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**We hope you enjoy your stay in Cyprus and we urge you to explore its beauties. Cyprus has a good and safe road network that allows the visitor to travel comfortably to all cities and all points of interest. Before you set off, please read the following helpful tips:**

In Cyprus we drive on the left side of the road. NOT on the right. Make sure you have insurance coverage for injuries or damages.

**For your own safety and the safety of others, drivers must comply with speed limits.**

The maximum speed on the highways is 100 km per hour and the minimum 65 km per hour. The speed limit on interurban, rural, and other roads is 80 km per hour, unless there is otherwise posted. In residential areas the maximum speed on the roads is 50 km per hour, unless there is otherwise posted.

**It is forbidden to drive any vehicle, including bicycles, when the level of alcohol in the blood or in the exhalation is above the permitted limit.**

In the blood, the maximum allowed limit is up to 50 milligrams in 100 milliliters of blood (BAC 0.5 mg/ml) and in the exhalation, up to 22 micrograms of alcohol in 100 centiliters of exhaled air. For the following categories of drivers, there is a special maximum allowed limit:

- persons holding a driving license for a period of fewer than three years,
- learners,
- drivers of motorcycles, tricycles, quadricycles,
- drivers of trucks with a maximum mass of over 3.5 tons,
- drivers of buses with more than eight seats, in addition to the driver's seat,
- drivers of taxis while on duty,
- drivers of vehicles carrying dangerous cargos, and
- persons deprived of the right to possess or obtain a motor vehicle driving license from a court (valid for three years from the date of deprivation of this right).

The limit for all of the above categories of drivers is 9 milligrams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of exhalation or 20 milligrams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood.

**The use of a mobile phone or other object is prohibited.**

While driving, your hands must be free to be in complete control of the vehicle.

**Wearing seat belts is mandatory** in driver and front passenger seats, as well as in the rear seats. Children under 150 cm tall **MUST** be transported in the car with the appropriate restraint system depending on their weight.

**If you are going to drive a motor vehicle, keep in mind that a legal driving license is required, namely:**

- European citizens can drive with their country's driving license.
- Visitors / tourists can drive with the driving license of their country for a period of 30 days or with a valid international driving license.
- Visitors from Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Australia, Switzerland, Zimbabwe, USA, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, Serbia, South Korea, United Arab Emirates, the People's Republic of China, Kingdom of Morocco, Montenegro and the United Kingdom can drive with their country's driving license for six months. After six months they must replace their driving license with a Cypriot one, without any examination.

Individuals who do not hold a license from the above countries must obtain a Cypriot driving license after a practical and theoretical examination, after 6 months of residence in Cyprus.

**If you are going to ride a motorcycle or moped, keep the following in mind:**

- The use of a helmet is mandatory for both drivers and passengers.
- Carriage of a passenger over 12 years old is allowed, as long as they sit behind the driver, in the same way.
- The lights must be on during the day.

**Pedestrians - keep the following in mind:**

- Walk on the sidewalk. Where there is no sidewalk, walk on the right side of the road.
- Look first to the right and then to the left before crossing.
- At night wear special phosphorescent signals or bright clothes to be visible on the streets.
- Never cross between parked vehicles, at turns or corners, or near an uphill road top.

**Motorways:**

- The vehicles move in the left lane.
- Use of the right lane only:
  - a) For overtaking.
  - b) When the left lane is not free.
  - c) For giving priority to a motor vehicle entering the motorway.

**On the motorways the following are forbidden:**

- Stopping and parking of vehicles.
- The presence or movement of pedestrians.
- Driving or presence of a bicycle, moped, or agricultural vehicle.
- Vehicles that cannot maintain a speed of 65 km per hour.

**In case of an accident, call immediately 199 or 112**

We hope you enjoy your stay and we wish that with your help Cyprus will be safe for everyone.

Drive safely  
it's **your** responsibility.



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