

We hope you enjoy your time with us in Cyprus and take the opportunity to explore the island. We have a modern and efficient road system that enables easy travel between all major towns and many places of interest. Before heading out onto the road, please take the time to read the following important information.

In Cyprus, we drive on the LEFT side of the road. NOT the right. Ensure that you have valid insurance for injuries and any damages

Driving a car

For their own safety and the safety of others, drivers must adhere strictly to the national speed limits. The maximum speed permissible on the island's major highways is 100 km/h and the minimum is 65km/h. Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limit on ordinary inter-urban and rural roads is 80km/h. In built up areas, the maximum limit is 50km/h, unless otherwise posted.

It is prohibited to drive if the levels of alcohol in the blood or breath are above the admissible limit. The admissible limit in the blood is 50 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood (BAC 0.5 mg/ml). The admissible limit in the breath is up to 22 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of exhaled air. Since 6.5.2015, a new alcohol limit has been prescribed for the following categories of drivers: Persons who have been holders of a driving licence for less than three years, learner drivers, persons driving motorbikes, motorcycles, tricycles, quadricycles, drivers of lorries of a maximum weight that exceeds 3.5 tons, drivers of buses with more than eight passenger seats, not including the driver's seat, taxi drivers when driving on duty and drivers of vehicles that carry dangerous cargo. The new prescribed limit for the above mentioned categories is 9 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath or 20 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood.

The use of hand-held mobile phones or other devices while driving is prohibited. Drivers wishing to use their mobile phone while driving must use a hands-free device.

Seatbelts are obligatory both in the front and back seats of motor vehicles. Children less than 1.5m in height must wear a suitable safety belt or be protected with an effective restraint mechanism.

If you will be driving a motor vehicle during your stay, please note that a valid driving licence is required. Keep in mind the following:

- European citizens may drive using their country's driving licence.
- Non-European visitors may drive using their country's driving licence for a maximum period of 30 days or on a valid international driving licence.

- Citizens from Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Australia, Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, Serbia, Switzerland, Zimbabwe, U.S.A, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and S. Korea may drive using their country's driving licence for a maximum period of 6 months. Upon the completion of the 6 month period, they are required to apply for a Cypriot driving licence without taking a driving test.

- Citizens from countries that do not fall in any of the categories mentioned above are required to acquire a Cypriot driving licence by following the appropriate procedure i.e. taking a driving test (both theory and practice).

Driving a motorcycle: If you are going to drive a motorcycle or moped you must have the following in mind:

- The law states that both the driver and passenger must wear a helmet.
- A passenger can be carried on suitable motorcycles/mopeds provided that he/she is over 12-years-old and sits astride the seat.
- The headlight must be switched on during the daytime also.

Pedestrians should be aware of the following: Therefore you must always:

- Walk on the pavement. In case there is no pavement, walk on the right side of the road (ie. towards the oncoming traffic).
- First look right and then left before crossing the road.
- At night, use special fluorescent badges on your clothes or wear light coloured clothes so that you can be easily detected on the road.
- Never cross the road between stationary cars, on bends or corners or from a steep gradient

Highways:

- Vehicles move in the left lane.
- Use of the right lane is only allowed when:
 - Over-taking another vehicle
 - The left lane is not free
 - Giving priority to a vehicle entering the highway

The following is forbidden on highways:

- To stop and/or park a vehicle
- Use by pedestrians.
- Use by cyclists, motorcyclists or agricultural vehicles
- Vehicles unable to sustain a speed of 65 kms per hour.

In case of an accident, please call 199 or 112 immediately.

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ON THE CYPRUS ROADS

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it's **your** responsibility!



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