

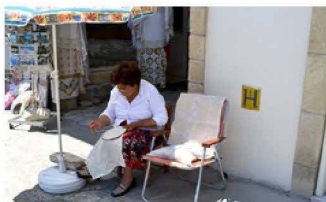


## LEFKARA LACE

For hundreds of years, the Cypriot village of Lefkara has been renowned for its exquisite lacemaking, an embroidery technique thought to have been introduced by visiting Venetian noblewomen as early as the 14th century. Leonardo DaVinci himself was said to have visited this picturesque village, purchasing an intricately worked piece of “Lefkaritiko” for the Milan Cathedral.

Today, take a walk through the historic cobble streets, where women still sit in doorways nimbly pursuing the ancient artistry passed from mother to daughter. Their lacework, included in UNESCO’s Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2009, is available for purchase in many local shops. Lefkara is also known for a tradition of expert silversmithing, including fine jewelry and tableware, and luxury accommodation abounds nearby in Larnaca.

A visit to this Mediterranean isle, with its blue waters, beautiful ruins, rich food and palpable sense of history, is not a trip to be missed. [lefkara.org.cy](http://lefkara.org.cy)



## TAILOR MADE

Looking for a unique and inspiring escape from the ordinary, but on your own terms? Brown + Hudson creates truly personal, truly “bespoke” trips to exotic destinations all over the world. After a personal interview, they handcraft your itinerary, starting from scratch or your choice of travel theme, such as wildlife, family, wine, culture or even “super yachts.” Whether your idea of the perfect escape is a helicopter ride to the top of an active volcano or skiing under Lapland’s midnight sun, you can be sure of one thing: everything is possible. [brownandhudson.com](http://brownandhudson.com)



## PLEASURES OF PROVENCE

With the change of the leaves and the arrival of cool, crisp air, there’s no better time than autumn to slip away to Provence for simple pleasures like wine tasting and truffle hunting. At Hotel Crillon le Brave, a peaceful hillside resort near Avignon, France, take in the views of Mount Ventoux and surrounding vineyards, explore outdoor markets, schedule a massage at the mini-spa, cycle through the countryside or simply relax on the terrace with a glass of rosé. Attend one of their Autumn Truffle Weekends in November and enjoy a three-day getaway that tracks the infamous “black diamonds” from field to kitchen to plate. [crillonlebrave.com](http://crillonlebrave.com)

## TEXAS FESTS

Sept. 16-17

**ChickFest (Pittsburg)**  
[pittsburgchamber.com](http://pittsburgchamber.com)

Sept. 24

**Roxy Arts Fest (Balch Springs)**  
[balchspringsartsalliance.org](http://balchspringsartsalliance.org)

Sept. 24-25

**Pecan Street Festival (Austin)**  
[oldpecanstreetfestival.com](http://oldpecanstreetfestival.com)

Sept. 30 to Oct. 1

**Annual Big T Memorial Chili Cook-off & Music (Fairfield)**  
[bigtbash.com](http://bigtbash.com)

Oct. 1

**Aubrey Peanut Festival**  
[aubreypeanutfestival.com](http://aubreypeanutfestival.com)

Oct. 8-9

**Bayou City Art Festival Downtown**  
[bayoucityartfestival.com](http://bayoucityartfestival.com)

Oct 15-16

**Pirate Days of Texas (The Colony)**  
[piratedays.org](http://piratedays.org)

Oct. 15-16

**Good Karma Festival (Houston)**  
[legendsofrasta.org](http://legendsofrasta.org)  
[reggae festival.com](http://reggae festival.com)

Oct. 21-23

**Texas Jazz Festival (Corpus Christi)**  
[texasjazz-fest.org](http://texasjazz-fest.org)

Oct. 22

**Fredericksburg Food and Wine Fest**  
[fbgfoodandwinefest.com](http://fbgfoodandwinefest.com)