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BirdLife open day

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BirdLife Cyprus is organising its first open day on Saturday May 14, and is inviting young and old to learn about bird migration but also about the threats faced by migratory birds.

The open day will run from 11 am until 2pm at BirdLife Cyprus' offices in Strakka, Kato Deftera, Nicosia. May 10 is World Migratory Bird Day. Cyprus is on one of the main migratory flyways in Europe.

"Migratory birds risk their lives to survive and because birds do not recognise borders, their protection is our shared responsibility," BirdLife said.

The organisation estimates that around two million birds were killed by hunters and poachers last year in Cyprus.

The programme for the open day includes:

- 11:15 – 11:35 Presentation of the work of BirdLife Cyprus and the serious and persistent problem of illegal bird trapping and discussion.
- 11:35 – 12:35 Documentary screening "Leaving is living" by the Hellenic Ornithological Society (BirdLife in Greece), which is the national BirdLife International partner in Greece (Greek dialogue, English subtitles). Duration: 60'
- 11:15 – 12:35 Experiential workshop for children (ages 5+) on the subject of bird migration, with the actress and theatrical game facilitator

Elena Pavlidou.

• Drawing activities for young and old. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

Please register for participation in the experiential workshop for children until May 12 on 22455072 or elena.markitani@birdlifecyprus.org.cy

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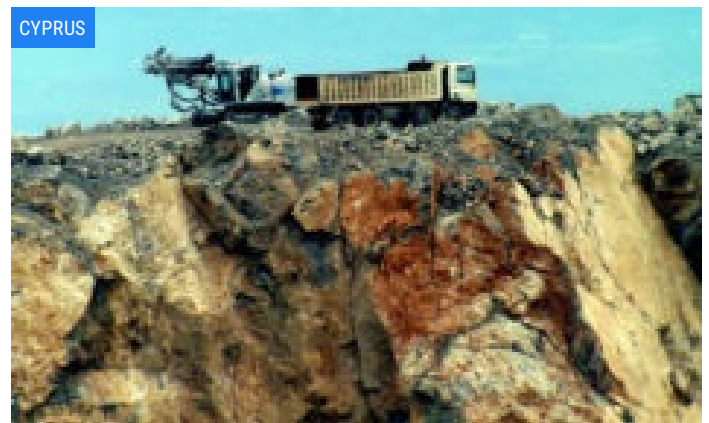
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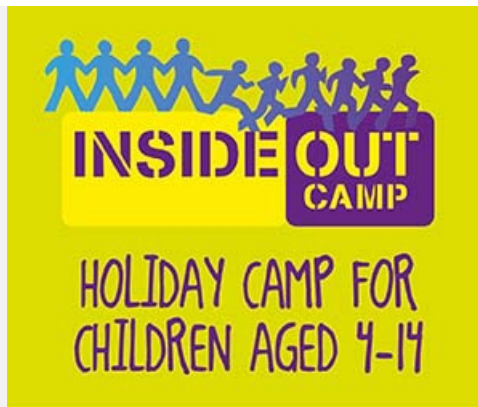
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By Katy Turner

Mediaeval Cyprus was a land caught in turbulent times with wars, pillage and even babies being put in charge. Following two massive earthquakes in 332 and 342, it also had its roots in a new era; most of what had been destroyed was never rebuilt.

Life at the centre of Mediterranean civilisation, with sugar cane playing a major role in an economy that was at the crossroads of major trade routes, has left few traces for historians to work with. Even the monuments, churches and public buildings that were created have often been reduced to rubble.

But wars, fires and earthquakes have not put off those at Cyprus Land, where the past is being brought back to life, helped in part by a massive 3D map which shows many of the mediaeval buildings established by those passing through the island, often not for peace.

Walking into Cyprus Land the visitor finds himself in a square that may or may not reflect the centre of a Mediaeval town. In the past,



(fortunately not something our group has ever had to rely on) while you can see clear glass being made, even though Mediaeval artisans created coloured glass for decorations in churches. The wealthy of the time were the only ones able to afford honey; learn more about it at the honey workshop.

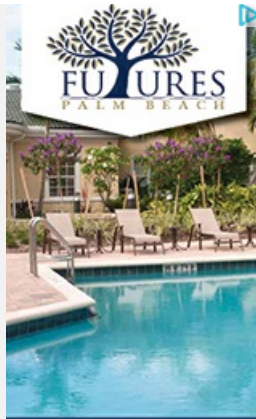
Taking up as much space as the village square is a 12m by 40m 3D map of the island that took 7,000 man hours to build at a 1-72,000 scale. Apart from perhaps view-

Nicosia. The Venetians decided to make them smaller—they were originally 5km in length - so they were easier to defend but the project was never completed.

For smaller visitors who might get side tracked during the 25 minute audio guide there are chests to find on the map that will lead to a small prize. There are also shields and swords and other knights' accessories to be examined as well as a knight's uniform to be photographed with.

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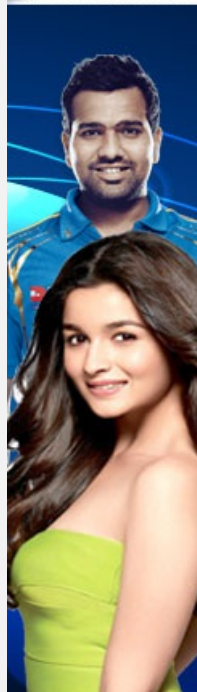
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