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- Cyprus is the third largest and one of the most populous island in the Mediterranean and a member of the European Union.



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- It is located south of Turkey, west of Syria and Lebanon, northwest of Israel, north of Egypt and east of Greece.



- Cyprus population is 900,000 people.
- Main cities are Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Paphos, Kyrenia and Ammochostos.

# History



- The earliest known human activities on the island dates to around the 10th millennium BC. Archaeological remains from this period include the well-preserved Neolithic village of Khirokitia.



- Cyprus was settled by Mycenaean Greeks in two waves in the 2nd millennium BC.



# History



- At a strategic location in the Middle East, it was subsequently occupied by several major powers, including the empires of the Assyrians, Egyptians and Persians from whom the island was seized in 333 BC by Alexander the Great.
- Subsequent rule by Ptolemaic Egypt, the Roman Empire the Byzantines, Arab caliphates for a short period, the French Lusignan Dynasty and the Venetians, was followed by over three centuries of Ottoman control.



House of Dionysos Mosaic Floor, Dionysos, Akme, Ikarus, Cyprus



# Cyprus: The jewel of Mediterranean



- Cyprus is a major tourist destination in the Mediterranean that attracts millions of tourists every year.



- Cyprus has nice beaches and a subtropical climate.



- Monuments of ancient civilizations as well as monuments from the Middle Ages.
- Greek mythology states that goddess Aphrodite was born from the sea water in Cyprus.







- natural spaces of breathtaking beauty
- a cuisine that blends the east with the Mediterranean essences
- traditions





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