

Summer holiday tip: Asimina Suites Hotel

The region around the Mediterranean Sea has always been an ideal summer holiday destination for Europeans.



Traditionally, Croatia, Italy and Greece dominate the list of destinations that Slovak people choose for their summer holidays. We also to stay in touch with the Greek culture, history and language - so we headed to Cyprus, also known as Aphrodite's Island to discover a great place to relax and disconnect in peace.

During the summer season, Bratislava is just one direct flight away from Cyprus. There are many interesting places on the southern coast of Cyprus inviting for a seaside holiday, even in the off-peak season. Temperatures here are still summer-like and the water reaches very pleasant 24 degrees Celsius. Cyprus is an island where there are around 330 days of sunshine a year and the peak season runs from April to the end of October. We spent one week at the end of September and beginning of October in the exceptional surroundings of the Asimina Suites Hotel near Paphos.



This 5* hotel is located at the end of the promenade that runs along the coastline for several kilometres from town to the east. Thanks to this promenade, the neighbouring 4* sister hotel called Pioneer Beach is also directly connected to the Asimina Suites Hotel. This creates an interesting concept of two hotel establishments at different price levels sharing an enclosed beach. The whole complex belongs to the luxury hotel group Constantinou Bros.

The Asimina Suites Hotel complex is designed to create a very pleasant and relaxing environment. The building is L-shaped oriented towards the sea and the sun from the south. There is abundance of greenery, various palm trees, oleanders and beautiful olive trees creating the perfect Mediterranean atmosphere. Sun loungers with parasols are situated either on the grass between the palm trees or on the sand just off the sea.



The room facilities are generous and match the very high standard of the hotel. Our suite was comprised of two separate rooms spanning a very spacious 38 square meters. A comfortable king sized bed in the bedroom is a given, as is a spacious bathroom with ample facilities, where there is both a bath and a shower for two. The focus of the living room is a large sofa with cosy armchairs and side tables. We especially enjoyed pleasant evenings on our large balcony overlooking the calm evening sea. The private Wi-Fi network is stable and reliable throughout, reaching speeds of 8/2 Mbps.



From the moment the guest arrives, they are made to feel welcome and this feeling is thoroughly maintained throughout their stay. From the initial greeting with a welcome drink to the final farewell at the reception. Despite its moderate size, the hotel staff and ambience creates a very calm, tranquil atmosphere overall. There are no noisy activities and the evening music program is very low-key. All the music and rush fades down at 10 pm and those wanting to continue the night fun can do so at one of the hotel bars. The Adults only concept ensures that guests are not disturbed during their stay. Elderly British tourists and people of active age who value tranquillity and exceptional service prevail among other hotel guests.



The hotel offer includes a range of sporting activities for guests - tennis on artificial turf, fitness studio, billiard tables and others. To recover after sport, guests can relax in the hotel wellness studio featuring an indoor swimming pool, whirlpool or massages. The central part of the resort also surrounds a large outdoor swimming pool. Other options such as renting a boat or parasailing are available in the sports centre in the vicinity of the hotel.



The hotel beach is in shape of an almost closed ellipse with a length of about 300 metres, and is protected from the sea by stone bunds. That creates a great advantage over other hotels in the area, that face open sea and offer less convenient sea access. Overall, the sea is crystal clear, and the sea bottom and shore

is covered with rocks and sand. The protective stone walls create the feeling of a calm lagoon sheltered from the open sea. For better sea access, there is an extended jetty with a floating platform, although it feels slightly unstable especially when it is windy.



The local gastronomy is particularly noteworthy. In the hotel restaurants, guests have a wide variety of excellent dishes. We liked the gyros and fish specialities the best. Eating alone with a stunning sea view and palm trees in the Kymata restaurant is also a great experience. Breakfast at the poolside Estia buffet is a great way to start the day. The staff is professional and polite composed of mainly young people. They made us feel welcome from the first meal until the last.

The surrounding area of the resort with the nearby town of Paphos offers many possibilities for trips and excursions. In the south-western corner of Paphos there is an area with archaeological finds. These include the remains of ancient buildings, the most important of which are the House of Dionysus, the Agora, the Villa of Theseus or the Columns of St. Paul. The castle with its harbour is also interesting. Various excursions can be tried in the surrounding area, but when hiring a car, bear in mind that in Cyprus you drive on the left, just like in the United Kingdom. There is a small picturesque church in the immediate vicinity of the Asimina Suites Hotel, and next to it is the best place from which to watch the sunset.



The hotel's strengths are its high quality of service and exclusive facilities. Guests are made to feel special and unique. We had a truly relaxing week and came back well rested. Although it is on the pricier side, we highly recommend the hotel. The hotel is truly exceptional, which is also confirmed by numerous awards. Everything is geared towards the guest's utmost satisfaction so that they will come back again. And by the way, they may happen to be served in Slovak.

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