

European Cultural Month 1995

Nicosia, following in the footsteps of Krakow, Graz and Budapest, is preparing to host the European Cultural Month from September 15 to October 15, 1995. At the same time Luxembourg takes on the role of European Cultural Capital for 1995. These two capital cities will work closely together to present their common heritage and civilisation - Luxembourg as the heart of Europe and Nicosia as its far-flung expression.

Nicosia Municipality, its cultural institutions, museums, and its people, will honour with affection the institution of the European City which was introduced in 1985 at the initiative of the late Melina Mercouri.

More information about the various activities planned during the European Cultural Month in Nicosia is available from the offices of the Nicosia Municipality in Nicosia and the Cyprus Tourism Organisation (C.T.O.) in Cyprus and abroad:



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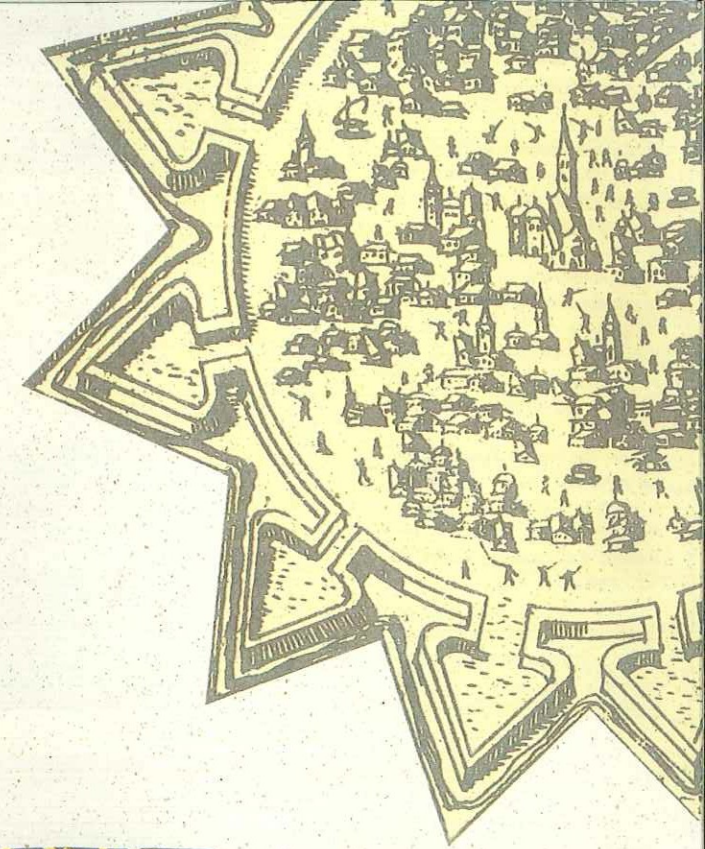
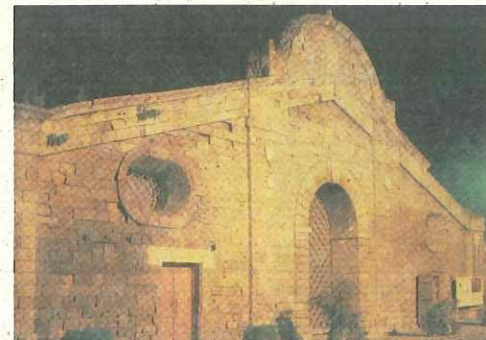
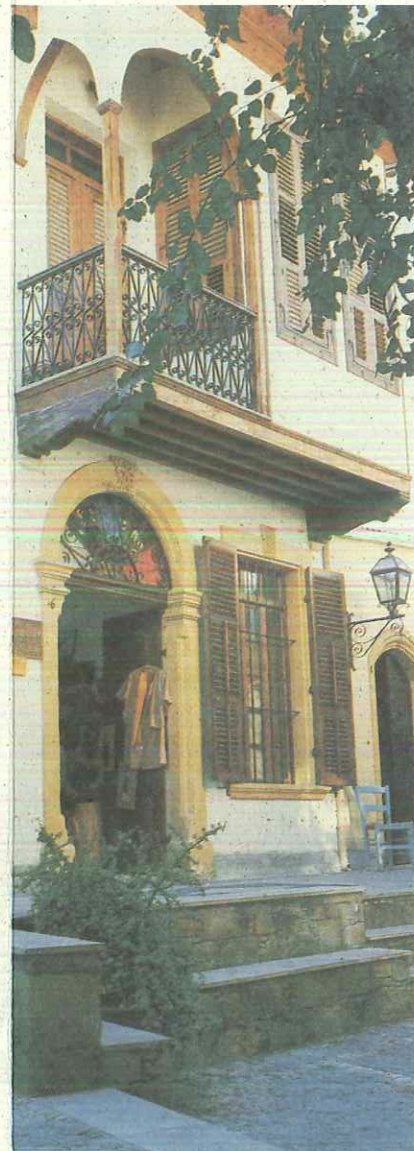
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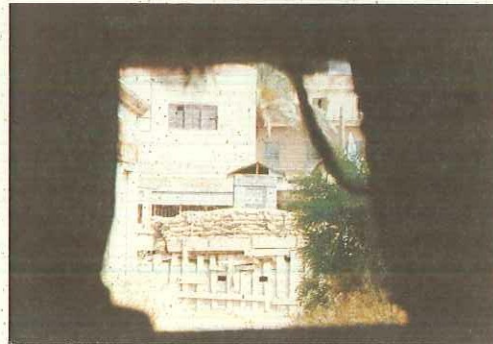
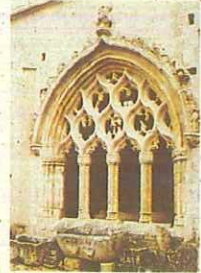
Nicosia is our capital...

A city effervescent with life for the past 3,000 years, a turbulent history spanning thousands of years and a stunning tradition.

This is where East meets West: a beautiful meeting point that combines the pleasures of Europe and the charm of the East. A world full of memories of a bygone era in which the recent historical past is always close to mind.

Nicosia has been a divided capital for some years now - divided because a line, the so-called Green Line, slices it in two. This line is the result of the invasion and occupation of part of our country by Turkish troops.

But in spite of all the difficulties, we the people of Nicosia insist on looking to the future with optimism and love, and we have but one dream - to see our city reunited again.



Nicosia then...

Nicosia in ancient times: it evokes images of the first settlements near the river, when the personality of the "Nicosian" was being forged in the Middle Age of Copper around 1650 B.C.

Nicosia in the Byzantine era: it demonstrates the faith of our people in Christianity. Nowadays, Nicosia has more than 15 churches resplendent with frescoes and icons of a unique beauty and craft.

Nicosia during Frankish and Venetian rule: the city abounds in Gothic churches and palaces, and becomes the centre of the French royal family of the Lusignans. This is when you find walls and fortresses of the Venetian Republic, the lion of Saint Mark confronting the Ottoman threat.

But humble Nicosia then becomes a district of the Ottoman Empire with narrow streets, palm trees, minarets and small bazaars.

Nicosia is then absorbed by the British Empire: The Governor's mansion and other splendid buildings testify to its magnificence.

Our Nicosia...

Since independence in 1960, it has been our Nicosia, as we live it, as we, the inhabitants of today, enjoy it.

Public gardens in full blossom, outdoor restaurants, narrow alleys littered with traditional houses and luscious mature gardens - a modern cosmopolitan capital that still retains its scent of the bazaar of the East.

Today Nicosia is the administrative and economic centre of the island, as well as its cultural heart.

Famagusta Gate, an integral element of the Venetian walls of the 16th century, has been transformed by Nicosia Municipality into the capital's Cultural Centre. This pioneering transformation won the 1984 Europa Nostra Award.

Nicosia Municipality has also founded the Leventon Museum, a museum that presents the history of the city which won the European Museum Award for 1991.



Now the building that once housed the old electricity power station has been converted into a Municipal Centre for the Arts. Indeed the entire city within the walls is itself a living museum.

Right in the heart of the city is the "Laiki Yitonia", another creation of Nicosia Municipality. A beautiful area with narrow streets, shops, restaurants, cafes and buildings in traditional architecture that house rich folkloric tradition. It is indeed an oasis for the tourist.

The two main commercial thoroughfares in the old city are now pedestrian precincts where both European and Eastern influences abound. Take a walk in Nicosia and you can sense the sweet taste of the East, its mystical aroma blending easily with a taste of the modern world.

The walls that encircle the city also seem to keep a tight grip on the place. They preserve its beauty and its secrets. These stone walls are a daily reminder to all of us that Nicosia has been through so much during the ages and has still survived. It has been a source of creation and will continue to be so.