

## Cyprus

Capital: Nicosia

Currency: Euro

Official language: Greek-Turkish

Religion: Christian Orthodox - Islam

International license plate code: CY

International dialling code: +357

Electricity (Voltage): The standard voltage is 240 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

Driving side: left

Internet code: .cy

GMT: +3

DST: in use +1 hour

DST duration (start-end): Oct. 30. 1 hour Back. Oct 30, 2016, 3:00 AM. Start DST: Sunday,

March 27, 2016 1 hour forward

Annual average temperature (°C): 24 °C (75 °F)

Average temperature in January/July (°C): July 33 °C (91 °F) during the day and around 22 °C (72 °F) at night, coldest is January 17–18 °C (63–64 °F) during the day and 7–8 °C (45–46 °F) at night.

Weather: Cyprus has a [subtropical climate](#) – [Mediterranean](#) and [semi-arid](#) type (in the north-eastern part of the island with very mild winters (on the coast) and warm to hot summers. Rain occurs mainly in winter, with summer being generally dry.

Culture: Cyprus is a small island with a long history and a rich culture that spans 10,000 years, making it one of the oldest civilisations in the Mediterranean - as evidenced by the many fascinating cultural sights, museums, monuments and galleries. Situated at the crossroads of three continents - Europe, Asia and Africa - the island's unique geographic position has played an important part in its turbulent past since antiquity. Its Prehistoric Age inhabitants were joined 3,500 years ago by the Mycenaean Greeks, who introduced and established their civilisation, thus permanently instilling the island's Greek roots. Many other cultures followed thereafter, including Phoenicians, Assyrians, Egyptians, Romans, Franks, Venetians, Ottomans and British, who all left behind visible remnants of their passage, and have thus created a mosaic of different cultures and periods.