

EUROPE'S 50 BEST BEACH HOTELS

The best beach hotels in Cyprus

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Columbia Beach Resort, Pissouri

In palm-fringed gardens overlooking Pissouri beach, the Columbia has long been a Cypriot stalwart, synonymous with style. Suites offer traditional design with rustic wooden furniture and large bathrooms, as well as touches including Nespresso machines and Molton Brown toiletries. Facilities here are second to none: crèche, kids' club, swimming lessons, cycling trips, cooking classes with Michelin-trained chefs . . . There are even ramps for pushchairs and wheelchairs to ease beach access for all.

Details Seven nights' B&B costs from £1,102pp (020 7749 7260, kenwoodtravel.co.uk)



The Almyra overlooks Paphos's stunning boardwalk and is only minutes from the pretty port.

Almyra Hotel, Paphos

Overlooking sandy Alykes beach and Paphos's stunning boardwalk, the Almyra is a stylish yet unpretentious hotel, just minutes from the pretty port area. It offers six restaurants, including a modern take on a traditional *ouzeri*, five pools, a spa and a kids' club. Guests can also use facilities at the five-star Annabelle Hotel next door.

Details Seven nights' half-board costs from £599pp, including flights (0871 4743000, onthebeach.co.uk)

Anassa, Neo Chorio

Set on the rolling hills of the Akamas Peninsula, Anassa (a sister hotel of the Almyra) consists of a series of tiered terraces that lead to sunbathing lawns, a pool area and a pretty beach of soft ochre sand. Decor-wise it's understated and elegant, with rooms and suites featuring custom-made furnishings in pale colours, with some having fireplaces and private pools. The Thalassa spa is regularly voted one of the best in the world.

Details Seven nights' B&B is from £1,260pp, including flights (tui.co.uk)

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