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## PRE-ARRIVAL

### Introduction to Cyprus

Cyprus is an island with a rich history. Its history is enriched by its Greek heritage, but, being at the crossroads of three continents, it has endured a multitude of conquerors each one leaving behind several elements of their culture.

After the 1974 Turkish invasion, Cyprus is geographically divided in two parts: Northern Cyprus which is inhabited by Turkish Cypriots and southern Cyprus which is mainly inhabited by Greek Cypriots, the biggest community on the island. Before that, the two communities, along with some other minorities, used to co-exist. The case of Nicosia city constitutes an interesting one since it is the world's last divided capital.

Cyprus was once among the richest countries in the world (owing to its copper resources). Nowadays, the main economy of southern Cyprus is dominated by the service sector, with tourism, financial services and real estate being the most important sectors. Among these, tourism constitutes the primary source of income. With over 2 million tourist arrivals per year, Cyprus is the 40<sup>th</sup> most popular destination in the world. In recent years, Cyprus has also witnessed an increase in manufacturing and exporting (to

Europe and Middle East) goods and services including citrus fruit, cement, potatoes, clothing and pharmaceuticals.

The infrastructure of Cypriot cities of the south has also been upgraded recently with the addition of bicycle lanes, parks, shops and many more local amenities. Big shopping malls, as well as small independent shops, have been on the increase in Cyprus whose quality draws visitors from all over the island. Besides the creation of designated dog parks, there are parks that, by popular demand, are primarily dominated by specific ethnicities and serve as a reference meeting point for their leisure time.

As for leisure time, there are many things to do. The old city of Nicosia is very picturesque, with its graphic pedestrian brick road lined with many restaurants, cafeterias, bars and clubs. If you would like to go for a walk along the blue flag beaches of Cyprus, the nearest seaside is just thirty minutes' drive from Nicosia. For those who love travelling, visiting other European countries for a weekend is very easy as many airlines fly to and from southern Cyprus. Living in Cyprus means you can spend your holidays by the sea or in the mountains.

Sports, in Cyprus, and especially football, have achieved a level of professionalism in the last five

years which are comparable to big European clubs. Local clubs have earned their way into the Champion's League 32 Finalists, thus bringing giants of the trade like FC Barcelona and Real Madrid to the island. In addition, basketball, volleyball, cricket, tennis, cycling and other sports have also been on the rise.

In general, life on the island is characterised by convenience afforded by its small-scale kindness generated by the people's inherent up-bringing, cosmopolitan lifestyle.

This is due to its increase in demographics and recently discovered natural gas and oil which brought investors from all over the world. As a student, you can start your day by going to class, then grab a coffee on your way to work, before heading to Aphrodite's birth place to enjoy the sunset. Then, you may return home for dinner before going to the theatre or the cinema, or to a bar to watch a game. It seems that on this island there is something for everyone and someone for everything!



## Geography, Population & Language

Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean and covers an area of 3,572 sq mi (9,251 km<sup>2</sup>). It is smaller than Sicily and Sardinia, but larger than Corsica and Crete. It stands at the crossroads of Europe, Africa and Asia, and it has a picturesque coastline of 402.6 mi (648 km) with long sandy beaches and a rich variety of vegetation and fruit.



LOCATION DIAGRAM

In the last few years, the population of Cyprus has increased, due to its accession to the European Union, and has become a multicultural place. The current population of the entire island is 1 192 285. The official languages are Greek and Turkish, but English holds a

dominant position too. Nicosia is the capital of Cyprus and it is located in the centre of the island. Other cities and areas worth visiting are Limassol, Larnaca, Paphos, Ayia Napa and Protaras.

## Weather & Time zone



Cyprus has a Mediterranean climate; it is generally dry and warm with sunshine likely on most days of the year. The winter is mild with often heavy, tropical-style rainstorms. The ski season usually runs from January to March. The summer is hot and dry, and perfect for swimming. With more than 340 days of sunshine, residents and tourists get to enjoy the sandy beaches of Cyprus throughout the year.



The local time in Cyprus is two hours ahead of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time).



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## Ports & Airports



There are two ports in southern Cyprus. Larnaca Marina is a large port in Larnaca while the main commercial port of Cyprus is in Limassol. Likewise, there are two international airports in southern Cyprus, one in Larnaca (a thirty-minute drive from Nicosia) and one in Paphos (one-hour-fifteen-minute drive from Nicosia). There are over 28 international airlines flying to and from Cyprus. Casa College offers students free transportation from the airport to Nicosia from Monday to Friday, 9:00 until 21:00. Transportation during other times is not free of charge. Students or agents must request this service at least 48 hours before arriving in Cyprus.



With two international airports located in Larnaca and Paphos, and with the increasingly popular transit region of Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Qatar just three hours away, coming to Cyprus is easier than



ever. Students from Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, China, Nepal, Vietnam, Sri Lanka and Africa usually connect in Dubai, Abu Dhabi or Qatar. All three airports have daily flights to Larnaca airport, with the most popular airlines being Qatar Airways, Etihad, Gulf Air and Emirates. In addition, there are daily flights from the most European capitals with the biggest airlines in the world, including British Airways, Lufthansa, KLM, Swiss Air and many more. Direct flights to eastern European countries are also available with the most popular destinations being Moscow and Kiev.



## Currency



On January 1<sup>st</sup> 2008, the Republic of Cyprus introduced the Euro (€) as its official currency, replacing the Cyprus pound (CY£) as the legal tender of Cyprus. There are seven denominations in Euro banknotes: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500. They are all distinguished by a different colour and size, with the higher the denomination, the bigger the size. One Euro is divided into 100 cents. There are eight Euro coins: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents, and €1 and €2. The design on the one side of the coins are common to all the countries of the Eurozone (those with the Euro as their

currency), while the other side reflects the national identity of the issuing country. All Euro coins can be used in all Eurozone countries, irrespective of their national side.



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## Cyprus and the European Community



In 2004, Cyprus joined the European Union and therefore enjoys political, economic, social, environmental and other advantages. Cyprus is the 118<sup>th</sup> largest export economy in the world. The top export destinations of Cyprus are Greece, Israel, the

United Kingdom, Libya and Germany. Furthermore, Cyprus is a member of the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the British Commonwealth and the Non-Aligned Movement, while it is currently in the process of joining the Schengen area.



## Emergency



112 is the European emergency phone number, available everywhere in the European Union, and it is free of charge. It is possible to call 112 from any phone to contact any emergency service: an ambulance, the fire brigade or the police. When a person dials 112, a specially trained operator will answer the call. Depending on the national organisation of emergency services, the operator will either deal with the request directly or transfer the call to the most appropriate emergency service. In many countries, operators can answer the calls not only in their national language, but also in English. If the caller does not know where (s)he is, the operator will identify the location and transfer the call to the emergency authorities, so that these can help him/her immediately. Have in mind that 112 operators respond only to real emergencies.

near *IKEA* and *The Mall of Cyprus*), other popular private hospitals are *Apollonion*, *Areteio*, *Evangelistria* and *Hippocrateon*. The closest one to both campuses that has a Casualty Department with ambulances for urgent incidents operating 24 hours on a daily basis is *Areteio Hospital*. All students should try to familiarise themselves with the closest emergency and medical centre to their home.



*Apollonion Private Hospital*  
20 Lefkotheou Street,  
Strovolos-Nicosia, Tel. 22469000

*Areteio Hospital*  
55-57 Andrea Avraamidi Street,  
Strovolos-Nicosia, Tel. 22200300

*Evangelistria Clinic*  
1 Michael Giorgalla Street,  
Engomi-Nicosia, Tel. 22410100

*Hippocrateon Private Hospital*  
10 Psaron Street, Engomi-Nicosia,  
Tel. 22502000

*Nicosia General Hospital*  
215 Limassol Old Road,  
Strovolos-Nicosia, Tel. 22603000

## Hospitals



Nicosia has hospitals in almost every major neighbourhood. In addition to the government owned, Nicosia General Hospital (located

## Pharmacy



There are at least 2-3 pharmacies in every avenue in Nicosia. Many medications require prescription from a doctor. Students should try to locate their closest pharmacy. The closest pharmacy to Campus A (750m away) is *Salamis Pharmacy* at 39 Themistokli Dervi Avenue (tel. 22768279), whereas the closest one to Campus B (250m away) is *Mouskides Dimos* at 3 Nikis Avenue (tel. 22317259).

In addition, pharmacies are closed on Wednesday and Saturday afternoon, and on Sunday all day. There are, however, designated pharmacies that are open in some areas of the city. The easiest ways to locate these are either to visit [www.cna.org.cy](http://www.cna.org.cy) or to download the application PHARMACY on your iPhone or android. This gives you a list of all open pharmacies by area, along with directions on how to get there and their phone numbers.

## Medical insurance



According to the Cyprus government law, all foreign students are required to undertake a medical insurance. Our College collaborates with *Hydra Insurance* and *SoEasy Insurance* that offer a medical plan providing coverage for in-patient and out-patient treatment, as well as childbirth and repatriation of the mortal.



**Hydra Insurance**

Description of Cover Provided	Coverage (Euro)
<b>In-patient treatment</b>	
Maximum amount per illness or accident	8.600
Maximum amount per period of insurance	14.000
Hospitalisation per day (room & board)	70
Hospitalisation in an intensive unit per day	180
<b>Out-patient treatment</b>	
Maximum amount per illness or accident	700
Maximum amount per period of insurance	1.800
Maximum amount per doctor visit	20
<b>Cover for the repatriation of the mortal remains up to</b>	<b>3.500</b>

**SoEasy Insurance**

Description of Cover Provided	Coverage (Euro)
<b>In-patient treatment</b>	
Maximum amount per illness or accident	8.600
Maximum amount per period of insurance	13.750
Hospitalisation per day (room & board)	70
Hospitalisation in an intensive unit per day	170
<b>Out-patient treatment</b>	
Maximum amount per illness or accident	700
Maximum amount per period of insurance	1.750
Maximum amount per doctor visit	17,50
Maximum amount for medications	180
Maximum amount for diagnostic tests	180
Deductible amount per year	10
<b>Childbirth (normal or caesarean) lump sum payment provided</b>	<b>525</b>
<b>Cover for the repatriation of the mortal remains up to</b>	<b>3.500</b>



## SETTLING IN Accommodation



The College assists students in finding adequate accommodation during their studies. Due to the central location of our campuses, there is a wide array of accommodation according to one's needs, within a reasonable distance and cost. The typical student accommodation is a two-, three- or four-bedroom fully-furnished flat to share. The typical rent is approximately €70 to €200 per person per month, depending on the type of accommodation and amenities.

In any case, students can search online for accommodation at [www.homegreekhome.com](http://www.homegreekhome.com), [www.gplazarou.com](http://www.gplazarou.com) and [www.flattii.com](http://www.flattii.com).

## SERVICES

### Embassies/Consulates

*Bangladeshi Honorary Consulate General*  
96-102 Zenonos Kitieos Street,  
Larnaca, Tel. 24659200

*Chinese Embassy*  
28 Archimidous Street,  
Engomi-Nicosia, Tel. 22352182

*Indian High Commission*  
3 Indira Gandhi Street,  
Engomi-Nicosia, Tel. 22351741

*Nepalese Honorary Consulate*  
71 Stavrou Avenue,  
Strovolos-Nicosia, Tel. 22255511

*Pakistani Honorary Consulate*  
64 Omirou Street, Imperium Tower,  
Limassol, Tel. 25842248

*Russian Embassy*  
Ayios Prokopios & Arch. Makarios  
III Street,  
Engomi-Nicosia, Tel. 22774622

*Consulate of Central African Republic*  
33 Queen Frederica Street,  
Palais D' Ivoire Building,  
Nicosia, Tel. 22676618

*Kenyan Consulate*  
20 Omirou Avenue,  
Nicosia, Tel. 22671313

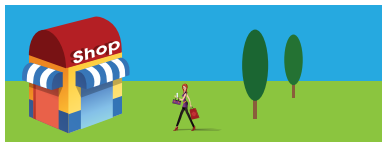
*Sri Lankan Honorary Consulate*  
104 Faneromenis Avenue,  
Larnaca, Tel. 24659070

*Vietnamese Honorary Consulate*  
R. Feraiou & A. Zakou Corner,  
Limassol, Tel. 25343488

To find your country's embassy or consulate in Cyprus, visit [www.embassypages.com/cyprus](http://www.embassypages.com/cyprus).



## Shopping



There are many shopping spots in Nicosia.

### SHOPPING MALLS

**The Mall of Cyprus:** It merges the world's most desirable brands, shopping convenience and leisure in a superb setting with an attractive mix of retail stores and international brands such as *Debenhams*, *Zara*, *Benetton*, *Public*, *Intersport*, as well as a cinema, a supermarket and an organised food court with cafeterias and restaurants such as *Starbucks*, *TGI Fridays* and *McDonald's*. *The Mall of Cyprus* is located at the Shacolas Emporium Park, a modern shopping complex in Nicosia. For more information, visit their website at [www.themallofcyprus.com](http://www.themallofcyprus.com). Students can get on the bus number 160 from the main bus terminal at Solomou Square and go directly to the mall.

**Mall of Engomi:** It is a local multifunctional retail centre located in West Nicosia. For more information, visit their website at [www.themallofengomi.com](http://www.themallofengomi.com). Students can take the bus number 123 from the main bus terminal at Solomou Square and go directly to the mall.



**Nicosia Mall:** It is located in Lakatamia and it is just a 15-minute drive from the centre of Nicosia. Shopping clearly lies at the heart of the Nicosia Mall as it amounts to 150 stores and it has a strategic choice of fashion, beauty and leisure stores, as well as the island's largest number of sporting brands under the same roof.

**Neo Plaza:** Located in Kokkinotrimithia just 15 minutes from central Nicosia, Neo Plaza is the first retail and fun park in Cyprus. It combines fashion, food and entertainment for all ages, in a safe open-air environment.



## SHOPPING STREETS



**Ledra Street:** It is located in the heart of the old town of Nicosia, a picturesque area rich in history and culture. Ledra Street and the surrounding vibrant pedestrian lanes are famous for their shops, cafeterias and restaurants. You can find all sorts of shops from large department stores to small artistic shops selling local handmade art and crafts. If you wish to combine your shopping with some sightseeing, there are many sites of interest to discover as scrolling around the old town, such as the Hamam Omerye Baths, museums, art galleries, historical buildings and monuments. You may also take the opportunity to cross the UN Buffer Zone, and visit the Turkish occupied area and the old market. To do so, passports are required.

**Makariou Street:** It is in the centre of Nicosia and covers a distance of 2 km (1.2 mi). It is a 10-minute walk from Ledra Street. The avenue was named after the first President of

Cyprus, Archbishop Makarios III. The area has been transformed into a commercial district with many of the original buildings demolished to make way for shops and office blocks. The most prominent features of Makariou Avenue are the various fashion shops, boutiques, cafeterias, bars and restaurants. During the Christmas holiday, this avenue along with Ledra Street and Eleftherias Square are decorated with ornaments and lights to hold a series of festive activities and events.



## FEATURED STORES

**IKEA:** Students who wish to buy furniture or some household goods at a very reasonable price can visit *IKEA*. It is a multinational group of companies that designs and sells ready-to-assemble furniture (such as beds, chairs and desks), appliances, small motor vehicles and home accessories. *IKEA* is next to *The Mall of Cyprus* and is easily accessible with the second largest bus terminal situated nearby. You can get on the bus number 160 from the main bus terminal at Solomou Square and go to *IKEA*. Otherwise, you can also shop



online at [www.ikea.com.cy](http://www.ikea.com.cy) where you can find the online catalogue with all the products and prices.

**LEROY MERLIN:** It is a do-it-yourself hypermarket. It is a place where everyone can find the products and specialised advice they need, whatever their desires, needs, or level of expertise may be. Its business is divided into six main sectors: DIY, building, gardening, sanitary equipment, renewable energy and interior decoration.



**SUPER HOME CENTRE:** It is a low-budget option for purchasing all types of homeware. In their five stores running in Cyprus, you can find a large variety of products for the house, garden, office and car, as well as raw materials, tools and products for amateurs and professional craftsmen.

Visit their website for more information at [www.superhomecentre.com.cy](http://www.superhomecentre.com.cy).



**JUMBO:** It is one of the largest and cheapest toy stores in Cyprus. It is easy to reach in Nicosia, Larnaca or Limassol and has a wide variety of toys ranging from educational to dexterous.



Jumbo Nicosia is one of the most trusted and visited spots for kids and guardians. You can also find cheap clothes, food, electronics and stationary. Visit their website for further information at [www.jumbocyprus.com](http://www.jumbocyprus.com).



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## Supermarkets



There are many supermarkets in Nicosia. Almost on every street corner, you can find your small grocery store that caters to your everyday necessities. According to surveys, *Athienitis* ([www.athienitis.com](http://www.athienitis.com)) is the cheapest supermarket in Nicosia. Then, there are the big supermarket chains like *Sklavenitis*, *Alpha Mega* ([www.alphamega.com.cy](http://www.alphamega.com.cy)), *Lidl* ([www.lidl.com.cy](http://www.lidl.com.cy)) and *PopLife*. Of these, *Lidl* is probably the cheapest option.

Apart from supermarkets, there is also the *Nicosia Open Market* which is held every Wednesday from sunrise to sunset near the OCHI ('OXI') roundabout in the old city. You can find there many producers from various parts of Cyprus who sell their products, such as fruit and vegetables, pickles, bread and many more. Prices are very low and if you go towards the end of the day, you can get special offers.

In addition, you can find stores that cater to every cuisine and religious beliefs. Some popular options are listed here.

## African

*African Shop Nicosia*  
Tel. 96210445

*South African Products in CY*  
4 Pnytagorou Street,  
Lakatamia-Nicosia, Tel. 99564045

## Bulgarian

*Bul-Cheese Minimarket*  
1G Kallipoleos Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 99335026

## Chinese

*Chinese Grocery*  
4 Markou Drakou Street,  
Pallouriotissa-Nicosia, Tel. 22344318

*Chinese Supermarket*  
10 Digeni Akrita Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 99809979

*Chinese & Asian Food Market*  
64 Vasileos Georgiou Street,  
Limassol, Tel. 99809979

## Halal Butchery

*Al-Omarya Halal Mini Market*  
10 Achilleos Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 96461860

## Indian & Pakistani

*Imran Superstore*  
22B Constantinou Paleologou  
Street, Nicosia Old Town,  
Tel. 22108772 / 96583808

*Indian Store*  
26 Aristotelous Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 22668901

*Vama Indian Shop*  
6 Paphou Street, Latsia-Nicosia,  
Tel. 22467588

## Russian

### *Apelsin Minimarket*

82 Georgiou Griva Digeni Street,  
Limassol, Tel. 25581786

### *Mini Mix Russian Mini Market*

(1) 12D Pindarou Street, Nicosia  
(2) 18 John Kennedy Street,  
Pallouriotissa-Nicosia  
(3) 115B Gregory Afxendiou Street,  
Agios Dometios-Nicosia  
Tel. 22374534

### *Nastenka Minimarket*

90 Gregory Afxendiou Street,  
Agios Dometios-Nicosia,  
Tel. 22102066

### *Slavyanka Russian Shop*

31 Christaki Kranou Street,  
Limassol, Tel. 25317631

## Telephone



Cyprus has one of the best and cheapest telecommunication services in the world. It is connected by ISD (Instant Self Dialling). There are several telecommunication companies from which you can get a local telephone number. The first one is the government-owned company, *CYTA*, that has many offers for new customers, albeit more expensive than privately-owned companies such as *Cablenet*, *MTN* and *Primetel*. For further information,

visit their websites at

[www.cyta.com.cy](http://www.cyta.com.cy),  
[www.cablenet.com.cy](http://www.cablenet.com.cy),  
[www.epic.com.cy](http://www.epic.com.cy), and  
[www.primetel.com.cy](http://www.primetel.com.cy).

All companies also provide landline, internet and cable television subscription.



## Electricity



Electrical sockets in Cyprus are the same as in the UK and all commonwealth countries. They are 240 Volts, with a 3-pin socket. If you need an electrical adaptor, you can buy one at supermarkets or electrical appliances stores for about €3.



## MANAGING FINANCES



Upon arriving to Cyprus, students should open a bank account. This is useful when renting apartments, paying utility bills and many more. In addition, banks offer students many rewards when using their student credit card for purchases.

As a College, we recommend students to create an account at the *Bank of Cyprus*. The following branches are the ones closest to the College:



*Bank of Cyprus (Branch 0175)*  
67 Kennedy Avenue, Nicosia,  
Tel. 22121010

*Bank of Cyprus (Branch 0113)*  
39 Archbishop Makarios III Avenue,  
Nicosia, Tel. 22121290



Finally, students who wish to create an account at another bank, they have many options such as:



*Alpha Bank*  
140 Athalassas Avenue,  
Strovolos-Nicosia,  
Tel. 22881400



*Astrobank*  
66 Akropoleos Avenue, Nicosia,  
Tel. 22575555



*Hellenic Bank*  
31 Kyriakou Matsi Avenue,  
Agii Omologites-Nicosia,  
Tel. 22500100



*RCB Bank*  
132 Limassol Avenue,  
Strovolos-Nicosia,  
Tel. 25355722



*Société Générale*  
88 Digenis Akritas Avenue &  
36 Kypranoros Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 80007777

## LAWS & LEGISLATION

### Criminality



Criminality rate in Cyprus is one of the lowest in the world, according to the European Crime Prevention Network. It seems that the rate of serious crime in Cyprus compared to international standards, as indicated by International Crime Statistics, can be described as very low. In general, Cyprus is a safe country and experiences less violent crime than other European countries of similar size.

### Working



Based on the legislation of Cyprus (Aliens and Immigration Law No. 184(1)/2007), students are permitted to work 20 hours per week (part-time) during the normal academic semesters and 38 hours per week (full-time) during their holidays. This legislation covers only students who have been in

Cyprus for six months. Employment should take place outside their study-time. The work opportunities which students can pursue are governed by the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance.

No	Economic activity	Employment
1	Industry – Repairs	Freight handlers in wholesale trade and labourers at petrol stations and car wash
2	Health – Social services	Caregivers in homes for the elderly provided that the provisions of the relevant law are fulfilled
3	Household activities	Circumstantial work in households
4	Manufacturing	Labourers in bakeries, in animal feed production, in waste recycling and night shift labourers
5	Agriculture – Husbandry – Fishing	Labourers in agriculture, fishing and husbandry
6	Other activities	Building cleaners
7	Catering	Delivery
8	Restaurants	Kitchen assistants, cleaner
9	Hotels	Kitchen assistants, cleaner

Students can check our website frequently for advertisements of some work opportunities, especially found on HOSCO hospitality network.

## STUDYING AT CASA COLLEGE

### TO BEGIN

#### Transportation

Public transport service in Cyprus operates by private companies regulated by the government. The bus fare is paid directly to the bus driver. Weekly and monthly tickets can be purchased from ticket offices in all cities. One-day multiple-route tickets for all districts are also available. University and college students have a 50% discount with a valid student ID.

#### BUSES



**OSEL:** This is the public transportation organisation of the Nicosia district. They offer modern buses and regular services throughout Nicosia and adjoining cities. A night bus service operates from 21:00-04:00. A monthly bus ticket for students is €20. Motion Bus Card is also available as a reloadable pass which can be charged with up to three different period fares and with cash. Further information can be found on the CYPRUS BUS application by Motion.

There are three main bus terminals in Nicosia with the largest one in the city centre at Solomou Square (tel. 22667350) which is near Casa College Campus A. Students can get the bus number 106 or 114 from the main bus terminal at Solomou Square to get to Campus B. For more information on routes, bus tickets and time schedules, visit the website at [www.osel.com.cy](http://www.osel.com.cy), or call 22468088 or 77777755 which offers 24-hour service. Similar companies are found within the other cities:

EMEL (Limassol), Tel. 77778121

OSYPA (Paphos), Tel. 80005588

ZINONAS Buses (Larnaca),  
Tel. 86007744

OSEA (Famagusta), Tel. 23819090



**Intercity Buses:** It is the bus company providing service linking all major towns. There are regular services on popular routes. There is limited bus service on Sunday with some routes having no service at all. Bicycles can be taken on some buses serving the main intercity routes. For more information, visit their website [www.intercity-buses.com](http://www.intercity-buses.com) or call 80007789.

**Kapnos Airport Shuttle:** It offers a frequent and convenient solution

for your transport from Nicosia to Larnaca/Paphos Airport, or Larnaca to Paphos Airport. They have recently introduced a new destination from Larnaca/Paphos Airport to Ayia Napa and Protaras. The Nicosia station is situated on Kyrenias Avenue. They provide a comfortable seating area equipped with television screens for the route information, coffee/drinks vending machines, a weighing balance for your luggage, and free internet check-in desk facilities. They offer discounted fares for students, as well as facilities for people with disabilities. For more information or bookings, visit [www.kapnosairportshuttle.com](http://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com).

## TAXIS



**Travel & Express:** This private company offers intercity taxis operating frequent routes. This service has an online booking system that allows the customer to book a seat and transport to another city. They also have an Airport Intercity Taxi travelling from/to Larnaca Airport and Paphos Airport direct from/to your door. You can find more information about it at [www.travelexpress.com](http://www.travelexpress.com) or by calling 22730888.

Taxi services are also offered all

over the island by the following companies:

*Prime Cyprus Taxi*

Tel. 70001550

*Taxi Cyprus*

Tel. 22262999

*Millenium Taxi*

Tel. 22813813

*Orfanou Chauffeur Services*

Tel. 22511511

*Vip Taxi Cyprus*

Tel. 97648598

## Parking



Parking is available upon request in a gated parking lot for €25 per month.

## Orientation

Once students arrive in Cyprus, the College offers free transportation from the airport to Nicosia. They are kindly asked to settle any balance and extra course fees they have with the College within the first two days of arrival. Students are obliged by the government to undergo a blood test and a chest x-ray. Before the commencement of classes, each student meets individually with the Director of Academic Studies to discuss and choose the subjects of the first semester. For further information, contact the Student Affairs & Welfare Office at [studentaffairs@casacollege.ac.cy](mailto:studentaffairs@casacollege.ac.cy) or call 22681882.

## Dress Code & Hygiene



Students are expected to dress neatly and appropriately at all times. They are required to show proper attention to personal cleanliness, neatness and appearance. Provocative fashion should be avoided. Students must use the proper practice of personal hygiene for the prevention and control of important public health diseases.

## STUDENT ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION



### CONTACTS DETAILS

The list below includes the contact details of the administrative staff at Casa College. For a full list, visit the College's website, or contact us:

[www.casacollege.ac.cy](http://www.casacollege.ac.cy)

Tel, 22 681 822

### Academic

Email: [academicdirector@casacollege.ac.cy](mailto:academicdirector@casacollege.ac.cy)

### Head Registrar

Email: [headregistrar@casacollege.ac.cy](mailto:headregistrar@casacollege.ac.cy)  
[registrar@casacollege.ac.cy](mailto:registrar@casacollege.ac.cy)

### Finances & Economics

Email: [accounting@casacollege.ac.cy](mailto:accounting@casacollege.ac.cy)

### Student Affairs & Welfare

Email: [studentaffairs@casacollege.ac.cy](mailto:studentaffairs@casacollege.ac.cy)

### Admissions & Enrolment

Email: [admissions@casacollege.ac.cy](mailto:admissions@casacollege.ac.cy)

### Reception

Email: [reception@casacollege.ac.cy](mailto:reception@casacollege.ac.cy)

### Migration

Email: [migration@casacollege.ac.cy](mailto:migration@casacollege.ac.cy)



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## European Youth Card



The European Youth Card is a discount card for young people aged between 13-30 years old and it offers special discounts on hundreds of products and services in Cyprus and in 42 other countries. This card mainly aims at enhancing:

- a) prosperity and protection of young people,
- b) social, cultural and spiritual development, and
- c) mobility opportunities.



To issue a European Youth Card, students are required to fill-in a *Youth Card Request Form* at the Reception Desk and the College will forward it to the Youth Board of Cyprus (YBC).





## CAMPUS & FACILITIES

### Premises

There are two campuses at Casa College. Campus A is centrally located at 18 Theofani Theodotou Street, 1160 Nicosia, a two-minute walk from the main bus terminal at Solomou Square. Campus B is also centrally located at 3 Jean Moreas Street, 1075 Nicosia. Students can get the bus number 106 or 114 from the main bus terminal at Solomou Square and go directly to Campus B. The administration offices are located in this campus along with many lecture rooms and computer labs. All classrooms and communal areas are fully air-conditioned, adequately lit and a free Wi-Fi zone. In addition, all classrooms have built-in projectors for more interactive lessons.

### Library services



The College Library is located in Campus B. It provides information, resources and services to support subjects and foster independent study. Materials are available in a pleasant environment where students can study and do research. The Library is equipped with an excellent collection of publications, periodicals and audio-visual aids. It also includes

leisure readings from Cyprus, England, France, Italy and the USA. In the Library, you can find:

- at least one copy of the recommended textbook for every class,
- a wide range of social science reading materials,
- texts on study skills, and
- copies of or online access to quality newspapers, periodicals, journals and e-books.

The security of books is ensured administratively.

In addition, there is the Casa College Online Library used exclusively by our students who are requested to visit the website [www.casacollege.ac.cy](http://www.casacollege.ac.cy) and register in order to have access to thousands of books related to their course. You can contact the librarian at [library@casacollege.ac.cy](mailto:library@casacollege.ac.cy) for any enquiries. Lecture notes and supplementary material are found on the Moodle platform which can be accessed through the College website ([www.casacollege.com/moodle/](http://www.casacollege.com/moodle/)).



## FACILITIES

### Computer labs



The College boasts two fully equipped computer labs. They are located in both campuses. Students have the opportunity to use the labs either as part of their studies (complete assignments and do research) or for leisure (only in Campus A).

### Hotel Administration Facilities



The College prides itself in the facilities that offers the Hotel Administration students. It is equipped with a fully functional and professional kitchen, and a hotel restaurant as teaching labs of the Hotel Administration course. Both are located in Campus A. Our students utilise the kitchen for their practical cooking sessions and the food and beverage subjects, providing them with the opportunity to practise their newly acquired skills in a real-life professional setting.

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT

### Academic Mentors



The academic mentors of Casa College provide support and guidance to students during their studies. Normally, the role of an academic mentor is to listen, empathise and advise students on academic and career path matters. Visit the College's website to find information about the academic mentors of our College, or contact the Head Registrar.

### English Language Support



Casa College offers students the opportunity to prepare for the IELTS examination in collaboration with the British Council. For more information about the test and registration, visit [www.IELTS.org](http://www.IELTS.org) or send an email to the College IELTS advisor at [english@casacollege.ac.cy](mailto:english@casacollege.ac.cy) for any enquiries.

## STUDENT SUPPORT



The Student Affairs and Welfare Department aims at providing students with support and developing their self-esteem and performance, so they can be successful in their academic and personal life.

### Counseling support

- Psychological/mental support
- Organizing extra-curricular activities/
- Facilitations for disabled.

### Academic Service

- Orientation Days
- Educational Advisor
- Academic Mentoring
- Peer Tutoring

### Housing Support

- Help finding accommodation

### Professional Support Services

- Summer placement
- Seminars/ event (Career Days, CV writing workshop, educational trips, etc)
- HOSCO

## Financial Support

- Scholarships/Grants for new and continuing students
- Tuition Payment Plans

### Student support through learning tools:

**Moodle:** It is used by lecturers and students as a support, where course material and relevant up-to-date information is available. Through Moodle, students can receive feedback from their lecturers, or they can communicate with them. Also, midterm and final exam results are announced in Moodle.

**Microsoft Teams:** This is used mostly for the online lessons, where we conduct group meetings any time form any place. It is another tool used to share material and news.

**Student support through informative tools:** All members of Casa College community (students, faculty and administrative staff) upon enrolment receive an email address with the domain name of the college (@casacollege.ac.cy) to be used for communication within or related to the College.

## STUDENT VOICE



### Student Satisfaction Survey- Admissions (online)

It measures students' satisfaction with the admission policies and procedure applied at the College.

### Student Satisfaction Survey- Video Lecture (online)

It assesses students' views regarding video lectures ( a teaching tool used for remote learning during COVID-19)

### Student Council

### Participation in statutory committees

### Lecturer Evaluation Questionnaire

It measures quality of teaching, assignments, the lecturer's skills and expectations.

### Library Evaluation Questionnaire

It measures students' satisfaction with the library services.

### Campus Climate Survey (online)

It helps to understand the present climate at the College and to inform decisions about supporting a diverse and inclusive community.

### Complaint Form

Students have the right to file a complaint about any issue by completing this Form.



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## SAFETY ON CAMPUS



24-hour CCTV cameras are in operation on both campuses for security reasons. These cameras are monitored by an outside security company. In any case, however, students should never leave their personal belongings or valuable items unattended.

## COURSES

Casa College offers different courses, from which successful students graduate with one of the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts in Hotel Administration (4 year + 1 year optional foundation)

- Certificate in Adult Nursing (1 year + 1 optional foundation year)
- Certificate in Cruise Ship Hospitality Operations (1 year + 1 optional foundation year)



## REGULATIONS & POLICIES



### Criteria for the Admission of Students in the College

Casa College follows a non-discrimination admissions policy and actively seeks to recruit and enrol students of different backgrounds, interests, talents and cultures, in order to create and sustain a multicultural environment. Therefore, the student population of our College is diverse and multicultural, blending their different backgrounds, interests and heritage to create a truly global learning environment. The admissions policy of the College relies on each applicant's past records (primarily high school grades), and it grants admission depending on each applicant's qualifications and educational objectives. All candidates should hold a six-year School Leaving Certificate or an equivalent qualification, as well as evidence of English proficiency (IELTS 5 minimum).

### Registration Process

First time European applicants must submit the following documents:

- ID or passport,
- their School Leaving Certificate, either original or a certified true copy, from a secondary school with six-year duration, or an equivalent qualification,
- receipt of paid fees and other charges,





- receipt of paid fees for the year or semester of study.

Students who wish to re-register must:

- fill-in and sign a *Re-registration Form*,



- a *Registration Form* properly completed and signed by the student, and
- three recent passport-size photographs.

**First time non-European applicants must submit the following documents:**

- passport or other official travelling document, which after being photocopied is returned to its owner (valid for at least two years),
- receipt of paid fees for the whole year issued by a bank in their country and receipt from the College that the money has been duly received,
- certificate of successful completion of the previous year or semester of study, and

- contact the Head Registrar to check the student's attendance, marks and disciplinary behaviour,
- pay tuition and other fees at the Office of Finances & Economics,
- apply for a Pink Card to the Migration Officer, and
- apply for a European Youth Card to the Receptionist.



## Periods of Registration

For purposes of registration, examination, assessment and promotion, the academic year is divided into three semesters. The first academic semester (Fall Semester) begins on the second week of October and finishes by the end of January. The second academic semester (Spring Semester) begins on the second week of February and finishes by the end of May. The third academic semester (Summer Semester), which runs only for new students, begins on the second week of June and finishes by the end of September. The exact dates and the complete Academic Calendar of the current year can be found in the Prospectus or on the College's website.



Registration takes place for all courses as follows:

- for the Fall Semester, in September before the beginning of classes,

- for the Spring Semester, in January before the beginning of classes, and
- for the Summer Semester, in May and June before the beginning of classes.

The re-registration period for the Spring Semester is until the 31<sup>st</sup> of January and for the Fall Semester is until the 31<sup>st</sup> of August.

Casa College reserves the right to refuse changes in courses and subjects both for educational and administrative reasons any time.

## Late Registration

### **LATE REGISTRATION**

Students who do not register for their course during the designated registration period cannot be assured a place in the classes they wish to take and they will be charged with a late registration fee. The lecturers are not obliged to give make-up tests or homework to a student who registered after the late registration period. Students should decide on the subjects to select on the day of the registration. After that, they are not allowed to make any changes regarding subjects or courses.



## Transfer Students

### A) Transfer from one course to another:

Students can transfer from one course to another without exams before the commencement of the new semester or academic year. To do this, the student must submit his/her application form (*Change of Course Form* and *Transfer Credit Evaluation Form*) to the Academic Director of Studies in time. The application is examined by the Director of Academic Studies and the Course Coordinator.

The confirmation of a transfer is given after the approval of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Civil Registry and Migration Department.

### B) Transfer to Casa College from other educational institutions:

Students interested in transferring to our College must apply to the Director of Academic Studies stating the reasons for this transfer (complete the *Transfer to Casa College Form*). His/her application must be accompanied by a transcript and/or progress report with the marks and ECTS/credits of each subject.



After the evaluation of the academic qualifications of the student wishing to transfer to our College, the student who has the required number of ECTS/credits will register for the corresponding semester. All transfers are examined by the Director of Academic Studies and the Course Coordinator. The confirmation of a transfer is given after the approval of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Civil Registry and Migration Department.



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## Examinations & Marking

The assessment of students is made-up of two components:

- continuous assessment
- final written exam

Regarding practical subjects, these may have only continuous assessment without any written final exam. In such cases, the

lecturer can evaluate the students during workshops through various practical tasks at the end of the semester. The students' grades on these workshop tasks will represent their final written mark for that semester.

Marking may take the form of a number or a characteristic of a group of various types of marking, as shown in the table below:

ECTS MARK	FINAL GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)	NUMBER MARK	MARK'S DESCRIPTION
A	4.00	93-100	Excellent
A-	3.67	90-92	Very good
B+	3.33	87-89	Good
B	3.00	83-86	Good
B-	2.67	80-82	Good
C+	2.33	77-79	Satisfactory
C	2.00	73-76	Satisfactory
C-	1.67	70-72	Satisfactory
D+	1.33	67-69	Poor
D	1.00	60-66	Poor
D-	0.67	50-59	Unsatisfactory
F	0.00	0-49	Fail
I	0.00	0	Incomplete
W	0.00	0	Withdrawal
P	0.00	0	Pass
AU	0.00	0	Audit
TR	0.00	0	Transferred

The 60 marks of the continuous assessment consist of:

- the midterm exam (20 marks),
- attendance (10 marks),
- participation, cooperation and involvement in the lesson (10 marks), and
- homework, quizzes, tests and any other written exercises (20 marks).

The final written exam carries 40 marks and takes place at the end of each academic semester. This exam tests the whole content of a subject taught in the current semester. The passing mark for each subject is 50/100.

## Conditions for Promotion & Graduation from the College

The student is promoted if (s)he obtains 50/100 in each subject. If a student fails the Fall Semester, (s)he is referred for re-examination in February. If a student fails the Spring Semester, (s)he is referred for re-examination in June. The re-examination is written and concerns the whole content of a subject taught in the current semester. The passing mark for this re-examination is 50/100. Students who fail in the re-take exams are allowed to repeat the subject(s) they have failed in the following semester.



## Internal Rules & Procedures



There is a set of Internal Rules and Procedures at the College which can be obtained from the Director of Academic Studies. These include:

- The tuition fees are paid before the commencement of classes. The non-European students need to pay the full amount of tuition fees of their first year of study before they arrive in Cyprus.

A student is eligible to receive refund on his/her paid tuition fees in the following instances:

**100% refund:** if the student's documents have not been submitted to the Ministry of Education or the Migration Department for approval and issue of his/her visa.

**80% refund:** if the student's documents have been submitted to the ministry of Education or the migration Department for approval and issue of his/her visa.

**50% refund:** before the commencement of classes.

**No refund:** after the student arrives in Cyprus.

None of the other charges paid to the College is refunded to students. No tuition fees and other charges are refunded to students who have been suspended, deported or transferred to another college. In addition, students who present false or invalid documents to the authorities are not allowed to apply for a refund.

## Attendance Policy



Class attendance is considered an important part of the educational process at the College, thus it is recorded by the lecturers, and the Secretariat keeps these records. Therefore, students are obliged to attend classes regularly. Failure to attend classes may result in administrative withdrawal from the classes or failure in the subject.

Absences are divided into excused and unexcused. Excused absences are those that are accompanied by evidence that is regarded as sufficient by the College (in cases



of force majeure, due to illness, etc.) On the other hand, unexcused absences are those that are not accompanied by evidence. Absence due to illness requires relevant sick notes. Students who are absent for more than 20% of the overall teaching periods of a subject without a valid excuse are not allowed to take the final exam. However, they can sit the re-take exam.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- Cypriot students who have an 'Excellent' grade in their School Leaving Certificate receive a scholarship (waiving of tuition fee) for the first semester or 50% reduction in the fees for the entire academic year. The College awards 10 such scholarships.
- Cypriot and foreign students whose overall semester mark (or after mid-term exams for the entire academic year) in all subjects is 'Excellent' (93-100%) and regularly attend classes (90% and above) can be awarded a scholarship (waiving of tuition fee) for the next semester or equal to 50% of annual fees.

- The student who is distinguished because of his/her academic performance, ethos and regular class attendance in each course is offered a scholarship (waiving of tuition fee) for the next semester or 50% reduction in the fees for the next academic year.

Additional grants (€100 to €300 per semester or €100 to €700 for the entire academic year) are offered to students who have a good academic performance in their course of study and face financial problems.

Marks that are based on any other marking scale (e.g. out of 100) are adapted to the above system in order to indicate the kind of scholarship granted.

### Scholarships based on special criteria:

- Child of missing or enclaved parent
- Child of a large or poor family
- Orphan
- Permanent participation in a sports club of premier league.

Minimum School Leaving Certificate grade: 16/20  
Duration: One academic year  
Size of scholarship: According to the applicant's information

## SOCIAL & CULTURAL

### Cypriot Culture & Social Customs



Cypriots are typically formal with their elders and it is advisable to refer to people older than you as 'kirie' (Mr) or 'kiria' (Mrs), followed by their first name or last name.

Overall, Cypriots are extremely hospitable. It is considered polite to accept at least a little of what is offered to you even if you do not want it. This applies most often to food and drink. Also, Cypriots are very close to their family; they have generally a good relationship and spend time together, especially during religious holidays. Cooking and enjoying homemade food with family and friends is among Cypriots' favourite pastimes.



### Public Holidays & Special Celebrations

Cyprus Independence Day, October 1<sup>st</sup>

OCHI ('OXI') Day, October 28<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Boxing Day, December 26<sup>th</sup>

New Year's Day, January 1<sup>st</sup>

Epiphany, January 6<sup>th</sup>

Green Monday, fifty days before Easter (first day of Lent)

Greek Independence Day, March 25<sup>th</sup>

National Day, April 1<sup>st</sup>

Easter Day, the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs at the spring equinox (a moveable feast)

Easter Monday (a moveable feast)

Labour Day, May 1<sup>st</sup>

Pentecost, seven weeks following Jesus' Resurrection (a moveable feast)

Assumption Day, August 15<sup>th</sup>

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Sports



Our College has a long-standing partnership with the Cyprus Sports Organisation (you can visit their website at [www.cyprussports.org](http://www.cyprussports.org)). Their facilities are considered the best in Cyprus. We are very proud of this collaboration and we encourage our students to participate in various sports by offering scholarships and other benefits where applicable. Students also have the opportunity to become members in various sports teams such as cricket, which has a

local league running here. You can visit their website at [www.cypruscricet.com](http://www.cypruscricet.com), for more information.

In addition, students can join the EQUUS Gym, which is near the College, at a discounted price. From time to time, other gyms offer discounts and vouchers to Casa College students. Therefore, you need to stay up-to-date with the latest news of the Student Affairs & Welfare Office.



## Eating Out



Like in any other cosmopolitan city, going out in Nicosia can be really exciting. There is a great variety of cocktail bars, shisha bars, restaurants and clubs for every taste. Even though certain restaurants, clubs and bars in Nicosia require a semi-formal dress code, this is generally smart casual for most places.

Nicosia boasts a wide array of restaurants for every taste. The main Cypriot food that everybody should taste is souvlaki. This is chicken, lamb or pork skewers grilled over charcoal. You can find a souvlaki restaurant virtually everywhere in Cyprus.

Most foreign students say that they will really miss eating the Cypriot souvlaki when they graduate. There are also all the major American fast food chains in Cyprus such as *McDonald's*, *KFC*, *Burger King*, *Papa John's*, *Domino's Pizza*, *Pizza Hut*, *Subway* and *Taco Bell*. As our students come from all over the world and are often homesick,

there are many restaurants serving international food too. Some popular options are listed below:

### Greek Mediterranean

*Souvlaki Bar*

24A Themistokli Dervi, Nicosia, 1066  
Tel. 77777753

### African

*The Lodge Steak & Seafood*

52 Poseidonos Avenue, Paphos,  
Tel. 96677288

*Shaka Zulu*

13 Promachon Eleftherias Avenue,  
Agios Athanasios-Limassol,  
Tel. 25323362



### Arabic

*Aladdin Restaurant*

67 Onasagorou Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 70004660

*Ali Baba Food & Café*

8D Vyzantiou Street,  
Strovolos-Nicosia,  
Tel. 22250303

*Fanous Lebanese Restaurant*

7C Solonos Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 22666663



*Sawa Syrian Restaurant*  
31 Klimentos Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 22766777

*Zaatar Food Arts*  
61 Aeschylou Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 22100785



## Armenian

*Avo Armenian Food*  
22 Onasagorou Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 22661172

*Erebuni Armenian Restaurant*  
87 Larnakos Avenue,  
Pallouriotissa-Nicosia,  
Tel. 22730088



## Asian



*Asian Flavours*  
145Z Strovolos Avenue,  
Nicosia, Tel. 22262005

*East Asian Restaurant*  
41 Klimentos Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 22270127

### *Sushi La*

- (1) 27 Pindarou Street,  
Ayios Antonios-Nicosia,  
Tel. 22767648
- (2) Corner of Athinon Avenue &  
Evanthias Pieridou,  
Larnaca, Tel. 24628884
- (3) 25 Martiou & Kostaki Pentalioti  
Corner, Paphos, Tel. 26222520

### *Wagamama*

- (1) 16 Themistokli Dervi Avenue,  
Nicosia, Tel. 22870140
- (2) Limassol Marina, Tel. 25051299
- (3) 39 Corner of Gregory  
Afxendiou & Stylianou Lena,  
Larnaca, Tel. 24021005
- (4) Kings Avenue Mall, Paphos,  
Tel. 26600885
- (5) 28 Archiepiskopou Makariou III  
Avenue, Ayia Napa,  
Tel. 77777078

## Chinese

### *Bamboo Restaurant*

185 Ledras Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 22451111

### *China Spice Restaurant*

26 Pindarou Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 22875875

### *Chopsticks*

- (1) 44-46 Archiepiskopou Makariou  
III Avenue, Nicosia,  
Tel. 77777728
- (2) 151 Archiepiskopou Makariou III,  
Lakatamia-Nicosia,  
Tel. 22454400
- (3) 3 Verginas Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 22570707

### *Imperial Chinese Restaurant*

14 Porfyriou Dikaiou Street,  
Engomi-Nicosia,  
Tel. 22313960

### *Uncle Wu Cuisine*

5 John Kennedy Avenue, Nicosia,  
Tel. 22515170



## Filippino



### *New Boracay Restaurant Bar N Grill*

330 St. Andreou Street, Limassol,  
Tel. 99661846

### *Vibes Restaurant & Bar*

1 Delfon Street, Dhekelia-Larnaca,  
Tel. 96542854

## Indian

### *India India Restaurant*

5 Arsinois Street, Strovolos-Nicosia,  
Tel. 22490440

### *Yummy India*

23 Xanthis Xenierou Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 22777782



## Nepalese

### *Gurkha's Kitchen*

5 Anexartisias Avenue, Limassol,  
Tel. 96805771



### *Lengo Tavern*

1 Zappeiou Street, Paphos,  
Tel. 99217165

### *Utopia Collective*

48A-B Areos Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 99184191



## Russian

### *Taras Bulba*

10 Georgiou A' Street,  
Germasogeia-Limassol,  
Tel. 25324596

### *Gulya's Bar & Restaurant*

64 Amathountos Avenue,  
Agios Tychonas-Limassol,  
Tel. 25311034



## Vietnamese

## Vegan

### *Agvania Pizza*

14 Agiou Andreou Street, Limassol,  
Tel. 25713700

### *Inga's Veggie Heaven*

2 Dimonaktos Street, Nicosia,  
Tel. 22344674



### *Moon's Vietnamese Kitchen*

Kolokotroni Street,  
Pissouri-Limassol,  
Tel. 97867524

## Leisure



There are many indoor and outdoor leisure activities you can take up in Cyprus.

## Museums

### Archaeological Museum of Nicosia

It consists of fourteen rooms surrounding a square central area and includes offices, a library, storerooms and areas for preserving and studying the items in the collection. The objects are displayed in the rooms in a chronological and thematic order.



walk or have a picnic. The park includes two picnic areas, bicycle tracks, pedestrian lanes, sports grounds, parking places, an Environmental Information Centre, a bird observation point at the Athalassa Dam, a botanical garden and dog walking paths. Its overall extent is approximately 840 hectares.



### Pedagogical Academy National Forest Park

The park is situated between the Municipality of Aglantzia and Nicosia, 2 km away from the city centre. The park has a picnic area, pedestrian lanes, a bicycle track, a children's playground, a kiosk and a car park.

## Forest parks

### Athalassa National Park

Located in the northern area of Nicosia and surrounded by the suburban areas of Aglantzia, Strovolos and Latsia, Athalassa National Forest Park is one of the best choices for local and foreign visitors who love being close to nature. The park offers visitors the chance to relax, cycle, exercise,

### Acropolis Park

It belongs to the Municipality of Strovolos. It is the ideal place for walking. The playground provides all the security necessary for children to play. The café-restaurant and the kiosk are equipped with everything necessary to serve a big amount of visitors. The grass, that covers a big area, is also there for walks or even

for laying down with company. The bridge, joining the central entrance with the café-restaurant, passes over the small lake with the fountains. The basketball court is there for athletes.

## Cinema



Going to the cinema is an inexpensive form of entertainment and a pastime for many people. *K-Cineplex* is the largest cinema chain in Cyprus with 5 or more screens in each cinema centre. There are three cinemas in Nicosia, one in Strovolos, one in *The Mall of Cyprus* and one in *Nicosia Mall*. You can visit the website [www.kcineplex.com](http://www.kcineplex.com) for more information.

## Coffee



Going out for coffee is very popular in Cyprus. For this reason, there are cafeterias in every street for every taste. In addition to all the big international coffee brands like *Starbucks*, *Costa Coffee*, *Caffè Nero*, *SecondCup* and *Coffee House*, you can also find many local cafeterias (like *Coffee Island* and *Utopia*), as well as many traditional coffee shops particularly in Ledra Street, which serve traditional Cypriot sweets too.

## Bars & Clubs



Bars and pubs in Cyprus normally close around 02:00 a.m. while nightclubs usually stay open until morning hours. Visit [www.timeoutcyprus.com](http://www.timeoutcyprus.com) for more information on the best places to go out.

## Discover the island by bus



While you are in Cyprus for your studies, take the opportunity to go around the island. You can join organised tours and excursions to visit the main historical and cultural tourist attractions of the island. The following are the top tour operators in Cyprus:

### Ascot Travel and Tours

It offers transfer from Larnaca and Paphos airports to any hotel or location in Cyprus, as well as organised excursions and tours. For more information, visit the website <https://ascotcyprus.com/>.

### Spanos Buses Cyprus

Located in Limassol, it offers airport transfers and the most complete choice of local sightseeing coach excursions

available. For more information, visit the website <http://spanosbusescyprus.com/>.

### The Original Red Bus

It operates out from Ayia Napa and Protaras. For more information, visit [www.theoriginalredbus.com](http://www.theoriginalredbus.com).

### George's Fun Bus

It offers tours in Paphos and nearby areas. For more information, visit [www.georgesfunbus.com/](http://www.georgesfunbus.com/).

For tours in Nicosia or from Nicosia, you can find information in the following websites:

- [www.nicosia.org.cy/en-GB/discover/walkthroughs/](http://www.nicosia.org.cy/en-GB/discover/walkthroughs/)
- [www.likealocalguide.com/nicosia/tours](http://www.likealocalguide.com/nicosia/tours)
- [www.getyourguide.com](http://www.getyourguide.com).

## Nicosia Train Tour



You can find it at Eleftherias Square. For more information, contact 70007696.

## Nicosia Segway Tours



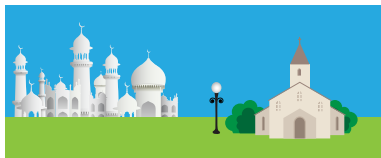
The Segway Station is located at the corner of Aeschylou Street in the Old Town of Nicosia.



On the Segway Tour ([www.segwaystationcyprus.com](http://www.segwaystationcyprus.com)), you are shown the Old Town of Nicosia while riding Segways for over 2 hours. Tours cost €48 per person for 3 hours and €38 per person for 2 hours. You can see Phaneromeni Church, the Ledra Street checkpoint on the green line, the Town Hall, Laiki Yitonia (traditional neighbourhood), Hamam Omerye (Turkish baths), the Archbishop's Palace, the Ancient Venetian Walls, and other historical buildings and scenic streets.



## RELIGION



Religion constitutes a part of one's culture. There are about 10,000 distinct religions around the world, but about 84% of the world's population belongs to one of the five largest religion groups: Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism or forms of folk religion. Most Greek Cypriots, and thus the majority of the population of Cyprus, are members of the Greek Orthodox Church, whereas most Turkish Cypriots are officially Sunni Muslims. There are also small Baha'i, Jewish, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Maronite (Eastern Rites Catholic) and Armenian Apostolic communities in Cyprus.

### Orthodox Churches

In Cyprus, there are many Orthodox churches and monasteries in each city and village. For a list of all churches,



visit [www.churchofcyprus.org.cy](http://www.churchofcyprus.org.cy). But, there are also several places of worship for other religions.

### Mosques

#### Bayraktar Mosque

This Ottoman mosque is located in the southern part of the Old Town of Nicosia, on the western end of the Constanza Bastion. Its name is derived from the Turkish word "bayrak", meaning flag or military trophy, because this is the spot where the first Ottoman flag was raised when Nicosia fell on September 9<sup>th</sup> 1570. The flag-bearer was said to have been killed on the spot by the defenders of the capital and was later buried there. His grave was built much later, in 1764, while the mosque itself was built later, still, in 1820.

#### Omeriye Mosque

It is located near the main Municipal Market within the walled city of Nicosia. The discovery of a number of tombs of Augustinian hermits indicates that *Omeriye Mosque* was originally a church of the Order of the Augustinians dedicated to St Mary. The name of



the mosque is associated with the 7<sup>th</sup> century prophet Omer who, legend has it, visited Nicosia on his way to Egypt and spent the night on the porch of the ruined church.

## Sikh Temple

*Gurudwara Sangatsar Sahib Temple* is located in Andreas Stylianou Street, Livadia-Larnaca. Sangat can gather and seek Guru's blessing there. Students can get an intercity bus to Larnaca from the main bus terminal at Solomou Square.



## Catholic Church

*Holy Cross Catholic Church* is found at Paphos Gate in Nicosia. Franciscans were in Cyprus on the year 1226. They had friaries and churches in several places until the year 1571, when the island fell into the hands of the Turks. On that year, they fled away with all the other Orders (Dominican, Augustinians, Cistercians, etc.) They came back in 1592, and in 1642, they built the first church dedicated to the Holy Cross which functioned until the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. On April 8<sup>th</sup> 1900, the first stone of the present church was blessed and laid. The expenses of

the building were partly shouldered by the Royal Family of Spain and partly raised by the Friars.



## Russian Orthodox Churches

The most majestic building dedicated to *St. Andrew and All Saints* is located in the courtyard of the Metropolis of Tamasos and Orinis, in Episkopio-Nicosia. It holds 400 people and it is surrounded by a large hillside garden, pavilions, a reception area, a park with special games for children who have mobility problems, and Byzantine-style fountains of Holy Water. Additional Russian churches in Cyprus include that of *Vergin Semistrelia* in Alethriko (Larnaca) and *The Philanthropou Christon* (Limassol).







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