



# Pafos & the West

## Includes ➔

Pafos .....	84
Coral Bay .....	93
Akamas Heights .....	95
Polis .....	98
Pomos .....	100
Kokkina (Erenköy) ...	101
Kampos .....	102
Pano Panagia .....	103

## Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Psaropoulos Beach Tavern (p99)
- ➔ Kiniras Garden (p90)
- ➔ Hondros (p91)
- ➔ Imogen's Inn (p96)

## Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Axiothea Hotel (p204)
- ➔ Bougainvillea Hotel Apartments (p206)
- ➔ Pyramos Hotel (p204)
- ➔ Ayii Anargyri Natural Healing Spa Resort (p206)

## Why Go?

Pafos was nominated joint European Capital of Culture for 2017 in recognition of its extraordinary archaeological sights. Unsurprisingly, tourists have flocked here for these for decades – plus more hedonistic pursuits. If you find the beach strip at Kato Pafos too developed, duck into the backstreets or head up to Ktima on the hillside, which has a more tangible traditional feel. More beach resorts are strung out north along the coast towards Agios Georgios.

To seriously sidestep the crowds, consider renting a car and searching out traditional rural villages where some of the best tavernas are located. If you have sturdier wheels, check out the unspoilt Akamas Peninsula, where there are remote beaches and some of the best walks on the island. To the east, the vast Pafos Forest is equally enticing, melting almost imperceptibly into the sombre tracts of the Tyllirian wilderness.

## When to Go

- ➔ Pafos is the island's top tourist destination, which is worth bearing in mind when planning your visit.
- ➔ July and August are, obviously, when you find the most sunbuds on the sand, the most sunburned noses and the highest hotel prices.
- ➔ May, June, September and October are less crowded, with plenty of long sunny days.
- ➔ Spring and autumn can also be pleasantly warm, though evening temperatures cool down considerably.
- ➔ In winter, some restaurants and hotels close down altogether; if you head to the western Troódos, you may even see some snow.



## Pafos & the West Highlights

- 1 Exploring Pafos' ancient past by visiting its Roman **mosaics** and the **Tombs of the Kings** (p84) necropolis.
- 2 Driving the wild and rugged **Akamas Peninsula** (p97).
- 3 Swimming on **Lara Beach** (p95), the Republic's wildest stretch of sand.
- 4 Having a wander around pretty, unspoiled **Polis** (p98), followed by a seafood lunch at Latsi harbour.
- 5 Enjoying delicious *kleftiko* at **Argo** (p90), a long-time Pafos restaurant that has built its reputation on this traditional oven-baked lamb dish.
- 6 Watching the weavers at work in **Fyti** (p103), a scenic village famous for its cotton and silk craftwork.
- 7 Relaxing in lovely **Akamas Heights** (p95) and spending time in its simple traditional villages.