Off the Beaten Track: Cyprus

KORUÇAM (KORMAKITIS) PENINSULA
The last refuge of Cyprus’ dwindling Maronite community, with deserted beaches and dusty villages that see few outside visitors.

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STAVROS TIS PSOKAS
Loved by Cypriots, but rarely explored by visitors, this Tyllirian forest reserve is home to the last mouflon (wild sheep) on the island.

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PANAGIA TOU MOUTOULLA
One of the least visited of Cyprus' painted churches, set in the pocket-sized village of Moutoulla.

ZAFER BURNU (CAPE APOSTOLOS ANDREAS)
Pointing like a spear towards Syria, the tip of the Karpas feels like the end of the earth, and in Cyprus, it is.

KOKKINHORIA
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TREIS ELIES
A hidden pocket of the Troodos Mountains, where the ruins of medieval bridges are dotted through the scented forests.

ANOGYRA
Just inland from Lemesos, this sleepy carob-producing village is a reminder of the old Cyprus – just sleepy streets of stone-walled houses and lovely peace and quiet.

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