

Karaoglanoglu

Once a small sleepy village, Ayyorgi (Karaoglanoglu) has now grown to be a sought-after suburb of Kyrenia, about 5km to the west of the town. After the events of 1974, Ayyorgi was renamed Karaoglanoglu in memory of Col. Karaoglanoglu who was one of the first Turkish soldiers to fall on landing Cyprus.

The village is famous for its lemon and olive groves which sprawl the hills and the fields. In the recent years, with the popularity of the area both with locals and with tourists, several hotels and restaurants have emerged on the coastline with care taken not to overdevelop the area to the detriment of the environment.



Chapel of St Fanurios, carved inside the caves on the coast is one place which can be seen in the area. The rocks under the chapel are known to contain fossils, rumoured to be that of a hippopotamus! Fanurios was an early Christian

who while living in Asia Minor, followed the call of Christ and converted into Christianity and settled in Cyprus. According to the myth while climbing the steep cliffs one day he fell of and died on the spot where the chapel is now.

Among other places to visit in the area are the Statues of the Unknown Soldier commemorating those who lost their lives during wars, the Peace and Freedom Museum and the Open Air Museum. The open area, in front of the Peace and Freedom Museum in Karaoglanoglu, contains vehicles and arms left by the fleeing Greek soldiers.