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Why Go?

The south coast is Cyprus at its most diverse. Beaches hem the shore offering relaxed holiday fun. Impressive sites like Ancient Kourion showcase the island's rich history. Travelers seeking vestiges of traditional rural life are charmed by the gentle pace of the hill villages scattered on the Troödos Mountains' slopes. And centred around it all is cosmopolitan Lemesos.

Hotel developments may have taken over much of the coast but drive a little further afield and the natural beauty of this region is revealed. The beaches around Episkopi Bay nestle against verdant farmland and dramatic bluffs while inland the countryside rolls upward in hilly waves with roads edged by olive and almond trees and vineyard rows. Once exploring is done for the day, lively Lemesos is the place to head. With its cafe culture and restaurants, this city is developing a reputation as a rising star in Cyprus' foodie scene.

When to Go

- Join in the fun-time revelry along the seafront at Lemesos' annual carnival (50 days before Easter), full of traditional music and dance, family-friendly parades and modern festivities.
- Springtime is an ideal time for touring with the Troödos foothills blanketed by a riot of wildflowers and the sun still warm enough for beach days.
- The height of the holiday season is July and August, so beaches are busy. Enjoy the full gamut of the coast facilities with water sports galore then escape to the hills to catch a breeze while strolling picturesque village lanes.
- Raise a glass (or three) at Lemesos' famed Wine Festival in September when Dionysus' favourite tippie takes centre stage.

