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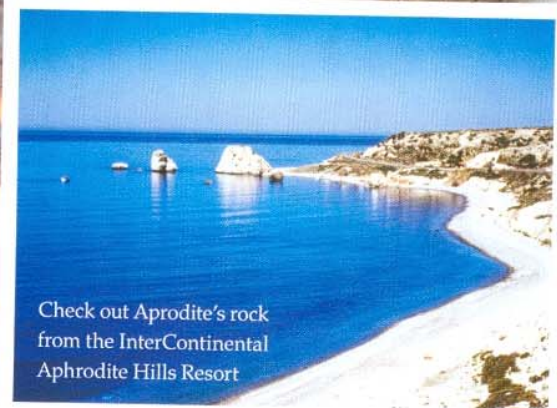
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Dine alfresco at Anassa in Akamas Peninsula



Check out Aprodite's rock from the InterContinental Aphrodite Hills Resort

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Cyprus

The birthplace of Aphrodite. What better place to enjoy a wildly-romantic honeymoon...

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X-Factor

As the land where the goddess of love was born, Cyprus has romance running through its DNA (Marc Antony gave the island to Cleopatra as a token of his love). Today, the island is still blessed with stunning natural scenery, golden beaches, clear blue seas and year-round sunshine, plus the addition of some of the most luxurious resorts in Europe – a clear honeymoon hotspot!

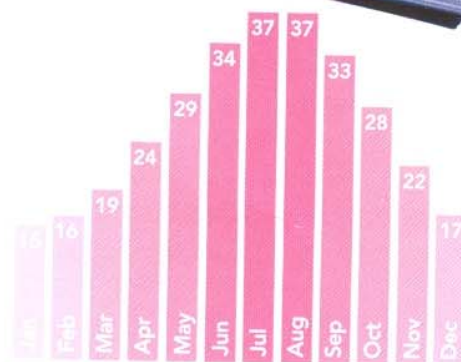
What to see and do

Newlyweds can follow the official Aphrodite Cultural Trail, visiting the famous Petra tou Romiou (Aphrodite's Rock). Explore Paphos, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, then head to the unspoilt Akamas Peninsula and the legendary Baths of Aphrodite – it's said that anyone who takes a dip will enjoy the secret of eternal youth. The Troodos Mountains are truly beautiful and great for sporty couples who like hiking. Honeymooners can also experience authentic Cypriot life at an agrotourism

village or explore heritage and archaeological sites. There's delicious traditional food, world-class spas, biking and golf. English is widely spoken almost everywhere and they drive on the left, making this one of the easiest honeymoon spots in the world.

Hip hotels

Cyprus has raised its game over the last few years with a great range of super-sexy resorts. Azia Resort & Spa (aziareSORT.com) and Almyra (thanoshotels.com), with its brand new spa, are both in Paphos and offer honeymooners a funky, yet affordable, five-star design hotel experience. The nearby InterContinental Aphrodite Hills Resort (aphroditehills.com) overlooks the spot where Aphrodite is said to have emerged from the waves and has an indulgent spa and ultra-chic beach club. Take advantage of Aphrodite's Riding Club and explore the forestry land of Lakkos tou Frangou by horseback. If you fancy trying jet-skiing, kayaking, surfing or waterskiing, The Columbia Beach Resort & Spa (columbia-hotels.com) is definitely the place for watersports. Le Meridien Limassol is another great honeymoon choice, while the Anassa (thanoshotels.com) on the Akamas Peninsula is hard to beat for old-style indulgence and class.



Need to know...

Special offer

Olympic Holidays (0870 429 4242, olympicholidays.com) offers seven nights at the InterContinental Aphrodite Hills Resort from £848 per person with breakfast and flights.

Website

visitcyprus.com

Essential reading

Time Out Cyprus for Visitors, £4.99

Tour operators

cyplon.co.uk; planet-holidays.co.uk



Radley Spot On Wheeled Holdall, £145 (020 7756 7800, radley.co.uk)

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