

HELLO

- I am Sotiria VASILIOU
- 22 years old
- Studying Business Administration and Accounting
- Really love
 Playing Piano
 Learning Chinese Language and Culture
 Travelling



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Participated in YUFE because:

- Love meeting new people from all over the world (really happy to meet you too)
- Love the volunteering programs that it offers





NAME

The earliest reference to Cyprus: 15th century <u>BC Mycenaean Greek</u> ku-pi-ri-jo, meaning "Cypriot" (Greek: Κύπρος), written in Linear B syllabic script.

The <u>etymology</u> of the name is unknown. Suggestions include:

- the Greek word for the Mediterranean cypress tree
- the Greek name of the henna tree (Lawsonia alba)
- the Sumerian word for copper (zubar) or for bronze (kubar), from the large deposits of copper ore found on the island

LOCATION

- Island (that's why is so small)
- Capital: Nicosia
- It is between Syria, Turkey, Israel, Greece
- Third-largest and third-most populous island in the Mediterranean
- On 16 August 1960, Cyprus attained independence



FLAG

- The entirety of the island
- Two olive branches below (a symbol of peace between between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots)
- White background (another symbol of peace)
- Copper-orange colour = symbolizing the large deposits of copper ore on the island



1974...

- On 20 July 1974, the Turkish army invaded the island
- By then 36% of the island had been taken over by the Turks
- 180,000 Greek Cypriots had been evicted from their homes in the north, many have died, and others are still missing
- In 1983, the Turkish Cypriot parliament proclaimed the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), which is recognised only by Turkey

CYPRIOTFOOD



Called: Loukoumades
Eat them during the
feast Theofania



Called: Mahalepi Eat it during summer



Called Melomakarona
Eat them during
Christmas

Called Vasilopita
Eat them during New
Year's Eve

Called Kourampiedes
Eat them during
Christmas



Called: Pourekia
Eat them during Christmas



In Cyprus, we eat a lot of meat.
This is the common table in every family during every festival.

CHRISTIANITY

- Most in Cyprus are Orthodox Christians.
- Cyprus has a large history regarding the people's faith, that's why we have many and very old churches.
- Ten Byzantine churches in the Troodos area have been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List



11th century AD



early 16th century

INSIDE



HISTORICAL CASTLES





Medieval Castle Museum

Paphos Castle

CYPRUS' BEAUTIFUL VIEWS

SEA

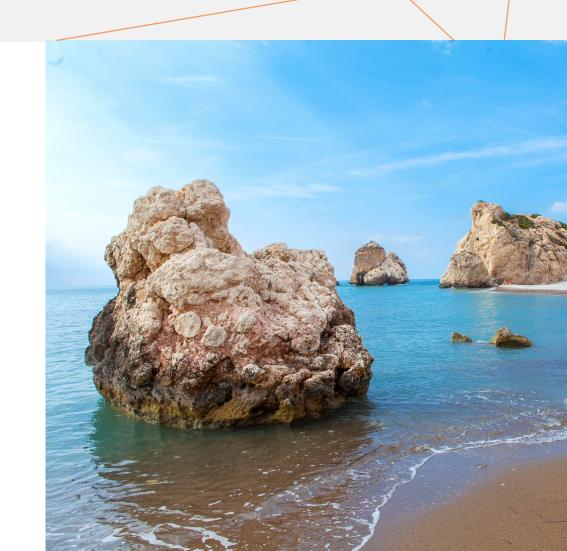






PETRA TOU ROMIOU ("ROCK OF THE GREEK")

- According to one legend, this rock is the site of the birth of the goddess Aphrodite. Gaia (Mother Earth) asked one of her sons, Cronus, to mutilate his father, Uranus (Sky). Cronus cut off Uranus' testicles and threw them into the sea.
- Another legend associates the place with the exploits of the hero Basil as told in the Digenes Akritas. Legend tells that the Christian Basil hurled a huge rock from the Troodos Mountains to keep off the invading Saracens. A nearby rock is similarly known as the Saracen Rock.



MOUNTAINS

COME TO CYPRUS CYPRUS IN YOUR HEART