



## ATA Organised EVENTS 2020



# JUNE / HAZİRAN

### 30<sup>TH</sup> Visit to the Süleyman Pasa Hunting Mansion in Bellapais



Not normally open to the public because of its location in a Military area, this beautiful restored building is not only magically spell-binding in appearance but also as intriguing as well. Dating back hundreds of years this hunting lodge originally built and completed in 1572 by Süleyman Pasa an Ottoman Sultan, whilst he was Governor of Girne, it is ideally situated in the forested hills rising high above Bellapais to provide breathtaking views of Kyrenia and the Mediterranean (It is said to have been built in this location because it is the best place to see Kyrenia and the Mediterranean, especially from the front of this lodge where Süleyman Pasa could keep a watchful eye over any invaders approaching from the sea), whilst also being located in prime hunting forest which provided an abundance of wildlife both for recreational purposes and also the more essential needs of feeding the Sultan, his guests and servants. It was used as the royal palace of the British who took the island in 1879 as a place for recreational purposes and in the more recent past by Makarios as a summer house.

Because a visit to the Süleyman Pasa Hunting Mansion is not something normally available to individuals, this event is a must for all those who enjoy history and culture combined!



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