

Cyprus City Guide

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Cyprus is a picturesque island in the Eastern Mediterranean. This popular destination is located north of Egypt and southeast of Greece. It is the third largest island in the Mediterranean and the third most populous as well.

Cyprus is made of several cities. The largest of these are:

- Nicosia
- Larnaca
- Paphos
- Kyrenia
- Famagusta
- Limassol

Each of these 6 major cities boasts their own unique and dynamic history.

Year-round, Cyprus is home to many activities and events involving nature, the sea, wellness, and culture. Aside from its beautiful beaches, you can explore archaeological sites, grand Byzantine churches, and a variety of museums.

Cyprus is also an incredible place to take scenic hikes and to enjoy the vibrant landscape. Because of the islands size and location, it is ideal for travellers who wish to take day trips to other destinations.

Where to Stay

- **Castle Panayiotis** -Castle Panayiotis is one of the best places to stay in Cyprus. It is located in the centre of the mountain village, Kalopanagiotis. It is near one of the islands best medieval sites, the Agios Ioannis Lambadistis monastery. The hotel boasts modern and luxurious amenities. Its style pays homage to the architecture of the region. Although an hours drive from the nearest airport and the islands capital, the rooms are reasonably priced and full of character.
- **Four Seasons**-This 5-star, seafront hotel is the ideal place to unwind and to explore the vibrant city of Limassol. Here youll find contemporary dcor, fine dining experiences, and a luxurious spa. The Four Seasons is on the coastline, only 6 miles from the centre of Limassol. Nearby is the ancient city/kingdom site of Amathus. The hotel itself is a modern masterpiece amidst a city brimming with culture and historical significance.
- **Annabelle**-The Annabelle celebrates the rich heritage of Paphos. The hotel garden is a preserved archaeological site. Five minutes from Paphoss famous harbour, the hotel is near a variety of world-class mosaics. This serene hotel is effortlessly luxurious and the perfect place to settle during your stay in Cyprus.
- **The Landmark Nicosia**-The Landmark is the islands flagship hotel, located in Cypruss capital. Within walking distance are the Venetian stone walls of the old quarter and the Agios Ioannis cathedral. As well, there are a variety of designer shops and restaurants nearby.
- **Parklane Resort & Spa** -Parklane presents an opulent interior and dense tropical gardens. The resort is proximal to many historical sites and the bustling cosmopolitan city of Limassol. The minimalist aesthetic of this hotel makes it the perfect retreat after a day of exploring the ultra-stimulating island of Cyprus.

Where to Eat

- **Fuamo Steak House** -Fuamo Steakhouse is a meat-lovers dream. Here, customers can enjoy a variety of steaks, grills, fillets, T-bone steaks, and rib eyes. Aside from the food, visitors will find live music every Saturday. The ambience makes for a unique and lively cultural experience.
- **Bar Italia** -The Bar Italia serves some of the best authentic Italian cuisine in Cyprus. Here, guests can enjoy traditional Italian fare and freshly ground espresso. Its the perfect pick-me-up after a long day of sightseeing.
- **La Maison Fleurie** -Located in Limassol, this restaurant brings the flavours of France to the melting pot of Cyprus. Drop in for some lobster soup or scallops with mushrooms. From there, you can head out to explore some of the nearby historical sights.
- **Andria** -The Andria offers a distinct dining experience with its location on a former vineyard. Here, youll find traditional Cypriot cuisine. All food is made with fresh ingredients sourced from local markets. This relaxed, family-run restaurant is a prime choice for island natives and tourists alike.
- **Fat Mamas**For American tourists craving a taste of home, this restaurant serves up the perfect mix of traditional American eats and Italian cuisine. Fat Mamas gives these dishes a Cypriot twist with locally sourced ingredients.

Nightlife

- **The Blue Moon Bar** -The nightlife is an integral part of Cyprus culture. The Blue Moon Bar, located in Ayia Napa, attracts customers from all over the world. Occasionally, they feature themed nights or fire sports for entertainment.
- **Fantasy Boat Party** -While this isnt a traditional bar or club, the Fantasy Boat Party definitely qualifies as nightlife from July through August. On this boat party, youll get to enjoy scenic views, music, and drinks.
- **Castle Club** -Castle Club is in the heart of Ayia Napa. It has been voted one of the top hundred clubs by a variety of publications. This disco club hosts 5 different zones to appeal to different tastes. No matter your preferred music or ambience, youre sure to find your place here.
- **Lost + FoundDrinkery** -Lost + FoundDrinkeryis located in Nicosia, Cypruss capital. Its the perfect getaway from a bustling city. The atmosphere here is mature, relaxed, and moody. Skilfully made drinks and superior hospitality make this a prime choice for island visitors.
- **Patio** -Exotic and tropical, Patio is a barthat perfectly complements thetraditional architecture of the area.Here, youll find a variety of refreshing cocktails and Mediterraneantapas.

What to Do in Cyprus

- **Tomb of the Kings** -The Tomb of the Kings is a necropolis, or a large cemetery with intricately designed tombs. It is located about two kilometres north of the Paphos Harbour. This underground tomb dates all the way back to the Roman and Hellenistic periods. Buried here were high-ranking officials and other important figures of the time.
- **Mount Olympus** -Mount Olympus is located in the Troodos Mountains. It is the highest point in Cyprus. Tourists venture here for panoramic views of the islands rich greenery and beautiful flora and fauna. The peak rests at 1,952 meters above sea level.
- **Kataklysmos Flood Festival** -Kataklysmos is a popular religious festival. It includes games, folk dance performances, swimming competitions, and live music from famous Greek and Cypriot singers. Most notably, festival goers partake in the custom of throwing water on one another. The water ritual symbolises purification.
- **Kourion, Limassol** -Kourion was an important city-kingdom on the Southwestern coast of Cyprus. In its time, Kourion was thought to have housed descendants of Aegean immigrants. Eventually, an earthquake destroyed the kingdom. Now, its a fascinating site to take amazing pictures.
- **Akamas** -Akamas is a national park near the Northwestern edge of Cyprus. This peninsula is a biodiverse hotspot brimming with unique wildlife. Here, youll find 100+ varieties of birds, 10+ butterfly species, 20+ different reptiles, and more.

4 Fun Facts About Cyprus

- Nicosia is the only divided capital city in the entire world. The northern part is made up primarily of Turks, and the southern section of Greeks.
- Cyprus is home to the worlds oldest wine brand.
- Cyprus was the first nation to put its map on the nations flag.
- Archaeologists discovered the worlds oldest perfume bottle in Cyprus.

How to Get Around Cyprus

By Train + Ferry -One method of getting to Cyprus is by taking a train from the UK to either Turkey or Greece. From there you can catch a ferry the rest of the way. When travelling by train and ferry, anticipate a journey of at least 5 days.

By Plane -The two main international airports in Cyprus are Larnaca International and Paphos International. These airports handle around 7 million passengers, most of whom are tourists travelling to Cyprus on holiday. Larnaca International is the larger of the two. The best way to get to and from the airport is by [car-hire](#).

By Bus -Cyprus has a robust public transport system. [Click here](#) for more information about bus routes, timetables, fares, stops, maps, and more.

By Car -The best way to [get around Cyprus](#) is by car-hire. There are car-hire services in many of Cypruss major cities, like [Paphos](#) and [Larnaca](#). With a car-hire service, you have complete freedom over where you want to go and when. You also dont have to navigate a foreign public transport system.