Discover the Real Cyprus-Village Routes. A project to regenerate rural economy, conserve natural resources and protect the environment.



# Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative

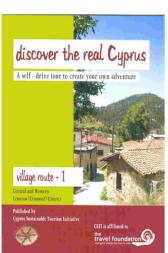


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# Discover the Real Cyprus-Village Route 1

CSTI has successfully completed the first village route and produced the guide "Discover the Real Cyprus-Village Route 1.

This first in a series of 6 village routes covers the Central and Western Limassol and lists over 85 attraction sites and producers including folk, ecclesiastical and wine museums, churches, wineries, herb farms, restaurants and traditional craftshops. The guide can be used by foreign tourists as well as local people who wish to support the producers on the route and discover the traditional Cyprus and its stunning rural beauty.



This very attractive and simple to use guide is available for sale for the price of £1.50 per copy. If you are interested in buying more copies of the book -it makes a thoughtful gift - contact Michael Ierides at 99688097, Philippos Drousiotis at 99440983, or Salome Loukas at 99123127.

## CSTI Members and Village Route Producers Get - Together

February 2nd,2007 6:00P.M. to 8:00P.M. Cyprus Wine Museum 42 Paphou Street, Erimi

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

For information call 99123127 RSVP by January 26th, 2007

#### **CSTI Makes the News**

The book "Discover the Real Cyprus-Village Route 1" was released at a press conference which was held in the House of Journalists in Nicosia, on September 18th. Among those who attended were media representatives, tour operators, representatives from the Travel Foundation, travel agencies, representatives from environmental and special interest tourism groups, producers on the village route, CSTI members and other interested individuals.

Following the Press Conference, numerous articles were printed in the Greek and foreign press including the Cyprus Weekly, Cyprus Mail, Phileleftheros and the Financial Mirror-Cyprus. Also, the Village Routes project is highlighted in an article that appears on the Travel Foundation web-site. In addition to the printed articles, the Village Routes project was widely publicised on two radio interviews which were given by CSTI Chair Philippos Drousiotis, and Geoffrey Bezzina, Representative of Thomson Holidays (TUI).

#### **Annual Meeting of the Travel Foundation Project Managers**

CSTI Chair, Philippos Drousiotis attended the Travel Foundation Projects Managers' Meeting, which brings together managers of projects funded by The Travel Foundation from around the world. The meeting provides a forum for the sharing of information and experiences, and it was held in London in early November. Philippos delivered a presentation on the development of the Village Routes project in Cyprus, gave an update on the CSTI and distributed the "Discover the Real Cyprus-Village Route 1" to participants at this international meeting.



#### **CSTI Members**

#### **Individuals**

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#### **Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative**

The Cuprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative (CSTI) was established in 2006, as an independent, not-for -profit organization with the goal to promote the development of a sustainable approach to tourism in Cyprus through:

- 1) research and the education of the public and the tourism industry in the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the sensible use of natural resources
- 2) the improvment of the social and economic conditions of marginalized rural communities
- 3)the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration.

CSTI partners are the largest UK tour operators, local environmental NGO's, the Cyprus Tourism Organization, local travel agents, small village producers, their communities and associations. CSTI is affiliated to the Travel Foundation, which sponsors the Village Routes project.

#### **CSTI Board of Directors**

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Coordinator Salome Loukas

### **CSTI Coordinator**

CSTI would like to welcome Salome Loukas as its coordinator. Born in Cyprus, Salome lived and worked in Canada for many years. She brings to CSTI commitment and over 25 years of experience as an event and project coordinator. If you need infomation about CSTI, or have any questions, you can contact her at 99123127.