



THE CITY OF IDALION PROFILE

Idalion (Dali) is located in the Nicosia District, approximately in the center of the island and is the third largest Municipality of Cyprus, in land extent. In 1996, Idalion town became the 24th Municipality of Cyprus.

The ancient city of Idalion was one of the 12 ancient Kingdoms of Cyprus and it was founded by the hero of the Trojan war Halkanoras. The foundation of the city is placed around 1200 BC, and its habitation was uninterrupted from 1200 BC until today. The archaeological site of Idalion is one of the most important on the island.

The modern city of Idalion consists of two residential areas, the Panagia Evangelistria Parish (traditional core/historical center) and the Parish of Saints Constantine and Helen (new settlement - 1983), the Industrial Zone (1981), the Livestock Zone and Agricultural Zones. The number of inhabitants is around 14,000. Due to its geographical position, the city has recorded rapid population growth over the last 15 years. It is the fastest growing region in Cyprus, and continues to grow. The industrial zone, also due to its geographical position, developed rapidly and today it is one of the largest industrial areas of the island.

Idalion, due to its development, is considered the capital of the surrounding area which includes many smaller communities and numbers more than 35,000 inhabitants.

Geographically, Idalion occupies a large plain of fertile soil crossed by the Gialias river, which is why the inhabitants used to be engaged in agricultural, stockbreeding and various crops. Nowadays, the inhabitants are activating in agro-livestock farming, construction work, small and medium-sized enterprises, they work in private enterprises and state services. Idalion holds the first place nationwide, in milk production.

The main characteristics of the Idalion citizens are, the love for their city, the hard work, the friendly mood, they are very hospitable and maintain their historical, folklore and cultural tradition.

In the city of Idalion, 8 churches are preserved and operate. The oldest one dates back to the 14th century, AD. Since 2007 the Holy Metropolis of Trimythountos it is based in Idalion. In 2006, the Turkish Mosque which is located in the center of the community was renovated and operates.

Education in the city of Idalion has a long tradition and has always been one of the first development goals for the city. The first elementary school was founded by Papa-Chrysanthos Economos in 1858 (uncle of our national poet Vassilis Michaelides). The Municipal Library has been operating since 1966, strengthening the field of education and today it has more than 13,500 volumes of books and numbers about 2,000 members.

The intellectual, social and cultural development of the city has always been at a very high level. Many Idalion citizens excelled in the fields of medicine, education, literature, poetry, music, sports, theatre, fine arts and politics.

The cultural and social activity of both the Municipality and the citizens is very rich, multifaceted and qualitative. In the context of further supporting the cultural development of the city, the Municipality of Idalion has erected a modern outdoor amphitheater, in 2016. He has also created a Municipal Choir, a Youth-Children's Municipal Choir and a Municipal Folklore Club, which contributes to the healthy activities of the citizens but also to the preservation and promotion of our rich folklore tradition and culture.

In the context of developing international relations, the Municipality of Idalion has been twinned with three European cities: Combs-la-Ville in France since 1978, Acharnes in Greece since 2008 and Orte in Italy since 2013. In 2014 the Municipality of Idalion signed a protocol of cultural cooperation with the city of Wieliszew in Poland and in 2019 with the city of Xanthi in Greece.

In recent years, the tourist development of Idalion has opened new horizons in the further economic development of the city. Idalion has been included in the tourist and thematic routes of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism and in the program of educational school excursions. Visitors can tour at the archaeological, historical, cultural and religious monuments, in the historical center of the city, and be entertained in traditional or modern recreation areas. They can also attend various cultural events organized by the Municipality, such as theatrical and dance performances, concerts, music and poetry evenings, exhibitions, etc.

- Church
- Mosque
- Parking
- Archaeological Site
- School
- Memorial / Bust
- Theatre
- Library
- Pool
- Hospital
- Post Office
- Restaurant
- Coffe Shop
- Gas Station
- Main Road
- Road
- Street

