

Cyprus 2026





5* Hotel Annabelle

Saturday 19th - 26th September 2026 OR Saturday 26th September - 3rd October 2026

ARBH are delighted to visit Cyprus for the first time for our summer bridge holiday: Cyprus is renowned since ancient times for its mineral wealth, superb wines and produce, and natural beauty. A "golden-green leaf thrown into the Sea" and a land of "wild weather and volcanoes," in the words of the Greek Cypriot poet Leonidas Malenis,

We will stay at the luxurious 5* Hotel Annabelle, Under the soulful care of the Michaelides family since 1985, Annabelle shines as the grand dame of 5-star hotels in Paphos. Annabelle epitomises the warmth of Cyprus, the beauty of its nature, and its hands-on culture of care and conscientiousness.

As always, there will be two interesting excursions: the first cruising from Limassol old port around this historic island and the second excursion visiting the traditional village of Omodos where we will watch a pastry demonstration, visit a Monastery and enjoy wine tasting!

<u>Programme</u>: Jack Stocken will be hosting an informative and entertaining Bridge programme which will include Andrew Robson's Lessons on four mornings (with set hands), Gentle Duplicate before dinner and relaxed supervised play after dinner. The standard is friendly improver/intermediate; the Bridge is not suitable for players that are used to a serious 24 board club duplicate.

For more information call Jack on 07775 892720 or email jack@yorkshirebridge.com

<u>Cyprus</u>: Cyprus comprises tall mountains, fertile valleys, and wide beaches. Settled for more than 10 millennia, Cyprus stands at a cultural, linguistic, and historic crossroads between Europe and Asia. Its chief cities—the capital of Nicosia, Limassol, Famagusta, and Paphos—have absorbed the influences of generations of conquerors, pilgrims, and travellers and have an air that is both cosmopolitan and provincial.

Today Cyprus is a popular tourist destination for visitors from Europe, favoured by honeymooners (as befits the legendary home of Aphrodite, the ancient Greek goddess of love), bird-watchers drawn by the island's diversity of migratory species, and other vacationers.





<u>5* Hotel Annabelle</u>: Nestled among six acres of tropical gardens just a short stroll from Paphos harbour, centrally located Annabelle is perfect for exploring or a relaxing week by the pool. Need sand between your toes? A 10-minute walk takes you to Antasia Beach Club, our sister venue located on arguably the best beach in Paphos. The promenade and port is within an easy stroll, while Paphos airport (PFO) is just 20 minutes' away by car. The average temperature for September is 26C. Hotel website: https://www.annabelle.com.cy/

<u>Leisure facilities</u>: the hotel has a complex of swimming pools, indoor pool, sauna and gym. There is a wellness centre and spa which offers a variety of facial, beauty and body treatments, yoga, massages and therapies. It is advised to pre-book these treatments to avoid disappointment.

<u>Golf:</u> There are four 18-hole golf courses close to the hotel. I will be on for a round or two so bring your golf shoes if you would like to join me!

<u>Tennis</u>: the hotel has a tennis court so I will organise some casual, fun tennis and find you a partner for some doubles





Bedrooms:

Rooms are equipped with balconies, walk-in showers, air conditioning, television, minibar, safe, coffee/tea set, bathrobe, slippers and Wi-Fi.

Inland:

Ease into languid elegance with generous entry level rooms complete with artisan furniture, cooling marble floors and classical marble bathroom. Relax on your balcony with views towards the historic Paphos or Annabelle's lush grounds. There are only a few of these available so for single occupancy only.

https://www.annabelle.com.cy/rooms-suites/inland-view-room

Sea View:

Thoughtfully designed with the sea in mind; these spacious rooms feature cool marble flooring that bare feet will love and step-out balconies from which to savour the changing colours of the Mediterranean. https://www.annabelle.com.cy/rooms-suites/sea-view-room

Studio Suite:

Located on the first floor of Annabelle - and looking out to the big blue expanse and Paphos harbour - these bright, airy suites feature an open-plan bedroom and living room with bespoke furniture and light-flooded marble bathroom. https://www.annabelle.com.cy/rooms-suites/studio-suite-with-sea-view





<u>Dining</u>: We will dine in several different hotel restaurants during the course of our stay. Experience the sublime freshness and the taste of local ingredients. Discover age-old recipes reimagined for the modern connoisseur.

EXCURSIONS





Cruise from Limassol Old Port

From the port, you will step aboard a catamaran boat for a four-hour coastal cruise along the beautiful shores of Limassol. This leisurely journey is all about enjoying the gentle sea breeze, calm waters, and panoramic views, perfect for unwinding. Depending on the day's wind conditions, the cruise will either glide along the Limassol city skyline or head towards the clear waters of Lady's Mile and Akrotiri. Both routes offer lovely scenery and excellent swimming opportunities.

A delicious buffet lunch of Mediterranean cuisine will be served onboard accompanied by an open bar with local drinks. Upon return to Limassol there will be some free time to enjoy a gentle stroll around the harbour and castle area. Guests can either relax with a coffee at a local café while soaking up the charm of the old town or browse the boutique shops and souvenir stores before setting off for the hotel in Paphos.





Discovering the Charm of Omodos Village

We'll set off towards Omodos Village, a charming gem nestled next to the stunning Troodos Mountain range. As we drive for about an hour, enjoy the scenic countryside, dotted with picturesque vineyards and traditional villages that reflect the heart of Cyprus.

We visit a local bakery in the village and under the guidance of a local baker, guests will enjoy a Pastry Demonstration showcasing the famous Arkatena bread, a beloved Cypriot specialty. Then discover the secrets of making "shoushoukos," a traditional sweet made from grape must and nuts. Visit the Monastery of Stavros or 'Holy Cross' where the serene atmosphere and ancient architecture offer a glimpse into the spiritual heritage of the region and then wine tasting.

Following lunch at a local tavern and time permitting; guests can wander the village's charming streets at leisure, filled with shops offering handmade lace, artisanal crafts, and local delights.

Price to be confirmed in June 2026. Delicious two course lunch, guide, private boat, coach transfer and entrance fees will be included.

Transport, Prices, and Booking Conditions

Booking & Deposit:

Note that bookings will not be confirmed or accepted without a booking form and non-refundable deposit cheque for £250. Please book early so that we can try to accommodate any requests you may have. Booking forms online on our website www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk
There is a £25 per person admin charge for any amendments to bookings which includes room upgrades.

Transport:

You will need to book your own flights but if you book the BA flights below then you can join our coach transfer to/from the hotel for a small additional cost. These BA flights are not available yet but we will email you when they become available in early October 2025.

19.09.2026	BA 0898	d Heathrow	07.15	a Paphos	13.45
26.09.2026	BA 0899	d Paphos	14.45	a. Heathrow	17.30

The flight times are the same for the second week of 26 September. EasyJet and other airlines will fly to Paphos - BA fly from Gatwick (d 13.30 a 19.55) but get back at 11.45pm! Best to book flights early as prices go up over time. Transfer time to the hotel, approx. 20 minutes.

Package includes:

- Bridge tuition to include $4 \times lessons$ with Andrew's set hands, $6 \times Gentle$ Duplicates and Supervised play after dinner (Chicago scoring)
- Exclusive use of the Bridge room for the week
- Welcome drink in the hotel before dinner on the first evening
- The use of facilities within the hotel
- Half board accommodation as detailed below

Accommodation:	Price includes half-board accommodation as on page 3. Please note: rooms do					
	vary in size and style. ARBH will do its utmost to ensure that requests are					
	granted but will treat all requests on a strictly first come first served basis					
	However rooming allocations are ultimately made at the hotel's discretion.					

Holiday Cost:	Inland room:	1 person	£2895
	Sea View Room:	2 sharing 1 person	£2495 per person £2995
	Studio Suite:	2 sharing	£2995 per person

Flights:

Guests need to book their own flights. ARB Holidays are not responsible nor liable for guests' independent flights. If a holiday is cancelled or if a guest cancels, then guests should contact their airline for a refund or voucher.

Any queries, call Jack on 07775 892720 or email jack@yorkshirebridge.com

Extending your stay:

You are welcome to stay extra nights and make your own travel plans. We have been working with F&P travel to build your trip and if you would like to stay on they would be more than happy to help you book extra nights here or expand your trip in Cyprus to take in other destinations. Please contact the team at <a href="https://helpoot.org/helpoot.nights.nigh

Insurance:

It is the responsibility of individuals to ensure they have adequate travel insurance for this trip, to include any activities in which they may be participating. On booking, a signature will be required to quarantee that you have, or will have, made the arrangements to insure your party as necessary.

Money:

- > Should the £ fall by more than 5% against the Euro before the beginning of June 2026, a surcharge, appropriate to the fall, will be charged to all clients on the package price and excursions.
- > The deposit is non-refundable.
- > The full balance is due in early June 2026 (we will email a balance request in June).

Cancellation:

The deposit is non-refundable and once the balance has been paid, no refunds will be given, although you should be able to claim on your insurance.

ARB Holidays - Liability:

In all the arrangements we have made for your holiday, we have taken reasonable steps to ensure that the suppliers of the services used are of an acceptable standard. However, we would point out that we do not own or control the organisations providing transport or accommodation for your holiday. We cannot accept any liability for services provided (carriage by air, sea or land, accommodation and other space), where these services are interrupted by force majeure, which includes but is not limited to acts of God, adverse weather conditions (including ash clouds), acts or threat of war, government action, strike, terrorism, civil unrest, fire, failure of public utilities, medical emergency, pandemic such as COVID, natural or nuclear disaster or airport closure.

Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays Ltd accept no liability for any mishap, loss, damage, illness, accident or death that may occur during this trip.

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BOOKING FORM

Please pay the £250 per person deposit via online banking (email Jack for details) or use telephone banking or visit a branch or ask a family member to make the transfer for you. We do not accept cheques nor credit/debit cards. One booking form per person please (except couples). Fill in an online booking form on our website www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk
Do not post a booking form.

1.	I would like to book persons on the trip, detailed as below:							
	Names including Title (Mr, Mrs etc)		Room type (see page 3) Inland Room Sea View Studio Suite					
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