

# POSTCARDS *from* CYPRUS



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*CYPRUS is a land whose economy relies very heavily on tourism. Its recent history is not, however, seen as much of a selling point. Tourists come to Cyprus largely for sun and sea and may perhaps visit the odd ruin or site from antiquity.*

*These postcards are for an alternative tourism in Cyprus. They show a landscape that says much about the island's past and particularly its post-colonial development in the late 20th century: a period that involved a number of violent episodes, which are still a matter of contention for many Cypriots today.*

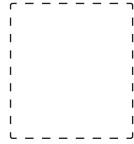
*The images were taken in late 2008 on both sides of the "green line".*



## MACHAIRAS FOREST

*As with the island's other mountainous forests, this area was used by EOKA members to hide from the British forces in the 1950s. Many of their bunkers have been restored for visitors.*

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LEFKOŞA-GAZİMAĞUSA HIGH-  
WAY / BEŞPARMAK MOUNTAINS

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AKAPNOU FOREST

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## KOURION THEATRE

*The Roman amphitheatre survives from the ancient city of Kourion. It now lies within the sovereign base area Royal Air Force Akrotiri.*

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NEOLITHIC SETTLEMENT,  
CHOIROKOITIA

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PALM BEACH HOTEL,  
GAZİMAĞUSA

*Formerly known as the Constantia, this is the only hotel in Varosha not to fall within the so-called “forbidden zone” and was fully refurbished after the bombing raid of 1974.*

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LEOFOROS NISSI, AGIA NAPA

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AGIOU ARSENIΟΥ, LEMESOS  
*Situated on the Lefkosia–Lemesos highway,  
this is to be the largest church in Lemesos.*

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AFXENTIOU MONUMENT,  
MACHAIRAS MONASTERY

*Grigoris Afxentiou was sheltered by the monks  
at Machairas, where there is now a museum  
devoted to him. Near to here is his final hide-  
out, where he burned to death in 1957.*

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## RELIGIOUS ORTHODOX INSTITUTION, KAPEDES

*The nationalist association was a centre for EOKA members in the 1960s and 70s.*

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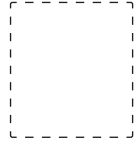
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ATATÜRK CHILDREN'S PARK AND  
TEA GARDEN, MORMENEKŞE

*The statue of Kemal Atatürk stands next to an  
old church (now a mosque) on the site where  
once was a monument to Nikodemos Mylonas.  
The village is known for artichoke production.*

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## BALIKESİR

*The village was evacuated by its Greek Cypriot inhabitants during the violence of 1974. The remains of villagers missing since this time have been discovered in a nearby olive grove.*

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## ATLILAR

*The ruins of this village stand beside the mass grave of its inhabitants.*

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## ANDROLIKOU

*The village was largely abandoned in 1974.  
Now only a few people live here alongside a  
large number of goats.*

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## CEMETERY, BALIKESİR

*The former Panagia Galaktotrofousa church is today used a cultural centre.*

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## CEMETERY, TOCHNI

*Turkish Cypriots have not lived in Tochni since 1974. Many fled to the north, but a number are thought to have been killed.*

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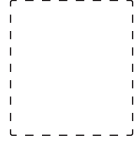
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LISTENING STATION,  
MOUNT OLYMPOS

*On top of the island's highest peak, the station  
is possibly used by the ECHELON network  
for the interception of satellite transmissions.*

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ROYAL AIR FORCE EPISKOPI

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