

WHAT THE DISABLED VISITOR



NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT CYPRUS

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A number of facilities are available to the handicapped person wishing to visit Cyprus. Hotels in all parts of the island have a comprehensive range of facilities, meeting the requirements of disabled persons. Since each hotel offers different facilities, it is necessary 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 "Guide to hotels and other Tourist Establishments".

Both international airports are accessible for disabled people. There are available accessible washrooms, charging stations for electric wheelchairs at departure gates, ramps to allow a person on a wheelchair to enter or exit the buses and other assistive services.

In 2007, Cyprus Parliament approved and implemented the use of the European Blue Badge for parking at designated places for the disabled that are available all over the island both in public roads and public parking spaces. 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 +35722400824, email: scrd@dl.mlsi.gov.cy.

Most towns in Cyprus are fairly accessible with a wheelchair but much work is carried out to improve the infrastructure. A person using a wheelchair is advised to be accompanied by an able person, since some areas are inaccessible.

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. Also special taxis that can carry a person who is seating on a wheelchair are available. Information can be provided from the Cyprus Tourism Organisation offices.

1. ACCOMMODATION

Hotels with facilities for disabled visitors are marked with the relevant symbol in CTO **[“Guide to hotels, Travel Agencies and other Tourist Establishments”](#)** that is available on CTO Website www.visitcyprus.com and at all CTO Tourist Information offices in Cyprus and abroad.

The relative symbol corresponds to the following facilities for disabled:

Parking places

Entrance Ramps (Degree of incline appx 6%).

Rooms designed for Disabled (appx 5% of the total rooms number)

Accessibility to hotel's communal areas

Toilets for disabled.

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

C&A TOURIST APPARTMENTS

3, Megalou Alexandrou str, 8820 Polis

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Website: www.ca-tourist-aps.com.cy

2. PLACES OF INTEREST ACCESSIBLE TO WHEELCHAIRS

(Source: Dept of Antiquities www.mcw.gov.cy/da)

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

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES:

Choirokitia Neolithic Settlement (Larnaka District)

People using wheelchairs can visit the area of the reconstructed huts only due to the natural sloping of the hill

Amathous Archaeological Site (Lemesos)

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

Kato Pafos Archaeological Park

Partly accessible to wheelchairs following the 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 all the 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

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 Arakos, 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)
- 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 by the lifeguard of the beach on duty)

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: 1km.

Points of interest: Scenic forest route.

5. GOING OUT / SHOPPING

Generally, moving around in Cyprus city centres is easy due the flat road surfaces, the good condition of most pavements the high level of traffic control and many municipal and other parking places available for disabled. Most of the Malls and Shopping Centres in Cyprus have parking places, lifts and ramps for wheelchairs users and there are also found restaurants including fast food and international kitchen, cafes, bars etc.

Wide pedestrian streets are found in the historical city centres and beautiful sea front promenades with lots of dining places, pubs, cafes and souvenir shops are easy accessible to everybody.

6. TRANSPORTATION

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

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