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STUDENT POCKET GUIDE

A GUIDE TO YOUR NEW LIFE





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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 40th 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, whose quality draws visitors from all over the island, have been on the increase in Cyprus. 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 km²). 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).



Your dreams
Our aim

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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. Transportation from the airport to Nicosia for students who arrive in Cyprus for the first time is always arranged by the School and it is free of charge.



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 1st 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 coin is common to all the countries of the Eurozone (those with the Euro as their

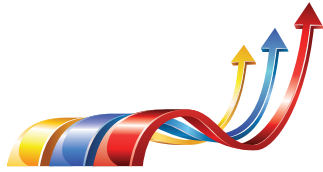
currency), while the other side reflects the national identity of the issuing country. All Euro coins can be used in all Eurozone countries, irrespective of their national side.

One euro generally equals to:

- 83.15 > Indian Rupees
- 95.80 > Bangladeshi Takas
- 133.67 > Nepalese Rupees
- 151.81 > Pakistani Rupees
- 75.51 > Russian Roubles
- 60.59 > Philippine Pesos
- 26,498.50 > Vietnamese Dongs



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 118th 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

Emergency (112)

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.

Hospitals



Nicosia has hospitals in almost every major neighbourhood. In addition TO the government-owned *Nicosia General Hospital* (located

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

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 open in some areas of the city. The easiest ways to locate these are either to visit 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. The insurance is specially designed for foreign people from non-European countries who hold a student visa. Our institution collaborates with Hydra Insurance and Anytime 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)
In-patient treatment	
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
Out-patient treatment	
Maximum amount per illness or accident	700
Maximum amount per period of insurance	1.800
Maximum amount per doctor visit	20
Cover for the repatriation of the mortal remains up to	3.500

Anytime Insurance	
Description of Cover Provided	Coverage (Euro)
In-patient treatment	
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
Out-patient treatment	
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
Childbirth (normal or caesarean) lump sum payment provided	525
Cover for the repatriation of the mortal remains up to	3.500



SETTLING IN Accommodation



The School assists students in finding adequate accommodation during their studies. Due to the central location of our campus, 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. If students wish for the School to assist them with accommodation, they should download and fill-in the *Accommodation Request Form* from the School's website and send it to the Admissions Office at admissions@kasahighschool.ac.cy at least two weeks prior to their arrival. The School is not responsible for helping students with accommodation if they do not notify the School before arriving to Cyprus.

In any case, students can search online for accommodation at www.homegreekhome.com, www.gplazarou.com and 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

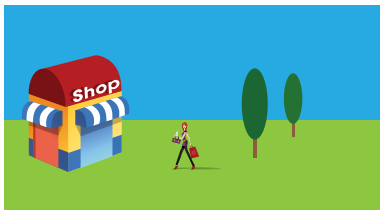


Sri Lankan Honorary Consulate
104 Faneromenis Avenue,
Larnaca, Tel. 24659070

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.

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, Topshop, 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. 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. 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.

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 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.

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.



HOMEMATE: It is the new concept in Lakatamia Cyprus operating in several countries. In an area of more than 7000 m², you can find furniture, decorations, dining wares, curtains, lighting, bathroom products, electrical appliances, electronics, office equipment, plants, paints, even pet and car care products. For more information, visit www.homemate.com.cy.

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) is the cheapest supermarket in Nicosia. Then, there are the big supermarket chains like *Sklavenitis*, *Alpha Mega* (www.alphamega.com.cy), *Lidl* (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,
www.cablenet.com.cy,
www.mtn.com.cy, and
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 School, we recommend students to create an account at the *Bank of Cyprus*. The following branches are the ones closest to the School:

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

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

Bank of Cyprus (Branch 0123)
Eleftherias Square, Nicosia,
Tel. 22125750



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

School terms 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 Employment.

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

Students can check our website frequently for advertisements of some work opportunities.

STUDYING AT KASA HIGH SCHOOL

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. 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 a 10-minute-walk from the School. If students with to go to Campus B where the administrative offices are, they can get the bus number 106 or 114 from the main bus terminal at Solomou Square. For more information on routes, bus tickets and time schedules, visit the website at 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 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.

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 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.

Orientation

Once students arrive in Cyprus, the School offers complimentary airport pick-up. They are kindly asked to settle any balance and extra fees they have with the School within the first two days of arrival. Students are obliged by the government to undergo a blood test and a chest x-ray.

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



KEY CONTACTS

The list below includes the contact details of key people of the administrative staff at KASA High School. For a full list, visit the School's website.

Principal

Mrs. Maria Yiannoullou
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principal@kasahighschool.ac.cy

Counsellor

Mr. Yiannis Saveriades
Tel. 22681882, Email:
counselor@kasahighschool.ac.cy

Director of Admissions & Enrolment

Mrs. Veselka Hussain
Tel. 22681882, Email:
admissions@kasahighschool.ac.cy

Director of Finances & Economics

Mr. Giorgos Kyprianides
Tel. 22681882, Email:
accounting@kasahighschool.ac.cy

Head Registrar

Mrs. Dorota Jedryka
Tel. 22681882, Email:
headregistrar@kasahighschool.ac.cy

Head of English Department

Dr. Melanie Satraki-Artemi
Tel. 22681882, Email:
english@kasahighschool.ac.cy

Head of Greek Department

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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.

Today, the holders of the European Youth Card are up to 4.3 million and have access to more than 100,000 businesses and shops that offer discount on products and services all over Europe.

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



CAMPUS & FACILITIES

Premises

There are two campuses of the institution. Campus A, where the school is housed, is centrally located at 18 Theofany Theodotou Street, 1160 Nicosia, a two-minute walk from the main bus terminal at Solomou Square. Campus B, where the administration offices are housed, 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. 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 School Library is located in Campus A. 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 Online Library used exclusively by our students who are requested to visit the website www.kasahighschool.ac.cy and register in order to have access to thousands of books related to their subjects, as well as their subjects' notes. You can contact the librarian at library@kasahighschool.ac.cy for any enquiries.



FACILITIES

Computer labs

The institution boasts three 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).

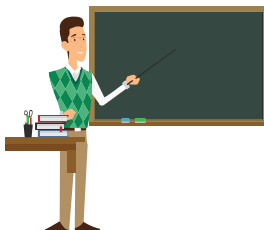
Hotel Management & Catering Supervision facilities



The School prides itself in the facilities that offers the Hotel Management & Catering Supervision students. It is equipped with a fully functional and professional kitchen, and a hotel restaurant as teaching labs of the Hotel Management & Catering Supervision path. 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

School Mentors



The School mentors of KASA High School provide support and guidance to students during their studies. Normally, the role of a school mentor is to listen, empathise and advise students on academic and career path matters. Visit the School's website to find information about our Student Advisory Support Service.

Peer Tutoring

Peer Tutoring is also available to students who find themselves in need of tutorial assistance. Peer tutors are approved by the administration. Students interested in working with peer tutors must first receive the approval of their teachers. Students who are concerned about their school performance are advised to first discuss their concerns with the teacher. The Peer Tutoring Programme is overseen by the Student Affairs & Welfare Office.

Therefore, to obtain a peer tutor, please contact the Student Affairs & Welfare Office by email to studentaffairs@kasahighschool.ac.cy or call 22681882.

English Language Support



KASA High School 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 or send an email to the Head of the English Department at english@kasahighschool.ac.cy for any enquiries.

SAFETY ON CAMPUS



24-hour CCTV cameras are in operation on both campuses. These cameras are monitored not only by an outside security company, but also by the School staff. In any case, however, students should never leave their personal belongings or valuable items unattended.

PATHS

KASA High School offers two paths, from which successful students graduate with a School Leaving Certificate:

- Hotel Management & Catering Supervision (1-2 years)



- Open Doors (3 years)

Students who enter the School in spring or summer must attend the Preparatory Course which lasts for about three months.



REGULATIONS & POLICIES



Criteria for the Admission of Students in the School

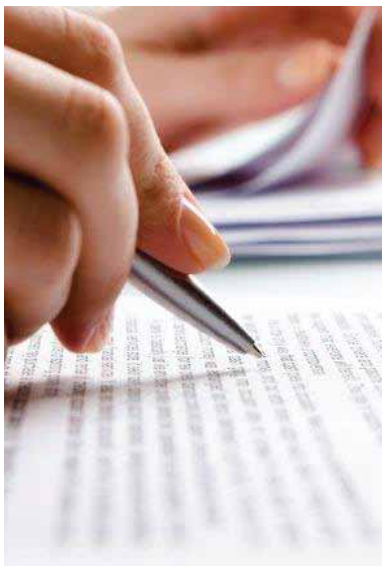
KASA High School follows a non-discrimination admissions policy and actively seeks to recruit and enrol students of different backgrounds, interests, talents and cultures, in order to create and sustain a multicultural environment. Therefore, the student population of our School is diverse and multicultural, blending their different backgrounds, interests and heritage to create a truly global learning environment. The admissions policy of the School relies on each applicant's past records (primarily high school grades until at least Year 10 for Hotel Management & Catering Supervision path and Year 9 for Open Doors), and it grants admission depending on each applicant's qualifications and educational objectives.

Registration Process

First time European applicants must submit the following documents:

- ID or passport,
- their School Certificate, either original or a certified true copy,
- receipt of paid fees and other charges,
- 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 School that the money has been duly received,
- their School Certificate, either original or a certified true copy, and

- receipt of paid fees for the year of study.



Students who wish to re-register must:

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



Periods of Registration



For purposes of registration, examination, assessment and promotion, the school year is divided into two terms. The first term (Term A) generally begins in the second half of September and finishes around mid-January. The second term (Term B) begins mid-January and finishes mid-May. The exact dates and the complete School Calendar of the current year can be found on the School's website.

Registration takes place any time before the beginning of the school year in September. If the students arrive much earlier in spring or summer, they have to attend the Preparatory Course.

Late Registration

LATE REGISTRATION

Students who do not register during the designated registration period will be charged with a late registration fee. The teachers are not obliged to give make-up tests or homework to a student who registered after the late registration period.

Tests & Examinations

The student's assessment at School is continuous. This means it takes place daily, in order to further improve his/her performance. The tests or written examinations do not constitute the only criterion for the term grade. With regard to the tests, it is good for the student to know that these tests can be:

- on the daily lesson, up to 45 minutes long (pop quizzes),
- one teaching period long, one per day on the daily lesson (students are informed about it in advance), or
- one teaching period long, on a unit (students are informed about it in advance).

The teachers can use common oral assessment on a daily basis, even on the same day students have a written test that they have been informed about.

The overall grade for each subject consists of the marks obtained from the six tests that take place during a school year (two announced and one unannounced each term), the oral mark of each term, and the final exam mark. Students sit the final exam at the end of the school year.

The subjects for which students take a written examination at the end of the school year are selected according to the existing

operational regulations of the School.

- For Year 4, students take examinations at the end of the school year in Greek, Maths, English and their major subjects.
- For Year 5, they take examinations in Greek, Maths, English and their major subjects.
- For Years 6 and 7, they take examinations in Greek, Maths, English and their specialisation system.

Grading System & Promotion

The assessment of a student's performance is based on the following grading system:

GRADING SYSTEM		
A	19-20	Excellent
B	16-18	Very Good
C	13-15	Good
D	10-12	Satisfactory
F	0-9	Fail

The lowest passing grade for a subject is 'Satisfactory' 10/20. For the subjects that the student takes a written examination, the annual grade is the average of the term grades and the written examination score. As for the subjects that do not have a written examination at the end of the year, the student's annual grade is the average of the term grades.



In case a student is deficient and his/her annual progress is under 10/20 in subjects that do not have a written examination at the end of the year, (s)he is obliged to take a written examination for these subjects in June. If the student wants to improve his/her grade on subjects that do not have a written examination at the end of the year, (s)he can take a written examination on these subjects in June.

Internal Rules & Procedures



There is a set of Internal Rules and Procedures at the School which can be obtained from the Principal. These include:

- The tuition fees are paid before the commencement of classes. Students whose tuition fees have not been paid in full will not be allowed to continue their studies next year.
- Students wishing to cease their studies or are obliged to do so are refunded part of their tuition fees. In such a case, students need to apply in writing to the High School Principal.
- The date of application is considered to be the date the students decide to discontinue their studies and apply for a refund.

Students can request a refund of the tuition fee by applying in writing to the Director of Admissions & Enrolment. Tuition fee refund is payable, in the following manner:

- If the student does not arrive in the Republic of Cyprus for any

reason, 100% of the tuition fee is refunded.

- After arrival in the Republic of Cyprus but before the commencement of classes, 50% of the tuition fee is refunded.
- During the 1st week of classes, 10% of the tuition fee is refunded.
- During the 2nd week of classes, 5% of the tuition fee is refunded.

No refund is payable in the following instances:

- after the 2nd week of classes,
- for the application fee (€165), or
- for any other expenses apart from tuition (migration authorities, x-ray, blood test, medical insurable).



Attendance Policy



Regular attendance at School is one of the basic obligations of the students and their most important right. In case their attendance is not always regular (for any reason), thus they are absent, they must be aware of the consequences. A student who is absent even for a single teaching period, as soon as (s)he returns to school and no later than five days long, must present to the Head Teacher, according to the situation:

- (a) a sick note from the attended physician,
- (b) a signed declaration from the parents or guardians (a special form issued by the School), or
- (c) a certificate of attendance in formal external exams, or formal sports or other events.

If accompanied by evidence, absence is considered explained.

On the other hand, unexplained absences are those that are not accompanied by evidence.

In case of unsatisfactory attendance, students are referred to examination in September for the subjects that involve a written examination and any others that the Teachers Board decides upon:

- if they have 42-50 unexplained absences (including the two numbers), or
- if they have 152-160 absences from which at least 110 are explained (including the three numbers), or
- if they have absences seven times more than the teaching periods per week in a subject or subjects, as they are defined on the timetable, or
- if they have 14 to 17 unexplained absences in the second term, (including the two numbers), or the total number of absences is 51 to 54 from which 37 are explained.
- In very rare cases they may be referred to examination in September, if they have a total number of absences not bigger than 275, from which the unexplained ones do not overcome 50, upon suggestion from the Teachers Board and the Ministry's approval.

Considering the above, the students repeat the class:

- if they have more than 50 unexplained absences, or
- if they have more than 160 absences (explained – unexplained), or
- if during the second term they have more than 17 unexplained absences or more than 54 explained or unexplained absences. The students must be aware that in case they do not finish school because of unsatisfactory attendance, they must repeat the classes only for the next school year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

KASA High School offers students awards and scholarships according to their academic performance during their studies, their family and social situation, and their individual or family income. The aim of these awards and scholarships is to praise exceptional effort, morality and performance, and to support financially the students who stand out in adverse conditions. Funding awards or grants can be given from the School or other organisations.



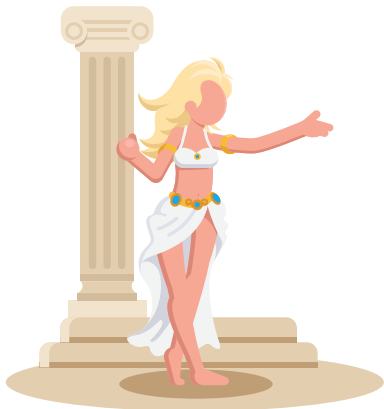


Your dreams
Our aim

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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 1st

OCHI ('OXI') Day, October 28th

Christmas Day, December 25th

Boxing Day, December 26th

New Year's Day, January 1st

Epiphany, January 6th

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

Greek Independence Day, March 25th

National Day, April 1st

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 1st

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

Assumption Day, August 15th

ENTERTAINMENT Sports

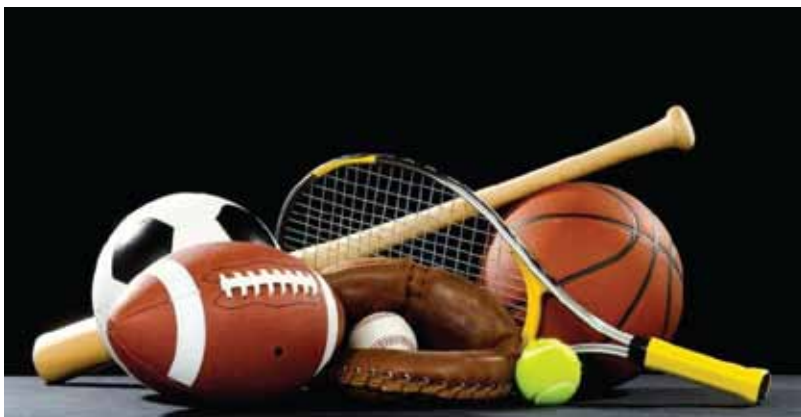


Our School has a long-standing partnership with the Cyprus Sports Organisation (you can visit their website at www.cyprussports.org). Their facilities are considered the best in Cyprus. We are very proud of this collaboration and we encourage our students to participate in various sports by offering 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.cypruscricket.com, for more information.

In addition, students can join the EQUUS Gym, which is near the School, at a discounted price. From time to time, other gyms offer discounts and vouchers to KASA High School students. Crickets matches have also started being organised by the School. 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:

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 Dikaïou 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



Russian

Taras Bulba

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

Gulya's Bar & Restaurant

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



Vegan

Agvania Pizza

14 Agiou Andreou Street, Limassol,
Tel. 25713700

Inga's Veggie Heaven

2 Dimonaktos Street, Nicosia,
Tel. 22344674

Lengo Tavern

1 Zappeiou Street, Paphos,
Tel. 99217165

Utopia Collectiva

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



Vietnamese



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 two cinemas in Nicosia, one in Strovolos and one in *The Mall of Cyprus*. You can visit the website 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 *DiBar*), 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 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.

George's Fun Bus

It offers tours in Paphos and nearby areas. For more information, visit 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/
- www.likealocalguide.com/nicosia/tours
- ourswww.getyourguide.com.

Nicosia Train Tour



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

Nicosia Segway Tours

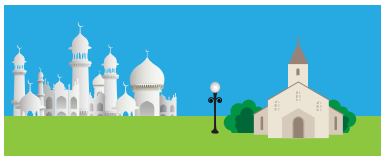


The Segway Station is located at the corner of Aeschylou Street in the Old Town of Nicosia.



On the Segway Tour (www.segwaystationcyprus.com), 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. 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 9th 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 7th 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 19th century. On April 8th 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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