



ACCESSIBLE CYPRUS

Information for visitors with
special access needs





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A number of facilities are available to visitors with special access needs who wish to visit Cyprus. Some hotel establishments provide a range of facilities to meet special needs and requirements. 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 a particular disability. Hotels offering facilities for the disabled can be found in the Cyprus Tourism Organisation's annual publication "**Guide to hotels and other Tourist Establishments**" and Website www.accessible-cyprus.com

Both Larnaka and Pafos international airports are accessible to visitors with all kinds of access needs. Facilities include available accessible wash-rooms, 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 right of disabled travellers.

In 2007, the Cyprus Parliament approved and introduced the use of the European Blue Badge for parking at designated places for the disabled, available all over the island, both in public roads and public parking areas. The authority responsible for issuing the Blue Badge is the Service for the

Care and Rehabilitation of the Disabled, part of the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance. It can be contacted at +357 22 406 406
email: info@dsid.mlsi.gov.cy

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 by an able person for assistance 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 who is seating on a wheelchair. Information can be obtained from the Cyprus Tourism Organisation offices and Website www.accessible-cyprus.com

1. ACCOMMODATION

Hotel establishments with facilities for visitors with special access needs are marked with the relevant symbol in the CTO's annual publication "**Guide to hotels, and other Tourist Establishments**" that is available on the CTO Website

www.visitcyprus.com and at all CTO Tourist Information offices in Cyprus and abroad.

The relevant symbol corresponds to the following facilities for disabled:

Parking places

Entrance Ramps

Availability of rooms designed for disabled

Accessibility to hotel's communal areas
Public toilets for disabled.





A Tourist Apartments establishment in Polis (Pafos District) has been exclusively designed and operated according to the needs of disabled visitors and wheelchairs users:

C&A TOURIST APARTMENTS
3, Megalou Alexandrou str, 8820 Polis
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Website: www.ca-tourist-apts.com.cy

2. PLACES OF INTEREST ACCESSIBLE TO WHEELCHAIRS

(source: Dept of Antiquities www.mocw.gov.cy/da)

Detailed information about places of interest in Cyprus, free maps and brochures may be obtained from CTO Tourist Information Offices in Cyprus and Abroad and the CTO website www.visitcyprus.com

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES:

Choirokoitia Neolithic Settlement (Larnaka District)

Due to the natural sloping of the hill, people using wheelchairs can only visit the area of the reconstructed dwellings.

Amathous Archaeological Site (Lemesos)

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

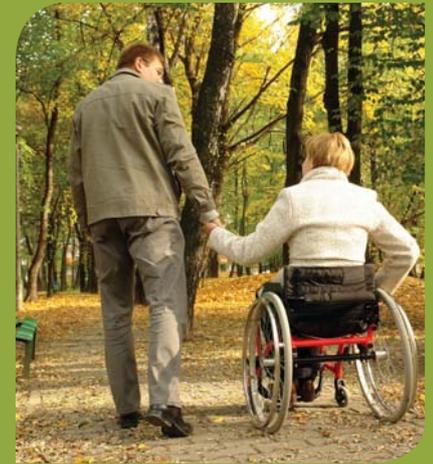
Kato Pafos Archaeological Park

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

Special Parking Space: available (marked)

Special rest rooms: available (marked)





Tombs of the Kings (Pafos)

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

Kourion Archaeological Site (Lemesos)

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

(The site's western part can be accessed via a special entrance that can be opened by the site's guards)

Special Parking Space: available (marked)

Special rest rooms: available (marked)

MUSEUMS:

Cyprus Museum (Archaeological), Lefkosia

Entrance: Ramp

Museum Rooms: Chair Lift

Special Parking Space: available (not marked)

Special rest rooms: available (temporary location in area accessed with difficulty)

Lemesos District Archaeological Museum

Entrance: Chair Lift

No wheelchair accessible WC

No parking space

Larnaka District Archaeological Museum

Entrance: Chair Lift

No accessible WC

No parking space





ACCESSIBLE CHURCHES AND OTHER MONUMENTS

Byzantine Churches:

- Church of Agios Nicolaos tis Stegis, Kakopetria village
- Church of Archangelos Michail, Pedoulas village
- Church of Panagia (Our Lady) tis Asinou, Nikitari village
- Church of Panagia (Our Lady) tis Podithou, Galata village
- Church of Panagia (Our Lady) tou Araka, Lagoudera village
- Church of Panagia (Our Lady) tou Moutoulla, Moutoullas village
- Monastery of Agios Ioannis (St John) Lampadistis, Kalopanagiotis village
- Church of Timios Stavros (Holy Cross) tou Agiasmati, Platanistasa village
- Church of Timios Stavros (Holy Cross), Pelendri village
- Church of Panagia (Our Lady) tis Aggeloktistis, Kiti village

Other Monuments:

- Hala Sultan Tekke (mosque), Larnaka (partly accessible)
Entrance: Accessibility (not marked) only in the garden but not inside the mosque



3. ACCESSIBILITY TO BEACHES:

Beaches with ramps available for disabled*

- Akti Olympion Beach (Lemesos)
 - CTO Beach Dasoudi (Lemesos)
 - Foinikoudes Beach (Larnaka)
 - Municipal Beach of Agia Napa.
 - Fig Tree Beach (Protaras)
- (*special wheelchairs for the use of these ramps may be obtained free of charge from the on duty lifeguard of the beach)



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4. NATURE TRAILS ACCESSIBLE BY PERSONS USING WHEELCHAIRS

Livadi Trail (circular) :

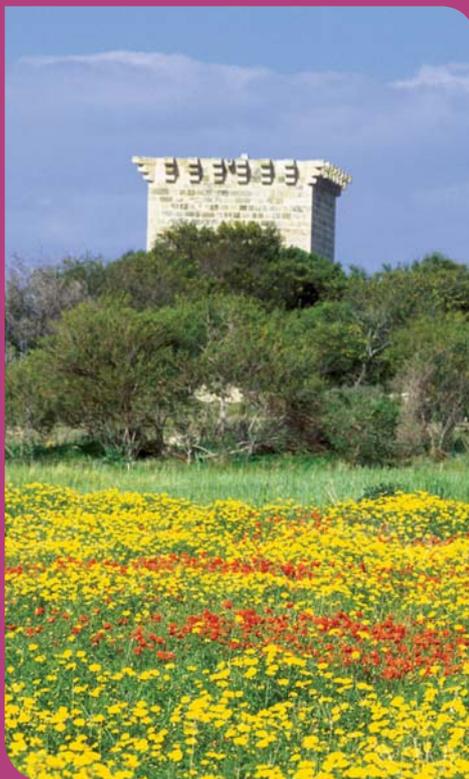
Starting point: On the main Troodos – Karvounas road, 1.5 km before Troodos Square (Plateia Troodous), 9 km from location Karvounas, at Kampos tou Livadiou picnic site. The starting point is approximately 300m along the narrow paved road.

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: 1 km.

Points of interest: Scenic forest route.



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5. GOING OUT / SHOPPING

Generally, moving around in Cyprus' city centres 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 the disabled.

Most of the Malls and Shopping Centres in Cyprus have available parking places, lifts and ramps for wheelchair users as well as do restaurants including fast food and international kitchen, cafes, bars etc.

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 Banks' branches in Cyprus are accessible to disabled persons.





6. TRANSPORTATION

For **prior** arrangements regarding transportation and/or equipment rental for disabled please contact:

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