

INAUGURAL CYPRUS GATEWAY VOYAGE

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Intro: Linda Leblanc, a graduate of four TMI residential courses, is co-founder of PSYCHOGNOSIA, a not-for-profit multidisciplinary research and information center for the study of psychic phenomena, based in the Eastern Mediterranean island of Cyprus. Psychognosia organized the first English GATEWAY VOYAGE to be held by TMI-Europe in Cyprus in March 1999.

A piece of TMI history was made in the Eastern Mediterranean island of Cyprus, where the first European English GATEWAY VOYAGE, offered under the auspices of TMI-Europe, took place from 20-26 March 1999. The location was the peaceful countryside village of Droushia, the name of which is derived from the Greek word “drous”, which means oak tree, a fitting symbol for the transformative effect that Gateway can have upon participants. With a scenic backdrop of mountains and sea, a small but enthusiastic group gathered in a family-run hotel in this picturesque and historic western tip of Cyprus.

Cyprus is an island rich in history, with archaeological sites dating back over 8,000 years and is the mythological birthplace of the Goddess of Love, Venus (or Aphrodite as she is known to the Greeks). The village of Droushia, an area where there have been many reported sightings of unidentified flying objects, is famous for its spectacular outcrops of dramatic orange-colored rocks, which are geologically part of the African tectonic plate, as this is an area where several plates converge. On our last evening, the group gathered up around one of these impressive rock outcrops at sunset, with the light of the planet Venus shining down upon us. Grounding ourselves at the end of a transformative GATEWAY VOYAGE, it seemed that heaven and earth were supporting us at this closure.

On the last day, after a week of unusual thunderstorms and much needed rain, breaking the 5-year drought, the sky cleared and in the distance one could see the not-too-common sight of the snow-capped mountains of Turkey, a mere 40 miles away across the sea to the north - an appropriate parallel to our own clearer vision at the end of a GATEWAY VOYAGE.

Pablo Arango, TMI-Europe Program Director, with trainers Sylvestre Gorniak and Lana Phillips, guided the Gateway group with that renowned TMI expertise. TMI-Europe brought with them to Cyprus their own broadcasting system, which permitted participants to listen to each tape in their individual hotel rooms. The participants, all residents of Cyprus, were uniform in their praise of the program, some of whom indicated that Gateway had more than met their expectations. One participant, who had been wanting to go to Virginia to do Gateway since 1991, felt that it was especially significant that Gateway had finally come to him!

Another whose goal was “to gain deeper insight into other states of consciousness, to learn more about OOBES and to see if previous experiences were confirmed”, expressed his view that to a “very great extent these expectations had been met.”

Here are a few other comments:

“When I came to the Gateway I had a purpose. But I was wondering if it would be easy for me to accomplish it or if it was too unreal. But with all those tools I got from here I can accomplish everything I want in my life. The Instructors were excellent, not only as Instructors but as human beings. I am leaving Gateway today and I know that a new life begins for me full of light.”

“An eye-opener of a course. Jump in and feel the water.”

“Many facets appealed, but the humorous content was very enjoyable to me. A great Gateway to the future, looking forward to going to Virginia to TMI for another course sometime SOON!!”

“The most valuable thing we got from the seminar was the precious set of tools that we learned which we can keep with us forever and will help us along the way to a more meaningful and complete life. We are both very grateful for doing the Gateway and planning to do more seminars in the future.”

“I sincerely recommend the Gateway Program to anyone who wants to truly ‘know themselves’ – especially those who think they already do!”

As part of the continuing expansion of bringing Hemi-Sync to more and more people throughout the world, Pablo Arango and Sylvestre Gorniak have been organizing and conducting GATEWAY VOYAGE programs in French in Europe for several years. TMI-Europe, recently established and based in Geneva has future plans to provide GATEWAY VOYAGE experiences in various European countries in several languages. Their website is www.tmieurope.org.

The Cyprus Gateway was organized by Cyprus-based foundation Psychognosia and was presented by TMI-Europe. Psychognosia, which means “Mind-Spirit” and “Knowledge” in Greek, is a privately-funded, not-for profit center for the dissemination of information on psychic phenomena and consciousness research (www.psychognosia.com). [end]

