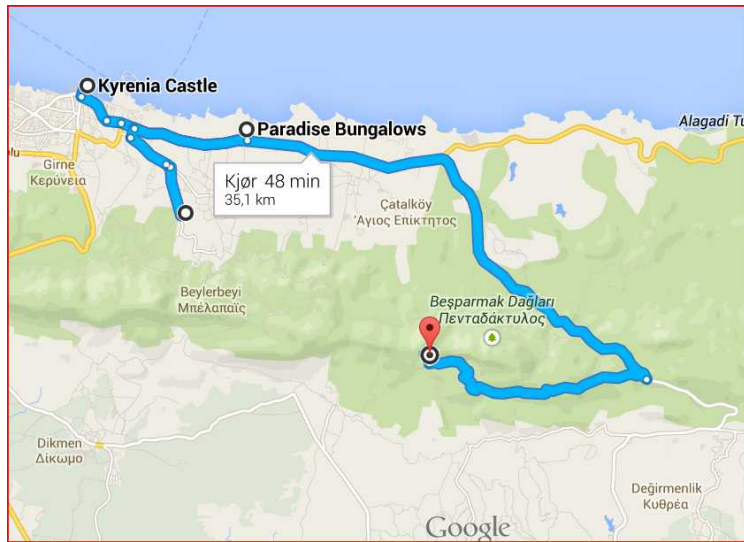


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The last day, the 28th of March, we had three places we wanted to see. It was Kyrenia Castle, Bellapais Abbey and Buffavento Castle.

The entrance to the castle.
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Right inside the gate.



Massive walls.



Into the church.



On the way to the north west tower.



The dome over the church.



The view of the marina from the north west tower.



The waterfront promenade.



Some of the plant life inside the fortress.

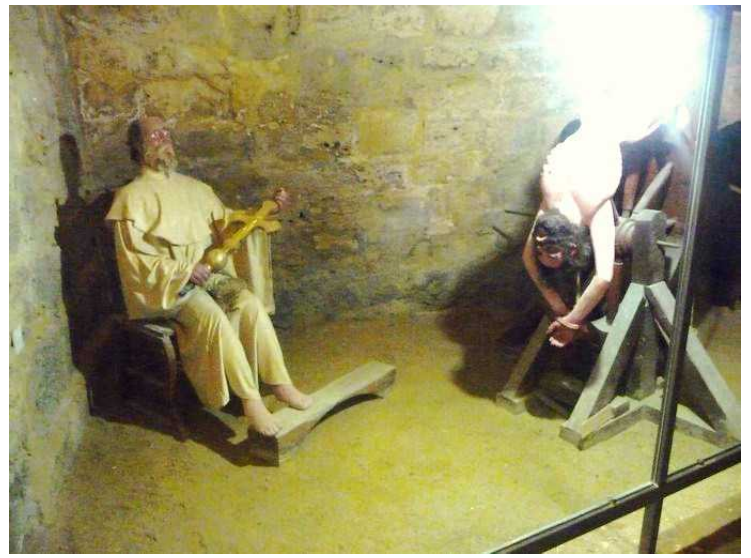


Castle Courtyard





Torture in the dungeon.



The priest is controlling that it is done right.



Chained prisoner.

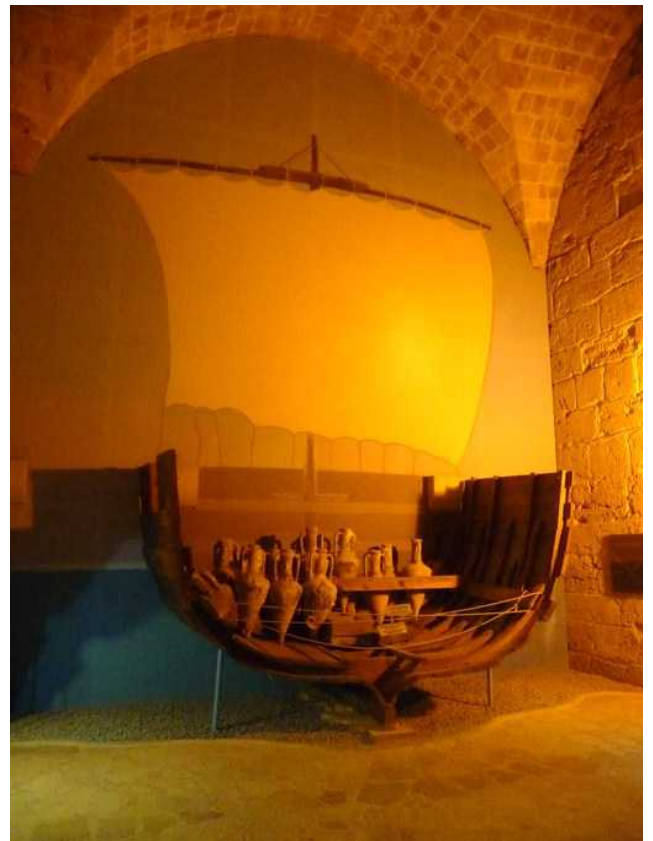


The entrance to the dungeon.



Some of the houses in the castle is transformed into an archaeological museum. Cyprus was populated about 10,000 years BC. The oldest traces found are from 8800 - 8600 BC

Life in prehistoric times is illustrated with large pictures.



Outside Kyrenia was found a merchant ship with amphorae in 1965. Remnants of this and of the load is shown.

Trade vessel is from about 300 BC



Amphorae from the ship.



The ships looked about like this at that time.



Here follows a series of pictures from inside the castle courtyard.







This is from the parking lot at Bellapais Abbey.

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This is the east side.



The south side with the entrance farthest away.



The monastery was built between 1198 and 1205, but it has been extended on several occasions.

Below follows a series of pictures from the abbey.

The entrance to the restaurant









Next item on the program was [Buffavento Castle](#). It is the castle that is located at the highest altitude, 955m. We had to drive a few kilometers on a narrow road with steep cliffs down to the plains on one side.



Here we have parked the car and have started to walk up a brick path with steps. We can glimpse a bit of the fortress on the hill.



We are approaching.



[Video from the castle.](#)
[Plan of the castle.](#)



The lowest gate. Here we needed a break.



On the other side the stairs continue.



Pictures from the summit.







It had been a hot and tiring walk up the long hill, so we took a little break at the top.



On the way down we took a picture of the lower part of the castle.



The stairs are quite steep.



When we got down to the main road again we had a cold Coca Cola on the Buffavento restaurant.



The parking lot with the [Besparmak](#) mountains in the background.



An old horse-drawn carriage.



The restaurant.



There was a tree outside that bloomed profusely. We think it is an [empress tree](#).



A picture of the flowers.