



Travelling in Cyprus

General info:

Population: 1.1m

Area: 9,251 sq. km.

Currency: Euro (100 cents) - EUR (€)

Top 10 popular attractions: Buyuk Han, Nicosia
Ayia Napa
Paphos Castle
Larnaca Salt Lake
Kourion
Kolossi Castle
Cedar Valley
The Paphos mosaics
Greko National Park
Church of Saint Lazarus

The Essentials:

Driving licence:

Visitors riding or driving in Cyprus must have reached the minimum age required to drive/ride a vehicle of equivalent category even if they are qualified to drive at a lower age in their country of residence. You must be 18 or over to drive a private vehicle in Cyprus.

All valid national driving licences are recognised

Important documents:

Vehicles from the UK may be imported into Cyprus for up to 6 months in any period of 12 months. When driving in Cyprus the following documents should be carried:

- Full, valid driving licence* (with paper counterpart)
- Proof of Insurance (third party or above)
- Proof of ID (Passport)
- Proof of ownership (V5C Certificate)

While driving in Cyprus you are required by law to carry the following items. Hefty on-the-spot fines can be issued for failing to carry specific items:

- Headlamp beam deflectors (Depending on your car, you will either need deflector stickers or have to adjust the beam manually)
- Warning triangle (Any motor vehicle travelling in Cyprus, regardless of country of registration, must carry two warning triangles)
- Motorcyclists (Safety helmets are compulsory for drivers and passengers of mopeds and motorcycles)

Are you covered?

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Useful Numbers:

Emergency Services: 112 (SMS 114)
RAC Breakdown Europe: 00 33 472 43 52 44

Useful Links:

- <http://www.rac.co.uk/breakdown-cover/european-breakdown-cover/>
- <http://www.rac.co.uk/insurance/travel-insurance/>
- <http://www.racshop.co.uk/driving-in-europe.html>

Rules of the road & regulations:

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- **Overtaking & passing**
Drive on the left; overtake on the right. Overtake on the right, except when the vehicle to be overtaken is turning to the right.
- **Priority**
At junctions where there are no signs, drivers must give way to vehicles coming from the right.
- **Warning of approach**
Unnecessary use of the horn is prohibited. It is also prohibited to use a horn between 2200 hours and 0600 hours and in the vicinity of hospitals.

Towing:

An inventory of the contents of a caravan or camper van is required on temporary importation.

Maximum length of car + caravan: 12m

Snow chains:

The use of spiked tyres and snow chains is permitted on mountain roads in winter.

Seat belts:

The use of seat belts is compulsory on the front and rear seats of cars.

Travelling with children:

Children under five may not under any circumstances sit in the front passenger seat. Children from 5 to 10 years of age may occupy the front passenger seat if an appropriate child seat belt has been fitted.

Speed limits:

General speed limits

Type of road	Speed limit in km/h
Highway: (motorway)	100 maximum 65 minimum
National roads	80
Country roads	65
Built-up areas	50

In certain areas certain speed limits are imposed. On motorways there is a minimum speed of 65 km/h.

Radar detectors are prohibited. If they are part of a satellite navigation system they must be de-activated.

Penalties:

- **On-the-spot fines**
The Cyprus Police are empowered to impose fines on the spot in cases of violation of traffic regulations.

Traffic fines are not paid to the officer at the roadside

Parking:

- **Parking Regulations**
Parking regulations conform to international practice.

Where a double yellow line is painted parallel to the kerb, parking and waiting are prohibited at all times. If the yellow line is single, loading and unloading is allowed but parking is prohibited at all times.

- **Enforcement of parking regulations**

An on-the-spot fine of €85 may be levied for illegal parking. The police do not clamp or tow away illegally parked vehicles.

- **Disabled parking access**

There are reserved parking spaces for the disabled which are sign posted. These may also be used by foreign disabled motorists provided they are in possession of the blue badge.

Traffic lights:

- **Traffic lights**

The international three-colour system of traffic lights is used in Cyprus.

Drink/drug driving:

- **Legal limit**

The maximum legal level of alcohol in the blood is 0.05%.

- **Alcohol**

The police are empowered to carry out random breath tests. Persons suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol may be subjected to a blood test.

Roads & fuel

Availability of fuel

- **Price of fuel
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Unleaded petrol (95 octane)	1.167 EUR per litre
Unleaded petrol (98 octane)	1.199 EUR per litre
Diesel	1.204 EUR per litre

- **Means of payment**

Some petrol stations accept payment by credit card.

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