

Guide to living in Cyprus





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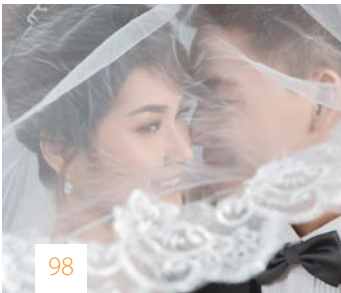
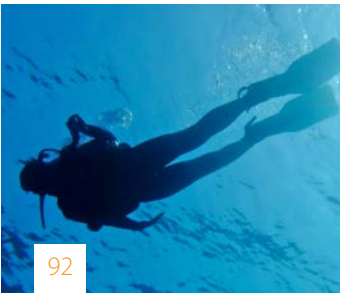
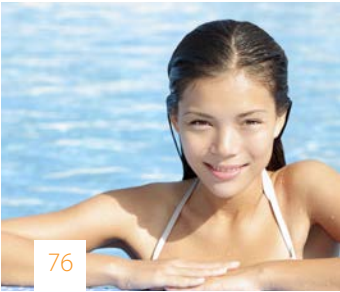
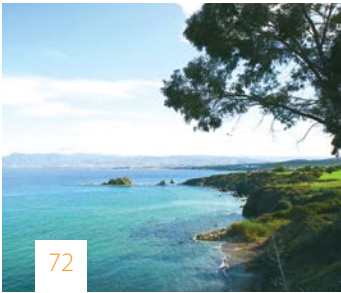
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FACT FILE

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Basking in over 340 days of sunshine a year, Cyprus is an ancient land famous for its archaeological sites and beautiful beaches. Lying at the crossroads of three continents, it is a beguiling mix of east and west boasting mountain peaks and deserted beaches and blending untamed beauty with cosmopolitan city life.

OFFICIAL NAME: Republic of Cyprus

AREA: 9,250 km²

POPULATION: 1,141,000

LANGUAGES: Greek & English

CAPITAL: Nicosia or Lefkosia

WEB DOMAIN: .com.cy

TEL DIALING CODE: +357

HIGHEST POINT: 1,951 m

MEMBER OF: European Union, United Nations, British Commonwealth

Sink your toes into warm sand, feel the sun on your skin and look out on the sparkling blue Mediterranean Sea. With a wealth of beaches to choose from, you are bound to find one that suits your taste. There are fine white sandy beaches with shallow turquoise waters, or deep water bays with rocky outcrops perfect for snorkelling or diving. Long stretches of coastline lend themselves to jogging, while secluded coves beckon when you want to be alone. From the quiet backwaters of the western peninsula, to the lively resorts in the east, the island has something for everyone.

Savour fresh Mediterranean flavours at numerous restaurants featuring both local and international cuisine and live the night away to the latest sounds or join in a Greek sirtaki dance. Alternatively, just lie back and enjoy Cyprus' magical evenings gazing at the stars through clear skies and lulled by the gentle sounds of the night crickets. In Cyprus the living is laidback; you set your own pace. If you're a nature lover, Cyprus will inspire you. From rugged coasts to mountain peaks, sunny vineyards to cool pine forests, flat expanses of wheat fields to lush citrus orchards, the changing landscape within short distances offers endless opportunities for the artist or photographer in you.

Sunshine is practically guaranteed and not just in the summer. As a year round destination, each season has its special allure. Spring, like an impressionist painting, will delight you with its profusion of colour. Autumn is pleasant with its lack of crowds, while the mild winter, when everything turns green, is ideal for hiking and cycling, for taking in the culture, or for long-stay visitors. The island is a must-visit for bird-watchers as there are several endemic bird species and hundreds of migrating birds passing through. Rare plants, such as the

Cyprus tulip and cyclamen, will fascinate botanists, while geologists can marvel at majestic rock formations derived from millions of years old oceanic crust. Cyprus is one of the few places in the Mediterranean where sea turtles come ashore to breed on the island's sandy beaches and are strictly protected, as is the elusive mouflon, a rare wild mountain sheep roaming the Troodos mountain sides. You'll be given the warmest of welcomes in Cyprus. As you travel round the island you will find that the spirit of hospitality is very strong. Cypriots have a reputation for being friendly, so don't be surprised if they invite you into their homes and go out of their way to treat you as one of the family. Stay in a restored village house or inn, part of the island's agro tourism project, and experience rural living at first hand.



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LOCATION



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By legend the birthplace of the ancient Greek goddess of love Aphrodite, Cyprus is a small European island country located in the northeastern corner of the Mediterranean Sea. The geography of Cyprus includes the central plain, the Mesaoria Plain, which is bordered by the Kyrenia and Pentadactylos mountains to the north, and the Troodos mountain range to the south and west.

Since the dawn of recorded history, Cyprus has been one of the most sought-after areas of the region. Ancient Greeks, Egyptians and Romans, along with Crusaders, Byzantines, Franks and Ottomans, have all left a remarkable legacy for the modern visitor to explore. Cyprus is endowed with golden beaches boasting clear blue waters, pine-scented forests and a superb climate. It is the sunniest country in Europe with over 300 days of sun annually. The

environment is one of the healthiest in the world according to the World Health Organization and is relatively unspoiled by industrialization.

With a total area of 9251km², Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean. It enjoys a prime location, benefiting from a wide network of air-routes from both scheduled and low-cost airlines that connect it with Europe, Africa and Asia. This, combined with its ideal climate and excellent tax and financial benefits, make it a location of choice for many affluent business-minded individuals and companies. Numerous studies have also cited Cyprus as the number one place for retirement and relocation. Its popularity is due to its first-class infrastructure, relaxed lifestyle, beautiful landscape, safe environment and of course, the taxation advantages it offers.

Boasting mountain peaks and beautiful beaches, Cyprus is a sport enthusiast's delight offering alpine sports during the winter months and aquatic sports all year-round. In fact, the area offers sporting temptations for practically every interest, from golf, deep-sea fishing and horse riding to hiking and even quad biking.

An EU member state since 2004, Cyprus is one of the most progressive and efficient business locations in Europe due to its strategic location, state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure, highly skilled human capital and favourable tax system.

Some of the key attributes which continue to play a role in Cyprus' development into an international shipping and financial centre are:

- › Low personal & company taxation
- › Corporation tax regime 12.5%
- › No inheritance tax
- › Stable economy, well-regulated country
- › Strategic geographical position
- › Financial & ship management centre
- › Solid infrastructure & advanced telecommunication network
- › Efficient legal, banking and accounting service
- › Sustainable growth
- › Excellent historical ROI
- › Well educated population
- › Great climate
- › Excellent healthcare system
- › First-class education system



KEY DISTANCES FROM PAFOS	
London, UK	3190 km
Paris, France	2920 km
Rome, Italy	1899 km
Berlin, Germany	2496 km
Madrid, Spain	3220 km
Vienna, Austria	1996 km
Beirut, Lebanon	199 km
Pretoria, South Africa	6672 km
Moscow, Russia	2367 km
Shanghai, China	8035 km
Beijing, China	7197 km

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AREAS



PAFOS

In ancient times Pafos was the centre of the cult of Aphrodite. Swim in the sea by the rocks known as Petra tou Romiou where the goddess was believed to have risen from the waves, make a pilgrimage to her sanctuary at Kouklia, or visit the grotto near Polis where she was supposed to have bathed.

Pafos, with its pleasant harbour and medieval fort, combines a cosmopolitan holiday resort, spectacular countryside and historical sites. It was the capital of Cyprus

for 600 years in ancient times and its archaeological legacy is such that UNESCO put the whole town on its World Cultural Heritage List.

The intricate floor mosaics in villas dating back to the Roman period depicting scenes from Greek mythology are considered among the finest in the Eastern Mediterranean. Equally impressive are the underground Tombs of the Kings carved out of solid rock and decorated with Doric pillars.

If peace and quiet in harmony with nature are what you are after, head for the Polis area. The Akamas peninsula is an area of natural wilderness with dramatic coastlines and sandy coves. Here you can explore the various picturesque villages, walk along one of the many scenic nature trails or take a boat trip along the dramatic coastline that all form part of Aphrodite's playground.



POLIS

Polis is a small town situated on the North-Western coast of the island, at the centre of Chrysochous Bay. The picturesque town borders the protected Akamas peninsula, an exceptionally beautiful nature reserve, with a stunning array of wildlife. The area offers a plethora of secluded beaches with crystal clear waters, undoubtedly some of the best on the island.

The town centre offers a great selection of cafes and restaurants in addition to all the essential modern day amenities. Latsi is the picturesque harbour of Polis, reputed for its superb fish tavernas that overlook the newly extended marina.



LIMASSOL

The island's second largest city, Lemesos (Limassol) spreads out between two ancient city-kingdoms, Amathous to the east and Kourion to the west, two of the most spectacular archaeological sites in Cyprus. It is the island's main port, the centre of the wine industry and a bustling holiday resort. A large number of hotels and hotel apartments line a 15 km coastline interspersed with eucalyptus groves and linked by a promenade popular with walkers or joggers.

The medieval castle was the site of the royal wedding in the Middle Ages between Richard the Lionheart and Berengaria of Navarre, and now houses the Cyprus Medieval Museum. Browse through the array of goods and produce in the atmospheric Market. The town's inhabitants are renowned for their love of fun so not surprisingly the nightlife is varied, with all sorts of tavernas, discos and clubs. Enjoy a summer concert under the stars in the Greco-Roman theatre of Kourion, or join in

the Bacchian excesses at the Wine Festival in September, or have fun at the Carnival with its fancy dress chariot parade and parties.

Germasogeia dam and Akrotiri salt lake, at the edge of the Monastery of St Nicholas of the Cats, are unique wetlands ideal for observing nature and wildlife and peaceful places to relax, go for a walk or indulge in some angling or bird watching.

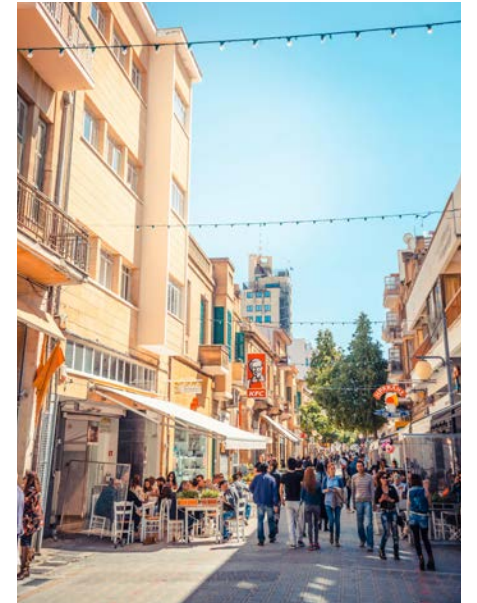
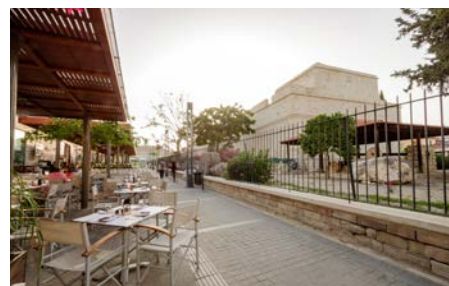


NICOSIA

Situated in the middle of the island Lefkosa (Nicosia) is a busy modern commercial and business centre and the capital of Cyprus. The centre of the city is its old quarter surrounded by a Venetian sandstone fortress wall with a moat and heart-shaped bastions. Wander round narrow streets with their overhanging balconies and the beautifully restored pedestrian precinct with craft shops, cafés and tavernas. Mosques and palm trees give an oriental atmosphere to the old city. In the evening

catch a concert in the moat or an exhibition at the Famagusta Gate, one of the three original entrances into the old city, which has now been restored and is used as a cultural centre. The Cyprus Museum houses the best collection of archaeological artefacts on the island, including a first century AD Roman statuette of Aphrodite of Soli, while the Leventis Museum depicts the history of the town.

Venture out of Nicosia through olive groves and orchards and drive up into the pine forest to the Monastery of Machairas. On the way visit Tamassos, an ancient copper producing city, and nearby Agios Irakleidos Convent, which was built in honour of Cyprus' first bishop saint. Further on picturesque villages abound, such as those of Pera and Fikardou with their cobble streets, preserved stone and adobe houses, which will give you a glimpse of rural life in Cyprus.



LARNACA

Larnaca was the second home of St. Lazarus, who lived here after his resurrection and later became its first Bishop. The impressive 10th century Church of St Lazarus in the centre of the town was built over the saint's tomb and is one of the finest examples of Byzantine architecture in Cyprus.

The town is built over the ancient city kingdom of Kition, a rich sea port and major centre of the copper trade which later

became a Phoenician stronghold. Its remains can be seen today in its cyclopean walls made of giant blocks of stone and a complex of 12th century BC Mycenaean Greek temples. Stroll along the palm-lined sea-front promenade and indulge in some people watching at one of the many cafés or restaurants. The nearby marina is a friendly community of local yacht owners and a haunt for yachtsmen from all over the world.

On the outskirts of Larnaca, the Angeloktisti Church in the village of Kiti has rare 6th century Byzantine mosaics. Solitary Stavrovouni, dramatically perched on the peak of a mountain top, is one of the oldest monasteries in Cyprus. The hills are dotted with picturesque villages like Vavla or Lefkara, famous for its local lace and its filigree silver-ware. Choirokoitia with its reconstructed round huts and Tenta are important Neolithic settlements, the former being a world heritage site.



TROODOS MOUNTAINS

The imposing Troodos mountain range rises to 1,952m above sea level, stretching across most of the southwestern part of Cyprus. Nestled within this region are some of the island's most picturesque and tranquil communities. Charming villages, many with cobbled streets and preserved traditional architecture built on terraced

slopes, amid vineyards, almond trees, apple orchards and cherry blossoms. There are many famous mountain resorts, forest parks and nature reserves, four different ski slopes for skiers and snow-boarders, Byzantine era monasteries and churches, many of which are UNESCO protected, nature trails for walking or cycling, winter

ies and wine routes. The area has been known since ancient times for its mines, and in the Byzantine period it became a great centre of Byzantine art, as churches and monasteries were traditionally built in the mountains.



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SEASONS



CYPRUS SEASONS

Cyprus enjoys an intense Mediterranean climate, with long, dry summers from mid-May to mid-October and with mild winters from December to February which are separated by short autumn and spring seasons. Extreme weather, typhoons and flooding are non-existent in this mild-weathered Mediterranean island. Summer is the season of high temperatures with cloudless skies but the sea breeze creates a pleasant atmosphere in the coastal areas. Winters are mild with some rain and snow on Troodos Mountains. In Cyprus there is abundant sunshine. Even in December and January there is an average of six hours of bright sunshine per day.

APRIL-MAY:

Days are pleasantly warm, but temperatures may fall a bit at night.

- › *Medium-weight and summer apparel.*
- › *Excellent season for those who prefer to enjoy nature as the countryside is green and flowers are in blossom.*

JUNE-JULY-AUGUST:

Warmest months of Summer.

- › *Very light weight summer clothing.*
- › *Ideal for swimming and all beach/water activities.*

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER:

Warm days, cool October evenings.

- › *Light weight apparel for the day and medium-weight for the evenings in October.*

NOVEMBER:

Pleasantly warm days.

- › *Medium-weight apparel. Light woollies.*
- › *Ideal weather for autumn travel. Lunches in the open-air still a delight. Sunbathing and even swimming can still be enjoyed, as well as most outdoor sports.*

DECEMBER-JANUARY:

It may rain occasionally, yet the promise of glorious sunshine is still there.

- › *Winter clothing-not heavy coats though!*
- › *Outdoor activities and excursions can be enjoyed.*

FEBRUARY:

The possibility of exceptionally warm days. Almond trees in blossom, occasional rain and mild day time temperatures are the harbingers of spring. It can be quite cold however in the evenings.

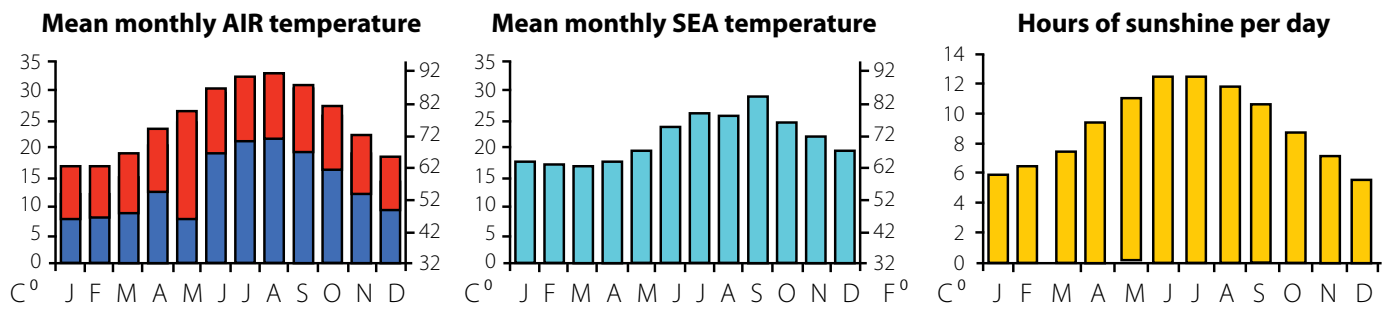
- › *Winter apparel.*
- › *Conditions are ideal for snow skiing on Troodos mountains.*

MARCH:

Moderating weather with plenty of sunshine and with nature at its best.

- › *Winter apparel with medium-weight wear.*
- › *Most outdoor activities can be enjoyed and March is an excellent period for long country walks. Weather in Cyprus*

CYPRUS AVERAGE TEMPERATURES





The tables below display average monthly climate indicators in major cities based on 8 years of historical weather readings:

NICOSIA	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average Temperature	12	13	16	21	27	30	33	32	29	24	18	14
Avg. Max Temperature	14	16	18	23	29	33	36	36	32	28	21	17
Avg. Min Temperature	6	5	7	10	10	19	22	22	19	15	10	7
Avg. Rain Days	5	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	3

AGIA NAPA	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average Temperature	12	12	14	17	23	26	28	29	26	23	18	14
Avg. Max Temperature	16	16	19	22	27	31	33	33	31	28	22	17
Avg. Min Temperature	9	8	10	13	17	21	23	24	21	18	13	10
Avg. Rain Days	8	6	5	4	1	0	0	0	1	3	5	7

LIMASSOL	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average Temperature	13	13	14	17	21	24	27	27	25	22	17	14
Avg. Max Temperature	17	17	18	21	26	29	31	31	29	27	22	18
Avg. Min Temperature	8	8	9	13	17	20	23	23	21	17	13	9
Avg. Rain Days	8	6	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	3	5	6

PAFOS	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average Temperature	12	12	13	16	20	26	26	26	24	21	17	14
Avg. Max Temperature	17	17	18	21	24	28	29	30	28	26	22	19
Avg. Min Temperature	7	7	8	11	14	17	20	21	18	16	12	9
Avg. Rain Days	9	7	7	5	2	0	0	0	1	3	6	7

LARNACA	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average Temperature	12	12	14	17	22	24	27	28	26	22	17	14
Avg. Max Temperature	17	17	19	22	27	31	32	32	31	28	23	18
Avg. Min Temperature	7	7	8	12	16	20	22	22	20	17	12	9
Avg. Rain Days	8	6	6	5	2	0	0	0	0	4	5	6



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IMPORTANT DAYS AND FESTIVALS IN CYPRUS

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Cyprus is host to a variety of annual arts, historical, religious and sporting events and festivals which draw crowds from across Cyprus and the world. Many of these events take place between autumn and spring, when the weather is cooler. There are also a number of important cultural events such as the Wine Festival and the Pafos Aphrodite Festival.

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

1 01 January, New Year. New Year 'Protochronia'

As the clock strikes twelve, the New Year is marked in a big way with fireworks filling the night sky. A plethora of parties and events occur while everyone is welcoming the New Year 'Kali Khronia'.

2 06 January, Epiphany 'Fota'. The 12th day of Christmas...

The festival of Epiphany (6 January) is known in Cyprus as 'Ta Fota' which means 'the light' and is a big festival that celebrates the baptism of Christ and celebrations take place in all the harbours. The Bishop leads a procession of school children and members of various youth organizations accompanied by the local band along to the harbour. During the Epiphany service, the Bishop dramatically tosses his processional cross into the sea to bless the waters and scores of local lads dive in quickly to retrieve it - he who does is ensured of good luck for the year!

3 A brief ski season! January usually means snow time in Cyprus although the snowfall can be unpredictable. As soon as the weathermen announce the first snow on the mountains, families head up to the Troodos for a day in the snow. When there is enough snow, all the ski kit as well as snowboards and sledges can be hired at the ski stores at Sun Valley One. For those who would rather not ski, the Cyprus Tourism Organization (CTO) has charted some good nature trails although seeing the various plants and herbs can be tricky when they have been dusted with snow!

MARCH - MAY

4 Carnival time! Around late February or beginning of March (the dates are movable, depending on the date of the Greek Orthodox Easter) there are ten days of fun when everyone celebrates the Carnival with feasts and fancy-dress parties and parades. Carnival is celebrated in every town but Limassol is the focus for the celebrations with traditionally the liveliest and most entertaining events. The first day of the Carnival sees a lively pro-

cession through the streets with scores of decorated floats and one carrying a very special visitor - King Carnival! Over the next few days there are numerous parties and parades and everyone is in a festive mood. On the last day of Carnival - Sunday - King Carnival bids everyone a lively cheerio for another year!

5 Monday of Lent. The day after the Carnival ends is 'Green Monday' a really big family festival that marks the start of the 50-day Orthodox Lenten fast which ends after midnight on Easter Saturday. On Green Monday or 'Kathara Deftera' everyone heads for the countryside with a huge vegetarian picnic and flying kites. There are many kite-flying competitions and some excellent stunt kites can be bought cheaply in local shops but many of the competitors have spent hours creating sizeable home-made kites and these are great fun to watch in action! Traditionally, it is considered to mark the beginning of the spring season.

6 25 March, Greek Independence Day - is one of the most significant national holidays in Greece. It is both a religious holiday celebrating The Annunciation to the Virgin Mary and a national holiday honouring the 1821 Greek Revolution against the Turks. A national military parade takes place.

7 1 April, Greek Cypriot National Day. Honours 1st April 1955 which marked the start of the heroic EOKA rebellion for Cyprus to gain independence from the British.

8 Easter 'Pascha'. During Holy Week there are daily church services at sunset. Easter is the greatest festival of all. On Easter Saturday evening youngsters prepare a bonfire near their church which is lit in memory of Judas and his betrayal of Christ. At about 11.30 pm everyone gathers for the Easter midnight service. Visitors are welcome to join in, but need to have one of the special Easter candles that can be bought in kiosks and supermarkets. The priest (Pater) begins the service to a packed congregation and it reaches its crescendo at midnight.



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5 Green Monday



6 25 March, Greek Independence Day



7 1 April, Greek Cypriot National Day.



8 Easter 'Pascha'.



9 1 May, May Day 'Protomagia' and Labour Day.



10 The Anthestiria Festival



11 Kataklysmos.



12 Shakespeare Festival, Kourion.



13 Ayia Napa Festival



14 Commandaria Festival.



15 Limassol Wine Festival.



16 International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama



17 KYPRIA Festival



18 Pafos Aphrodite Opera Festival



19 1 October, Cyprus Independence Day.



20 28 October, Greek National Day.

9 **1 May, May Day 'Protomagia' and Labour Day.** Traditionally, to celebrate spring; flower wreaths are hung outside the entrance doors to ward off evil. To honour Labour Day a big parade takes place to celebrate the economic and social achievements of the workers.

10 **The Anthestiria Festival** is a celebration for spring and flowers. In most towns a parade of floats and youngsters decorated with beautiful, colourful, fresh flowers takes place yearly in May.

JUNE – JULY

11 **Kataklysmos.** A true Cypriot festival. Fifty days after the Orthodox Easter is the Festival of the Flood, 'Kataklysmos' a festival only found in Cyprus and a few coastal villages in Greece and is marked by the feast of the Pentecost. Kataklysmos celebrates 'the flood' and the saviour of mankind and the animals by Noah in the ark according to the Old Testament. The celebrations are all focused on water and big festivals take place in all seaside areas with the most popular and biggest occurring in Larnaca. The sea front promenades are converted into large open-air fairs with games, entertainment, toys and traditional food stalls. A popular tradition considered very lucky is to sprinkle each other with water, symbolising the purification of the body and the soul. The events which last for 7-10 days include boat and swimming competitions, traditional songs and dances and music contests. After sunset there is music and dancing until late into the night with famous artists.

12 **Shakespeare Festival,** Kourion ancient amphitheatre makes the perfect venue for the summer Shakespeare festival. Kourion is also used for concerts and performances of internationally-known artists such as Vanessa Mae, Vicky Leon-dros and Nana Mouskouri.

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

13 **Ayia Napa Festival** is a lively event in the beautiful holiday resort featuring traditional Cypriot music and dances theatre, concerts with Cypriot, Greek and international artists and plenty of family entertainment.

14 **Commandaria Festival.** Visit the mountainous wine villages of Kouris Valley and celebrate the start of the grape harvest. Join and taste the delicious sweet wine Commandaria.

15 **Limassol Wine Festival.** The end of August is a fun time to be in Limassol because the Limassol Wine Festival takes place in the town's Municipal Gardens along the sea-front near the old town! The festival which began in 1961 to help promote the island's wines is the largest of Cyprus Festivals. The festival celebrates the rich history of wine production in Cyprus with traditional music, dancing, traditional Cypriot food and of course unlimited wine.

16 **International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama** in Pafos is a renowned cultural event which takes place in August with theatre performances of ancient play writers such as Aristophanes, Sophocles and Euripides.

17 **KYPRIA Festival** is also one of the most significant cultural events in Cyprus with performances including ballet, theatre, arts, cinema, opera and music with distinguished artists from Cyprus and around the world.

18 **Pafos Aphrodite Opera Festival** takes place in September, a month after the Ancient Greek Drama Festival, in a magical atmosphere in front of the Pafos Medieval Castle. The opera festival in-

cludes performances by esteemed, world-wide known casts. This popular autumn event is one of the highlights of Cyprus's cultural calendar where classical opera lovers experience three days of love, passion and tragedy under the stars.

OCTOBER

19 **1 October, Cyprus Independence Day.** Celebrating 01 October 1960 when Cyprus gained independence from the British and the creation of Cyprus as an independent, democratic state.

20 **28 October, Greek National Day.** Celebrating the 'Ohi' (meaning No) day with parades and traditional dancing. The day commemorates the famous negative reply by the Greece's Prime Minister Metaxas to Mussolini in 1940 after the latter demanded the surrender of Greece.

DECEMBER

21 **25 December, Christmas.** Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ with church services, Christmas carols and events and parties. The second most important festival in the Greek Orthodox calendar.

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TRAVEL



TRAVEL OVER VIEW

Airports :

Cyprus has two International Airports and are both managed by Hermes.
Website for Hermes Airports : <http://www.hermesairports.com>

There are two active international airports in Cyprus, based in Larnaca and Pafos respectively and handle more than 7 million passengers annually between them. Larnaca is the biggest airport in Cyprus compared to the Pafos airport, both in terms of passengers and available international destinations from Cyprus.

Pafos airport is significantly smaller than the airport in Larnaca and primarily services flights to and from European destinations.

Sample Prices with Ryanair as indicated in September 2019:

- › Cyprus (Larnaca) – Beirut, BEY – September - €135
- › Cyprus (Larnaca) – Cairo, CAI – January - €250
- › Cyprus (Pafos) – Liverpool LPL – June - €74.35
- › Cyprus (Pafos) – Milan MXP – October - €40

Car Distances between towns in km :

	NICOSIA	LIMASSOL	PAPHOS	LARNAKA	TROODOS	AGIA NAPA	PARALIMNI	POLIS	LARNAKA AIRPORT	PAPHOS AIRPORT
NICOSIA	-	83	146	45	80	80	84	176	50	142
LIMASSOL	83	-	68	66	106	106	110	98	70	63
PAPHOS	146	68	-	135	175	175	179	35	140	15
LARNAKA	45	66	135	-	41	41	45	165	5	130
TROODOS	71	45	113	111	152	152	156	148	111	100
AGIA NAPA	80	106	175	41	-	-	4	197	45	169
PARALIMNI	84	110	178	45	4	4	-	201	49	173
POLIS	176	98	35	165	197	197	201	-	175	45
LARNAKA AIRPORT	50	70	140	5	45	45	49	175	-	125
PAPHOS AIRPORT	142	63	15	130	169	169	173	45	125	-

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HEALTHCARE

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Public and private healthcare in Cyprus is of a high standard and available to everyone. All Cypriot doctors, specialists and surgeons have qualified abroad and speaking fluent English. The standard of medical treatment provided is very high and continuously improving.

Cyprus has gained prominence for its excellent healthcare system which offers value for money and quality medical treatment for patients from all over the world. All patients benefit from the vast quality treatments which Cyprus offers. EU citizens holding the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) are entitled to receive the same high level of health care services as Cypriot nationals through public hospitals in Cyprus. For non-EU citizens and those electing to receive treatment through private hospitals and clinics, insurance policies are available in Cyprus, offering varying levels of medical cover. Our company's developments are always located in prime areas within close proximity to hospitals and clinics. Distances from our developments vary from less than a kilometre to a maximum of 15 kilometres.

NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

As per National Health System Law of 2001 (89(I)/2001 as amended 2017, a national health system is introduced in Cyprus aimed to provide to the population equal access to a holistic health care system. Patients will have the option to select a health care provider from the private as well as the public health care sector.

The Pafos General Hospital is equipped with all the latest medical technology and surgical apparatus with wards such as accident and emergency, maternity, orthopaedics, radiology, general practitioners, pharmacy and surgical. More specialised facilities are available at hospitals in the larger towns of Limassol and the capital Nicosia.

Emergency Number:
Tel: 112

Pafos General Hospital
Tel: +357 26 803 100

Limassol General Hospital
Tel: +357 25 801 100



Iosis Hospital, Vorioulpirou 8, Pafos

PRIVATE HEALTHCARE IN CYPRUS

General practitioners

The Greek term used on signs for a GP is "pathologist". The cost for a visit is around EUR 30 - EUR 50 and most have walk-in surgery hours in the mornings. The GP will usually charge extra for any blood or urine tests etc. Any medicines prescribed can be collected from the nearest pharmacy and medications are payable by the patient in full. X-rays can be carried out at some specialist's practices or at the General Hospital. Where necessary, the patient is referred to a radiologist and can take his/her x-rays straight back to his/her specialist or doctor for diagnosis. Costs: around EUR 40 per consultation. Pafos has many private clinics and hospitals with GPs and specialists. These can be used if the patient has private health insurance or if paid directly to the clinic or hospital. Visits can be made during regular surgery hours or by making an appointment.

Specialists

If the patient knows his ailment then he/she can visit a specialist doctor during their surgery hours directly without the need for a referral by a GP. Many work at the General Hospital or clinics in the mornings and have their own practice in the afternoons.

Dentists

There are plenty of good dentists in Cyprus who have trained and practised in the UK or South Africa. Costs for a visit are around EUR 50.

Physiotherapists

Patients can be referred to a physiotherapist by his/her GP or by making an appointment to visit directly. Costs for a visit are around EUR 30 - EUR 60. All doctors speak very good English.



Evangelismos Private Hospital, 87 Vasileos Constantinou, Pafos, Tel: 26848000



Pharmacies

Cypriot pharmacists are well qualified to advise on minor ailments and can dispense prescription and over the counter medicines. A night duty system operates where pharmacies on duty in any given week are published in the local newspapers and on pharmacy entrance doors. Patients can also call the following numbers: Pafos 90901406, Limassol 90901405, Nicosia 90901402, Larnaca 90901404, Ayia Napa 90901403.

Private Health Insurance

Health insurance is widely available offering a high standard of private healthcare. Diverse plans are tailored to individual needs and budget. These can cover out-patient consultations, medication, and in-patient treatment at the hospital or clinic of choice as well as nursing care in the home.

Private health insurance policy premiums start from around EUR 1,000 dependant on cover.

PAFOS AND LIMASSOL PRIVATE HOSPITALS & CLINICS

Pafos General Hospital Anavargos, Pafos Tel: 26 803 100	Blue Cross Clinic Demokratias Avenue, Pafos Tel: 26 221151	Polis Medical Centre 13 Efessou, Polis Chrysochous Tel: 26 323 100 / 99 622 331
Royal Artemis Medical Centre Pavlou Crineou Str., Pafos Tel: 26 961 600	Iasis Hospital Vorioulpirou 8, Pafos Tel: 26 848 484	St. Georges Private Hospital 29 Eleftherios Venizelos Avenue, Pafos Tel: 26 947 000
Evangelismos Private Hospital 87 Vasileos Constantinou, Pafos Tel: 26 848 000	Limassol General Hospital Nikaias Road, Pano Polemidia, Limassol, Cyprus Tel: 25 801 100	Mediterranean Private Hospital 9 Stygos street, 3117 Limassol, Cyprus Tel: 25 200 000
Zoodochou Pigi Clinic 7-9 Antisthenous, 3086 Limassol Tel : 25 381 277	St. Peters And Pauls Polyclinic Alexandrou Papadiamanti, 3085, Limassol Tel : 25 735 333	Ygia Private Hospital 21 Nafpliou, 3025, Limassol Tel : 77 777 790



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RUNNING EXPENSES AND TAXES

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The cost of living and property running costs are low in Cyprus.

COMMUNAL EXPENSES

A service charge is applicable for properties on a managed development. The cost depends on the area of your property (m²) and the facilities and service available at the specific development. The service charge ranges from €350-1500 every six months (for standard type developments).

LOCAL AUTHORITY TAX

This is similar to Council Tax and is usually around just €50 - €200 per year. Depending on the size of the property

IMMOVABLE PROPERTY TAX

Immovable property tax has been abolished as from 1 January 2017.

BUILDINGS INSURANCE

This is provided by our company at no cost until your property is delivered. Thereafter, the property owners need to have buildings insurance in their own name and our company can offer competitive annual premiums.

CONTENTS INSURANCE

From delivery, our company recommends owners take out contents insurance. Our company can offer competitive annual premiums.

WATER

Depending on the municipality, there is an initial connection fee and deposit of approximately 200 Euros, the deposit is refundable assuming the final balance is paid off and disconnection is requested. Water bills are issued quarterly and show a monthly standing charge which varies according to the municipality. There is a typical tariff for consumption up to 40 cubic tonnes at a set price, customers

who exceed the 40 cubic tonnes will be charged more per tonne extra usage; often at a much higher rate.

If the owner intends to be absent from Cyprus for long periods, it is advisable to arrange to pay water bills by standing order, in advance, or have someone reliable to do it in the absence of the owner. In areas where the water is supplied from wells; private well owners (including the Church) will charge their own scales.

ELECTRICITY

When a new property is purchased a new electricity contract must be established in the owner's name. The owner must go to the electricity authority in person or appoint a representative.

In order to have an electricity supply the owner's passport and a stamped contract of sale must be presented to the clerk at the new connections counter. Immovable property tax has been abolished as from 1 January 2017. Electricity is charged on a bimonthly basis, however a monthly payment plan based on estimated meter readings can be requested.

TELEPHONE

There is a standing charge for a landline, which is approximately €16 per month. The actual call charges are very reasonable.

CABLE OR SATELLITE TV

Subscription packages are available from €25 per month, and include a wealth of channels such as BBC World, Discovery channel, CNN etc. Prices vary according to the channels selected.



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BUYING A NEW CAR



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It is not obligatory to be a resident of Cyprus to purchase a car in Cyprus. Non-residents may buy a car in Cyprus.

Buying a new car

A buyer must provide proof of insurance coverage and road tax payment before taking possession of any car bought from a dealer.

Buying or selling a used car in Cyprus

There are two types of vehicle status: duty-free and duty-paid. Duty-paid vehicles are available for anyone to purchase.

Duty free vehicles

Permanent residents of Cyprus who are not Cypriots and are not employed (or planning to work) are entitled to purchase one duty free car (this does not apply to motorcycles or twin cabs). VAT is still payable.

Application for this duty free scheme requires extensive documentation and proof of sufficient financial resources (although there is no specific amount the Cyprus government requires). Approval takes approximately six weeks.

Selling a car brought into Cyprus with an excise duty and VAT waiver

When selling a vehicle in Cyprus which was imported with an excise duty and VAT waiver the seller (or buyer) must pay duty and VAT on the value of the vehicle if it is sold within 10 years of import. The duty and VAT are calculated on the value of the vehicle when it was imported minus yearly depreciation. This could make selling the vehicle at a good price difficult.

Changing ownership of a vehicle after purchase

In order to change the ownership of a vehicle form TOM 9 must be completed and submitted to the Department of Road Transport (DoRT).

The following documents (and at least one photocopy) will be required:

- Identification (passport or Cypriot residency card) for both buyer and seller
- DoRT (MOT) test certificate
- proof of insurance coverage provided by the buyer

Both seller and buyer must sign the document. The change of ownership forms are available in English and can be processed at a local Citizen Service Centre. If the buyer and seller go together with the necessary documents, the new registration document is issued immediately. If the application and supporting documents are sent to the DoRT the buyer must return to the office (approximately one week later) to retrieve the new registration document.

SAMPLE CAR PRICES AS OF SEPTEMBER 2019



Toyota Aygo From EUR 10,900



Toyota Corola From Eur 18,900



Mercedes C-Class From Eur 35,500



Mercedes E-Class From Eur 48,000



BMW 3 Series From Eur 34,800



BMW 5 Series From Eur 44,000



Audi A4 From Eur 31,900



Audi Q3 From Eur 30,900



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CAR HIRE

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Hiring a car in Cyprus is very easy, comfortable and can be done at competitive rates. A car can be booked online and driven from the airport or can be booked in person once arrived in Cyprus

Most car hire companies will include the following in the price

- › Full comprehensive insurance.
- › Unlimited Mileage.
- › VAT.
- › Local Taxes.
- › 24/7 road assistance.
- › Theft Protection.
- › Free delivery/collection.
- › Online booking discount.

DRIVING LICENSE:

Drivers must be in possession of a valid national or international license for at least one year. Non-EU driving licenses are accepted with no problem.

DRIVERS AGE:

Minimum age 21 years. Drivers under 25 years must hold a driving license of at least 3 years. Drivers under 25 years of age who hold a driving license of less than 3 years can obtain the right to drive the vehicle on request at an additional fee.

Maximum age 70 years. Drivers over 70 years with valid license can obtain the right to drive free of charge but must advise their date of birth at the time of booking in order to arrange insurance coverage.

PAPERWORK:

A registration form will need to be completed and the hiring staff will check the driving license details, plus those of any additional drivers. They will also request a deposit, usually taken on a credit card, or by cash, which will be refunded on the safe return of the car.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

All rentals are subject to the standard terms and conditions printed on the rental agreement.



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Drivers must adhere strictly to the national speed limits. The maximum speed permissible on the island’s major highways is 100 km/h and the minimum is 65 km/h. Unless otherwise signposted, the maximum speed limit on ordinary inter-urban and rural roads is 80 km/h. In built up areas, the maximum speed limit is 50 km/h unless otherwise signposted.

It is prohibited to drive if the levels of alcohol in the blood or breath are above the admissible limit of 50 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood (BAC 0.5 mg/ml). The admissible limit in breath is up to 22 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of exhaled air.

If driving, a valid driving license is required, bearing in mind the following:

- › European citizens may drive on their country’s driving licence
- › Non-European visitors may drive on their country’s driving licence for a maximum period of 30 days or on a valid international driving licence.
- › Citizens from Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Australia, Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, Serbia, Switzerland, Zimbabwe, USA, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and South Korea may drive on their country’s driving license for a maximum period of 6 months. Upon the completion of the 6 month period they are required to apply for a Cypriot driving license without taking a driving test.
- › Citizens from countries which do not fall in any of the above categories (for example China) are required to acquire a Cypriot driving license by following the appropriate procedure ie. Taking a driving test (both theory and practical).

In Cyprus traffic drives on the left NOT the right

- › Most traffic signs will be recognizable as they conform to EU standards
- › Speed limit signs are in kilometers per hour (KPH)
- › Information signs are in Greek and English with some in Turkish
- › All occupants of vehicles must wear seatbelts
- › Mobile phone use is prohibited (hands free is permitted by law)
- › Crash helmets are required to be worn for all mopeds and motorcycles
- › Traffic laws in general are similar to those in the UK

Whatever the season

It is advisable to have sunglasses available. It is likely a driver will travel towards the sun at some stage as the coast runs east/ west.

During the summer it is a good idea to carry some bottled water.

Driving Test Application

After just 6 months of residency a person can apply for a learner driving license and take a Cyprus driving test. This complies with EU directives.

EU provisional/learner/student licences are valid and can be used to drive and book a test providing the person is old enough to drive in Cyprus.

The test fee is €120.

It is possible to pay an extra €34.17 to take the test out of hours. This is to pay the examiner to work overtime. The test will be in the afternoon after normal working hours. 21 days must elapse between the issue of a provisional licence and the test.

If the test is failed, an interval of 30 days must elapse before it can be retaken.

Taking the driving test in a private or non driving school, vehicle:

Documents to produce:

- › Driving License
- › Insurance certificate. This is an extra insurance which specifically covers use of the vehicle on the day of the test and for the purpose of taking the driving test
- › MOT (if required)
- › The vehicle must display E plates front and rear The vehicle’s handbrake must be in the centre of the vehicle to enable the examiner to use it in an emergency

The Cyprus Driving Test:

- › Consists of a short verbal theory test of about 15 or more questions on traffic signs and the Highway Code similar to that taken when applying for a provisional license.
- › The practical test takes about 35 minutes and consists of a drive on the local roads and includes some maneuvering for example parallel parking. The result is given at the end of the test.
- › If the test is passed in an automatic car, a full licence is issued but only automatics can be driven with that licence. A pass in a car with a manual gearbox enables the driver to drive both types of vehicle.

The waiting list for a test is currently between three and four months.

- › A driver must undergo seven (7) hours of compulsory education before taking the Category B+E test.



DRIVING INFORMATION:

- › Drive on the left in Cyprus
- › Seat belts for driver and all passengers are compulsory.
- › It is obligatory for all children under the age of five to sit in the back, strapped into a proper child car seat. Children from five to ten years of age may occupy the front passenger seat provided a child's seat belt has been fitted.
- › Using a mobile phone while driving is prohibited unless using a "handsfree" unit.
- › Smoking in a vehicle which is carrying a passenger under the age of 16 is prohibited.
- › Motorcyclists and passengers must wear a helmet.
- › Motorcycle/moped/scooter passengers must be over the age of 12 and sit astride the seat.
- › Road signs are in English and Greek.
- › Distances are marked in kilometres.
- › Road speeds are marked in kilometres-per hour (Km/h).
- › All roads on the entire island are toll free.
- › Horns must not be used between 22:00-06:00. Honking near a hospital is forbidden at any time.
- › Third party liability insurance is obligatory.
- › For emergency assistance call 112 or 199.
- › Users with disabilities can contact the emergency services by fax to 1408 or 1409 and by SMS to 8112.

ITEMS TO CARRY IN THE CAR

It is compulsory to carry two red warning triangles in the vehicle and use them to warn other traffic when involved in an incident, breakdown or accident.

ROAD CONDITIONS

Common causes of traffic accidents include speeding, tailgating, overtaking and a disregard for traffic lights. Driving in Cyprus is almost a necessity as public transport services are not available to all areas or at all times. Well-maintained, good-sized roads connect the villages and the towns, with four lane motorways connecting the main towns of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Ayia Napa and Pafos. Minor roads and forest roads are usually kept in good condition although they may be un-surfaced. Many mountain roads may close in the winter. Drivers should always have sunglasses available as the glare of light can be dangerously blinding, particularly in summer or when driving westward in the late afternoon.



ROAD TAX

Road tax (also known as a circulation fee) is paid annually to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the period January to December. It is usually paid in full. The rate of tax depends on the vehicle engine size, with the fee increasing with the engine size. The Vehicle Registration (tax) disc should be displayed on the car wind-screen.

Payment can be made online through the Web Portal of the Republic of Cyprus. www.cyprus.gov.cy

SPEED LIMITS

- › The speed limit on motorways is 100 Km/h.
- › Regional roads: 80 km/h, unless otherwise indicated.
- › Built up areas (towns and villages): 50 Km/h, unless otherwise indicated.
- › Speeding is penalised with a fine.

Speed checks are done by the police. Some traffic cameras now operate in Cyprus, set mainly at traffic lights to catch drivers jumping the lights, using mobile phones while driving, not wearing a seatbelts etc. More will be rolled out over time. Police may use mobile cameras during their speed checks.

PARKING

Municipal and private parking places and garages are widely available. Pay parking on the street is available in the town centres (there is usually no fee on Saturday afternoons, Sundays, or public holidays).

- › It is illegal to park or wait at a double yellow line.
- › Short stops to load or unload may be made at a single yellow line (although parking is prohibited).

PETROL & FUEL

- › All petrol (gas) stations sell premium and unleaded petrol (super and 95) and diesel.
- › Petrol is measured by the litre.
- › Many petrol stations in urban and coastal areas operate with self service machine taking payment by credit card or bank notes. These are usually available 24 hours a day.
- › Petrol may not be available inland or in rural areas on weekends or public holidays. Note: in August many rural petrol stations may be closed.

TRAFFIC OFFENCES & PENALTIES

If a traffic offence is committed, a fixed penalty and a ticket will be issued. If the ticket is not accepted by the offender, a court summons will be issued. The penalties are issued in conjunction with penalty points. The courts have the power to disqualify drivers when they have 12 points on their licence; when the disqualification is removed, the offender will be able to drive again, but the points will remain for another three years.

ACCIDENT & BREAKDOWN

In case of accident or breakdown it is recommended to carry a cellular/mobile telephone. The Cyprus Automobile Association is a non-profit organisation providing 24-hour emergency service to members and members of affiliate organisations.


- › CAA 24-hour emergency service: 22 313 131

There are several private 24-hour breakdown service and towing companies in Cyprus.

IMPORTING CARS INTO CYPRUS

For information on how to import your car into Cyprus please visit the Cypriot Customs & Excise

<http://www.mof.gov.cy/mof/customs/Customs.nsf/All/8164079B0D1D7A48C22572CF002022C9?OpenDocument>



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FOOD AND BEVERAGE EATING OUT & SUPERMARKETS

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FOOD AND DRINK

Cypriot food is essentially Mediterranean, similar to that of Greece, with emphasis on fresh local ingredients, a strong mix of herbs and spices and a light spattering of olive oil.

Although Cyprus is an island, the price of seafood is quite high as this part of the Mediterranean is not rich in fish and many species have to be imported deep-frozen. Traditional Cypriot seafood dishes include small, deep-fried fish and cuttlefish rings.

EATING OUT

In Cyprus there are restaurants to suit all palates and budgets. Prices range according to the type of food served and the location. Waiters always speak English which helps make any visit a culinary experience to remember.

The best way to become acquainted with Cypriot food is to order a meze in one of the many Cypriot tavernas and restaurants. This consists of many small dishes with a little of everything available on the day in that taverna or restaurant. There is no better way to sample Cypriot cuisine than the meze, as the widest variety of lo-

cal food can be enjoyed in one sitting. In the summer a meal can be enjoyed at one of the many open air tavernas which are usually decorated with vines and, in some instances, offering live Cypriot music.

There are also many restaurants which offer a wide variety of international cuisine ranging from Chinese, Indian, Lebanese, French, Mexican, Italian etc.

Most of the international fast food chains have outlets in Cyprus, and you local versions serving kebabs or more traditional dishes can also be found. Cyprus, like most Mediterranean countries, has a café culture and offers a great selection.



SUPERMARKETS

Like most European countries, Cyprus has supermarkets in each of the cities. Most of them have at least two floors with household goods, electrical items and (sometimes) clothes being sold upstairs while the main grocery/produce shop is on the ground floor. Supermarkets are hygienic, convenient and provide a wide range of foods including those imported from the UK and elsewhere. The setup is familiar to people from western countries where a wire trolley is used to hold items whilst shopping before queuing up at the check out to pay. Payment can be made by credit or debit card, cheque, or with cash. Most of them offer some kind of loyalty card which offers discounts for frequent shoppers and accumulate points. Many supermarkets have special offers each week prominently displayed outside.

Supermarkets are usually open from about 7am until 9pm every day and Sundays from 9am to 9pm. During December, because of the upcoming holiday season most supermarkets extend their hours. While many shops observe a siesta period from 1pm-4pm from June to August most of the supermarkets stay open since they have full air conditioning.

SKLAVENTITIS

A large supermarket with wide aisles and a second floor which allows the customer to go upstairs with a trolley on an inclined moving walkway. There is a large easy to use parking area directly in front of the supermarket.

PAPANTONIOU SUPERMARKETS

There are three Papantoniou supermarkets in Pafos, one in Polis, one in Pissouri and the newest one in Limassol. The larger stores have an extensive range of products available on the shelf including international brand names.

Special features in these stores are the butchery, fishmongers, extensive fruit and vegetable section, delicatessen (especially various cheeses), bakery serving delicious bread, cakes and pastries, toys and games section, clothes section, ample parking areas, central location.

There is a bonus card system in operation with good discounts in exchange for points plus cash purchases.

ALPHAMEGA SUPERMARKETS

AlphaMega Supermarkets is a recent addition to the supermarket family of Pafos. It is a national company with representation in all the major cities of Cyprus.

With a modern, newly built building, this supermarket prides itself on offering convenience. It has a butchery, delicatessen, fishmonger, bakery and several other departments.

Ample parking is available and a loyalty scheme is available.

LIDL SUPERMARKET

Operating a successful chain of discount food stores across Europe and beyond, Lidl now has 2 stores in Pafos offering value for money on most household items as well as food. This is a very popular supermarket. The stores offer vast selections of imported food at low prices.



SUPERMARKETS OFFERS

Pricing indicated correct as of July 2019.

και φθηνά ...και **αλφάμεγα** κάθε μέρα...

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Αλφάμεγα offers include:

- Φιδές (Fusilli) 0.59
- Βίδες (Fusilli) 1.49
- Κριθαράκι (Orzo) 2.69
- Spaghetti 1.49
- Παστίτσιο (Pasta) 0.79
- Αλφάμεγα 0.99
- Αλφάμεγα 1.19
- Αλφάμεγα 4.99
- Αλφάμεγα 9.59
- Αλφάμεγα 4.49

AlphaMega supermarket offers

Lidl supermarket offers

Lidl offers include:

- Μηρός μπράς κοτόπουλου (Chicken Thigh) -25% 5.99€
- Μηρός κνήμης κοτόπουλου (Chicken Drumsticks) -25% 3.49€
- 100g Δώρο 3.65€
- Μηρός τυρί γουόντα (Gouda Cheese Slices) -33% 1.99€
- Μόνο 3.99€
- Μόνο 3.99€
- Μόνο 2.69€
- Μόνο 5.99€
- Μόνο 8.39€
- Μόνο 4.49€
- Μόνο 7.99€
- Μόνο 2.09€
- Μόνο 7.99€
- Μόνο 2.75€

Lidl supermarket offers

Papantoniou supermarket offers

Papantoniou offers include:

- ΜΟΝΟ/ΟΛΗ €2,99/kg ΧΡΟΜΑΤΙΣΤΕΣ ΠΙΠΕΡΙΕΣ COLOUR PEPPERS
- ΜΟΝΟ/ΟΛΗ €1,59/kg ΜΗΛΑ ΜΕΓΑΛΑ GALANT BIG APPLES
- ΜΟΝΟ/ΟΛΗ €1,15/kg ΜΠΑΝΑΝΕΣ ΕΙΣΑΓΟΜΕΝΕΣ IMPORTED BANANAS

Papantoniou supermarket offers



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LEARNING LANGUAGES

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LEARNING GREEK

INTERTUTORIAL CENTRE

TEL: + 357 26 94 85 13

www.itc-edu.org/greek-language/

Greek Language for Non Native Speakers

Lessons are held twice a week or more on request. Price is €250 for 40 hours (Groups of 4-5 people)

A Greek language course will provide the ability to:

- › Speak Greek with confidence
- › Interact more confidently when visiting Greek-speaking regions or dealing with Greek speakers
- › Build rapport and strengthen relationships with Greek-speaking colleagues and clients
- › Facilitate international communication at both a personal and organisational level

NEAPOLIS UNIVERSITY PAFOS

Tel: +357 26843300

<https://www.nup.ac.cy/greek-language-school-g-l-s/>

Greek Language School

Main Objectives of the Greek Language School

- › The main objective of the Greek Language (G.L.S.) is the teaching of the Greek language to non-native residents in Cyprus.
- › Therefore the school follows some actions that aim to:
- › The dissemination of Greek language and the Greek – Cypriot culture and their timeless values
- › Strengthen and maintain the links with the Greeks of Diaspora
- › The reinforcement and enrichment of teaching methodology by creating seminars for the Greek language as a foreign one and seminars of counseling, teaching and linguistic content
- › Organize workshops and conferences on teaching language and culture
- › Design of teaching material and language textbooks for learning Greek as a second / foreign language.

You don't need Greek in Cyprus 90% of people speak English.

LEARNING ENGLISH

PRIMUS LANGUAGE LEARNING CENTER

Tel: +357 26 221 086

<http://www.primus-llc.org/courses>

An Official Cambridge Exam Preparation Centre that offers a range of English language programs based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

The Institute offers courses for:

- › Foundation
- › Junior
- › Secondary
- › Academic
- › Adult

STATE INSTITUTES FOR FURTHER EDUCATION

The State Institutes for Further Education function under the auspices of Secondary Education all over Cyprus. They aim at offering equal opportunities of education to thousands of students of all ages and adults and promoting lifelong learning which is a fundamental requirement of the European Union. The State Institutes for Further Education help low income families and offer scholarships to students who excel in their exams. They employ experienced teachers as well as young unemployed teachers. There are 41 State Institutes all over Cyprus with more than 17,000 students every year.

The following subjects are offered:

- › Foreign Languages (English, French, German, Italia, Spanish, Russian, Turkish) up to the B1 or B2
- › Level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
- › Greek to Foreigners (speakers of other languages who live and work in Cyprus).
- › Accounting at all levels.
- › Consolidation lessons for Gymnasium and Lyceum pupils.
- › ICT
- › Preparatory lessons for the Pancyprian Exams

http://www.moec.gov.cy/kie/pdf/state_institutes_further_education_en.pdf

Exams

At the end of the school year the students at the State Institutes for Further Education sit final exams and the students who pass the exams successfully are given a Certificate. The State Institutes for Further Education also prepare students for the following exams:

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| › Government Entrance University Exams | › DELF for the French language |
| › G.C.E. O' & A' Level, I.G.C.S.E., I.E.L.T.S. | › L.C.C.I. for Accounting |
| › F.C.E. Cambridge | › E.C.D.L., I.C.T. Europe for Computers |

GENERAL INFORMATION

The enrolments at the State Institutes for Further Education are in June and there are additional registrations the first days of September. The lessons start at the same time as the lessons at the Secondary Schools and finish in the middle of May. The number of students in each class differs according to the area. The State Institutes for Further Education are open every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There are classes for adults in some Institutes in the evenings. Every lesson lasts 90 minutes and it is offered twice a week. The fees are very low and they are approved by the Ministry of Finance. They range from €225 - €385 a year.

The State Institutes for Further Education keep an attendance book and students who exceed 20 absences are not allowed to sit the final exams.



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BEACHES

BEACHES

The coasts of Cyprus are officially classed as clean, safe and also environmentally significant - something the island is proud of and works hard to maintain. Aside from the high number of Blue Flag beaches, Cyprus is also ranked top of the list for Bathing Water Quality in Europe with a conformity rate of 100%. This is the seventh continuous year since 2005 that the island has coveted the top spot.

The coasts of Cyprus are not just popular with humans... they are also home to rare turtles which lay their eggs on beaches all over the island but mainly in the coastal area of Akamas during May. Lately the number of turtles due to hatch in September has increased to around 30,000 - 40,000. This figure is more than double since the Cyprus Turtle Conservation Project was launched in 1978 and it is considered one of the most innovative in the Mediterranean.

The partnership between the CTO, Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative (CSTI) and the UK sustainable tourism charity, the Travel Foundation works together with hoteliers and the local authorities on sustainable actions including: replacing sun beds with ones made from recycled materials; providing traditionally produced and locally-made clay ashtrays; replacing and re-vamping general waste and recycling bins, and promoting plants which are endemic to Cyprus.

The official beaches of Cyprus all have lifeguards posted and the larger beaches have umbrellas and sun beds for rent by the day for a small fee. Dogs are not allowed on beaches. Most beaches also have kiosks and vendors offering drinks, ice cream and snacks.



The Blue Flag is a voluntary eco-label awarded to more than 3850 beaches and marinas in 48 countries across Europe, South Africa, Morocco, Tunisia, New Zealand, Brazil, Canada and the Caribbean. The Blue Flag works towards sustainable development of beaches and marinas through strict criteria dealing with Water Quality, Environmental Education and Information, Environmental Management, and Safety and Other Services. The Blue Flag Program is owned and run by the non-government, non-profit organisation the Foundation for Environmental Education



Pisouri Bay, Limassol



Petra tou Romiou, Pafos



Coral Bay, Peyia-Pafos



Nissi Beach, Agia Napa

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SWIMMING LESSONS



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PAFOS

AQUATECHNIQUES SWIMMING PROGRAMMES

Address: Christou Samara 8, Geroskipou. Pafos Cyprus

Lessons hours:

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS: 9.00.
TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS: 17:20
FRIDAYS: 17:40

Totswim (Max 4 per class)
(Moms and babies aged 6 - 36 months)

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 13:20 - 19:00
Learn-To-Swim and Stroke Correction
(Max 4 per class - From age 3)

Contact person: Annelie Roux

Phone: + 357 99 714 325

E-mail: annelie@aquatechniques.net

POSEIDONIO HEALTH SPA & FITNESS CENTER

Address: 132 Demokratias Ave., Pafos - Cyprus

Opening hours:

MONDAY - FRIDAY 07:30 - 22:00
SATURDAY 09:00 - 16:00

Offering a wide range of classes (for all ages), gym facilities, swimming pool, tennis courts, personal training, nutritional advice and spa treatments

Phone: +357 26 222 234,
+357 26 952 745

E-mail: enquiry@poseidonio.com
www.poseidonio.com

SPA TONIC

Address: Crown Resorts Horizon Coral Bay Avenue, CY-8068, Pafos, Cyprus

Lessons hours:

TUESDAY: 15:30 - 17:00
THURSDAY: 14:00 - 17:30
SATURDAY: 09:00 - 12:30

Phone: +357 26 623 924,
+357 26 813 800

E-mail: spa.tonic@yahoo.co.uk
www.spatoniccyprus.com

LIMASSOL

OLIMPIA CENTRE

Address: Agiou Ilarionos 2, Agios Athanasios, Limassol

Lessons hours:

MONDAY - FRIDAY 15.00 - 18.00

Contact person: Areti Gregoriou

Phone: +357 25 726 677,
+357 99 804 787

E-mail: olympiagym@cytanet.com.cy

Facebook: Olympia Centre

www.olympia-centre.com

AQUA BABIES CYPRUS

Address: St Raphael Hotel, Limassol

Swimming lessons for groups from Newborn - Toddler

5 WEEK SWIMMING COURSES
Fully Qualified and Pool Safety Trained

Phone: +357 99 816 019,
+357 96 479 998

Facebook: Aqua babies cyprus
www.aquababiescy.com

VIKENTIA SWIMMING CENTRE

Address: Kokkinokampou 7, 4150, Limassol

Lessons hours:

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 15:00 - 18:30
SATURDAY: 10:00 - 16:00

Contact person: Areti Gregoriou

Phone: +357 25 391 958

E-mail: info@vikentia-athletics.com

Website: www.olympia-centre.com

Facebook: Olympia Centre

www.vikentiagym.com



A close-up photograph of a woman's face, focusing on her nose, mouth, and chin. She is smiling, showing her teeth, and has red lipstick on. She is wearing a black headset microphone that curves under her chin. The background is a solid light blue color.

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USEFUL TEL NUMBERS

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EMERGENCY NUMBER (Police, Fire, Ambulance):	112
CITIZENS HOTLINE WITH POLICE:	1460
EUROPEAN EMERGENCY NUMBER:	112
BRITISH BASES POLICE:	1443
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT: (Confidential information)	1498
DRUG INFO & POISON CONTROL	1401
AIDS ADVISORY BUREAU:	22 305 155
NARCOTICS HELPLINE: (Outside hours 22-304160)	1410
RESCUE CO-ORDINATION CENTRE: (Immediate response service for aeronautical or maritime accident & incidents)	1441
FOREST FIRES:	1407
AIRPORTS – Flight Information Hotline For Larnaca And Pafos Airports:	77778 833
ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY OF CYPRUS (Faults):	1800
WATER BOARD: Pafos:	26 932 374
WATER BOARD: Limassol:	25 830 000
POST OFFICE: Pafos:	26 819 014
CREDIT CARD LOSS: JCC PAYMENT SYSTEMS	22 868 100
FOREST FIRES REPORT	+357 1407

LATE NIGHT PHARMACIES	
Agia Napa	+357 90 901 413
Larnaca	+357 90 901 414
Limassol	+357 90 901 415
Nicosia	+357 90 901 412
Pafos	+357 90 901 416



GENERAL HOSPITALS	
Agia Napa & Protaras	+357 23 200 000
Kyrenia	+357 28 152 266
Larnaca	+357 24 800 500
Lefkosia	+357 22 285 441
Limassol	+357 25 801 100
Nicosia	+357 22 603 000
Pafos	+357 26 803 100
CREDIT CARD LOSS JCC Payment Systems	+357 22 868 100
POLICE HEADQUARTERS	
Agia Napa	+357 23 803 200
Larnaca	+357 24 630 200
Limassol	+357 25 805 050
Nicosia	+357 22 802 020
Pafos	+357 26 806 060
TELEPHONY & INTERNET PROVIDERS	
Cyta	132
Primetel	133
Epic	136
Cablenet	130
BlueNet	7000 2772

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INSURANCE



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Please see below a number of key insurance policies which may be required:

Building & contents insurance

Blue Orange Insurance co-operates with many major insurance companies across the island, enabling it to secure very reasonable rates for our company homeowners. They offer buildings and contents insurance, private home insurance and communal insurance. The annual premium varies according to the cover and the amount covered

Car Insurance

It is also a legal requirement for non-EU citizens who are permanent residents of Cyprus to be insured for at least third party cover. Optionally an owner may decide to obtain a fully comprehensive insurance for his vehicle. There are many competing companies for motor insurance and cover can usually be arranged over the phone.

Medical Insurance

It is also a legal requirement for 3rd country citizens (non-EU) who are permanent residents of Cyprus to have medical insurance cover. There are many competing companies which can cover full medical insurance for adults and children.





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PETS

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Transporting Pets From Eu Countries

Properly identified and vaccinated pet animals may travel freely in mainland Europe, provided they have an EU Pet Passport. Cyprus is one of the very few rabies-free countries, with tight legislation on animal control, which has avoided many of the diseases that affect so much of the world.

The european pet passport

Cats, dogs and ferrets living in the EU can travel between EU-member states if accompanied by a valid EU Pet Passport. The EU Pet Passport can also be used when travelling between Europe and the following areas: Corsica, Sardinia and the Balearics.

The EU Pet Passport is a booklet, identical for all European countries, which contains obligatory information concerning an individual animal: including an identification number and proof of valid vaccination against the rabies virus. It may contain other non-obligatory information. It is valid for the lifetime of the pet. Each passport is numbered for identification purposes. In order for an animal to qualify for an EU Pet Passport, it must be:

- *micro chipped for identification purposes*
- *vaccinated against rabies, and confirmed by a blood test*

The process for obtaining an EU Pet Passport can take several months. If the animal's rabies vaccination is not kept up-to-date, the process will need to be started from the beginning. There-

fore it is recommended to ensure that rabies vaccinations are done on schedule (they differ from country to country; in Cyprus animals must be vaccinated once a year). Further information regarding the EU Pet Passport can be obtained from the animal's veterinarian, who should have relevant information and be able to prepare the pet for travel.

Animals travelling to Ireland, Sweden, Malta and the United Kingdom must meet additional regulations set forth by those countries for entry. When traveling to Sweden and Finland, animals must also have proof of tapeworm (echinococcosis) treatment.

The EU Pet Passport may also be used when travelling between the EU and other countries with the same rabies status. These countries include: Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Gibraltar, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and the Vatican City State. If a pet from an EU-member state temporarily stays in a "third country", it will be able to come back into the EU if it has its EU Pet Passport and meets entry requirements.

Transporting Pets From Non-EU Countries

Pets originating from a third country that does not appear on the accepted countries list will not be subject to quarantine or an import permit if the following are fulfilled:

- *The animal has acceptable identification, such as a clearly readable tattoo or a readable implanted electronic microchip*
- *The animal came to Cyprus directly from a third country (as considered by EU legislation) and has travel documents verifying from which country the animal has arrived*
- *The animal is accompanied by a valid written health certificate (in English or Greek) issued by an official veterinarian that clearly states the:*

- *Name, surname and address of the owner*
- *Tattoo or microchip number*
- *Animal's breed, gender, type of coat, color and date of birth*
- *Date of the animal's rabies vaccination (which must be valid)*
- *Commercial brand and name of the vaccine administered*
- *Date of the next rabies revaccination*
- *Health Certificate form*

Health certificates are valid for four months.

If the requirements are not fulfilled, the animal will be subject to quarantine; quarantine and inspection fees will be payable.

Note: Animals traveling from Northern Cyprus to an EU country do not qualify for the EU Pet Passport Scheme.

Entry points in Cyprus:

- 1) **Larnaka International airport**
- 2) **Pafos International airport**
- 3) **Limassol Port**
- 4) **Limassol Marina**
- 5) **Larnaka Port**
- 6) **Larnaka Marina**
- 7) **Pafos Port**
- 8) **Latchi Port**
- 9) **Saint Raphael Marina**

For more information on Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals in the EU you can visit:

www.moa.gov.cy/moa/vs/vs.nsf/vs07_en/vs07_en?OpenDocument



A full-page background image showing a diver's silhouette swimming horizontally in clear blue water. Sunlight filters through the surface, creating shimmering patterns. The diver is wearing a mask and fins, with bubbles visible near the regulator.

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LEISURE ACTIVITIES

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GOLF

Minthis is a first class course and only a 15 minutes drive from Pafos.

At an altitude of 550m above sea level it's a course for all seasons enjoying cool breezes even during the summer. The course enjoys a historical location, situated in the grounds of a twelfth century monastery.



WATER PARKS

In Pafos and Limassol there are water parks which cater for all ages. There is something for everyone, with slow moving water rapids to the death defying water slides. Food and drinks are also available. It is a good and full family day out.



ITHAKI MINI GOLF & AMUSEMENT PARK

This 18-hole mini golf course is a perfect place to have a friendly family competition and even get children interested in taking up a new hobby. The Ithaki Amusement Park is next door.



PAFOS ZOO

Pafos Zoo, one of Cyprus' newest attractions is set in a beautiful and panoramic location. There are exotic parrots, toucans, owls, peacocks and eagles along with their animal friends, deer, antelopes, zebras, gazelles and giant tortoises.



FISHING

Fishing trips can be arranged through travel agents or by visiting the local harbour where there are organised trips. These range from a half day to a full day with equipment provided and some even cater for lunch and a swim in the clear blue waters of the Mediterranean!



BOATS / SAILING

There are many organised boat trips available or, for the competent sailor, a small boat can be hired with a picnic lunch included at a very reasonable price! Boat trips can be a sunset cruise or a full day event. Power boats can also be hired as well as sailing dinghies, pedal boats and windsurfers at most beaches and resorts. For special events including birthdays and weddings, boats can be privately chartered.



WATER SPORTS

All main resort areas have a variety of water sports and activities. These include jet skis, water skiing, doughnut and banana rides, snorkelling, diving, canoeing, windsurfing, hiring dinghies and paragliding.



DIVING

Cyprus offers many archaeological treasures underwater such as the amphitheatre at Aghios Georgios in the Peyia district. There are many PADI centres which offer diving courses for beginners and intermediate and organised dives for the more experienced, including night dives.



CAMPING

There are seven licenced sites which provide shower/toilet blocks, snack bars and mini market. This is extremely popular among Cypriots.



CYCLING

Many opportunities exist for the keen cyclist to explore the Island by this mode of transport. Cycles can be hired and maps are given to show well known cycle routes including the more rugged off road treks. There are coastal routes with proper cycle tracks in some places, country routes offering a different perspective of the scenery and the opportunity to join a cycle club outing. Twice yearly there is a mountain event through the Troodos attracting many international cyclists to this rocky, mountainous stretch.



GO-CARTING

There are several tracks around the Island, professionally run with high safety standards. All equipment is supplied including helmets.



PAINTBALL

There are paintball centres in Pafos and Limassol



TENNIS

Most towns have tennis courts accessible to the public. Hotels offer their guests free access to their own courts but members of the public are also encouraged to use the facilities at a small fee. In Nicosia there is an academy with four clay courts and modern gymnasium. High caliber events are often catered for here.



WINTER SPORTS / SKIING

During the months of January to March skiing can be enjoyed in the Troodos Mountains. There are four slopes and cross country trails available. All levels of competence are catered for, including a ski school for beginners. All equipment can be hired on site.





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WEDDINGS

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With over 300 days of sunshine per year, sparkling blue seas and beautiful coastlines, Cyprus is more than just a popular holiday destination. Since 2006, over 10,000 visitors from all over the world have chosen this versatile Mediterranean island as their wedding location.

You can choose to have a civil wedding at the Town Hall, or if you are Christian Orthodox, Catholic or Anglican de-

nomination you can marry in Church. The true challenge of making Cyprus the destination for your wedding is of an entirely different nature: choosing the ideal wedding location from a broad and varied range of picturesque wedding venues. The choices range from ancient town halls, churches, chapels, hotels and restaurants to outdoor locations such as yachts, beach pavilions, terraces featuring spectacular views of the ocean and beautiful

gardens of lush vegetation.

As our company's we can offer out Minthis Hills Clubhouse and grounds as a venue to have the ceremony (either religious or civil) and also to host the wedding celebration with top quality food and wine in a very contemporary and beautiful location.

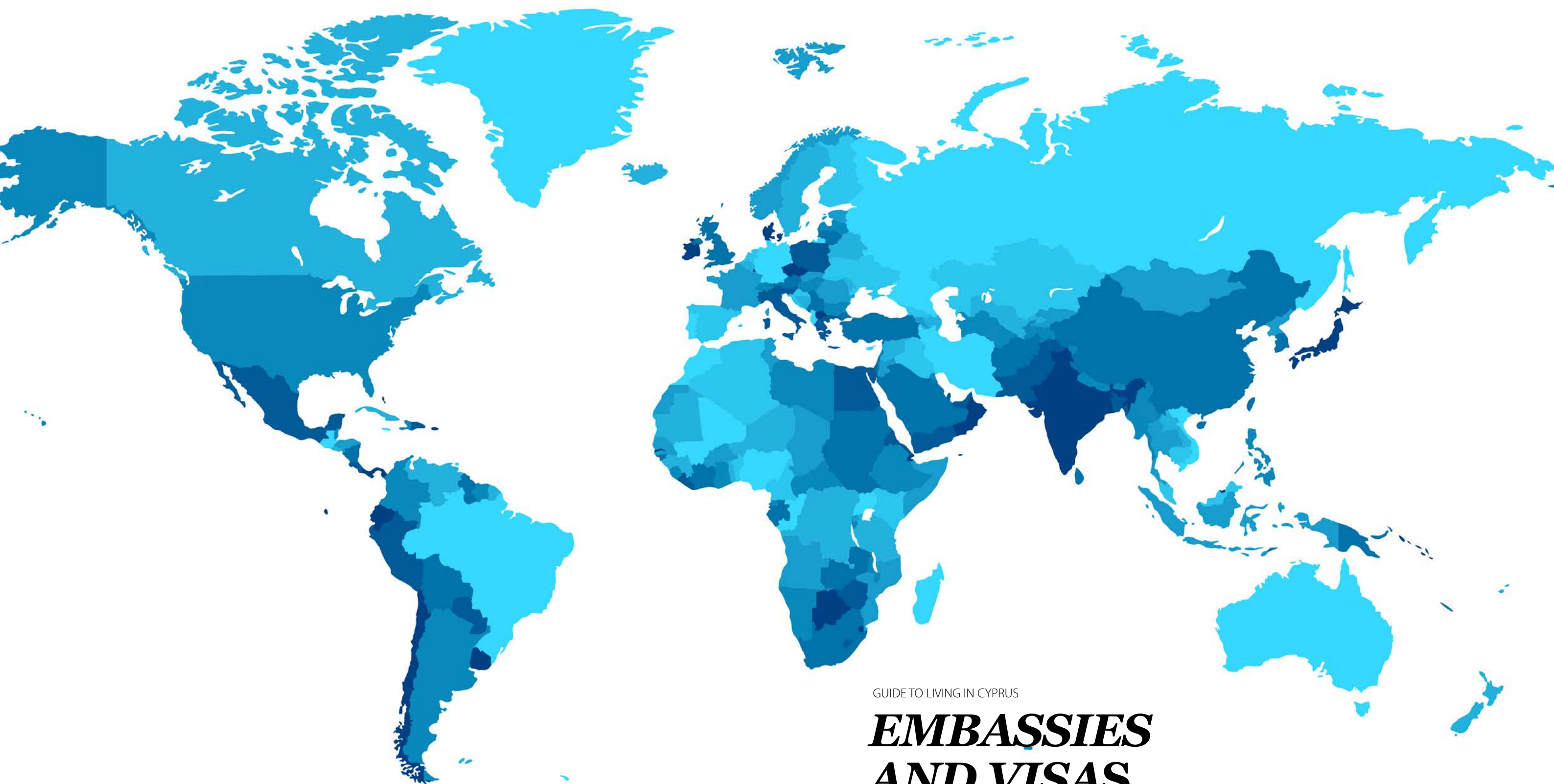
For more information:

www.minthishills.com or email clubhouse@minthisresort.com

According to Cypriot law, before a wedding in Cyprus can proceed you must bring with you the following documents:

- › All documentation **MUST BE ORIGINAL** (photocopies are not accepted).
- › Be resident in Cyprus for a minimum of three working days before your wedding day (excluding weekends, public holidays and the day of arrival).
- › 10 Year passport with at least 6 months validity remaining before departure date.
- › Each person must have your own Freedom to Marry Certificate (affidavit / single status declaration) stating that there is no impediment to marry each other.
- › The certificate must include your name, address, nationality, passport number, occupation, marital status (single, divorced or widow/er), the date that you intend to marry in Cyprus; and be signed and stamped by a registered solicitor on the document. This document must not be more than 6 months old.
- › Birth certificates.
- › Adoption certificate, if applicable.
- › Original copy of the decree absolute if divorced. If Catholic, the original copy of the marriage annulment.
- › Original copy of the death certificate if widowed.
- › Proof of name change by Deed Poll (if applicable), stamped and signed by a solicitor.
- › If either partner are under the legal age of consent (18 years) a written consent is required from a solicitor on behalf of the parent(s).
- › Copies of two witnesses passport (where name and passport number is shown).
- › Baptism or Christening certificate of either one or both of the parties (applicable for church ceremonies only).
- › For Church ceremonies the name and the address of the couple's home Church Minister/Priest is required.
- › All religious weddings and blessings except those performed by an Anglican Priest must be preceded by a civil ceremony.





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EMBASSIES AND VISAS

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For persons who are permanent residents of Cyprus there is no requirement to obtain a visa to visit the island. However if they wish to travel to other countries within Europe a visa will be necessary. This can be arranged in person by visiting the relevant embassy in Nicosia and within a few days the visa will be issued. The traveller also has the option of requesting multiple entry visas for any country as well as obtaining long duration Schengen visas which allow them to travel within all the Schengen member countries without any further permits required

Here is a list of the contact details of the embassies of the major European countries:

AUSTRIA

Embassy of Austria in Nicosia, Cyprus
34, Dimosthenous Severi Avenue
1st Floor, Office 101
P.O.Box. 23961, 1687 Nicosia, Cyprus
City: Nicosia
Phone: (+357) 22 410151
Fax: (+357) 22 680099
Email: nicosia-ob@bmeia.gv.at
Office Hours: 08:00 -16:00

BELGIUM

Embassy of Belgium in Nicosia, Cyprus
'The Riverside Forum'
2A Chilonos Street, Office 1021101 Nicosia
City: Nicosia
Phone: + 357 22.44.90.20
Fax: + 357 22.77.47.17
http://www.diplomatie.be/nicosia
Email: nicosia@diplobel.be

CZECH REPUBLIC

Embassy of the Czech Republic in Nicosia, Cyprus
18 Kyriakou Matsi, 2nd Floor, Office #202,
1082 Ayioi Omologites, Nicosia, Cyprus
City: Nicosia
Phone: 00357-22421118
Fax: 00357-22421059
http://www.mzv.cz/nicosia
Email: nicosia@embassy.mzv.cz
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday,
Friday: 09.00 - 12.00

DENMARK

Royal Danish Consulate General in Cyprus
7 Dositheou Street
Parabuilding Block C, 4th floor, 1071
City: Nicosia
Phone: +357 22 790 000
Fax: +357 22 37 62 45
http://www.ambnicosia.um.dk/en
Email: danskcon@spidernet.com.cy

FINLAND

Embassy of Finland in Nicosia, Cyprus
9, Arch. Makarios Avenue
Severis Building, 2nd floor, 1065
Postal address: P.O.BOX 21438, 1508
City: Nicosia
Phone: +357-22-458 020
Fax: +357-22-447 880
http://www.finland.org.cy
Email: sanomat.nic@formin.fi

FRANCE

Embassy of France in Nicosia, Cyprus
34 Demostheni Severi av. , 2nd floor
Agioi Omologitai, 1080 Nicosia
City: Nicosia
Phone : (+357) 22 58 53 53
Fax: (+357) 22 58 53 50
https://www.cy.ambafrance.org/
Email: contact.nicosie-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr

GERMANY

Embassy of Germany in Nicosia, Cyprus
10 Nikitaras Street, 1080 Nicosia.
City: Nicosia, Cyprus.
Phone: (00357 2) 2 45 11 45
Fax: (00357 2) 2 66 56 94
http://www.nikosia.diplo.de
Email: info@nikosia.diplo.de

GREECE

Embassy of Greece in Nicosia, Cyprus
Vyronos Av. 8-10
P.O.Box 21799,1513
City: Nicosia
Phone: (0035722) 445111
Fax: (0035722) 680649
Email: gremb.nic@mfa.gr

HUNGARY

Embassy of Hungary in Nicosia, Cyprus
Prodromou & Demetracopoulou 2
Zenios Tower, 3rd Floor, 1090 Nicosia Cyprus
Phone: (0357) 22459130
Fax: (0357) 22459134
http://www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/nicosia
Email: huembnic@cytanet.com.cy

IRELAND

Embassy of Ireland in Nicosia, Cyprus
7, Aiantas Street,1082
P.O.Box 23848, 1686
City: Nicosia
Phone: 00357 22 818183
Fax: 00357 22 660050

https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/cyprus/
Email: nicosiaembassy@dfa.ie
Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 08:00 - 17:00
Consular Section: 09:00 - 12:00
Ambassador: Deirdre Ní Fhallúin

ITALY

Embassy of Italy in Nicosia, Cyprus
25th March Street, 11, Engomi
City: Nicosia
Phone: 357 2235 7635
Fax: 357 2235 7616
http://www.ambnicosia.esteri.it
Email: ambnico.mail@esteri.it

KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

Netherlands Embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus
34 Demosthenis
Severis Avenue
P.O. Box 23835, 1686
City: Nicosia
Phone: +357-22-873666
Fax: +357-22-872399
https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl
Email: nic@minbuza.nl
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10.00-12.00
Telephone inquiries: Monday-Friday 09.00-12.00

NORWAY

Norwegian Honorary Consulate General in Nicosia
Cyprus 241, Limassol Avenue 2571 Nisou
P.O. Box 27060 1641, Nicosia, Cyprus
City: Nicosia
Phone: +357 2234 9414
Fax: +357 2234 3149
https://www.norway.no/en/cyprus/
Email: norsk.kons@mechatronic.com.cy

POLAND

Embassy of Poland in Cyprus
12 - 14, Kennedy Ave., Office 601, 1087
City: Nicosia
Phone: (+357-22) 753517
Fax: (+357-22) 751981
www.nikoza.msz.gov.pl
Email: nikoza.amb.sekretariat@msz.gov.pl

PORTUGAL

Embassy of Portugal in Cyprus
9 Arch. Makarios Avenue
Severis Building, 5th floor
P.O. Box 27407

1645 Nicosia
Cyprus
City: Nicosia
Phone: +357.22.375.131
Fax: +357.22.756.456
Email: nicosia@mne.pt
Office Hours: 9h00 - 16h00

SPAIN

Embassy of Spain in Cyprus
5, Nikolaou Katalanou Street
Ayios Andreas, 1100 Nicosia
P.O. Box 28349, 2093 Nicosia
Cyprus
City: Nicosia
Phone: (+357) 22450 412/
(+357) 22450 410
Fax: (+357) 22491 291
Email: emb.nicosia@maec.es
www.exteriores.gob.es/embajadas/nicosia
Office Hours: 08:00 - 15:00

SWEDEN

Embassy of Sweden, Nicosia
Archbishop Makarios avenue 9, tr
1065 Nicosia
Postal Address: P.O. Box 216 21
1511 Nicosia,Cyprus
City: Nicosia
Phone: +357 (22) 45 80 88
Fax: +357 (22) 37 45 22
http://www.swedenabroad.com/nicosia
Email: ambassaden.nicosia@gov.se
Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 12 noon

SWITZERLAND

Embassy of Switzerland in Cyprus
Prodromou / 2 Dimitrakopoulou Street
2nd floor, 090 Nicosia,Cyprus
City: Nicosia
Phone: (+357-22) 466800
Fax: (+357-22) 766008
Email: nicosia@eda.admin.ch

UNITED KINGDOM

British High Commission in Nicosia, Cyprus
Alexander Pallis Street (PO Box 21978)
1587 Nicosia,Cyprus
City: Nicosia
Phone: +357 22 861100
Fax: (357) (22) 861125
https://www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-high-commission-nicosia

www.contact-embassy.service.gov.uk
Office Hours:
Mon-Fri: 0530-1230 GMT Mon-Fri: 0730-1430 Local Time.

RUSSIA

Embassy of the Russian Federation
Ayios Prokopios & Arch.Makarios III Str.
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City: Nicosia
Phone: (357) 22-774622, 22-772141, 22-772142
Fax: (357) 22-774854
https://cyprus.mid.ru/web/cyprus_en
Email: russia1@cytanet.com.cy
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08.00-15.00 (Tuesday, Thursday)
08.00-14.00 (Friday)

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SHOPPING IN CYPRUS



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Shopping is widely available in all Cyprus towns and offer the visitor an enjoyable experience.

Whether you are hunting down amazing fashion on luxury European fashion brands, shopping for locally handcrafted items, historical souvenirs or fine quality leather goods-the marketplaces and malls of Cyprus are absolutely a paradise for shopaholics. The island is sprawling with its best shopping places, hustling and bustling marketplaces and countless traditional shops and venues that must be on your shopping list. In Nicosia, Limassol and Pafos the shopping malls can combine shopping with food and leisure.

Cyprus is becoming a hotbed of up and coming fashion talent and style. There is no brand you cannot find here, from high street and high-end fashion, from the island's cutting edge designers to world famous designer brands.

The shopping variety is endless including clothing, furniture, traditional embroidery, silverware, jewelry, lingerie, souvenirs, organic shops and traditional food. It's hard to beat a good wander around the shops.

Exclusive stores mainly in Limassol and Nicosia offer the discerning buyer opportunity to purchase their favourite designer brands from bags, shoes and watches to style wear and accessories, sometimes at prices much reduced from their own countries. Some of the labels include: *Prada, Louis Vuitton, Chanel, Burberry, Polo, Versace, Hugo Boss, Ralph Lauren, Canali, Armani and many others.*

SAGA BOUTIQUES, LIMASSOL

At Saga Boutiques you will find everything you want! Having many years of experience in fashion for men and women - clothes, shoes and accessories from *MARC CAIN, BALDININI, BOGNER, MOSCHINO, LE TRICOT PERUGIA, PESERICO, BLUMARINE, MC2 SAINT BARTH, VERSAGE JEANS COUTURE, DIEGO M, BALLIN, COLMAR, JACOB COHEN.*

You will be wowed by the wide range of classic to luxurious evening dresses, casual and shiny clothes, leather clothes, furs, creatively made from designer fabrics with excellent quality, amazing choice of shoes, accessories. The collection is really a work of art, which can make someone admire and inspire you.

SAGA No 1 (Germasogeia) multi brand store

Address: 36, Georgiou A' street, Natia House, shop N 1-3, 4047 Limassol, Cyprus.

Working hours: Monday – Saturday from 09.30 till 21.00 (no lunch break)
Sunday – CLOSED

Phone: +357 25 313126

SAGA No 2 Multi-brand store on Makariou

Address: 205, Makariou III Avenue, Victory House, shop N 8-9, 3030 Limassol, Cyprus.

Working hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 09.30 till 20.00 (no lunch break); Wednesday, Saturday – 09.30 till 18.00 (no lunch break), Sunday – CLOSED

Phone: +357 25 020082

SAGA NO 3

Multi-brand store at Maximos Plaza

Address: Makariou III Avenue, Maximos Plaza Complex, shop N 10, 3105 Limassol, Cyprus.

Working hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 09.30-13.00~15.00-20.00
Wednesday, Saturday – 09.30 till 15.00,
Sunday – CLOSED

Phone: +357 25 582820

Designer labels in Limassol:

<https://www.thelabelfinder.com/limassol/labels/CY/146384>

Designer labels in Nicosia:

<https://www.thelabelfinder.com/nicosia/labels/CY/146268>



PRADA CANALI LOUIS VUITTON

CHANEL BALENCIAGA BOSS
HUGO BOSS

BURBERRY POLO RALPH LAUREN

TOMMY HILFIGER YEEZY VERSACE



MY MALL LIMASSOL

MY MALL Limassol, the largest shopping mall in Cyprus, is located in Zakaki, at the northwest entrance to Limassol, only a short distance from the city center and very close to the port. If you are looking for a quality shopping experience, incredible hours of entertainment or even just a short break to relax and tantalize the senses, MYMALL is the place to visit. As the biggest shopping mall in Cyprus, MYMALL is especially designed to satisfy people of all ages no matter how they chose to enjoy life. Unique fashion, exceptional taste and great fun.

<http://mymall.com.cy/>

and services in total of 27.000 sq.m. retail space. The Mall of Cyprus offers a clean, secure and fully air-conditioned comfortable environment to all visitors. In combination with IKEA there are 2500 parking spaces available, which includes disabled parking.

<http://themallofcyprus.com/>

Services:

Wireless Internet Connection
First Aid Room
Easy Access to Escalators - Travelators
Children's Corner
Food Court
Baby Changing Facilities
Telephone Booths

KINGS AVENUE MALL PAFOS

Kings Avenue Mall is an impressive full concept shopping mall ideally located in the heart of central Pafos convenient for both local residents and tourists. It is the most modern mall of Cyprus and offers visitors the ultimate shopping experience. Leading international fashion brands and retailers, high fashion boutiques, specialty stores and services, a variety of popular and world-known restaurant chains and cafes and a multiplex cinema with 6 screens.

<https://www.kingsavenuemall.com/>

THE MALL OF CYPRUS IN NICOSIA

The Mall of Cyprus offers a unique shopping experience to all visitors. A wide variety of well known fashion and other retail brands, a supermarket chain, restaurants and coffee shops, a cinema operator and many other services offer their products

NICOSIA MALL

Modern yet elegant. Imposing yet fully immersed in its rural surroundings. This is a place that draws you into experience a shopping and leisure retreat that has been designed to please. Nicosia Mall more than just the sum of its products. It's a destination that promises to surprise, amaze and satisfy through extraordinary choices. Browsing through our airy and luxurious spaces, you will surely discover everything your heart desires. An impressive line-up of international brands across categories, and numerous options for delicious food and uplifting coffee are on offer, ready to please. Every visit becomes a delightful experience, 7 days a week. The Mall is located on the A9, a major inland route, which can be easily accessed from anywhere on the island. Visitors will find that they can get to and from the mall with ease, thanks to its convenient location on the outskirts of the capital.

<https://www.nicosiamall.com/>



OPEN MARKETS:

There are several markets around Cyprus that are open every week-end, although the outdoor markets are subject to weather conditions during the winter months. Cyprus indoor and outdoor markets and car boot sales are very popular. You will find locals and visitors enjoying the vibrant colours and smells from the fruit and vegetable markets, as well as bargain hunters galore at every stall of the other markets that sell a variety of goods

TRADITIONAL LACE CRAFT:

In today's digital age, it's heartening that in some parts of the world traditional and age-old crafts are still being practised. The women of Lefkara, a hillside village some 35 minutes' drive from Larnaca, have been producing lace for about 1,500 years. During the Venetian domination of Cyprus from 1489 to 1571 the region's women adapted their traditional designs to incorporate the striking new techniques they learned from the Italian occupants. This fusion of Cypriot and Venetian lacemaking led to a new form of lace known as lefkaritiko which is now the hallmark of the area.

In 1481, on a visit to Lefkara, Leonardo da Vinci picked up a piece of potamos embroidery and took it back to Milan cathedral; another piece was presented to the cathedral in 1986 by the Mayor of Lefkara to celebrate its 600th anniversary. You need not visit Lefkara to buy lace, it can be found in many traditional and tourists shops in all towns.



TAX FREE SHOPPING IN CYPRUS

Tips and guidelines for shopping tax free in Cyprus

Standard VAT rate: 19%
Minimum purchase amount: 50.00 EUR

Who is eligible for Tax Free Shopping?

If you have permanent residence in a non-EU country Residents of the Republic of Northern Cyprus holding the passport of Republic of Northern Cyprus are not eligible for refunds in Cyprus, but residents of the Republic of Northern Cyprus holding a Turkish passport can get a refund in cash if you submit a copy of the Turkish passport together with your form.

How to Shop Tax Free

Stamping period: Issuing month + 3 months
Validity of stamped Cypriot form: 1 year from the issuing month

Tax Free goods:

Refunds are paid on goods that are exported in the traveller's personal luggage.
Exported goods must be sealed and unused.
Non-refundable goods: > Food



HOW TO SHOP TAX FREE

Global Blue Tax Free shopping brings you additional savings on purchases at over 300,000 store across the world's best shopping districts. So why not join the 23 million travellers who shop Tax Free with Global Blue every year? Simply look for the blue star in store, or ask for Global Blue.

SHOP

When paying for your purchases, ask store staff for a Global Blue Tax Free Form.

If you are a SHOP TAX FREE Card holder, present your card to store staff. Your personal details will automatically be filled out on the Tax Free Form.

STAMP

At the airport or port, go to the Customs desk and present your completed Tax Free Form, passport, receipts and purchases to get a stamp on your form.

Goods should be kept available for inspection, unused and with the original receipts.

CLAIM

Go to the nearby desk or office displaying a Global Blue logo. In some cases this will be a currency exchange.

Present your stamped, completed Tax Free Form and your travel passport to receive the refund in cash or to your credit card.

In a rush? Use the Global Blue mailbox located nearby most Customs offices, to mail your completed, stamped Tax Free Form and receipts back to Global Blue for a refund to your credit card. We recommend you add your email address to the Tax Free Form in case we need to contact you. *Refund paid is the VAT minus Global Blue's service fee.*

CONTACT

Completed Tax Free Forms which have been stamped by Customs can be sent to:

Standard and registered mail:

Global Blue P.O.BOX 363 810 00 Bratislava Slovakia, Europe

For courier:

Global Blue, Prievozska 4D/Block E, 821 09 Bratislava, Slovakia, Europe

Use the Global Blue prepaid envelope provided by the shop where you made your tax free purchase. Alternatively, you may use your own envelope but you will need to pay for postage.

In case you obtained Downtown Cash Refund (Fast Refund/VAT OFF), Global Blue must receive your completed Tax Free Form and receipts within 21 days of the purchase to avoid charges to your credit card, plus a penalty. For refunds with China UnionPay, the Form must be received within 15 days.

Before sending the documents, we advise that you make a copy of them, and write down Tax Free Form number (DOC ID) of each Form for your reference.

How to fill in Tax Free Form

https://www.globalblue.com/tax-free-shopping/article655287.ece/BINARY/SV_FormIns_A4_131120.pdf

If you have any questions

<http://www.globalblue.com/customer-services/contact-us/>

For frequently asked questions visit:

<http://www.globalblue.com/customer-services/faqs/>





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BLUE ORANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

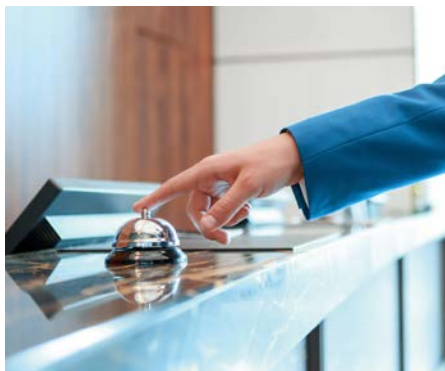


BLUE ORANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

D.A. Blue orange property Management Services Ltd our company's Services is a subsidiary company wholly dedicated to catering to clients' property and lifestyle requirements. A full spectrum of services is on offer, including Cleaning, interior design, landscaping, Gardening, Pool Maintenance, property maintenance, housekeeping and dedicated concierge. The experienced team currently man-

ages fifty-two projects for over 2000 2500 homeowners, ensuring that the communal grounds and swimming pools are always in pristine condition. The superb condition of all of our company's projects is testimony to their outstanding work, even our oldest projects look as good as new. D.A. Blue orange property Management Services Ltd our company's Services also undertakes many additional

services for clients such as arrangement of airport transfers or even fridge stocking to ensure their complete comfort and convenience. With our company, clients do not just purchase a hard asset, but an investment property that includes an exceptional lifestyle experience. Below is a list of the general services offered, however this is non-exhaustive as they will gladly cater to individual requests.



- › Housekeeping, at a frequency that meets your needs
- › Transfers, airport collection and drop-off
- › Residence and pool maintenance, while here or in your absence
- › Landscaping & gardening, while here or in your absence
- › Repairs and Maintenance
- › Personal grocery stocking, pre-arrival or throughout your stay
- › Messenger service, local and international postage and shipping
- › Car service, a rental car on arrival or at the airport
- › Flower service
- › Technological assistance
- › Welcome Pack
- › Laundry & dry cleaning
- › Payment of utility bills
- › Lifeguard*
- › In-home dining, from the resort's own restaurant or local eateries*
- › On-site security*
- › Reception & business centre*

* Available only at selected developments

RENTALS

Cyprus is a firm favourite year round holiday destination which means there is excellent property rental potential. Our company has its own dedicated full service Rentals Division which enables homeowners to realise this potential. We market the properties through our global network of sales agents and offices, tailored advertising campaigns and the Blue Orange website: www.blue-orangeservices.com

The homeowner can also capitalise on our company's management expertise, which includes housekeeping, maintenance, transfers and concierge, to name just a few.

For More information please contact Blue Orange at 26848979 or Visit us at:
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