ACCESS IB IE Information for people with special access needs. CYPRUS





















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WELCOME TO CYPRUS

Cyprus offers a range of facilities and services to visitors with special access needs who wish to visit the island. This guide gives you an idea of what you may find but for more up-to-date and comprehensive information, visit the Deputy Ministry of Tourism website: https://www.visitcvprus.com/

Both Larnaka and Pafos international airports are accessible to visitors with all kinds of access needs. Facilities include accessible restrooms, charging stations for electric wheelchairs at departure gates, ramps to allow a person on a wheelchair to enter or exit the buses and additional assistive services, meeting European Regulation 1107/2006 concerning the rights of travelers with disabilities.

Most Cyprus towns are fairly accessible with a wheelchair but much work is yet to be carried out to improve infrastructure. A person using a wheelchair is advised to be accompanied in case further assistance is needed in inaccessible areas.

Transportation around the island can be arranged if prior notice is given to the transport companies. Special buses are also available with low gradient ramps, safety belts and a/c and so are special taxis that may carry a person using a wheelchair. Information can be obtained from the Deputy Ministry of Tourism Information offices and Website.

The European Blue Badge for parking at designated places for people with disabilities is accepted for free parking all over the island, both in public roads and public parking areas. If further assistance is needed about its issuing or use in Cyprus, the appointed Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities can be contacted by phone at +357 22815015 or by email at info@dsid.dmsw.gov.cy

Users of the European Disability Card are entitled to some discounts or even free entrance to specific sites such as museums, archaeological sites, festivals and other services. Anyone interested, can find out how to use the card in Cyprus through the website: https://www.eudisabilitycard.gov.cy/en/karta-anapirias



ACCOMMODATION



Many hotel establishments have accessible rooms, communal areas and common restrooms but since facilities vary from hotel to hotel, it is recommended to contact the hotels directly in order to ascertain that they have the right facilities for you. A list of hotels offering facilities for their guests with disabilities as well as a detailed accessibility report for each one can be found on the Deputy Ministry of Tourism website. Most accessible hotels have facilities and services that are geared more for wheelchair users and for people with reduced mobility.

A Hotel Apartments establishment in Polis (Pafos District) has been exclusively designed and operated according to the needs of visitors with disabilities and for wheelchair users:

C&A HOTEL APARTMENTS

3, Megalou Alexandrou str, 8831 Polis

Tel.: +357 26321881, Fax: +357 26322856

Website: www.ca-hotel-apts.com



Almost all new restaurants, cafes, pubs etc. as well as many older places have at least some basic facilities for people with disabilities such as entrance ramps or accessible restrooms.







PLACES OF INTEREST - ARCHAELOGICAL SITES



LEMESOS (LIMASSOL) AREA: Amathous Archaeological Site

Tel.: +357 25635226

Partly wheelchair accessible: only the lower town can be viewed.

Special rest rooms: available (marked).

Opening hours:

Daily: 8:30 – 17:00 (16/9 - 15/4) 8:30 – 19:30 (16/4 - 15/9)

Kourion Archaeological Site

Tel.: +357 25934250

Almost the entire site is wheelchair accessible: small bridges and passageways.

Some description signs at the site are available in Braille. (The site's western part can be accessed via a special entrance that can be opened by the sites' guards).

Special Parking Space: available (marked). Special rest rooms: available (marked).

Opening hours:

Daily: 8:30 - 17:00 (16/9 - 15/4) 8:30 - 19:30 (16/4 - 15/9)

PAFOS AREA:

Kato Pafos Archaeological Park

Tel.: +357 26306217/ +357 26306295

Partly accessible to wheelchairs following directions given by the sites' staff (Route not marked).

Some description signs at the site are available in Braille.

Special Parking Space: available (marked).

Special rest rooms: available (marked).

Opening hours:

Daily: 08:30 - 17:00 (16/9 - 15/4) 08:30 - 19:30 (16/4 - 15/9)

Tombs of the Kings (Pafos)

Tel.: +357 26306217/ +357 26306295

Entrance: The ticket area and the archaeological site are wheelchair accessible (view only from above).

Opening hours:

Daily: 08:30 - 17:00 (16/9 - 15/4) 08:30 - 19:30 (16/4 - 15/9)









PLACES OF INTEREST - ARCHAELOGICAL SITES



LARNAKA AREA:

Kition

Tel.: +357 24304115

Entrance: wheelchair accessible

(circulation within the site also possible). Parking space: available (not marked). Special rest rooms: not available.

Opening Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 - 16:00 (16/9 - 15/4)

Saturday - Sunday: closed

Monday - Friday: 9:30 - 17:00 (16/4 - 15/9)

Saturday - Sunday: closed



(Larnaka District)

Tel.: +357 24322710

Due to the natural sloping of the hill, people using wheelchairs can only visit the area of the constructed

dwellings.
Opening hours:

Daily: 8:30 - 17:00 (16/9 - 15/4) 8:30 - 19:30 (16/4 - 15/9)

LEFKOSIA (NICOSIA) AREA: Cyprus Museum (Archaeological)

Mouseiou 1

Tel.: +357 22865854/ +357 22303112

Entrance: Ramp.

Museum Rooms: Chair Lift.

Special Parking Space: available (not marked).

Special rest rooms: available (temporary location in area

accessed with difficulty).

Opening hours:

Every first Wednesday of the month: 8:00 - 20:00

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 - 18:00

Saturday: 9:00 – 17:00 Sunday: 10:00 – 13:00

www.mcw.gov.cy









Local Archaeological Museum of Ancient Idalion

Tel.: +357 22444818

Entrance: Ramp. Special Parking Space (marked).

Special rest rooms: available (marked).

Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 08:30 - 16:00

www.mcw.gov.cv



Plateia Archiepiskopou Kyprianou, (within the

Archbishopric) Tel.: +357 22430008 Entrance: Ramp. No special rest rooms.

No Special Parking Space.

Opening hours:

Tuesday – Saturday: 9:30-17:00 www.makariosfoundation.org.cy

Ethnographic Museum of Cyprus

Plateia Archiepiskopou Kyprianou, (within the old Archbishopric)

Archbisnopric)

Tel.: +357 22432578

Entrance: Ramp. No Special Rest rooms.

No Special Parking Space.

Opening hours:

Monday: 10:00 - 14:00 Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 - 16:00

Saturday: 9:00 - 13:00 www.cyprusstudies.org

Leventis Art Gallery

5 Anastasiou G. Leventi Tel.: +357 22668838 Wheelchair accessible.

Special rest rooms: available (marked).

No Special Parking Space.

Opening hours:

Daily except Monday & Tuesday:

10:00 - 17:00 Wednesday: 10:00 - 20:00

www.leventisgallery.org









Centre of Visual Arts & Research

Ermou 285

Tel.: +357 22300999

Entrance: wheelchair accessible. Special rest rooms available (marked). No Special Parking Space.

Opening hours:

Winter: Closed on Monday Tuesday-Sunday: 9:30-17:00

Friday: 9:30-20:00

Summer: Closed on Sunday Monday-Saturday: 9:30-17:00

www.cvar.severis.org



Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation Phaneromenis 86-90

Tel.: +357 22128157

Entrance: Ramp.

Special rest rooms: available (marked).

No Special Parking Space.

Opening hours: Daily 10:00-19:00

Fikardou Ethnological Museum (Fikardou village)

Tel.: +357 22634731 Partly wheelchair accessible

Monday - Sunday: 08:30 - 16:00 (16/9 - 15/4) Monday - Sunday: 09:30 - 17:00 (16/4 - 15/9)

www.mcw.gov.cy







Cyprus Railways Museum (Evrychou Village)

Tel.: +357 22933010

Access to the ground floor, garden and WC.

Opening hours:

Closed on Public Holidays

Monday - Sunday: 8:30 - 16:00 (16/9 - 15/4) Monday - Sunday: 9:30 - 17:00 (16/4 - 15/9)

www.mcw.gov.cy



LEMESOS AREA

Lemesos District Archaeological Museum

Corner of Byron and Anastasi Sioukri Street,

Tel.: +357 25305157

Entrance: Ramp and Lift. Special rest rooms: available.

No special parking space.

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-15:30

www.mcw.gov.cy



Cyprus Theatre Museum Lemesos

Panou Solomonide 8 Tel.: +357 25343464 Wheelchair accessible

Special rest rooms: available (marked). Special Parking

Space: available (marked).

Opening hours:

Sunday: 10:00-14:00 for pre-booked visits only.

Monday-Friday: 9:00-13:00

Tuesday and Friday: 9:00-13:00 & 16:00-19:00

www.cyprustheatremuseum.com.cy



Historical Archive Museum of Lemesos

Lordos Byron 5

Tel.: +357 25763755

Entrance: Ramp & Lift (At the back area). Special rest rooms: available (marked).

No Special Parking Space.

Opening hours:

Tuesday-Saturday: 9:30-15:30 www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy





Cyprus Wine Museum

Pafos 42-Erimi village Tel.: +357 25873808

Entrance: Wheelchair accessible. Special rest rooms: available (marked).

Parking Space: available (not marked). Opening hours:

Daily: 9:00-17:00 Closed on Public Holidays. www.cypruswinemuseum.com



LARNAKA AREA:

Larnaka District Archaeological Museum

Plateia Kalograion Tel.: +357 24304169 Entrance: Chair lift

Special rest rooms: available Special Parking Space: available

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday: 9:00-16:30

www.mcw.gov.cy



Craft of Caning Museum

Dikaiosinis 1 – Livadia village

Tel.: +357 24821740/ +357 99208000

Wheelchair Accessible.

Opening hours:

Wednesday: 9:00-13:00 & 16:00 - 18:00

Friday - Saturday: 9:00 - 13:00

Costas Argyrou Museum

7 Costas Argyrou str., 7577, Mazotos village

Tel.: 24 433335 Opening Hours:

Wednesday - Sunday: 10:00 - 17:00

Closed on Public Holidays Wheelchair accessible WC

https://costasargyroumuseum.org/





PAFOS AREA:

Archaeological Museum of Pafos District

Griva Digeni

Tel.: +357 26955801

Entrance: Ramp

Wheelchair accessible WC

Special Parking Space: available (marked)
Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday: 9:00-16:30

Monday: Closed www.mcw.gov.cy

Local Archaeological Museum of Marion – Arsinoe (Polis Chrysochous)

Archiepiskopou Makariou III Tel.: +357 26322955

Entrance: Ramp.

Special rest rooms: available (not marked).

Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:00-16:00 Saturday: 9:00 – 15:00 Closed on Sunday._ www.mcw.gov.cy

AGIA NAPA AREA: "Thalassa"AgiaNapa Municipal Museum of the Sea

Kriou Nerou 14

Tel.: +357 23816366 Wheelchair accessible.

Special rest rooms: available (marked). Special Parking Space: available (marked).

Opening hours: 1/6-30/9

Monday: 09:00-14:00 Tuesday-Friday: 9:00- 17:00

Saturday: 9:00-14:00

Sunday: Closed 1/10-31/5

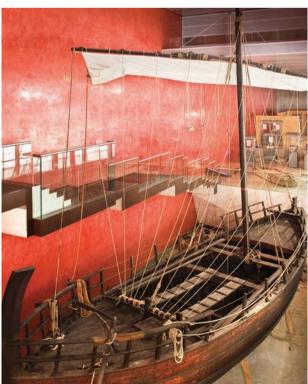
Monday: 09:00-13:00 Tuesday-Friday: 09:00-17:00

Saturday: 9:00-14:00

Sunday: Closed

www.thalassamuseum.org.cy





PLACES OF WORSHIP



BYZANTINE CHURCHES www.mcw.gov.cy

Opening hours for all UNESCO Churches:

16th of April – 15th of September Tuesday - Saturday: 10:00 - 13:00 & 14:00 – 17:30 Sunday: 11:00-16:30

16th of September – 15th of April Tuesday - Saturday: 10:00 - 16:30 Sunday: 11:00-16:30



Church of Agios Nicolaos tis Stegis Kakopetria village

Tel.: +357 99 484423 (Mrs. Spyroulla)

Church of Archangelos Michail, Pedoulas village

Tel.: +357 99 812347, +357 22 953636 (Mrs. Anna)

Church of Panagia (Our Lady) tis Asinou, Nikitari village

Tel.: +357 99 830329 (Father Kyriacos)

Church of Panagia (Our Lady) tis Podithou, Galata Village

Tel.: +357 99 671776 (Mr. Polyvios)

Church of Panagia (Our Lady) tou Araka, Lagoudera village,

Tel.: +357 99 557369 (Father Christodoulos)

Church of Panagia (Our Lady) tou Moutoulla, Moutoullas village

Tel.: +357 97 733480 (Mrs. Eleni) or +357 22 952677 (Moutoullas Community Council)

PLACES OF WORSHIP



Monastery of Agios Ioannis (St John) Lampadistis,

Kalopanagiotis village

Tel.: 357 96 426686/ +357 22 953460 (Father Theodoros)

Church of Timios Stavros (Holy Cross) tou Agiasmati

Platanistasa village

Tel.: +357 96 337365 (Mrs. Christiana)

Church of Panagia (Our Lady) tis Aggeloktistis, Kiti village

Tel.: +357 24424646

Special rest rooms: available (not marked).

Opening hours:

Winter hours (1/10-31/4) Monday - Saturday: 7:00 - 16:45

Sunday: 09:30 - 16:45 Summer hours: (1/5-30/9) Monday - Saturday: 7:00 - 18:45

Sunday: 09:30 - 18:45

Hala Sultan Tekke (mosque), Larnaka

Entrance: Accessibility (not marked) only in the garden but

not inside the Mosque.

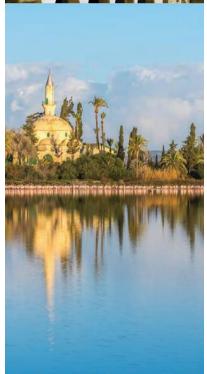
Special rest rooms: not marked.

Opening hours:

Monday - Sunday: 8:30 - 17:00 (16/9 - 15/4) Monday -

Sunday: 8:30 - 19:30 (16/4 - 15/9)







ACCESSIBILITY TO BEACHES

The Deputy Ministry of Tourism, in the fields of its efforts to upgrade Cyprus beaches, is an active supporter of issues related to accessibility in cooperation with the Local Authorities that are in charge for the administration of the beaches.

DMT has listed so far 56 beaches for people with special access needs, including 44 fully accessible and 12 partially accessible beaches.







FULLY ACCESSIBLE BEACHES

The following 44 beaches have full access to the beach, as the wheelchair user is able to get from the beach into the sea moving on a wooden or plastic ramp. There are also hygiene facilities available such as restrooms/showers and parking places for persons with disabilities.

Worth mentioning is the fact that on 10 of these beaches there is an innovative system, the "Seatrac" that enables people with disabilities to have full access into the sea. It is an automatic system powered by photovoltaic energy, consisting of a seat fixed on a rail that drives the person with special access needs into the sea at an approximate depth of 60cm. Moreover, many beaches have Floating Wheelchairs that can be easily moved on the sand and float in the water, thanks to their floating armrests and wheels. Seatracs and Floating Wheelchairs are available for use by the public free of charge and relevant information may be obtained by the lifeguards on the beaches.







AMMOCHOSTOS (FAMAGUSTA) (13 beaches)

Agia Napa: Landa (Floating Wheelchair), Makronisos, (Floating Wheelchair), Vathia Gonia (Seatrac).

Sotira: Agia Thekla (Floating Wheelchair)

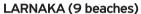
Paralimni: Agia Triada (Seatrac, Floating
Wheelchair), Fig Tree Beach (Floating Wheelchair),
Louma/Golden Coast (Seatrac, Floating Wheelchair),

Vrysi A' (Floating Wheelchair), Vrysi B' (Floating Wheelchair)

Vrysi C' (Seatrac, Floating Wheelchair),

Pernera (Floating Wheelchair), Vyzakia/Cavo Maris

(Seatrac, Floating Wheelchair), Kappari (Floating Wheelchair).



Larnaka: Finikoudes (Floating Wheelchair), McKenzie (Floating Wheelchair), Kastella (Floating Wheelchair). Voroklini: Yiannades (Floating Wheelchair). Municipal beach (Floating Wheelchair)

Alaminos: Municipal Beach (Floating Wheelchair). **Ormidia:** Municipal Beach/Louma (Floating Wheelchair).

Pyla: Municipal Beach (Floating Wheelchair). **Pervolia:** Faros (Floating Wheelchair)

LEMESOS (LIMASSOL) (10 beaches)

Lemesos: Akti Olympion A´ (Seatrac and Floating Wheelchair).

Parekklisia: Municipal Beach. Naftikos Omilos Lemesou

& Ammochostou (Floating Wheelchair), **Germasogeia**: Dasoudi (Floating Wheelchair). **Agios Tychonas**: Vouppa (Floating Wheelchair). <u>Armonia</u> (Floating Wheelchair), Afrodite (Floating Wheelchair).

Episkopi: Kourion (Floating Wheelchair). Pentakomo:

Governor's beach (Floating Wheelchair). **Pissouri:** Mounti (Floating Wheelchair)







PAFOS (12 beaches)

Pafos: Alykes (Floating Wheelchair), Faros (Floating wheelchair), Vrysoudia A / Sodap (Floating Wheelchair), Municipal Baths (Floating Wheelchair).

Geroskipou: Municipal Beach (Seatrac, Floating Wheelchair). Neo Chorio: Latchi A' (Floating Wheelchair) Latchi B' (Floating Wheelchair), Latchi C' (Seatrac, Floating

Wheelchair), Xistarokampos (Floating Wheelchair) **Pegeia:** Coral Beach (Seatrac, Floating Wheelchair) **Polis Chrysochous:** Municipal Beach (Seatrac, Floating Wheelchair).

Pomos: Akrotiri Pomou-Koskinas (Floating Wheelchair)



PARTIALLY ACCESSIBLE BEACHES

The following 12 beaches are partially accessible, meaning that they have available ramps or pathways leading to some point on the beach but the access is not extended into the sea. On these beaches there are hygiene facilities available such as restrooms/showers and parking places for people with disabilities

AMMOCHOSTOS /FAMAGUSTA (3 beaches)

Agia Napa: Nissi, Pantachou Paralimni : Vrysoudia **LARNAKA (2 beaches)** Pyla: Dasaki beach

Pervolia: Municipal Beach

LEMESOS (LIMASSOL) (5 beaches)

Pyrgos: Aoratoi, Panagies. Agios Athanasios: Miami. Lemesos: Akti Olympion B´ (Floating Wheelchair)

Pissouri: Pissouri Municipal Beach

PAFOS: (2 beaches) Pafos: Pachyammos. Pegeia: Kafizis





ACCESSIBLE NATURE TRAILS

USING WHEELCHAIRS

NATURE TRAILS ACCESSIBLE BY PERSONS USING WHEELCHAIRS – WITH ASSISTANCE

Livadi Trail (circular):

Starting point: On the main Troodos-Karvounas Road, 1.5 km before Troodos Square (Plateia Troodous), 9 km from location Karvounas, at Kampos tou Livadiou picnic site. The starting point is approximately 300m along the narrow-paved road.

Length: 1.5 km Points of interest: Route through pine forest. Good views towards Solea Valley.

Mantra tou Kampiou Trail (circular):

Starting point: Mantra tou kampiou picnic site, towards Machairas forest. Length: 1km. Points of interest: Scenic Forest route.





GOING OUT/SHOPPING

Generally, moving around in Cyprus' city centers is easy due to the flat road surfaces, the good condition of most pavements, efficient traffic control and the availability of municipal and other parking places for people with disabilities.

Most of the Malls and Shopping Centres in Cyprus have available parking places, lifts and ramps for wheelchair users.

Wide pedestrian streets are found in the historical city centres. Beautiful seafront promenades with lots of dining places, pubs, cafes and souvenir shops are easily accessible to everybody.

Most Bank branches in Cyprus are accessible to people with disabilities.





TRANSPORTATION & TOURS



Transportation choices include accessible taxis, coaches and minibuses. Furthermore, mobility scooters, wheelchairs and other equipment are available for hire. Excursions and other activities organized by professionals are not to be missed.

For prior arrangements, please see the list of services below.

COACHES, MINIBUSES, TOURS AND EQUIPMENT RENTALS





TRANSPORTATION & TOURS



Lefkosia (Nicosia) District:

NC Coaches Services Ltd

(Transfers – minibus, Organised Tours upon request)

Demokratias 50, 2222 Latsia, Lefkosia Tel.: +357 99609858. +357 99409859

Fax: +357 22 48 73 08

E-mail: contact@nccoaches.com.cy

Website: www.cyprusaccessibletransport.com

Polis Chrysochous:

C N Paraquip Cyprus

(Transfers - taxi and minibus, Excursions, Equipment rental, 3 Megalou Alexandrou, Polis Chrysochous,

Polis 8831, Cyprus Tel.: + 357 99647669

E-mail:

chrisneo@cytanet.com.cy
Website: www.paraquip.com.cy



TRANSPORTATION - TAXIS



Ammochostos (Famagusta) District:

Christakis Petsas Tel.: +357 99 650555 Andreas Sakkatos Tel.: +357 99629865

Larnaka District:

Giannakis Papagiannis Tel.: +357 99405604

N & P Karatzias Taxi

Services Ltd Tel.: + 357 99436390

Lemesos (Limassol) District:

Nikos Antoniou Tel.: +357 99422211

Email: nikosantonioucy@gmail.com

Pafos District:

Pafia Aphrodite Transport Ltd Tel.: +357 99620931

P.I Kings Taxi Limited

(Panagiotis Ioannou) Tel.: +357 99628188 Marios Charalambous Tel.: +357 99665860

Polis Chrysochous:

Andreas Neophytou Tel.: +357 99485976 Andreas Roussos Tel.: +357 99916207





CAR RENTALS AND PARKING INFORMATION



<u>Car rental agencies</u> providing automatic cars are found at the airports of Larnaka and Pafos. Visitors with disabilities are advised to contact car rental agencies for special arrangements prior to their arrival.

<u>Parking spaces</u> marked for drivers with disabilities are found on most of Cyprus' central roads and squares, at the airports, ports and marinas, at public buildings, at most of the seafront and other tourist resorts, at many tourist establishments and shopping centres etc.

The EU Blue Badge is recognized in Cyprus. It is a standardized European Community parking permit for persons with disabilities, which provides parking entitlements to badge holders in all complying European countries - a Blue Badge from one country is valid in another. Persons coming to Cyprus from another EU country can apply in their home country for this universal badge which allows the use of reserved parking spaces.

To apply for a Blue Badge in Cyprus you may contact the Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities.

Tel.: +357 22815015, Fax: +357 22482310

email: info@dsid.mlsi.gov.cy website:

www.mlsi.gov.cy







ACCESSIBLE CYPRUS USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Cyprus Paraplegics Association (OPAK)

Tel.: + 357 22496494 Fax: + 357 22423540 Email: mail@opak.org.cy Website: www.opak.org.cy

The Pancyprian Organisation For Disabled Persons

Tel.: +357 22426301 Fax: + 357 22313250

Email: organofdisabled@cytanet.com.cy

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