# **DIVING IN PAFOS:**

CYPRUS OFFERS THE DIVER WARM, CRYSTAL CLEAR, AZURE WATER WITH A RICH AND DIVERSE VARIETY OF SEA CREATURES, FLORA AND FAUNA, ALL LOCATED IN ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PARTS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA. THE WATER HIDES TREASURES PRICELESS TO THE DIVER, TREASURES FAR MORE VALUABLE THAN GOLD OR JEWELS...BUT WHO KNOWS, MAYBE YOU WILL BE LUCKY AND FIND BURIED TREASURE HIDDEN BY ANCIENT GREEK SAILORS! THE TREASURES OF WHICH WE TALK ARE THE FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS FELT BY SCUBA DIVERS DURING THEIR DIVE...THAT'S FAR MORE PRECIOUS THAN EARTHLY WEALTH.

THE AMPHITHEATRE, AGIUS GEORGIUS HARBOUR, THE ROMANTICALLY NAMED AVDIMOU WALL WITH THEIR CAVES...BEGINNERS AS WELL AS QUALIFIED DIVERS CANNOT FAIL TO BE MOVED BY THE BEAUTY OF THESE PLACES, THE LEGENDS OF CYPRUS ARE WAITING FOR YOU! DISCOVER THEM WITH US!

#### PAPHOS AMPHITHEATER



The "Amphitheatre" with its terraces is only accessible to divers, but how can an amphitheatre be under the water, we hear you ask? It's not an optical illusion, underwater currents over thousands of years eroded the cave roof, finally bringing it down uncovering three ring shaped walls, 10-12 meters high. Dive only 12 meters below the surface and the feature and its dwellers, such as shells and shoals of quick moving fish in all the colours of rainbow, will appear in front of you. What memories of your holiday could be better than photos taken in this underwater fantasy world?

## ZENOBIA WRECK



ON TOP OF THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF CYPRUS I S THE UNORTHODOX COLLECTION OF RARITIES WHICH ARE SO HIGHLY PRIZED BY DIVERS. RARITIES SUCH AS THE "ZENOBIA", AN ENORMOUS SUNKEN FERRY, WHICH ACCORDING TO EXPERTS IS ONE OF THE BEST WRECKS TO DIVE IN THE WORLD. TO THIS DAY WE CAN'T RESOLVE THE MYSTERY OF ITS LOSS, BUT WHAT CAN BE MORE CHALLENGING FOR ADVENTURERS THAN A SECRET? ALL WE KNOW IS THAT THE CARGO VESSEL BEGAN TO SINK IN "LARNAKA" HARBOUR, THE REPORT STATED THAT THE SHIP ENCOUNTERED TECHNICAL PROBLEMS BUT IT HAS SINCE BEEN RUMOURED THAT THE BOAT SANK BECAUSE OF SOMETHING

MORE SINISTER. FORTUNATELY NO LIVES WERE LOST DURING THE ACCIDENT SO DIVERS CAN EXPLORE THE WRECK WITHOUT FEAR OF DISTURBING ANYTHING OTHER THEN THE NEW RESIDENTS, THE ABUNDANT AND COLOURFUL SEA LIFE.

The "Zenobia" has become a mecca for wreck divers. She lies on her left side, allowing the novice diver to explore her right side in only 18 metres of water or if you are more experianced you can dive to her left side, to a depth of 42 metres. Thus the "Zenobia" is as interesting for beginners as for experienced wreck divers.

The wreck is perfect for divers, they can access the cabins, restaurant and auxiliary rooms. Techno-dive enthusiasts can test their skill on three different levels of cargo deck; upper, middle and lower and since the "Zenobia" sunk with full holds, trucks litter the wreckage adding greater challenges for the diver to master. Only the most experienced dive to the lowest cargo deck and to engine room beyond.





THE SHIP IS SO BIG AND THE WATER IS SO TRANSPARENT THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO SEE THE "ZENOBIA" FROM THE SURFACE, IN FACT IF YOU FLY OVER THE WRECK ON YOUR APPROACH TO CYPRUS YOU WILL SEE IT FROM YOUR AIRCRAFT SEAT!

NO DIVER COULD SAY THAT THEY HAD COMPLETELY INVESTIGATED THE WRECK BECAUSE EACH DIVE BRINGS SOMETHING NEW, NEW DISCOVERIES, NEW IMPRESSIONS AND NEW EMOTIONS. ANY DIVER WHO HAS EXPLORED THE "ZENOBIA" CAN TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE FOR HOURS....BUT THEN AGAIN, WHAT USE ARE WORDS? BEING TOLD ABOUT THE WRECK BY SOMEBODY ELSE IS NO

SUBSTITUTE FOR SEEING THE WRECK FOR YOURSELF, SO OUR INSTRUCTORS WILL HELP YOU NOT ONLY SEE THE WRECK BUT

### AHILLES WRECK

THE "AHILLES" LIES 5 KILOMETRES FROM PAPHOS HARBOUR AT A DEPTH OF 11 METERS, LYING ON THE SEABED WITH HER KEEL UPWARDS, IT IS POSSIBLE TO DIVE UNDER AS WELL AS AROUND THE BOAT, BUT BE CAREFUL THE WRECK HAS SOME NEW RESIDENTS, EELS!

BITS OF WRECKAGE FROM THE "AHILLES" WERE THROWN OVER A 300 METER RADIUS FROM THE BOAT AS SHE SANK, SO THE WRECK TAKES UP A LARGE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OFFERING A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER THE SEABED AROUND THE SITE.

## VERA K. WRECK

ANOTHER POPULAR WRECK DIVE IS NOT FAR FROM PAPHOS HARBOUR, THE "VERA K" WAS A TURKISH REGISTERED CARGO VESSEL THAT SANK IN A SMALL HOLLOW IN THE SEABED, ALLOWING THE DIVER TO COMBINE WRECK DIVING WITH THE EXPLORATION OF A REEF AND ITS DWELLERS

