ruins of Salamis.



## Famagusta (Mağusa) & the Karpas (Kırpaşa) Peninsula Highlights

**1** Exploring one of the most important cities of Cypriot antiquity at **Ancient Salamis** (p188)

**2** Climbing the ramparts of **Kantara Castle** (p194) and savouring its spectacular views of the coast and peninsula

**3** Enjoying the silence and solitude offered by the wild landscapes of the **Karpas (Kırpaşa) Peninsula** (p193)

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