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Clear blue waters, mild temperatures and caressing sunshine. It is easy to see how Greece's goddess of love, Aphrodite, was born from the waves lapping onto Cyprus' shore. The mythology, language, traditions and lifestyle are Greek, but the island features a beauty that is shrouded by its own, one-of-a-kind atmosphere, shaped by a structure that divides Cyprus and its capital Nicosia into a Turkish North and a Greek South. Its multi-faceted personality has an allure that attracts tons of holiday-makers.

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## THE ISLAND



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With 300 days of sunshine a year, Cyprus is a hot touristic destination, and the island's history is equally hot. Cyprus got its name 3,500 years ago when valuable copper (kypros) was found within the island, attracting hordes of Greeks and invaders. Ten different cultures have ruled the island over 27 centuries, which is easy to see in Cyprus' multi-coloured traditions and in its blend of cultures. And it's not only Cyprus' fascinating history that enchants travelers. From golden beaches and entertaining water-sports, through citrus trees, pines and the unspoiled Troodos mountains, to delightful urban areas, Cyprus is an exciting adventure. See Cyprus' vibrant villages, discover the food and culture and participate in the pulsating nightlife.

## DO & SEE



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Cyprus, Europe's Eastern Mediterranean isle, lies at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa and, in addition to its privileged geographical position, it is a country strong in traditions and rich in culture.

Bask in sunshine all year round and feel the warmth of welcoming people, splash about in the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean Sea under the scorching sun of the Greek summer, marvel at the splendors of nature and its fields carpeted in wild flowers over spring, explore an abundance of ancient sites in perfect temperatures in the autumn and in the mild winter keep fit with a round or two of golf or an invigorating tennis match.

### Paphos



Paphos is located on the southwest coast of the island and is sheltered from the north by the Troodos mountains. It has a temperate climate, one of the healthiest in the Mediterranean. Beautiful countryside, a cosmopolitan resort, historical sights as well as sporting activities, the Paphos region has something for everyone at any time of year.

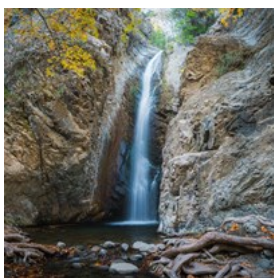
Paphos, with its pleasant harbour and medieval fort, combines a dynamic holiday resort with spectacular countryside, unspoiled nature and sensational history. The region offers the possibility of enjoying both sea and mountains, as well as getting a taste of the island's culture with its many archaeological sites.

Feel the romance floating through the air in the place where Aphrodite, the ancient Greek goddess of love and beauty, once roamed. Swim in the sea by the rocks known as Petra tou Romiou, where she was believed to have risen from the waves, make a pilgrimage to her sanctuary at Kouklia, or visit the grotto near Polis where she supposedly bathed.

Whatever you desire - activity, tranquillity, good food, fine wine, spas, nature, walking, golf, culture, nature, bird watching - the Paphos region offers it all.

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Address: Paphos, Cyprus

### Troodos



Take a trip to the mountains to discover an alternate view of the island. Rising to almost 2,000 metres above sea level, the Troodos peaks provide panoramic views of all corners of the island, a cool retreat from the heat of the coast and a popular destination for taking in the healthy mountain air and enjoying nature in all its majesty. Charming villages, some with cobbled streets and preserved folk architecture, nestle on terraced slopes among pines or amid vineyards and orchards.

Wander through the village roads in the Solea Valley, known as the "apple valley" and Marathasa, known as "valley with cherry trees". Those areas are renowned for their traditional architecture and their Byzantine churches and monasteries. Explore the traditional character of the villages of the picturesque Pitsilia, the interesting churches and the hospitality of their inhabitants and also the Wine Villages (Krasochoria), renowned for their vineyards and wine. A number of small wineries welcome visitors on wine tasting tours.

Bubbling mountain streams and nightingale's songs are often the only sounds to fill in the air in a region that poets have waxed lyrical over. The Troodos mountains are where the painted churches of Cyprus can be found, superb examples of Byzantine art, ten of which have been listed among UNESCO's World Heritage wonders.

There's much you can do, from mountain biking to playing tennis, angling in one of the dams, or even skiing in winter. A series of walking trails will take you through areas of exceptional beauty among scented pines, running streams and the occasional waterfall, stopping at a shady picnic site. Some of these form part of the European path E4, an international network of long-distance walking routes crossing the whole of Europe.

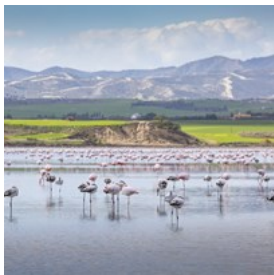
The specific climatic conditions created by the high altitudes and the peculiar geological substratum may have contributed to the unique flora found in Troodos with nearly 800 different plant species, 12 of which found nowhere else in the world. Occasionally, if lucky, one may spot a Cyprus mouflon, a kind of wild sheep which roams free in the extensive forests. Birdwatchers

may spot the rare and protected eagles or the colourful hoopoe with a pink body, a black and white crest and a call which can be heard from miles around.

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Address: Troodos, Cyprus

## Larnaca



Larnaca is where East meets West, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities of the world and a fascinating blend of the many

civilizations that shaped its history. This quiet seafront city, situated on the southeastern coast of Cyprus, near the island's main airport, is a perfect starting point from which to explore Cyprus and its endless possibilities. Villages offering agrotourism, beautiful beaches, sports and recreation options, cultural events, religious tourism and authentic Cyprus taverns are just some of the choices in and around town.

Welcome to Larnaca, the gateway to Cyprus.

See the Old Town and enjoy the sun and sea at the seafront. Here, there are many clubs lounges and bars. The ruins of Kition, founded by Noak's grandchild Khittim, and the 17th-century fort are certainly worth seeing. After Mecca and Medina, the Tekke mosque, built in honour of the prophet Mohammed's relative is one of the Muslims' most important destinations for pilgrimages. A most-fascinating site is Chirokoitia, a settlement from the earliest period of the Stone Age.

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Address: Larnaka, Cyprus

## Nicosia (Lefkosia)



Lefkosia (Nicosia), the island's capital, combines both old and new in a busy modern commercial and business centre and a centuries-old culture. The centre of the city comprehends its old quarter surrounded by a Venetian sandstone fortress wall with a moat and heart-shaped bastions.

Mosques and palm trees give an oriental atmosphere to the old city. Wander along narrow streets with overhanging balconies and beautifully restored pedestrian precincts with craft shops, cafes and taverns. Make sure you stop off at St John's cathedral with its frescoes and the marvellous museum of Byzantine icons. In the evening catch a concert or an exhibition at the Famagusta Gate, one of the three original entrances into the old city, which has now been restored and it is used as a cultural centre.

The new town spreads beyond the walls with a modern European-like centre of high-rise buildings, office blocks, shops and cafes, expanding into suburban residential areas. Lefkosia offers the best in shopping with Stassicratous Street as the destination for an ultimate shopping experience.

Of the city's main sights, Cyprus Museum houses the best collection of archaeological artefacts on the island, including a first century AD Roman statuette of Aphrodite of Soli and the original mosaic of Leda and the Swan, while the Leventis museum depicts the history of the town.

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Address: Nicosia, Cyprus

## Ayia Napa



hundreds of windmills, nowadays buzz with life.

This area is known collectively as the “Kokkinochoria”, “red soil villages”, because of the rich red earth in which Cyprus’ famous potatoes are grown. Culture lovers can explore the medieval churches found in villages like Sotira or go round the folk art museums displaying rural artefacts in Deryneia and Avgorou. Children will love the Marine Life museum or the new Sea Museum, “Thalassa”, in Ayia Napa, which has an amazing replica of a 4th century trading ship which sunk off the coast of Kyrenia. Or you could stop at the tiny estuary known by the locals as “Potamos” and watch the fishing boats haul in their catch in their multi-coloured baskets.

Spend the day sunbathing at the beach, swimming in warm turquoise waters or taking a short cruise along the coast. Some of the best snorkelling and diving spots are at Cape Gkreko, the national forest park, with its secluded coves and rocky outcrops, impressive cliff top views and sea caves.

In the evening dine at one of the many restaurants, especially the local ones in Paralimni, or jive to the latest sounds at one of the numerous nightclubs.

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Address: Ayia Napa, Cyprus

## Limassol

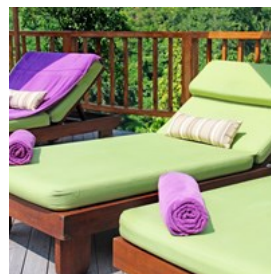


Located in the southern coast of the island, Limassol is geographically the largest city in Cyprus and the second largest in population after Nicosia. Its central position offers easy access to all major cities as well as the Troodos Mountains within a 35 to 45 minute-drive. It is also conveniently situated only 35 minutes away from both Larnaca and Paphos airports.

It is a fascinating area with a diversified character which caters to a variety of tastes and preferences: A sunlover’s heaven with its 16 kilometers of sandy beaches, this cosmopolitan destination also boasts high quality accommodation options, countless activities and a wide array of vibrant events and festivals throughout the year. In the midst of its lively nightlife and entertainment, one can still appreciate the cultural aspect with visits to archaeological sites and colourful wine villages.

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Address: Limassol, Cyprus

## Spas



Cyprus in more recent times has emerged as one of the leading spa destinations in the Mediterranean area, offering a diverse choice of spas, including Day Spas , Mineral Spring Spas, Thalassotherapy, Wellness and Recuperation. Whether the guest is looking for holistic wellness, boot camp motivation or pure unadulterated pampering, the top class spa

facilities satisfy all needs.

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## Events



Well known events and festivals create a vibrant and colourful atmosphere all over the island. One of the brightest events is the Carnival, taking place in February/March in all towns, or the Flower Festival, that, occurring every May, celebrates the beauty of spring with a floral exhibition boasting the rich variety of Cyprus' authentic wild flora.

Throughout the year, Music, Dance and Theatre Festivals, operas, ancient drama and modern ballets enrich Cyprus cultural calendar. Athletic events such as Regattas, cycling races, the Cyprus Rally, the international Open Marathon, beach volley tournaments and sporting events with competitions in boxing, karate, triathlon, marathon, shooting, rhythmic gymnastics and cycling are just a few of the annual athletic events that take place in every corner of Cyprus.

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## BEACH LIFE

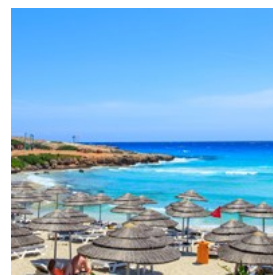


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Fine, white sand and clear blue water - bathing in Cyprus is a memorable experience. With a wealth of beaches to choose from, you're bound to find one that suits your taste. From the untouched inlets of the western coast, to lively resorts in the east, the island has something for everyone.

The eastern coast is famous for its fine, white, sandy beaches with shallow turquoise waters. The long southern coast with its grey sand lends itself to long winter walks or jogging, while the secluded coves of the western coast beckon to those who want to reflect and relax in the tranquillity of its seafront.

### Nissi Beach, Aya Napa



A graceful green island pops up from shallow, crystalline waters.

Holiday-makers lie down on the white, sandy shore that stretches along the 500m beach. Wind-surfers hurtle on the sea and volleyball players keep themselves fit at the beach volleyball courts. White pelicans hover with elegance above the sea-line, plunging rapidly into blue water. It's not a dream, it's Nissi beach.

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Address: Nissi Beach, Aya Napa, Cyprus

### Aphrodite's Beach, Paphos



Nestled between Limassol and Pafos, Aphrodite's Beach is permeated by a romantic atmosphere, in a suggestive backdrop that

is hardly forgettable.

Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty, chose the rock that stands imposingly in the beach's shallow waters to begin her life, donating a mythological aura to its shore.

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Address: Aphrodite's Beach, Paphos

### Governor's Beach, Limassol



Governor's Beach is situated off the well-trodden path, where a wall of white-washed cliffs plunge into the shore, standing out from

the surroundings. Restaurants and facilities are located throughout its length, and the nearby hills offer some suggestive walking trails.

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Address: Governor's Beach, Limassol

## DINING



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With emphasis on fresh local ingredients, a pungent mix of herbs and spices and a light spattering of olive oil, Cypriot food is essentially Mediterranean, characterized by a similarity to Greek food and enriched by a hint of the Middle East and Asia Minor's culinary traditions.

Both poets and travelers have praised the flavours of the island. The grains and pulses, sun-ripened fresh fruit and vegetables, high-protein fish, lean meat and poultry, olive oil and wine are local temptations that have been extolled by health specialists for their virtues.

A cornucopia of restaurants, taverns and cafes, many with outdoor seating and a stunning background, forms a culinary extravaganza with a taste of traditional and international cuisines.

### Piatsa Gourounaki



Located in downtown Nicosia, Piatsa Gourounaki gathers Greek specialties and grilled meat and cheese, creating a menu that is a great insight into Cyprian traditions. The popular restaurant attracts a great crowd, being one of the most-loved in town.

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Address: 92 Faneromenis Street, 1011 Nicosia, Cyprus  
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 12.30-23.00  
Phone: +357 77 787777  
Internet: [www.piatsagourounaki.com.cy](http://www.piatsagourounaki.com.cy)

### Aphrodite's Rock Microbrewery



Sitting on a bed of hills, Aphrodite's Rock Microbrewery has served handcrafted brews for generations. The atmospheric location and the outstanding products recalls a tradition that has a long history, with experts in the brewing industry pairing their food menu with beers.

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Address: E704, Tsada, Cyprus  
Phone: +357 26 101901  
Internet: [www.aphroditesrock.com.cy](http://www.aphroditesrock.com.cy)

### Pyxida Fish Tavern



A restaurant that focuses mainly on mouth-watering seafood specialties, a welcoming atmosphere and reasonable prices - Pyxida embodies the concept of the old-style fish-tavern re-interpreted with a modern touch. Featuring a restaurant and an Oyster Bar in Nicosia and one in Limassol, Pyxida has become an institution in town.

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Address: 5 Menandrou Street, Nicosia, Cyprus  
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 12.30-15.00; 19.30-23.30  
Phone: +357 22 445636  
Internet: [www.pyxidafishtavern.com](http://www.pyxidafishtavern.com)

### Fat Mama's



The spectacular location on Tomb of King's Road, just a few steps away from the seaside, and an outside seating area that has gained popularity throughout Fat Mama's twenty years of service are some of the highlights of one of Paphos' favourites. Serving American-Italian cuisine, Fat Mama's is unrivalled in taste.

Photo: grafvision / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 47 Tombs Of The Kings, Paphos, Cyprus  
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 17.00-23.30  
Phone: +357 26 949619  
Internet: [www.fatmamasaphos.com](http://www.fatmamasaphos.com)

### Ambience



A name that reflects the distinctive character of the restaurant: Ambience invariably delivers a memorable experience shaped by the magical atmosphere and an outside terrace that rises up on a platform above the Cypriot sea. At Ambience numerous cuisines blend together in a mixture of French, Turkish and Greek specialties that will melt in your mouth.

Photo: Silatip / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 20 Ucurtma Sokak, Karaoglanoglu, Kyrenia  
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10.00-23.00  
Phone: +90 392 822 28 49  
Internet: [www.ambiancecyp.com](http://www.ambiancecyp.com)



### Maqam Al Sultan



A restaurant that plays heavily on vegetarian mezze and mixed grill, comprehending a wide insight into specialties of the Lebanese tradition -

Maqam Al Sultan offers hearty dishes and excellent hospitality skills. Pop in on a Friday or Saturday night, when belly dancing and exotic Lebanese-style interiors contribute in creating a one-of-a-kind experience.

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Address: Agkiras 7, Phinikoudes Seafront, Larnaca, Cyprus

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 12.00-23.00; Fri-Sat 12.00-23.30

Phone: +357 24 400665

Internet: [www.maqamalsultan.com](http://www.maqamalsultan.com)

Email: [info@maqamalsultan.com](mailto:info@maqamalsultan.com)

### CAFES



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Cafes can be found in the old part of towns, on the beach or even in villages. Relax and experience a unique atmosphere everywhere you go. The attention to details and the passion of the friendly Cypriots provide each customer with a positive experience.

Sample their strong coffee that, though it is similar to the Turkish one, has its own touch and personality; try their frappe, a cold, foam-covered iced coffee or indulge on their Soujouko, a Cypriot sweet made of grape juice

and meet the mellow side of Cyprus.

### Bastione



A delightful, old-fashioned café (and piano bar) that serves many different kinds of coffee along with breakfast, lunch or dinner

in Central Nicosia. The melt-in-mouth consistency of the Mediterranean dishes of the menu characterized Bastione, in a breakfast spot that has its own, elegant charm.

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Address: 6 Athenas Avenue, Nicosia

Phone: +357 22 7300 25

Internet: [www.bastione.com.cy](http://www.bastione.com.cy)

Email: [info@bastione.com.cy](mailto:info@bastione.com.cy)

### BlueBerry Café



Can you imagine a better way to enjoy breakfast or a drink than to sit down at a wooden table right by the beach, treat yourself with a coffee or

lunch and simply be spoiled? Blueberry Café would be the place to fulfill that dream.

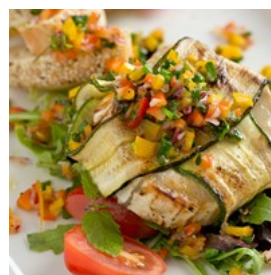
Photo: Freedom\_Studio / Shutterstock.com

Address: Beachside Pedestrian Pathway, Agios Tychon, Cyprus

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 08.00-22.30

Phone: +357 25 635777

### Ousia Lounge Café



One of Limassol's most fashionable lounge restaurants and cafe, Ousia blends traditional Cyprus style with a modern twist and the

result is remarkably pleasant. The café is located opposite the medieval Limassol Castle, where the area has turned into a buzzing hub, of bars and restaurants.

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Address: 24 Irenes Street, Medieval Castle Square, Limassol, Cyprus  
Phone: +357 25 109040  
Internet: [www.ousialounge.com](http://www.ousialounge.com)

### Lighthouse Beach Bar



An imaginative assortment of fresh fruit smoothies, local ice creams, frozen yogurt and of course coffee, frappuccino and

sandwiches. Take a stroll down the promenade that from the harbour along the coastline will lead you to the Lighthouse Bar and take a soothing break by sipping a coffee or a refreshing beer.

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Address: Eleutheriou Chandrinou, Paphos, Cyprus  
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 08.00-00.00  
Phone: +357 99 647179

### Presse Cafe



Great coffee, friendly staff, excellent service: three perfect elements that make this cafe one of the favourites in Cyprus. Presse Cafe is a tiny cafe

with indoor and outdoor seating, TV casting sports and a large variety of food offerings.

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Address: Stavrou 96, Strovolos, Cyprus  
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 07.00-00.15  
Phone: +357 22 316102  
Internet: [www.pressecafe.com.cy](http://www.pressecafe.com.cy)

### Crepa Crepa



The best crepes in town! This place is highly recommended by Cypriots. They have crepes with mastic, chocolate, and cream.

The flavors are really good and the idea of combining traditional flavors and a chocolate spread seems to really work well.

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Address: Kanari 15, Saripolou, Limassol, Cyprus  
Phone: +357 25 771710  
Internet: [www.crepacrepa.love](http://www.crepacrepa.love)  
Email: [info@crepacrepa.com.cy](mailto:info@crepacrepa.com.cy)

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Cyprus nightlife is a frenetic mix of walking and talking, eating and drinking, dancing and laughing that doesn't slow down until the sun comes up. The bustling nightlife buzzes with clubs, bars, and discotheques, livening up Cyprus' hot summery nights in each of its cities. Aya Napa is certainly the heart of the island's nightlife, featuring hip bars and clubs lining up tidily along narrow alleys, creating a touristy destination that is beautifully captivating.

### The Castle Club



Garage and house music in the centre of Ayia Napa's club district, featuring a diverse cocktail and drink list to suite everybody

tastebuds.

With capacity for 2000 people, The Castle Club is a small world of its own, dominating Cyprus' night scene since 1988.

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Address: 20 Louca Louca, Ayia Napa, Cyprus

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 22.00-05.00

Phone: +357 97 775550

Internet: [www.thecastleclub.com](http://www.thecastleclub.com)

Email: [enquiries@thecastleclub.com](mailto:enquiries@thecastleclub.com)

### Breeze Summer Club



The hippest music club in Germasogeia stays open until the early hours, being at the heart of the island's nightlife.

Catering to all tastes,

Breeze Night Club hosts numerous events, creating an underground scene in the beautiful Mediterranean island.

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Address: Amathountos, Germasogeia, Cypurs

Phone: +357 70 005868

Internet: [www.breeze.com.cy](http://www.breeze.com.cy)

Email: [info@breeze.com.cy](mailto:info@breeze.com.cy)

### Senior Frog's



The bustling Ayia Napa sees another outstanding disco-bar popping up in the Cyprian heart of the club scene - Senior Frog's is the place to go for

guaranteed fun. Look out for the giant frog's head and the colourful facade, this dynamic bar and disco club is where the night starts.

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Address: 24A Agia Mavri, Ayia Napa, Cyprus

Phone: +357 96 496770

Email: [vasiliades73@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:vasiliades73@cytanet.com.cy)

### Lost + Found Drinkery



A passion in mixology and drinks that exceeds expectations is what best characterizes the hip Lost + Found Drinkery in Nicosia. An expert team

of bartenders dominates the scene, making every night a success by accurately mixing fresh ingredients and premium spirits.

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Address: 38 Lord Byron Street, Nicosia, Cyprus

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 18.00-00.30; Fri 18.30-01.30; Sat 19.00-01.30

Email: [proseries@gmail.com](mailto:proseries@gmail.com)

### Patio Cocktail Bar



Amazing place located in the center of Nicosia, with a nice atmosphere, perfect cocktails and delicious food. This place is a tapas bar, so they

also serve a large variety of snacks and tapas, all accompanied by good music in the background.

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Address: Megalou Alexandrou 55, Nicosia, Cyprus

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 19.00-02.00

Phone: +357 22 664488

Email: [info@patiococktailbar.com](mailto:info@patiococktailbar.com)

### The Wooden Pub



Great friendly staff, a fantastic selection of craft beers and table games, including kids' ones. A good place where you can come with your family or your friends after a day spent relaxing on the beach or shopping in the city center.

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Address: Poseidonos Ave, Paphos, Cyprus

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10.00-00.00

Phone: +357 99 082522

Email: thewoodenpub@gmail.com

### SHOPPING



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Go for handicrafts such as lace and ceramics if you want to shop in Cyprus. Naturally, you can buy from shops and markets in one of the big towns, but anyone who visits the villages, where much of Cyprus' handicrafts are made, also has the chance to familiarize themselves with Cyprus' original handicraft culture - and with villagers who are happy to show their work.

In many villages and in the island's cultural areas handiwork is also sold at better prices than in town. Other items which can be worth going for are spectacles, shoes, leather items, suitcases and gold, which are cheaper than in most European cities.

Nicosia, Paphos, Larnaca and Limassol have all their quaint shopping areas, featuring international brands along with souvenir shops, pottery shops and open-air markets. In tourist resorts such as Ayia Napa the shops stay open all day during the week, but in towns such as Nicosia and Larnaca shops close earlier.

### Larnaca Market



Big designer names fill up the fashionable Ermou Street in Larnaca, but on Sunday, its sparkling charm is clouded by an even greater event that takes place in Ermou Street's parking lot.

Larnaca's Sunday Market starts at 10am and features fruit, vegetables, souvenirs, clothes and knickknacks at unbeatable prices.

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Address: Ermou Street's Parking Lot, Larnaca, Cyprus

### The Mall Of Cyprus, Nicosia



A modern shopping mall located in the dynamic capital of the island, The Mall of Cyprus is an incredible shopping destination, ideal for those whose shopping cravings accompany them on vacation. International and national clothing shops, groceries, restaurants and coffee shops fill up the aisles of the giant mall, in a vibrant beehive of shops and eateries.

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Address: 2025, Verginas 3, Strovolos, Cyprus

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 09.30-20.00; Sun 11.00-19.00

Phone: +357 77 776255

Internet: [www.themallofcyprus.com](http://www.themallofcyprus.com)

Email: [info@themallofcyprus.com](mailto:info@themallofcyprus.com)

### Nissi Avenue, Aya Napa



The long promenade that stretches along the coastline in the touristy Aya Napa becomes the shopping hub of the area, and perhaps of the entire island. The trendy Nissi Avenue has seen numerous shops opening in recent years, becoming a must-visit in town. Souvenir shops are some of the most stormed by tourists, although designer clothing and beachwear shops are certainly well-known too.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nissi Avenue, Aya Napa, Cyprus

### Shopping in Paphos



The main shopping areas develop along Posidonos Avenue, Apostolou Pavlou Street and Makarios Avenue, featuring a main focus on pottery, souvenirs and clothes. Paphos' Market is also not to be missed - selling fresh products and knickknacks, it is one of the biggest and most interesting in the island. The flea markets that every now and again fill up some of the streets can be a true source of second-hand treasures, although you might have to haggle a bit to obtain a reasonable price. King's Avenue Mall, located nearby Tombs of the Kings, is a shopper's paradise: a real wealth of international shops and traditional restaurants makes it the ideal destination for an afternoon of crazy shopping.

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Address: 2, Corner St. Paul & Tombs of the Kings, Paphos, Cyprus

Phone: +357 26 200 501

Internet: [www.kingsavenuemall.com](http://www.kingsavenuemall.com)

### CityMall, Farmagusta



CityMall is a big shopping center in Farmagusta where you can find all kinds of goods: beautiful hand-made gifts, typical antiques shop and many boutiques. Here, you can also enjoy their several events (games, activities for kids, dance shows, etc.) and their beautiful decorations that vary by season (for example, the wonderful Christmas stalls).

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Address: Şehit İbrahim Kazım Caddesi, Famagusta, Cyprus

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10.00-22.00

Phone: +90 392 444 00 01

Email: [info@citymallcyprus.com](mailto:info@citymallcyprus.com)

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### Airport



There are two airports on the island. The largest, Larnaca, is five kilometres from Larnaca and 50 kilometres from the capital, Nicosia.

Paphos Airport is 15 kilometres from the town of Paphos. There are buses and taxis to the nearest large towns just outside the Arrivals halls.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Larnaca International Airport, Larnaca, Cyprus

Phone: +357 25 123022

Internet: [www.hermesairports.com](http://www.hermesairports.com)

Email: [info@hermesairports.com](mailto:info@hermesairports.com)

### Passport/Visa



Visa requirements for entering Southern Cyprus are similar to those of other Schengen states. However, visas issued by Cyprus authorities are

NOT valid for travel to the greater Schengen area. Citizens of Turkey and Azerbaijan will need to apply for a Cypriot visa to enter.

For Northern Cyprus, nationals of most countries will not need to obtain a visa for stays of under 90 days. Citizens of Armenia and Nigeria will need to apply for a visa in advance, however, and citizens of Bangladesh are not allowed to enter by air (as of late 2018).

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### Best Time to Visit



Cyprus enjoys a warm, Mediterranean climate that's characterized by the region's long, hot summers and mild, wet winters. The best time to

visit Cyprus is in the summer for the most heat and sunshine. Although, if you prefer milder temperatures then spring is perfect and the sea water is still mild enough for swimming. If you come to Cyprus during this time of the year, especially from April to June, you can also enjoy a lot of events, mostly music events, with live show of all genders of music.

Photo: VectorA

### Public Transport



There are many different bus routes in Cyprus, connecting both the towns to the airports and the towns one another. As the island has developed

around tourism, there is a thick network of buses also available from town to rural areas.

Northern Cyprus features a transport system that is not as developed as the southern one - if you are planning on getting around from one town to another the best option is to rent a car.

From Larnaca Airport to Limassol and vice versa  
[www.limassolairportexpress.eu](http://www.limassolairportexpress.eu)

From Larnaca Airport to Nicosia and vice versa  
[www.kapnosairportshuttle.com](http://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com)

From Pafos Airport to Pafos and Vice Versa  
[www.pafosbuses.com](http://www.pafosbuses.com)

From Pafos to other towns  
[www.intercity-buses.com](http://www.intercity-buses.com)

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

### Taxi



This is a 24-hour service provided in all towns.

Taxis can be booked by phone or be hailed on the street. Urban taxis are all provided with metres and

charging commences upon entering the taxi. The transport of passengers by urban taxis without using the taximeter is not permitted.

Acropolis Taxi Cyprus:

Archiepiskopou Makariou III 1, Larnaca

+357 24 622000

www.airportradiotaxi.com

Taxis in Cyprus:

+357 99 411905

Anthos Taxi Paphos Cyprus:

Poseidonos Ave, Paphos

+357 99 586218

Photo: ArrivalGuides

## Post



The opening hours of the post offices in Cyprus normally reflect the laid-back attitude of the entire island, being open from 08.30am - 1pm and

3pm - 4.45pm except from May till August when the office closes at 1pm.

Post offices are easy to spot thanks to the yellow sign that pops out of the wall. In the offices you will find stamps and postcards and you will be able to post letters. Mail boxes are also located throughout Cyprus and they are yellow and round-shaped. Stamps are also available in some kiosks.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Christaki Kranou 11, Germasogeia, Cyprus

Phone: +357 25 323889

## Pharmacy



Pharmacies are located all over the island, operating on a system that features an open pharmacy at night or weekends every day.

Pharmacies have a green cross on the outside which makes them easy to find.

28D, Lykavitos Avenue, Makedonitissa

+357 22 355 715

21A, Prodrromou Avenue, Nicosia

+357 22 66 4442

124, Lemesos Avenue, Nicosia

+357 422 470

Photo: Gemma Garner

## Tourist Information Centres



Larnaca Information  
Office - International  
Airport +357 24 008 368  
LarnacaAirport@visitcyprus.com  
Tourist  
Information Office

Larnaca

Plateia Vasileos Pavlou, Larnaca

+357 24 65 43 22

InfoOfficeLarnaca@visitcyprus.com

Paphos Information Office-International Airport

+357 26 007 368

PaphosAirport@visitcyprus.com

Tourist Information Office Paphos

Gladstonos 3, Paphos

+357 26 93 28 41

Information\_OfficePafos@visitcyprus.com

Tourist Information Office in Lemesos  
Spyrou 115 A  
+357 25362756  
Limassolinformation@visitcyprus.com

Tourist Information Office in Nicosia  
Address: Aristokyprou 11, Laiki Geitonia  
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Photo: Noah Mormino

### Electricity



240 volts. Cyprus has  
triangular electric plugs

Photo: Stirling Tschan

**Population**  
892,400

**Currency**  
1 euro, € = 100 cent

**Opening hours**  
General business hours are 9.00-13.00 and 16.00-18.00.

**Newspapers**  
Cyprus Weekly  
Cyprus Mail

**Emergency numbers**  
112

**Tourist information**  
Tourist information  
Larnaca Information Office – International Airport  
Larnaca 7130  
Tel: +357 24 008 368  
LarnacaAirport@visitcyprus.com  
www.visitcyprus.com  
www.larnacaregion.com





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Morfou Bay

Chrysochou Bay

Tilliria

Marathasa

Solea

Troodos

Pafos

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Episkopi Bay

Lemesos (Limassol)

Akrotiri Bay

0 20 km



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CYPRUS

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