



COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF LANIA

LANIA COMMUNITY BOARD

LANIA, P.O. Box 137, 4744 LIMASSOL, CYPRUS

LANIA, PO BOX 137, 4744

LEMESOS, CYPRUS

THA/ TEL. 25432333 / 97776330 FAX.25433751

www.thevillageexpress.com

laniacb@cytanet.com.cy

August 31, 2022

Deputy Minister of Culture
Mr. Yiannis Toumazis
Cultural Services of the Deputy Ministry of Culture
Ifigenias 27
2007 Nicosia

Dear Mr. Deputy Minister,

Subject: Museums and points of interest in the Community of Lania

Regarding your visit to our Community, on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, we would like to list in detail the points of interest as well as the places that can be visited in our Community, accompanied by a small history and relevant photos.

1. Linos

It is a workshop for the preparation of commandaria in the core of the village which was built in 1822 by Christofis Keramos. The building has been rescued and conserved by the Department of Antiquities and has been declared as an Ancient Monument A'. It is the only authentic winepress in the whole of Cyprus and perhaps the oldest grape press.

2. Olive Mill Thematic Museum

It is a work of the 15th century and originally operated with a stone mill. Its operation continued until about 1985, serving the inhabitants of the Community as well as the surrounding villages. The building was restored in 2008 through the Rural Development Program and operates as a Thematic Museum. Its equipment is kept in excellent condition and can be used for demonstration purposes.

3. Thematic Museum of Storage of Commandaria

It is a laboratory for the preparation and storage of commandaria that belonged to a private individual. It was purchased by the Community Council in 2008 and restored through the Rural Development Program in 2014. It has been declared an Ancient Monument B and has complete grape grinding and pressing equipment.

Since 2018, it has housed the first small lending Library of the Community.

4. "Skarpariko" Museum

Its operation in Lania dates from about 1800 until 1985. The premises were purchased by the Council in 2012 and restored at the Council's expense in 2017. The space represents the old shoemaker and functions as a Museum for the exhibition of traditional shoemaking tools.

5. Traditional Courtyard

The building is a two-storey restored house with a large courtyard in which various traditional tools and objects used in various agricultural and domestic work are exhibited. The building is a free concession to the Community by the Lanitis family. It is suitable for use by artists (painters, potters, ceramists, etc.).

6. Monument of Kato Vrysi

The site has been declared as Ancient Monument B and was preserved in 2012 by the Department of Antiquities and the Community Council of Lania.

7. Church of Panagia Eleousa

The Church was built in the 16th century during the Frankish era and after the Turkish occupation.

In the Church is kept the Holy Icon of Panagia Valana (12th century) along with four bronze discs and other smaller icons that according to tradition were found in a cave under the floor

of the Old Chapel of Panagia Valana. The hatch has been highlighted in a recent renovation of the old Chapel which is a visitable area.

This icon is miraculous with miracles that took place in the presence of living persons to this day.

8. Old Police Station of Lania (Ppolitsi)

Around 1880, this building was built by a resident of the Community within the village, which was used for a few years as a private residence.

In 1890, the then government of England purchased the above building which initially functioned as a District Court and later as a Police Station.

The above Station operated until 1947 when it was abandoned due to the unsuitability of the building.

The Community Council proceeded with the repair and renovation of the building through the Program of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism in 2021 with the aim of operating as an Artistic Workshop and a space for hosting artists from Cyprus and abroad.

For your information, I mention that in Lania there are artistic workshops of painting, ceramics and jewelry making.

We are at your disposal for more information.

Yours sincerely,

Michalis Papaelisseou
President of K.S.Lania

CC: Commissioner for the Development of the Troodos Mountain Communities