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EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS 2025

Architectural Heritage:

Windows to the past, Doors to the future

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The **Ministry of Interior** and the **Department of Town Planning and Housing** announce the launching of the events for the "European Heritage Days 2025," with the theme "**Architectural Heritage: Windows to the Past, Doors to the Future.**"

Cyprus has been actively participating in this pan-European initiative, which launched in 1985 by the Council of Europe with the aim of raising public awareness of issues relating to the preservation and protection of cultural heritage, for three decades. As part of this collective effort to promote and protect Europe's shared architectural and cultural heritage, the events organized offer an important opportunity to showcase local history and strengthen citizens' cultural awareness.

The events, which take place annually in all participating European countries, offer a range of cultural activities and events that highlight Europe's rich and diverse cultural identity.

In Cyprus, this year's events, which began **on September 20th and will end on October 26th, 2025**, focus mainly on guided tours and walking routes, presentations, and film screenings emphasizing the architectural heritage of urban and traditional architecture.

More specific, walking tours will be led in the mines and factories of Agropikia and Mitsero, the watermills and bridges of Mathiatis, the wineries of the mountain communities of Limassol, the village of Lazanía, and the urban centre of Nicosia. At the same time, there will be presentations and lectures focusing on the use of traditional materials in modern construction methods, as well as stories about the course and manifestations of Architectural Modernism in Cyprus. Through artistic events, film screenings, thematic workshops, and interactive activities, visitors will have the opportunity to come into direct contact with the traditions and culture of local communities, enhancing their understanding and appreciation of their cultural value.

All events are free and open to the public. Registration is encouraged to secure a place.

To register, please contact the organizers at the phone numbers/email addresses listed for each event in the attached program.

On the European Heritage Days website, you can find more information about this year's theme and events at the European level.

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**Any changes to the program will be posted on the official Facebook page of European Heritage Days in Cyprus (European Heritage Days – Cyprus) and on the website of the Department of Town Planning and Housing.*