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Travel & Transportation from the Airport

There are two airports in Cyprus - **Larnaka International Airport (LCA)** and **Paphos Airport (PFO)** - that you should use. Larnaka International Airport (LCA) will most probably be the easiest one to travel to, as it is the main airport of the island and thus has the biggest availability of flights. It is also the closest to the city of Nicosia.

IMPORTANT NOTE



There is an airport in Nicosia as well (Ercan International Airport - ECN); however, that is situated in the occupied part of the country, for which reason **you should not use it**, as the European Commission will **not reimburse your traveling expenses**.

Airport Transportation

Taxi

For your transportation TO and FROM the airport, the **easiest way is to take a taxi**. Taxis can be found outside the airports, and can be booked at your hotel, and/or they can be found in major streets and taxi pick-up areas. For your convenience, we provide you with the **contact phone number of a TAXI office**, with which we collaborate, in case you would prefer to make the relevant arrangements prior to your departure/arrival.



Contact person: Alexandros

Telephone: +357 99 158974 / +357 96 651991.

You may also send them an email at grek1984_15@bk.ru or akexandraivazov999@gmail.com so that they expect you upon your arrival at the airport arrivals lobby.

When calling or emailing, please refer CSI in your booking, so that you get reduced rates.

Kapnos Shuttle Bus

There is also a **shuttle bus** that runs from/to both Larnaka International Airport and Paphos Airport. The shuttle bus runs on a regular time schedule between the two airports and major cities in specified locations. From there, you can get a taxi to your final destination.



You can find **all the necessary details**, including timetable and schedules, rates, and online reservation at the following link: <http://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com/>

Routes and fares can be found here: <http://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com/>



Emergency Phone Numbers (Country Code: +357)

European Emergency Number	112
Police Immediate Response	112 or 1460
Ambulance Service	112 or 199
Fire Emergencies	112 or 1407
Poisoning Centre	1401
Hospital Information	1400
Pharmacies	90901402 or visit https://www.cypruspharmacy.com/
General Information (pay-per-call services)	11892 or 11880

Useful Phone Numbers

Larnaka International Airport	77778833 or +35724816418
Paphos International Airport	77778833 or +35726422833
Tourist Information	1429
Cyprus Tourist Organization	+35722691100
Taxi	+35799158974
Taxi (24/7)	+35799755334
Center for Social Innovation Offices	+35722610711

Currency

The official currency of Cyprus is the euro. Most restaurants and shops accept cash as well as major credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, AMEX); only small local shops might accept cash only (so it is always wise to have some cash with you).

**Power plugs**

In Cyprus the power plugs and sockets are of type G. The standard voltage is 240 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. It is advisable to have a plug adapter with you.

**Driving side**

FYI in case you are interested in renting a car, in Cyprus we drive on the left-hand side of the road. Do not forget your European Driving License.

Occupied part of Cyprus

To cross the border (checkpoints) from the Republic of Cyprus to the occupied part of the island (Northern Cyprus), you need to pass the passport control (so make sure that you hold your ID/Passport). Be aware, that the European Commission will not reimburse any expense from the occupied part of Cyprus, since it is not recognised as part of the Republic of Cyprus and ergo, the EU. In Nicosia, pedestrians can cross at Ledra Palace and Ledra Street. However, EURO is not the official currency of the occupied part of Cyprus, euro circulates alongside the lira and other currencies and you can always





NICOSIA



Getting around Nicosia



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By bus

You can use local transportation within the city. The following link provides all the necessary details for local buses: <https://publictransport.com.cy/>. Our office, where the meeting will be held, is right next to “**Solomou Square**”, which is the main bus station in the Nicosia city center.



Accommodation

1. [The Classic Hotel](#)
2. [Centrum Hotel](#)
3. [Royatiko Hotel](#)
4. [Castelli Hotel](#)
5. [The 3 rooms Boutique Hotel](#)
6. [Ananke Home](#)
7. [The Sendal Boutique Hotel](#)
8. [Gate Twenty Two Boutique Hotel](#)
9. [Madama Residence](#)

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Food & Drinks

The city center offers a variety of restaurants, cafes, bars and other services, so you will not face any difficulty finding what you need. In case you would like to experience Nicosia in the way that the locals do, here are some suggestions (among many!):

Restaurants/Taverns

D.O.T.

This hip restaurant takes the sunshiny tastes of the Mediterranean and adds modern flair. It serves vegan and vegetarian food, inventive burger options, brunch and special house dishes.

Pinakkothiki (Πινακοθήκη)

This contemporary space features glossy black and soothing cream decor, and a long bar with stools, perfect for sipping predinner cocktails. Dishes are light and appetizing.

Silver Pot

Tight on space but big on boho-urban atmosphere, Silver Pot has a menu featuring organic locally sourced products. The Saturday brunch is justifiably popular.

Shiantris (Σιαντρής)

Soul food at its best. It serves traditional dishes just like a Cypriot mama makes. It's named after its ebullient owner, who cooks up a fantastic array of seasonal local food, changing daily according to what's fresh and in season.

Chritstakis (Χρηστάκης)

This rough-and-ready canteen across from the bus station and next to CSI offices, buzzes with locals tucking into cheap and cheerful souvlaki, grilled to perfection.

Power House (Ηλεκτρική)

Part of the Nicosia Municipal Arts Centre, this sophisticated restaurant is suitably decorated with striking paintings and sculptures. There is an international menu and there is live jazz most Saturdays in summer.

Zanettos (Ζανέττος)

When you've been in business since 1938 you must be doing something right. This is the real-deal meze experience. There's no menu, just a parade of delicious local meze.

Mezostrati (Μεζοστράτι)

This bustling contemporary-style tavern offers great food with live music for the full experience. This is not the place to come for a quiet dinner. It's always loud and always fun.

Piatsa Gourounaki (Πιάτσα Γουρουνάκι)

Incredibly popular, and for good reason: this contemporary-style souvlakeri dishes up some of the freshest Greek tastes in town.

Kathodon (Καθ'οδόν)

Known for its authentic Greek cuisine. Check out the wall full of photos showing contented customers, including Bill Clinton, but sit on the sprawling outside terrace for views of the border bustle. Live Greek music nightly.

Mattheos (Ματθαίος)

As simple as it gets, this little canteen next to the Arablar Mosque offers homestyle Cypriot cooking for lunch. This is rustic, hearty village-kitchen fare, and locals love it.

Picnic Social House

It offers a vibrant atmosphere with Mediterranean-inspired dishes, natural wines, and curated cocktails. It's also known for its lively bar vibes and eclectic music.



Cafes

Prozak (Πρόζακ)

A multi-cultural and multi-purpose space with delicious homemade beverages and snacks, an interesting library with limited-edition books, and temporary exhibitions from local artists.

Charatsi (Χαράτσι)

The joy of this traditional coffee shop dating from the 1930s is that little has changed.

Giagia Victoria (Γιαγιά Βικτώρια)

This corner cafe with tables right up to the UN Buffer Zone, is always buzzing with young locals.

Kala Kathoumena (Καλά Καθούμενα)

A laid-back alternative vibe under the vines. This evocative building formerly belonged to the Church of Panagia Faneromeni across the way. It offers snacks and delicious homemade cakes.

Pieto

All mismatched vintage chairs, leafy pot plants and fairy lights strung from the ceiling, Pieto is the kind of quirky-comfy place all locals love.

Arometro (Απόμερο)

This hidden traditional café offers quiet moments with delicious homemade snacks and cakes.

Erma (Έρμα)

A beautiful study café in a traditional house with a sunny, colourful interior garden. The café combines a small bookstore selling an interesting book selection.

To leoforeio (Το λεωφορείο)

A simple, beautifully decorated traditional café, offering homemade house delicacies.

Istorja

It blends soulful food, homeware, lifestyle products, and vibrant experiences, promoting the slow living movement and encouraging mindful daily choices and connections.

The Home Café

Located in the buffer zone, the café acts as a community space where all the island's communities can come together and use the space in many ways. The café offers a selection of hot and cold drinks, as well as delicious homemade snacks and cakes. There is freshly made food every day at the café, including lunch served between 12.30-15:00. The café has a library with a large selection of books covering political and social subjects of the island.



Bars

BrewFellas

It offers the best range of beers from across the world, with plenty of draught options too. A great option for a relaxed, casual night on the town.

Kafeneio Mousiko (Καφενείο Μουσικό)

A great place for people-watching and listening to the rebetiko (urban Greek folk music) musicians who jam here with their friends, while drinking ouzo.

Patio cocktail bar

Step inside the show-stopping leafy courtyard with its dazzling wall of shutters painted in primary colors. Inside the main bar, exposed brickwork, chic furnishings and plenty of glass and light have an equally punchy effect for enjoying a cocktail. Great mood music as well.

Granazi Art Space (Γρανάζι)

Mellow bar, art space and live-music venue: intimate Granazi manages to roll all three into one. Thursdays and Fridays usually host live music, and each month sees a different local artist exhibiting their work on the walls. Serves great house cocktails.

Lost and Found

A top 25 Global Bars with award winning house cocktails.

Palaia Pineza (Παλαιά Πινέζα)

A tiny bar with interesting decoration and a famous house cocktail menu.

New Division

An interesting bar and cultural space in a colonial two-floor building, hosting live concerts, parties and exhibitions.

Silver Star Bar

A vibrant and urban hotspot in Nicosia with an eclectic art deco vibe and lively street-side setting, creating an inviting atmosphere perfect for after-work drinks or evening outings. It offers an impressive selection of wines and cocktails.



Sightseeing

The Nicosia old city center is lovely to walk during the day or night. For whoever is interested in some sightseeing, here is a short list. Feel free to ask for a city map or a sightseeing pamphlet from your hotel.

Venetian Walls

The Venetian walls form a border around the Old City and are so unusual that, once seen on a map, you'll never forget the odd snowflake-like shape. Dating from 1567, the circular defence wall was constructed by the Venetian rulers to ward off Ottoman invaders. In July 1570, the Ottomans landed in Larnaka and three months later stormed the fortifications, killing some 50,000 inhabitants.



Cyprus Museum

Just outside the Old City walls, this excellent museum houses the island's most important collection of archaeological finds. Highlights include Hall 11's haul of riches from the Royal Tomb excavations at Salamis, including a huge, intricately decorated bronze pot and a bed frame bedecked in ivory and glass. Hall 4's remarkable display of 2000 terracotta votive statues and figurines, dating back to the 7th and 6th centuries BC were unearthed during the 1929 excavation of the Sanctuary of Agia Irini.



Leventis Municipal Museum

The best place in town to get to grips with Nicosia's rich and complex history. The permanent collection inside this beautiful neoclassical mansion includes a wealth of ceramic pieces from the Bronze Age to the medieval era; a collection of maps dating back to the 16th century; photos, posters, and artefacts from the early 20th century, through Cyprus' independence and then division; and so much more. Everything is accompanied by detailed and clear information boards that help shed light on the exhibits.



AG Leventis Gallery

Located just outside the Old City, this art museum features three collections displaying European paintings and sculptures from the 16th to the 20th centuries. The Paris Collection features masterpieces of Chagall, Monet, and Renoir, while the Greek Collection includes significant works by 19th- and 20th-century Greek artists. The highlight of the Cyprus Collection, located on the ground floor, is a magnificent and thought-provoking 17m-long painting entitled The World of Cyprus by renowned Cypriot artist Adamantios Diamantis.



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Nicosia Municipal Arts Centre

This contemporary art museum is housed in a former power station, and is the city's equivalent to London's Tate Modern. The former industrial setting is suitably dramatic, with looming pitched ceilings and some original equipment (pulleys, etc.) that blend well with the cutting-edge installations. The permanent collection includes paintings, photography, video, sculptures, and other works from the Dimitris Pierides Museum of Contemporary Art in Greece. Exhibitions vary monthly and often focus on edgy political and cultural themes.



Chrysaliniotissa Quarter

Centered around the Panagia Chrysaliniotissa church, this residential neighbourhood on the edge of the Old City rubs right up against the Green Line, and so was left for years to decay. Today, its narrow streets have been revitalised with some lovely restored facades of early 20th-century town houses and alleyways of cottage terrace rows, fringed by pot plants. Its sidewalks are a charming and peaceful place for a stroll.



Weaving Mill

Owner Leontios started this nonprofit educational and cultural association as a teaching base for the children of immigrants. These days the Mill has a multicultural purpose, showing films, staging the occasional concert and providing a large, comfortable space for wi-fi use, board games, reading (there is an extensive library) or just socializing. There is a modest bar for light snacks and drinks.



For more info on things to do in Nicosia, visit:

www.visitcyprus.com

www.cyprusevents.net

www.lonelyplanet.com

www.myguidecyprus.com

www.tripadvisor.com

The image is a full-page photograph of a coastal cityscape. In the foreground, there is a body of blue water with some rocky outcrops and a few orange buoys. The middle ground features a dense urban skyline with various buildings, including several tall, modern skyscrapers with glass facades. One prominent building has a unique, curved, sail-like top. In the background, there are rolling hills under a clear blue sky. A semi-transparent teal banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the word "LIMASSOL" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

LIMASSOL

Getting around Limassol



By Taxi

You can move around the city using the town taxi. Here is a contact of a TAXI office: +357 99 111 173 /+357 96 111 888

Alternatively, you may also use [BOLT](#) app to hire a car riding service.



By bus

You can use local transportation for your internal transfers. The following link provides all the necessary details: [Public Transportation](#)



Accommodation

We recommend the following hotels: Situated in the old, historic town of Limassol, close to many restaurants, the old port, Limassol's Marina and the Medieval Castle.

1. [Old Port Hotel](#)
2. [Alinea Limassol](#)
3. [Limassol Old Town Mansion](#)
4. [Heart Hotel](#)
5. [NYX Hotel Limassol](#)

Located in the center of the city providing easy access to the city's main attractions. It is near the main shopping streets and supermarkets.

1. [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#)
2. [Ajax Hotel](#)
3. [Harmony Bay Hotel](#)

Also, there are plenty of **Airbnb apartments** in the vicinity. Prices range depending on location and services provided. A recommended Airbnb space in the heart of Limassol is the following: [Studio within artist's house](#).

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Food & Drinks

All hotels suggested are located near the coastline of Limassol, therefore you will be able to reach restaurants for local and international cuisine, taverns for some local delicacies as well as fast-food selling points on foot or by bus. (VE: Vegetarian options V: Vegan options)

Restaurants:

[Dionysus Mansion](#) (V)

[Alley](#) (V)

[Η Φωλιά του Κούκου](#) [Folia tou Koukou] (VE)

[Columbia Plaza](#) (LaBoca, Pokeloha) (V)

[Sherlock's Home Bar](#) (VE)

[Melissa Restaurant](#) (VE)

[Ousia Soulful Kitchen](#) (V)

[Fat Fish](#) (VE)

[Epsilon Resto Bar](#) (VE)



Coffee & Brunch:

[The Cookhouse](#) (V)

[Jam Limassol](#) (V)

[Bakery Kafeneio](#) (V)

[Stoa Urban Kitchen](#) (VE)

[Comfy](#) (VE)

[Ηλεκτρικά Είδη](#) [Ilektrika Eidi] (V)

[Wagmi Coffee](#) (V)

[Astry Bakery](#) (V)



Bars:

[Dusty Munky](#)

[Library Bar](#)

[Lab.Restaurant.Bar](#)

[Guest Cafe Bar](#)

[Bar Du Soleil](#)



Sightseeing

Limassol is the **second largest city in the island**. It is a growing business hub and hosts many cultural, educational, and religious activities. In the old city you will be able to visit the **medieval castle**, as well as many **local shops, restaurants and bars**. Near to the old city center, you will find the **Molos Promenade, Limassol Marina and the old port**, where you will be able to enjoy a great view of the coastline.



Limassol also has several **archaeological sites including ancient Amathus and Curium**, as well as **museums**.

For more information please visit: [All About Limassol](#)





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