



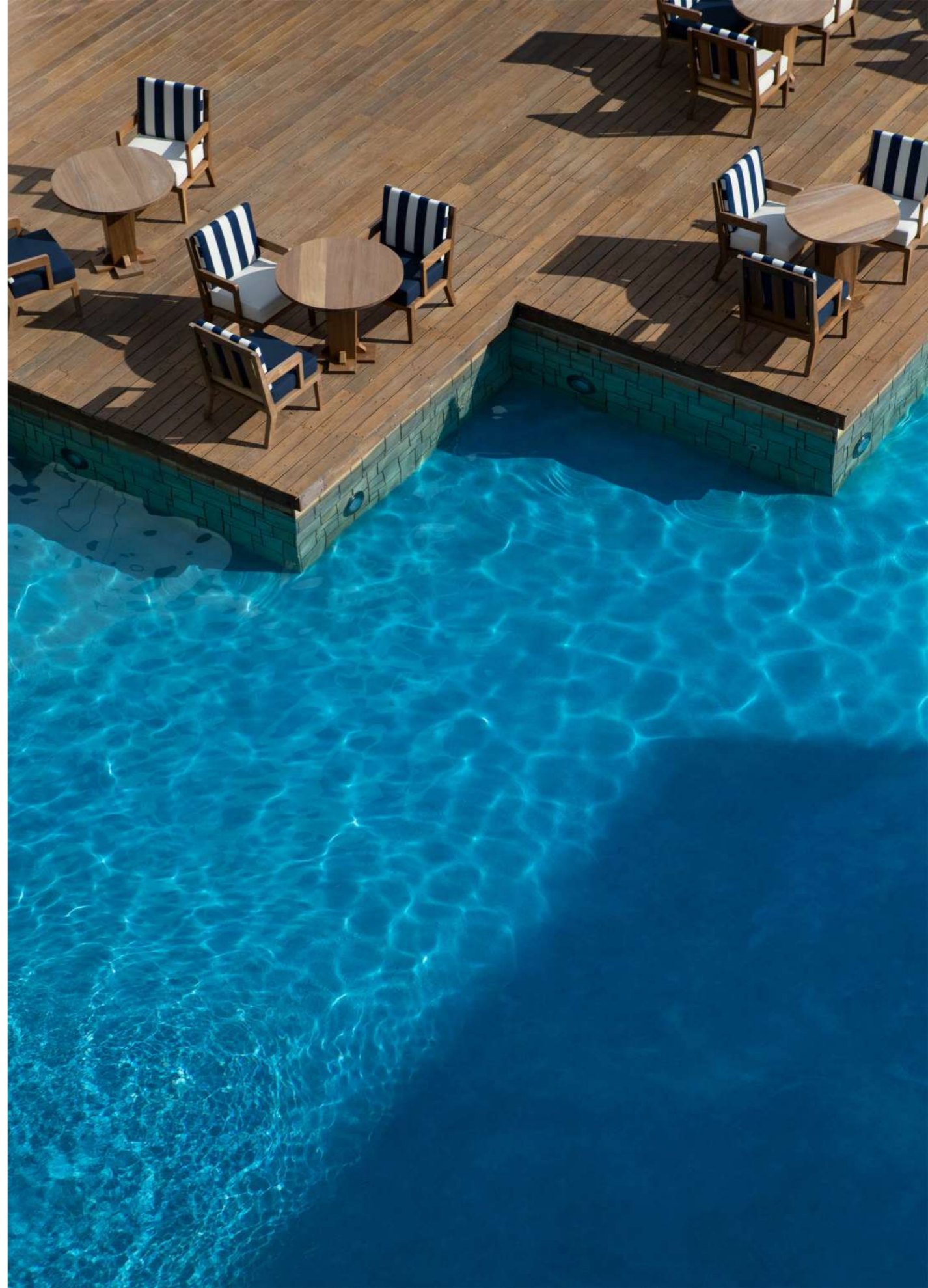
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The Easter season is lively at Annabelle, filled as it is with events timed to follow the Catholic and Protestant calendar as well as the Orthodox one. We invite you to learn about and participate in Cypriot cultural traditions: watch local artisans demonstrate their skills, visit a monastery, sample local wine varieties, taste local cheeses, and see how to make baked goods for Easter. During the Orthodox Easter weekend, our Guest Services team will escort you to the Procession of the Epitafios and the Midnight Mass and explain the symbolism of these religious services. Enjoy the balmy Spring weather as you sit down for a meal with family and friends. Kopiaste - Come join us!



CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT EASTER WEEKEND

19 April - Good Friday

Start your day with a complimentary morning **Excursion to The Place**, where Cypriot potters, weavers, and basket makers demonstrate their skills and sell their wares; local foods and wines are also available for sale there (meet in the Lobby at 10:30 for free transfer; reservation required). At midday, seaside taverna Mediterraneo offers a **Good Friday Lunch** with a sharing menu featuring Cypriot dips, grilled and baked fish entrees, and an assortment of Cypriot sweets (12:30-15:30; €28 per person). Those abstaining from eating meat will find plenty of alternatives at the **Good Friday Seafood Meze Dinner** at Mediterraneo: we are offering delicious preparations of prawns, octopus, calamari, and red snapper. Enjoy live music with your meal (18:30-22:00; €32.00 per person; reservation required). Our **International Buffet Dinner** in Fontana will feature fresh seafood salads and a grill station for tuna, swordfish, and salmon (18:30-21:30; €32 per person).

20 April

Join the **Monastery and Winery Tour** and learn about the history of the region. Our tour bus departs from Annabelle at 10:30 for a forty-minute drive through the countryside to the village of Pano Panayia. The first stop is the Chrysorroiyatissa Monastery, which was founded by Ignatius in 1152. The current building dates to the late 18th century and includes intricate frescoes, a collection of religious artefacts, and an icon of the Virgin Mary and Christ said to be painted by St. Luke.

At 11:45, we leave by bus for the Tsangarides Winery in the village of Lemona. For five generations, the Tsangarides family has tended the vineyards here. They produce eight varieties of wine, including the local xynisteri, maratheftiko, and mataro varieties as well as chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon, and syrah. You will be treated to a guided tour of the winery followed by a tasting of the whole range of wines accompanied by selected cheeses and a charcuterie platter (€35 per person; minimum 20 guests; book with Guest Services). Later in the day, Mediterraneo hosts a **Wine and Cheese Tasting** programme (16:30-17:30; €12 per person; reservations required—minimum 10 persons, maximum 20).

21 April - Easter Sunday

Our Easter Sunday celebration starts at the **Easter Sunday Buffet Breakfast** in Fontana, where you'll find Cypriot delicacies such as tsourekia (braided sweet bread), flaounes (pastries stuffed with local cheeses, semolina, sultanas, and mint), cookies, and brightly painted eggs. After breakfast, our youngest guests may want to head to the Grotto for our **Easter Egg Hunt** (11:00; reservation required). At midday, Mediterraneo offers **Easter Sunday Lunch** with a sharing menu featuring meat entrees: try galatarias (pork sausages with red wine), traditional lamb kleftiko, or pork souvlakia with baked potatoes and stuffed tomatoes (12:30-15:30; €32 per person).



ORTHODOX EASTER WEEKEND

26 April - Good Friday

Since many celebrants of Good Friday abstain from eating meat, Mediterraneo offers vegetarian dishes like manouri (salad greens, caramelised figs with zivania, and grilled manouri cheese) and orfana (grape leaves stuffed with rice and herbs) at its **Good Friday Lunch** (12:30-15:30; €28 per person; à la carte menu also available). Late in the evening, gather in the Lobby of sister hotel Almyra for an excursion to witness the **Procession of the Epitafios**, a sombre parade re-enacting Christ's funeral; Guest Services will escort the group and provide a bus transfer to the centre of Pafos and back (20:30).

27 April - Holy Saturday

Step next door to sister hotel Almyra and learn how to make the baked goods traditionally enjoyed during Easter in Cyprus at a **Live Baking Demonstration** in Mosaics; we'll be baking flaounes, tsourekia, and braided sweet breads and dying hardboiled eggs red (11:00). At Mediterraneo, we offer a **Holy Saturday Lunch** featuring vegetarian and seafood dishes—sample the zucchini croquettes with fresh mint and basil or the sea bass grilled in grape leaves with roasted potatoes, fennel, and citrus (12:30-15:30; €28 per person). In the evening, we provide guests with candles and escort them to **Midnight Mass** at the nearby Church of Panayia Theoskepasti; meet in the hotel's Lobby at 23:00. At the service, celebrants gather around the Epitafios Crucifix to commemorate Christ's death. Just before midnight, the lights in the church are dramatically dimmed. Then the lights are restored to represent the resurrection, and the priest calls the congregation to take from his candle 'the light that never dies' as each congregant's candle is lit.

You are invited to sister hotel Almyra's Mosaics restaurant for **Midnight Supper** (until 1:30; €15 per person). The traditional meal features local pastries (including flaounes and tsourekia), a selection of local cheeses, and two lemony soups, magiritsa and avgolemono. We'll also crack the shells of red hardboiled eggs to symbolise Christ's breaking free from the tomb. Back at Annabelle, rooftop lounge Ouranos is hosting an **After-Hours Party** with live music (midnight to 3:00).

28 April - Easter Sunday

Find a selection of traditional Easter pastries and coloured eggs at our **Easter Sunday Buffet Breakfast** in Fontana. Children are invited to the Grotto for our **Easter Egg Hunt** (11:00; reservation required). Our **Easter Sunday Buffet Lunch** at Mediterraneo features live music and lamb spit-roasted on an open fire along with a grill station preparing chicken souvla, pork souvlaki, village sausages, halloumi cheese, and sea bream (12:30-15:30; €32 per person; reservation required). Ouranos will also be open for lunch with its regular menu.

29 April - Easter Monday

Enjoy a relaxing **Easter Monday Lunch** at Mediterraneo, our seaside taverna; we'll offer specialities from the village like tsakistes (crushed olives with coriander and garlic), tsillima (goat meat dried in the sun for twelve days with oregano), and a salad of local rocket, kohlrabi, and giant cabbage called epoxiaka (12:30-15:30; €25 per person). In the evening, our **Easter Monday Buffet Feast** at Fontana closes out the holiday with a generous offering of appetisers, salads, local cheeses, hot entrees, and desserts; enjoy festive live music as you dine (19:00-22:00; €32 per person; reservation required).



CELEBRATIONS IN LOCAL VILLAGES

The nearby villages of Yeroskipou, Chlorakas, Kissonerga, and Lemba all offer traditional Orthodox Easter celebrations for Cypriots and non-Cypriots alike. On Easter Sunday and Easter Monday, villagers gather for feasts, music, and games like egg races and sack races. One very popular group game is called ziziros, or cicada. One player is blindfolded and faces away from the others. When someone taps the blindfolded player on the back, everyone makes a buzzing sound like a cicada and twirls fingers to confuse him. If he guesses correctly who hit him, then that person takes his place. Contact Guest Services for details on attending a local village celebration.





Karyatis Sea View Suite



OURANOS WELLBEING SPA SPECIALS

Nourish body and spirit with these heavenly treatments (22-29 April).

Scent of the Heavens Body Massage

Choose from a range of essential oils for a gentle therapeutic massage that soothes and calms. 60 minutes; €64.

Divine Duo Scrub and Massage

We begin with a vigorous full-body exfoliation with Himalayan salts that purifies the skin. Next, the therapist gives a neck, shoulder, and back massage with organic coconut, grapefruit, and geranium oils to leave you with a divine glow. 60 minutes; €88.

Express Facial

Brighten and refresh your facial skin with a custom exfoliation. Then, choose between a mask or a moisturising massage. 40 minutes; €40.

Cut and Blow Dry

Refresh your hairstyle for the holiday gatherings. €36. Please note that these offers cannot be combined with any spa or hotel vouchers.

Guest Services

For further event details and to make a reservation, contact Guest Services on 26 885473.