

DAILY NORTH CYPRUS TOURS

TOUR #2: FULL DAY KYRENIA

Meeting at Ercan Airport. First Drive to **Kyrenia** which is in North cost of Island. Visits are by Professional Guide to **St. Hilarion Castle, Bellapais Monastery , Kyrenia Castle, Blue House**

St. Hilarion Castle: St Hilarion castle is the westernmost and best preserved of the three redoubts built by the Byzantines and Crusaders. Located on hills of Kyrenia.

Bellapais Monastery: Founded in the early 13thC by the Augustinian friars, evicted from the city of Jerusalem, after it fell to Saladin, the first church was established under Aimery Lusignan (ruled 1194-1205). The ecclesiastical building we see now has undergone many changes and been called by different names. It has been "Our blessed Lady Mary of the Mountains", "L'Abbaye Blanche", (The White Abbey, so named after the White Canons from the order of St. Norbert), "Abbaye de la Paix" from which came the Venetian corruption of "Bellapaise" that has changed little in the 21stC.

Free time for Lunch. During free time **Guests can visit Ancient Kyrenia Castle with guide**

Kyrenia Castle Kyrenia Castle is home to one of the world's most important pieces of marine archaeology. In 1965, divers off the coast of Northern Cyprus discovered what has been found to be the oldest recorded shipwreck. Castle was built by Byzantines on 7th A.D to protect the island from Arab & Islam attacks

Free time in **Ancient Kyrenia Harbour** for lunch.

After Lunch drive to Blue House for last visit of the day

Blue House: House of a Greek lawyer. House has various of mystery in its history

5:30 pm: Drive back to Ercan Airport . Arrival to Airport at 6:30 pm