

ARGYLL CYPRUS HOLIDAY

1st to 15th March 2023

Over 40 of us, including a few partners and parents, flew from Bournemouth to Paphos on the morning of Wednesday 1st March for 2 weeks. We're lucky to have Charlie Graham to organise the trip for all of us.

The TUI flights (both ways) were full but comfortable with an excellent level of service. They were also on time and – after the inevitable 'one case mix up' – our transfer coach had us at the hotel in little more than 15 minutes.

Many of us had stayed at the Athena Beach several times before. The quality/value proposition is unparalleled. Excellent, well equipped rooms, elegant and comfortable open areas and a wide choice of dishes at both breakfast and dinner – something for everyone's taste!. There is the option of the Atrium restaurant with self-service buffet or the Zephyr with table service and a limited selection of the courses.

The hotel staff are also very welcoming

With over 40 guests it is maybe inevitable that a few will be dissatisfied. As the saying goes – 'you can't please all of the people all of the time'. But 90% plus of the party were highly satisfied!

The Athena Beach offers 4 carpet greens with circa 20 rinks and an additional 6 rinks undercover for the rare wet day. We had several matches organized (by the hotel) against local clubs and a British club also staying at the hotel. On other days we had the choice of arranging our own bowling, when we played several fun competitions, or joining in the competitions organized by the hotel.

The hotel location is excellent – right next to the beach. There is a comfortable paved level walk of about 2.5 km to the port of Paphos, with numerous restaurants, bars and shops. There is also a frequent and inexpensive bus service.

The hotel also arranges fun activities (crazy golf, pétanque etc.) during the day and evening entertainment.

There can be no absolute guarantees other than that it will be warmer than at home: but in four visits we have never experienced wet and/or windy weather for more than a day or two.

For 2024 we are offered essentially the same holiday at a modest (given the current inflation rate) 5% uplift.

For us it's a no-brainer. We'll be there!

John (and Jan) Crowe