



**Annual CyTEA Conference  
Cyprus**

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# LANDING TO LARNACA

## A: How to get from Larnaca's airport to Nicosia

**Option 1 (most convenient):** Take a taxi from the arrivals. Make an agreement with the taxi driver about the final cost of your journey (should cost around 45 to 50 euros during the day and 60 euros during the night), also agree the issue of a receipt.

**Option 2:** At Larnaca's airport take **Kapnos shuttle** (there is a Kapnos info kiosk at the arrivals terminal and you can buy tickets) to Nicosia. The cost of the ticket is 9 Euros; the ride is 30 to 40 minutes. Please check the detailed schedule at <http://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com/> and then book your tickets. In case you miss the bus, you will not be charged. The payment is made in cash in Cyprus at Kapnos station. The booking guarantees you a place in the bus.

### **By bus from Kapnos Nicosia to Solomos square (city center).**

When you arrive at Kapnos station in Nicosia, you have to cross the 'walking bridge' and then you will find a bus station. All the buses that stop at that station are heading to Solomos square, which is the final station. Duration 20-40 minutes (depending on the day's traffic). The cost of the bus is 2.40 Euros per person. If you prefer to use the public buses, then we recommend you install **Pame Mobile App** which has all the information on routes and bus timetables. You can visit <https://www.publictransport.com.cy/cms/page/cash-tickets> for more ticket fares.

In case you will arrive in Nicosia after 8 pm, you will have to take a taxi to your accommodation. The taxi station is across the street from Kapnos station, or you can ask Kapnos staff to call a taxi for you. The cost will be between 10 and 15 Euros. Depends on the distance.



# LANDING TO PAPHOS

## B. How to get from Paphos airport to Nicosia

**Option 1:** If you arrive at Paphos airport you can take the ‘Kapnos airport shuttle’ to Nicosia. The duration of the ride is 90 minutes approximately and costs 16 Euros. Please note that there are no frequent buses from Paphos airport to Nicosia and the opposite.

**Option 2:** Travel Express. Shared taxi service (with 3-5 stops along the way) operates specific hours <http://www.travelexpress.com.cy/>. Book online or via telephone preferably.

**Option 3 (most costly):** The taxi will cost on an average 100 Euros and will take 90 minutes.

### Taxi companies you can call:

VIPS Taxi: 00357 22318318

Finlandia Taxi: 00357 22666000

Lazaros Taxi: 0357 99695589

Bolt taxi app: <https://bolt.eu/en/>



# CONFERENCE

## MEETING VENUE: European University

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<https://euc.ac.cy/en/contact-us/>

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# ACCOMODATION



## OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

\* **Altius Boutique Hotel(1.2 km away)**

**+357-22 255540**

\* **Hypnos by bed N'mix(1.1 km away)**

**+357-22 424244**

\* **Europa Plaza Hotel(750 m)**

**+357-22 692692**

## FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

### **THE CLASSIC hotel**

94 Rigenis Str., 1513, Nicosia, Cyprus

Tel: +357 22 664006

### **CENTRUM hotel**

15 Pasikratous Str., Eleftherias Square, 1011, Nicosia,

Cyprus

Tel: +357 22 456444

## **FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **CLEOPATRA hotel**

8 Florinis Str. 1065, Nicosia, Cyprus

Tel: +357 22 844000

### **SEMELI Hotel**

10 Petraki Yiallourou Str., 1077, Nicosia, Cyprus

Tel: +357 22 452121

# OTHER OPTIONS

For more options you can use Booking.com for hotels & other types of accomodation around Nicosia city center.

Another option is Airbnb where you can rent apartments/rooms around the city center.



# TRAVELING AROUND NICOSIA AND CYPRUS

Cyprus public transport is not the best one in the world. City buses are not very reliable and sometimes they just don't show up or the travel takes really long time due to the increased traffic.

Download and install "Pame App" on your phone. It is an Android app for Nicosia's public transport company (Osel). In the app, you can find the routes, timetables and bus stops information.

**Intercity busses:** There are intercity busses that go from Nicosia (Solomos Square) to different cities around the island (Larnaca, Limassol, Ayia Napa, Paphos).

Explore the island; you will see and experience the most amazing things. The schedule is available here: <https://intercity-buses.com/en/?wp=routes>

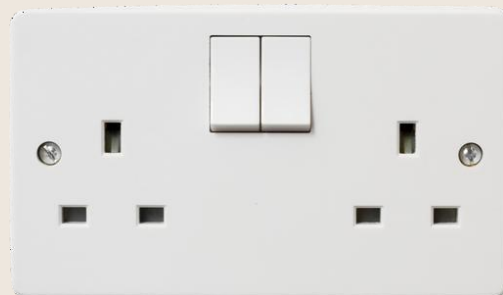
# USEFUL INFORMATION

Currency: € (Euro)



**Exchange rates:** made in banks. The city of Nicosia has a wide range of banking institutions, with ATMs available inside and outside the banks.

**Plugs:** When visiting Cyprus make sure to pack the appropriate travel plug adapter that fits the local sockets. In Cyprus, Type G are the official standards.



# DOS AND DON'TS



- Explore the island
- Eat halloumi, souvlaki, sheftalia, taramosalata
- Try brandy-sour cocktail
- Try commandaria wine
- Recycle your trash
- Respect colleagues
- Respect the meeting times
- Spend your budget wisely



- Drink tap water
- Flush toilet paper
- Explore the island unprepared
- Leave your bicycle unlocked
- Be afraid of new things
- Be closed to new experiences

# LEISURE TIME

## Main things to see and do in Nicosia:


- Ø Walk at Ledras street and Onasagorou street
- Ø Visit Ermou street (Erma cafe, Apomero cafe, several bars and shops)
- Ø Shakolas tower observatory (see Nicosia from above, located in Ledras street)
- Ø Venetian walls of Nicosia
- Ø City museums; ex: Archaeological Museum and CVAR Museum
- Ø Eat traditional Halloumi cheese
- Ø Visit Phaneromeni Church & Square (filled with cafes & bars & scenic architecture)
- Ø Walk around the newly renovated Eleftherias Square designed by Zaha Hadid



# DOWNLOAD/PRINT THE NICOSIA 2021 MAP CREATED BY LOCALS TO GET THE FULL EXPERIENCE

**FREE MAP FOR YOUNG TRAVELLERS MADE BY LOCALS**

## NICOSIA




**USE IT**

**TAKE THE QUIZZ**

**HOW MUCH OF A NICOSIAN ARE YOU?**

- You are out, eating with friends. The food keeps coming in huge quantities and you realise you are just halfway in what you've ordered when your tummy is already full. Do you:
  - A) do what common sense suggests and stop eating
  - B) take a break with the intention to have some more later
  - C) in a much-practiced maneuver, undo your jeans button and keep going
- You feel like having a soda. The kiosk is 200 meters from your house. Do you:
  - A) take your car and park it right in (front of) the entrance of the kiosk
  - B) walk there
  - C) cycle there
- You are in your car driving. You see someone you know in the car coming from the opposite direction. Do you:
  - A) do nothing, you might text them later
  - B) wave or nod at them in case they saw you too
  - C) honk and perform big gestures until you get their attention, you both roll down your windows and start chat chatting until someone behind you gets impatient and starts honking
- You have arranged to meet friends at 21:00. What time do you get to the meeting point?
  - A) 21:20
  - B) 21:05


**👁️👂🗣️ A BEEHIVE OF PEACE**  
 (Mon-Fri 09:00-21:00, Sat 09:00-16:00) In the Buffer Zone (see *5 Minutes of History*), a space dedicated to fostering peace and cooperation has found its place. **HOME FOR COOPERATION (H4C)** is a hub for collaborative initiatives and projects involving Greek-Cypriots, Turkish-Cypriots and anyone interested in peace-building and civil society efforts. Something's always cooking (festivals, live gigs or workshops) including budget friendly walking or bike tours. Intrigued? Head to the cosy **HOME CAFE** (Mon-Fri 09:00-21:00, Sat 09:00-16:30) to get acquainted with this busy and colourful crowd or to get some work done away from the urban bustle.

**LOCAL TIP** 

**🏰 SANDSTONE PALACE**  
 "Ever since it was caught in "no man's land" a.k.a the Buffer Zone (see *5 Minutes of History*), **LEDRA PALACE** has been serving the UN peacekeeping force. It has also played a key role in the peace-building process in Cyprus as the meeting place for negotiations and bicomunal initiatives. Built 1947-1949, this grand, five-storey sandstone hotel with arched windows introduced the Cypriot elite to a cosmopolitan lifestyle. It featured one of the first swimming pools in the island, hosted beauty pageants and dance competitions and served signature cocktails to foreign royalty and world-famous celebrities. Bullet holes mark its facade today in the same way violence and pain has scarred this city but, you only need to turn around to see seeds of hope sprouting."

Antonis | 24 | law student

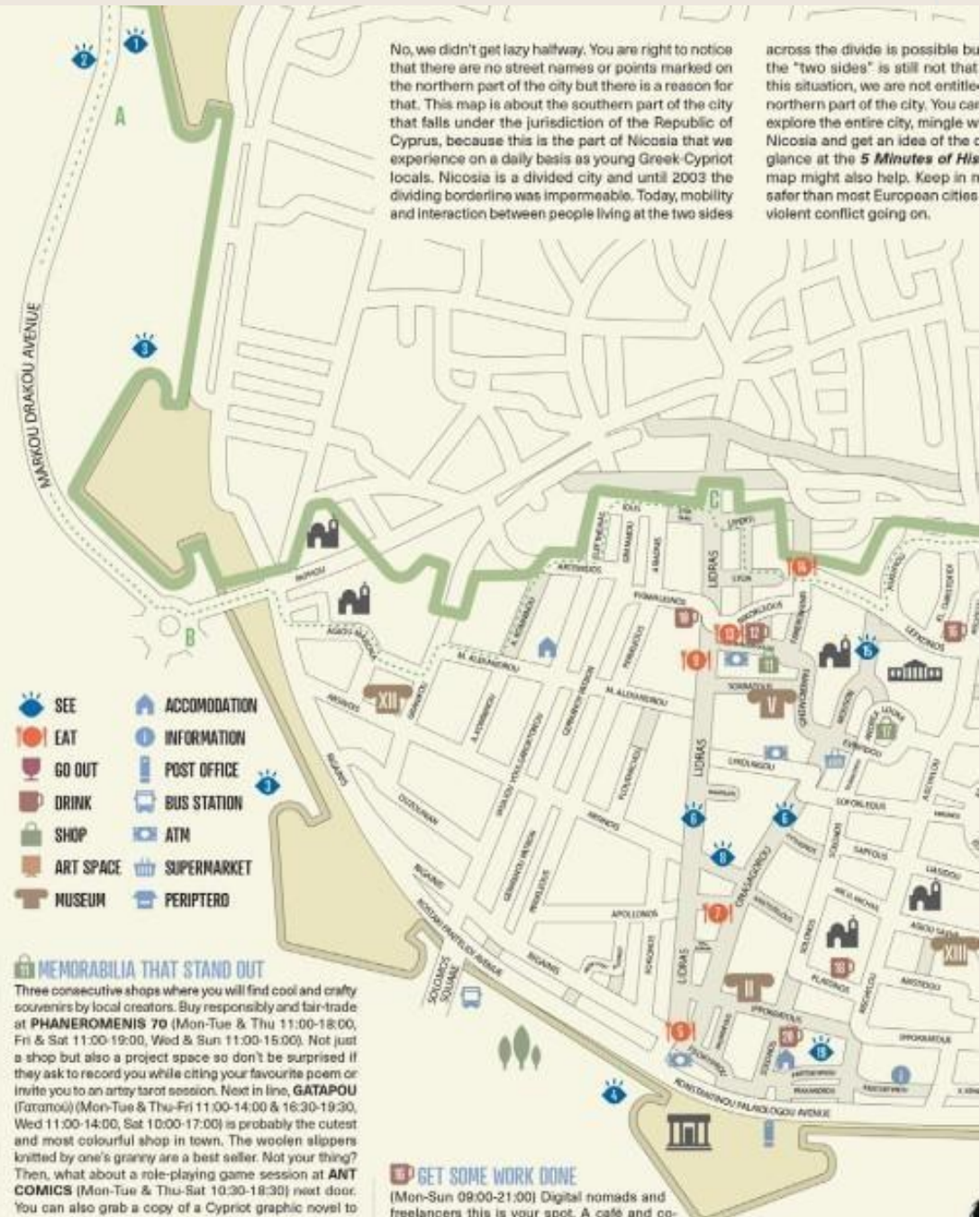
**🏰 THE FORTIFIED CITY • TOURIST CLASSIC •**  
 Overlooked for many years, the impressive star-shaped fortification that runs around the nucleus of the city is now a focal part of city-branding campaigns. But still, few know that the **VENETIAN WALLS OF NICOSIA** are the archetype of renaissance bastion forts (see *Urban Trivia*) and that each one of the eleven bastions was named after the noble family that funded its construction. Don't miss a chance to admire the impressive interior of the sublime Famagusta Gate when open for an event, art exhibition, lecture or festival.

**🏛️ STARCHITECT SQUARE**  
**ELEFTHERIAS SQUARE** (Freedom Square), connects the old with the modern part of the city and lies where the first opening on the renaissance fortification  circling the historic centre, was established by the British in 1882. The revamped, designed-by-Zaha (Hadid), central square of Nicosia has been a work in progress for more than a decade now. The slow-moving working pace has been a source of frustration, debate and criticism. Great progress has been made since 2018 though and part of the square has been opened to the public recently. Looks like we will be able to enjoy our starchitect square by the end of this year.

**👁️👂🗣️ URBAN LEGEND**  
 Drunk munchies? **ELIAS** has got you covered. Look for his trailer canteen where Ledras and Onasagorou streets meet. Grab a pizza and a boiled egg on your way back to your bed after a long night out and a few too many drinks. Most interesting and surreal conversations might occur next to the cheese pies.

**👁️👂🗣️ UP AND DOWN • TOURIST CLASSIC •**  
**LEDRAS** and **ONASAGOROU** were the two main commercial streets of Nicosia for many years before falling from grace in the early 2000's. Around 2010 they became, once again, the beating heart of the city, only to start shrivelling up again a decade later. Still, you simply can't leave Nicosia not having strolled up and down these two paved streets, like locals do. At Ledras you can taste favourite local ice cream brands (**Pahit Ice**, **Heraklia** 🇨🇵, **Regis**), browse collections of authentic vintage sunglasses in time capsule shops or cross the checkpoint to visit the "other side". Onasagorou is home to many fabric shops like the historic **Elit** with its iconic **Kardamomades** T-shirts

No, we didn't get lazy halfway. You are right to notice that there are no street names or points marked on the northern part of the city but there is a reason for that. This map is about the southern part of the city that falls under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Cyprus, because this is the part of Nicosia that we experience on a daily basis as young Greek-Cypriot locals. Nicosia is a divided city and until 2003 the dividing borderline was impermeable. Today, mobility and interaction between people living at the two sides across the divide is possible but the "two sides" is still not that this situation, we are not entitled northern part of the city. You can explore the entire city, mingle w Nicosia and get an idea of the c glance at the *5 Minutes of His* map might also help. Keep in n safer than most European cities violent conflict going on.



**👁️ SEE**   **🏠 ACCOMODATION**  
**🍷 EAT**   **📍 INFORMATION**  
**🍷 GO OUT**   **📮 POST OFFICE**  
**🍷 DRINK**   **🚏 BUS STATION**  
**🛍️ SHOP**   **🏧 ATM**  
**🎨 ART SPACE**   **🛒 SUPERMARKET**  
**🏛️ MUSEUM**   **🖨️ PERIPHERY**

**🏠 MEMORABILIA THAT STAND OUT**  
 Three consecutive shops where you will find cool and crafty souvenirs by local creators. Buy responsibly and fair-trade at **PHANEROMENIS 70** (Mon-Tue & Thu 11:00-18:00, Fri & Sat 11:00-19:00, Wed & Sun 11:00-15:00). Not just a shop but also a project space so don't be surprised if they ask to record you while citing your favourite poem or invite you to an artsy tarot session. Next in line, **GATAPOU** (Totomoo) (Mon-Tue & Thu-Fri 11:00-14:00 & 16:30-19:30, Wed 11:00-14:00, Sat 10:00-17:00) is probably the cutest and most colourful shop in town. The woolen slippers knitted by one's granny are a best seller. Not your thing? Then, what about a role-playing game session at **ANT COMICS** (Mon-Tue & Thu-Sat 10:30-18:30) next door. You can also grab a copy of a Cypriot graphic novel to take home with you.

**🏠 SIMIS' KINGDOM**  
 (Mon-Sat 10:00-01:00, Sun 17:00-01:00) **KALA KATHOUMENA** is a place with history. Long before the area in front of Phaneromenis Church was overwhelmed by cafés, this traditional kafeneio stood here as the sole hangout of artists, freaks, fanatics and non-conformists. Few people know the walled city like Simis, the owner, and few places have witnessed the birth of so many ideas, projects, collaborations, movements, friendships and romances as this one has. The past couple of years the younger generation has taken over, but you can still feel Simis' eyes boring into you from his portrait behind the bar. Order a *fasloumi* pita and enjoy it here together with an *in-cold-hand* from a sunny morning. Or browse through

**👁️👂🗣️ GET SOME WORK DONE**  
 (Mon-Sun 09:00-21:00) Digital nomads and freelancers this is your spot. A café and co-working space with high ceilings and checkered floors that preserves the ambience of another time. **YFANTOURGEIO THE WORKPLACE** is where we come to get things done, relax with our favourite book or work on our laptop. The €10/ day pass gives access to the space and facilities + snack + drink + hourly refill. Alternatively, we opt for the €5/ day pass and bring our own food and drink(s). Ask about their monthly packages or browse their library for some pretty interesting reads. Rupert Gunnis's "Historic Cyprus" is a must-read for history buffs.

**🏠 A TREAT FOR ALL THE SEN**  
 (Wed & Sat early morning - early 2 going people-watching at **OXI FJ**) Wander around one of the most c Nicosia, set in the Constanza bast historical Bayraktaris mosque and fresh local produce and smell all t friends and antanarians between th

**👁️👂🗣️ VINYL OASIS**  
 (Tue-Sat 11:00-19:00) **DESERT ISLAND** is small and stylish. This is where you come to find your trip-to-Nicosia soundtrack. Whether you are into Greek music or not, you



<https://www.use-it.travel/cities/detail/nicosia/>

# LEISURE TIME

## Main things to see and do in Limassol:

Ø Kourion (Curium): Ancient Curium is a Roman Theatre site often wrongly called an Amphitheatre but there is also a well-preserved. Mosaic and other aspect to see.

Ø Promenade (walk by the sea): A lovely, long and enjoyable stroll, with cafes, toilets and pit stops along the way. You can also take in lots of the 'on the beach' water sports and activities too, as well as checking out the best sun bed spots. You can walk all the way in to Limassol town if you are feeling fit.

Ø Limassol Marina: Very nice to walk around, nice restaurants and cafes with nice surroundings.

Ø Fasouri Watermania Water Park



# LEISURE TIME

Main things to see and do in Agia Napa:

- Ø Konnos bay
- Ø Cape Greco View Point
- Ø Blue Lagoon (boat trip)
- Ø Makronissos Beach
- Ø Nissi Beach
- Ø MUSAN Museum of Underwater Sculpture



# LEISURE TIME

## Main things to see and do in Paphos:

- Ø Tombs of the kings
- Ø Coral bay
- Ø Aphrodite's Rock (mythological place of Aphrodite's birth)
- Ø Kato Paphos archaeological Park
- Ø Paphos harbour castle (walk around this area)
- Ø Akamas national park (need to rent a car)
- Ø The Edro III Shipwreck



# LEISURE TIME

## Main things to see and do in Larnaca:

- Ø Agios Lazaros Square - Get to know some of the local people and seek out the real character and soul of this place.
- Ø Larnaca Salt Lake - Find a nice spot to sit and enjoy the tranquility that goes hand in hand with being close to the water.
- Ø Municipal Library of Larnaca - Leave time to take a look at this place of local significance.
- Ø Finikoudes Beach - Go for a leisurely stroll by the water and perhaps even stick a toe in.
- Ø Kamares Aqueduct



# LEISURE TIME

However, Cyprus is not just about beautiful beaches. There are many traditional villages to visit if you are more of a village person.

Some of the most beautiful villages to visit in Cyprus:

Ø Kalopanayiotis

Ø Fikardou

Ø Lofou

Ø Lefkara

Ø Kakopetria

Ø Anogyra

Ø Omodos

Ø Platres



# LEISURE TIME

If you are more of a mountain fan, there are many trails through Cyprus to explore, hike, and discover.

Top nature trails in Cyprus:

Ø Aphrodite and Adonis Loop near Paphos-7.7 km

Ø Artemis Trail near Limason-7.9 km

Ø Kalidonia Waterfalls near Limasson-2.4 km

Ø Avakas Gorge in Paphos-8.2 km

Ø Nature Trail to Kakopetria-15.6 km

Ø Atalante Trail near Limassol-13.7 km



Image sources:

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