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**Thinking Sustainably Gastronomy Festival; Gaziantep:** The Gastronomy Festival of Gaziantep forms the cornerstone of the city sustainable mentality. Drawing chefs and gastronomy experts from around the world, the festival invites all to experience and learn sustainable cooking methods with regional and local products sourced from Gaziantep. The festival is a culmination of the city's rich gastronomical heritage but also a product of sustainable agriculture and primary sector production that feeds into the local cuisine. This basis for knowledge sharing is a fundamental aspect of the festivals sustainable goal.

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#### 4.4.1.2 Transformative Cultural Events: Pafos; Taranto

**Pafos Aphrodite Festival; Pafos:** The Pafos Aphrodite Festival is a cornerstone of the cultural heritage celebration in Pafos. It has been recognised internationally as a creative outlet for the community and the city as a whole to come together and celebrate the rich history, tradition, and culture of Pafos. The festival centres around the heritage of opera and related CCIs to attract cultural tourism. Featuring high quality of performing acts and great interest by an international audience of holidaymakers and visitors. The event has attracted thousands of spectators over the years. The imposing Medieval Castle of Pafos under the starry sky and the beauty of the vast sea forms a perfect backdrop for opera performance. Beyond this, the festival is used as cultural exchange to facilitate knowledge sharing and best practice communication with other European hubs of opera and cultural tourism. The festival is organized on a vast foundation of stakeholder networks, sustainable tourism management, community involvement and a celebration of all that is Pafos.