



Cypriot Country Guide

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Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise normal safety precautions in Cyprus. Use common sense. Look out for suspicious behaviour. You can only legally enter Cyprus through certain airports and seaports. Australians have been refused entry because of arrival through non-official points in the north. The Cypriot Government can also refuse entry if they have concerns about your travel to, or activities in, the north. See [Entry or exit](#).

You may be deemed a national of Cyprus under local laws if you have a family connection to Cyprus. If you're a Cypriot-Australian dual national, you may need to do national service. Similar possibilities exist for Turkish Cypriots in northern Cyprus. See [Laws](#). Drink spiking is a risk, particularly in tourist areas such as Ayia Napa, Protaras, Limassol and Paphos. See [Safety and security](#). Terrorism is a threat throughout the world. See [Safety and security](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Cyprus at www.smarttraveller.gov.au.

Passport and Tourist Visa Conditions

Australian ordinary passport holders do not usually require a visa to enter the Republic of Cyprus as a tourist for a period of up to 90 days. Travellers are recommended to ensure their passport is valid for at least 6 months from the end of their planned journey. Travellers must also be able to show documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay as well as tickets and entry documents for their next destination. Australians should only enter and exit the island of Cyprus through southern ports in the government controlled area. Once there, travel to the occupied north of the island may be arranged (restrictions apply). Dual Australian/Cypriot nationals should obtain an exit permit from the Cypriot High Commission Canberra prior to travel. They may otherwise be required to fulfil military service.

For further information and to confirm that you are eligible to enter Cyprus without a visa, please contact the Cypriot High Commission on the details provided below.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Cyprus. Frequent or long stay travellers should consider vaccination against Hepatitis B. A Typhoid vaccination should be considered particularly if travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene. Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations including a recent annual Influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures.

Australians travelling to Cyprus should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smarttraveller.gov.au/tips.

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Time Differences between Cyprus and Australia

Cyprus is Greenwich Mean Time +2 hours (+3 during daylight saving). The applicable time zone is Eastern European Time (EET) or Eastern European Summer Time (EEST). Daylight saving is observed from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October.

Cyprus, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 6pm, Darwin 7:30pm, Brisbane 8pm, Adelaide 8:30pm, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 9pm.
 Cyprus, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 5pm, Darwin, Adelaide 6:30pm, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 7pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Cyprus: +357

To Dial Australia Call:
 00 61 <City> <Number>

Travelex Card Services:
 Call the US on +1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assist:
 Call the US on +1 303 967 1090

MasterCard: 080 90569

American Express Travellers Cheques:
 080 91061

Emergency Services:
 Southern Cyprus - 112 or 199
 Occupied Nth Cyprus - 115

The emergency services in southern Cyprus should have English speaking operators. The emergency services in northern Cyprus may not have English speaking operators. To avoid delay it may be best to seek the assistance of a Turkish speaker to call the emergency services.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Cyprus

Australian High Commission, Cyprus

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Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in Cyprus are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australian High Commission in Nicosia, or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances for Cyprus and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Cyprus from a non EU state:

Alcohol: 1 L spirits (>22% alc vol) or 2 L other beverages; as well as 4 L of still wine and 16 L of beer.

Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250 g of tobacco.

Other Goods: Up to €430 in value, €150 for those aged under 15.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 L.

Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.

Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Cyprus and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Cypriot customs please visit www.mof.gov.cy/mof/customs/customs.nsf, or for information regarding Australian customs please visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: British and European.

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage/frequency converter required).

Modem Plug: US and British.

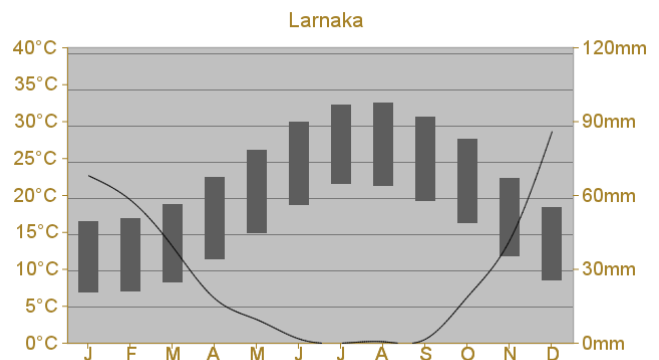
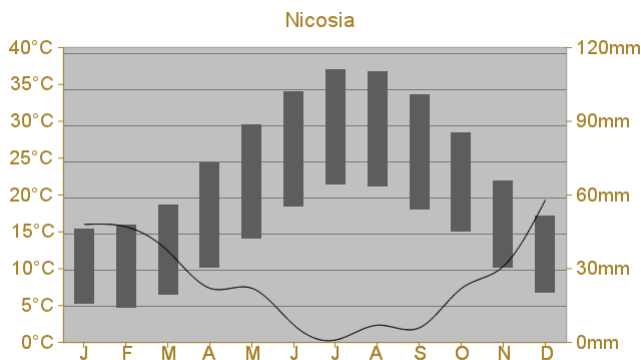
For further information, please view the Korjo adapter guide at www.korjo.com.au.



Cypriot Holidays 2018

01 Jan: New Year's Day	01 May: Labour Day
06 Jan: Epiphany Day	28 May: Pentecost
19 Feb: Green Monday	15 Aug: Assumption
25 Mar: Greek Independence Day	01 Oct: Independence Day
01 Apr: Cypriot National Day	28 Oct: Ochi
06 Apr: Good Friday (Orth)	25 Dec: Christmas
09 Apr: Easter Monday	26 Dec: Boxing Day

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Cyprus



Source: Cyprus Meteorological and Hydrological Service. For 5 day local forecasts please go to www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 0.63 Euro
 1 Euro (EUR) = 1.58 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 0.61 Euro
 1 Euro (EUR) will cost 1.65 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

The following is a purchasing-power comparison of the Euro and the Australian Dollar, using the Big Mac as a common good. While it does not present a faultless comparison, it is a useful indicator of the purchasing-power of the two currencies.

Big Mac Australia: \$5.95 (AUD) = 3.76 Euro
 Big Mac Euro Area: €3.95 (EUR) = 6.26 Australian Dollars

A Big Mac in the Euro Area is therefore 5% more expensive than in Australia.

Comparisons based on 2018 data using current exchange rates. The Euro price is a weighted average of the entire Euro Area.

Currency Cheat Sheet

This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.

€0.50 = \$0.82 AUD	€10 = \$16.47 AUD	€100 = \$164.73 AUD
€1 = \$1.65 AUD	€20 = \$32.95 AUD	€200 = \$329.47 AUD
€2 = \$3.29 AUD	€30 = \$49.42 AUD	€300 = \$494.20 AUD
€3 = \$4.94 AUD	€40 = \$65.89 AUD	€400 = \$658.94 AUD
€4 = \$6.59 AUD	€50 = \$82.37 AUD	€500 = \$823.67 AUD
€5 = \$8.24 AUD	€60 = \$98.84 AUD	€600 = \$988.40 AUD
€6 = \$9.88 AUD	€70 = \$115.31 AUD	€700 = \$1,153.14 AUD
€7 = \$11.53 AUD	€80 = \$131.79 AUD	€800 = \$1,317.87 AUD
€8 = \$13.18 AUD	€90 = \$148.26 AUD	€900 = \$1,482.61 AUD
€9 = \$14.83 AUD	€1,000 = \$1,647.34 AUD	

Notes and Coins

The legal currency of Cyprus is the Euro, which is abbreviated using the symbol € (for example €100). The subunit of the Euro is the cent, of which there are 100 in every Euro. The following units of currency are the most common in Cyprus but other versions and denominations are also in circulation (including a purple €500 note and other nations' coins). Pictures are not to scale.





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About Cyprus

Full Name:	Kypriaki Dimokratia (Republic of Cyprus).	Significant Dates:	334BC-58BC - Cyprus becomes Hellenised under Egyptian rule.
Independence:	16 August 1960 (from the United Kingdom).		58BC-688AD - Cyprus is ruled by Roman/Byzantine Empire.
Size:	9,251 sq km (including 3,355 sq km in north Cyprus), 14% the size of Tasmania.		45AD - St Paul and St Barnabas introduce Christianity.
Population:	1.2 million (5% the size of Australia). Nicosia (capital) 240,000.		1191 - Richard the Lionheart King of England invades the island. It then becomes a crusader base.
Ethnicity:	Greek 77%, Turkish 18%, other 5%.		1192-1489 - Cyprus ruled by the French Lusignan dynasty.
Language:	Greek and Turkish are the official languages.		1571-1878 - Ottoman Turkey invade and rule Cyprus. Over 20,000 Turkish settlers arrive.
Religion:	Greek Orthodox 78%, Muslim 18%, other (includes Maronite and Armenian Apostolic) 4%.		1878 - The British take over administration of Cyprus.
GDP Per Capita:	US\$26,900 (Australia US\$40,800).		1960 - Independence gained after a 5 year guerrilla war.
			1963 - Violence between Greek & Turkish Cypriots erupts. The UN establishes a buffer between the groups.
			1974 - Turkish troops occupy the north of the island.

