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Why Go?

The south coast is Cyprus at its most diverse. Beaches hem the shore and offer relaxed holiday fun, while impressive sites such as Ancient Kourion showcase the island's rich history. Travellers seeking vestiges of traditional rural life are charmed by the gentle pace of the villages scattered on the slopes of the Troödos Mountains. At the heart of it all is cosmopolitan Lemesos (Limassol) and its developing reputation as a rising star in Cyprus' foodie scene.

Hotel developments may have taken over much of the coast, but drive a little further afield and the natural beauty of the region reveals itself. Beaches around Episkopi Bay nestle in 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.

When to Go

- ➔ Spring is ideal for hiking in the Troödos Mountains when the foothills are blanketed by a riot of wildflowers.
- ➔ July and August are the height of the holiday season, so beaches are busy. Enjoy the full gamut of coastal facilities and water sports then escape to the hills to catch a breeze in picturesque villages.
- ➔ Catch one of the city's annual festivals, such as the famed Wine Festival in September when Dionysus' favourite tippie takes centre stage; or the annual carnival (50 days before Easter), a wonderfully festive event with family-friendly parades and traditional music and dance.

