

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CYPRUS

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### NICOSIA (Lefkosia - Lefkoşa )

Nicosia (Lefkosia), 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 is 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 round narrow streets with overhanging balconies and the beautifully restored pedestrian precinct with craft shops, cafes and *tavernas*. Make sure you stop off at Ayios Ioannis (St John) cathedral with its frescoes and the marvellous museum of Byzantine icons.

The new town spreads beyond the walls with a modern Europeanised centre of high-rise buildings, office blocks, shops and pavement cafes, expanding into suburban residential areas. Of the city's main sights, the 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.

### European University Cyprus (EUC)

The address of European University Cyprus is 6 Diogenis Street, 2404 Engomi, Nicosia. The telephone number of the University is +357 22 713001 and for the Department of Arts is (+357) 22-713081 (Nataly) and (+357) 22-713258 (Maria).

### Travel Documents

A valid passport is required for a stay of up to 90 days for all bonafide tourists except citizens of European Union countries, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway who may enter Cyprus with their national identity card provided it bears a photo. Some non-EU third country nationals require a visa. Further detailed information can be obtained from the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#).

## **Legal Points of Entry**

The legal ports of entry into the Republic of Cyprus are the airports of Larnaka (Larnaca) and Pafos (Paphos), which are situated in the area under the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus. Entry into the territory of the Republic of Cyprus via any other port or airport in which the Government of the Republic does not exercise effective control (Turkish occupied areas) is illegal.

## **Diplomatic Missions of the Republic of Cyprus Abroad**

Detailed information concerning Cyprus's Embassies and High Commissions abroad can be obtained from the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#).

## **Languages**

Greek and Turkish are the main languages spoken by the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities respectively. English is widely spoken. French and German are also well spoken within the tourist industry. The language of the conference will be English.

## **Currency**

Cyprus belongs to the Euro zone so its official currency is the Euro (€). Credit cards are widely used. Most currencies and traveller's cheques can be easily exchanged at banks or exchange/currency spots, with some handling and commission charges. ATMs are also widely available around the country.

## **Local Time**

Cyprus is 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +2) all year round.

## **Working Hours**

Shop opening times vary depending on their type and location, though shops normally open around 09:00. For the period April 1st – October 31st shops close at 20:00 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, at 15:00 on Wednesday and, at 19:30 on Saturday. Most shops are closed on Sunday.

## Vaccinations

Cyprus has no dangerous infectious diseases. Visitors do not require any vaccinations to travel to Cyprus.

## Safety in Cyprus

Cyprus has an excellent reputation for being a safe and friendly place. A few basic precautions can be enough to protect your belongings.

## Foreign Diplomatic Missions in Cyprus

Detailed information concerning foreign Embassies and High Commissions in Cyprus can be obtained from the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#).

## Emergency Number

In case of emergency call 112 wherever you are on the island.

## Late Night Pharmacies in Nicosia

To locate a late night chemist in Nicosia call 90901432.

## Buses & Taxis

The blue buses 123 and 259, of the Nicosia District Transport Organisation (OSEL), go downtown. There is a bus stop across from the university. For more information visit: [www.osel.com.cy](http://www.osel.com.cy).

There are two types of taxi services available, covering the entire island:

- **Trans-urban service** which offers the opportunity to share a taxi with 4 - 7 other passengers. It provides connection between all major cities of Cyprus, every half an hour, from Monday to Friday from 06:00 to 18:00. On Saturdays and Sundays the service runs until 17:00. For more information contact Travel Express at 77777474.
- **Urban service** is a 24hours service provided in all cities. Taxis are often booked via telephone. Urban taxis are obligatory provided with taximetres and charging commences upon the entering of a passenger in the taxi. A taxi from the city centre to the University may cost between 10 to 12 Euros. To hire a taxi call one of the following companies:

- Columbia      Tel. 22780444
- Finlandia      Tel. 22666000
- VIPS            Tel. 22318318

### **Driving in Cyprus**

**Drivers should note that driving is on the left-hand side of the road, not on the right.** All the international road traffic signs are in use and placed on the left-hand side of roads and highways. Distances and speed limits are posted in kilometres and kilometre/per hour (km/h) respectively. To rent a car, drivers must be in possession of a driving license for at least three years or be aged over 25. Visitors may drive using a valid international driving license or their national driving license, provided it is valid for the class of vehicle they wish to drive.

### **Making Phone Calls**

In order to make a phone call to Cyprus from abroad, dial 00357 and then the eight-digit phone number. If you wish to make a phone call abroad while in Cyprus, dial 00, followed by the country code and the telephone number.

### **Climate**

November is the month when the weather in Cyprus breaks from warm autumn towards colder winter. Around the middle of November temperatures begin to drop noticeably and the rainy season starts. During this month it can rain from three to six days. November is the third rainiest month after December and January. On average maximum temperature gets up to 22°C on the west coast and inland and 23°C-24°C on the eastern-south coast. On the mountains it already gets noticeably cold with temperatures not going higher than 13°C. At night temperature drops down to 13°C-14°C on the coast and 10°C inland. On the heights of Troodos it already feels like winter at night with the temperature staying as low as 6°C. The sea water is about 21°C.

**Activities:** November is perfect for countryside excursions especially inland to villages and vineyards for wine tasting. Do not miss the opportunity to go and see the Troodos mountains where leaves change colors to gold and crimson making a stunning contrast against the bright blue skies. Sunbathing and swimming can still be enjoyed in early November but might be not as

comfortable as in early autumn or summer. November is also a good time for most outdoor sports.

**What to wear in November:** Recommended clothes are medium-weight apparel and light pullovers.

### **Tap Water**

Tap water in hotels, restaurants, public premises, etc., is safe to drink. Nevertheless, it might be better to buy bottled water.

### **Electricity**

The electricity supply in Cyprus is 230 volts, a.c. 50 Hz. Sockets are usually 13 amps, square pin in most buildings. More than one low current rating appliance may be operated from the same supply point by using an adaptor (i.e. radios, electric clocks etc.). Many hotels provide adaptors upon request from the reception. Adaptors can be purchased from electricians, supermarkets, grocery shops, etc.

### **Measurement System**

Cyprus uses the metric system of weights and measures. Temperatures are reported in degrees Celsius, petrol is sold by the litre, grocery items are in grams and kilograms and road speeds and distances posted in kilometres.

### **Instructions for traveling from Larnaka International Airport**

Larnaka International Airport is located approximately 40km from Nicosia, the capital city of Cyprus. The most convenient and affordable way to travel to Nicosia will be via the **Kapnos Airport Shuttle**.

The Airport Shuttle is available throughout the day at various times (please see the schedule of shuttles departing from the Airport below). The journey should take approximately 35-45 minutes.

The price of the journey from the Airport to Nicosia is **8 Euros**. This includes transportation of your luggage at no additional cost.

The Shuttle will bring you to a meeting spot (opposite the Police Headquarters) in Nicosia. Here you will find a number of taxis available. You need to take a taxi to your hotel or to European University Cyprus.

The taxi from the shuttle stop to the EUC should take about 15-20 minutes and may cost approximately 10-15 Euros.

Another option is to take a taxi from outside the Larnaka International Airport directly to the EUC. This is a more expensive option. A private taxi from the Airport to the University will cost approximately 50 Euros.

**Useful Contact Information:**

- Kapnos Airport Shuttle – Telephone: 7777 1477 or +357 24 008718,

From Paphos Airport to Nicosia

<https://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com/timetables/120?locale=en>

From Larnaca Airport to Nicosia

<https://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com/timetables/98?locale=en>

- European University Cyprus – Telephone: +357 22 713001 (Main Reception)

The address of EUC is: **6 Diogenis Street, 2404 Engomi, Nicosia**. It is next to Phileleftheros Newspaper, the main newspaper in Cyprus. We look forward to welcoming you to EUC in Cyprus and wish you a safe journey.

**Hotel Accommodation**

**ASTY HOTEL**

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<http://astyhotel.com/>

SINGLE ROOM 40 EUROS

DOUBLE ROOM 60 EUROS

**EUROPA HOTEL**

SINGLE ROOM 50 EUROS

DOUBLE ROOM 65 EUROS

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**The Altius Boutique Hotel,**

- Premium Single Room with breakfast : € 65.00 (Normal Rate €95 .00)
- Premium Twin Room with breakfast: € 90.00 (Normal Rate € 120.00)
- <http://altiushotel.com/>
- [info@altiushotel.com](mailto:info@altiushotel.com)