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Limassol

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WELCOME

Greetings from EnergyLab, the Sustainable Energy Laboratory of the Cyprus University of Technology.

In this info pack, we've compiled all the essential information you'll need to make your trip smooth and enjoyable. From recommended accommodations and dining spots to practical transportation tips, we've got you covered.

We hope this guide helps you prepare for your visit, and we look forward to hosting you soon at the EnergyLab!



A few words about Cyprus

The island of Cyprus is located in the eastern Mediterranean, boasts over 330 days of sunshine annually, with warm winters and hot summers often reaching temperatures exceeding 40°C. Cyprus's diverse landscape includes mountain ranges, salt lakes, and beautiful sandy beaches, along with rich flora and fauna. The capital, Nicosia, stands as the island's administrative, commercial, and cultural hub.

Limassol (Lemesos in Greek) is located on the south coast of the island, is the second-largest city and the primary port. It's renowned for its vibrant atmosphere, bustling nightlife, and a wide array of upscale hotels and dining options. Beyond the city, the region is dotted with charming traditional villages and significant archaeological sites such as Amathus and Kourion. Limassol offers a blend of modern amenities and rich cultural heritage, promising an unforgettable experience for visitors.



Limassol Map



THE ENERGYLAB

The EnergyLab of the Cyprus University of Technology is a multi-departmental research laboratory focusing on sustainable development, and more specifically on Solar Energy, Climate Innovation, Sustainable Design and Circular Economy.

Our research focuses on:

- > Climate Innovation
- > Entrepreneurship
- > Solar Energy
- > Circular Economy



Our vision is for Cyprus to become a carbon neutral island by encouraging green, highly skilled employment and boosting societal resilience.



"We would like to welcome you to Limassol and look forward to continuing our collaboration."

Alexandros Charalambides,
Associate Professor

EnergyLab website



A BRIEF HISTORY

Limassol is a vibrant city with a multicultural population of over 184,000 residents.

In the wake of the events of 1974, which resulted in significant displacement of population, Limassol experienced a surge in growth as it welcomed Greek Cypriots seeking refuge from the North. Over the years, the city has continued to embrace diversity, welcoming migrants from Lebanon, Iraq, and other Middle Eastern regions, alongside a noticeable presence of the Russian and Ukrainian communities.



Brief History

The city center spans approximately 1km from the historic castle and old harbor to the Municipal Gardens in the west. Near the castle, visitors can explore a mix of cultural landmarks including a cathedral, mosque, and the charming cafés, bars, and restaurants. Inland lies the old Turkish quarter. Along the seafront, a 16km pedestrian and cycle path connects the old town with sandy beaches further east.

Limassol's humble beginnings as a fishing village shifted when its neighboring cities, Kourion and Amathus, were destroyed in seventh-century Saracen raids. However, it was Richard the Lionheart's arrival to rescue his sister Joan and fiancée Berengaria from the ruler of Cyprus, Isaac Komnenos, that truly put Limassol on the map.

A century later, Limassol's fortunes soared when the Knights Templar and Knights Hospitallers made it their headquarters after the fall of Acre during the Crusades. Despite facing challenges such as earthquakes and sea attacks, Limassol flourished until the Ottoman occupation, which led to a decline in prosperity.

Under British rule, Limassol experienced a revival with infrastructure developments like road construction and harbor improvements. Additionally, the region's wine industry saw significant growth, solidifying Limassol's position as a major port by the end of the nineteenth century.

TRAVELLING AND MOVING AROUND

The **legal ports of entry** into the Republic of Cyprus are the airports of Larnaka and Pafos which are situated in the area under the effective control of the Republic of Cyprus. Entry into the territory of the Republic of Cyprus via any other port or airport in which the Government of the Republic does not exercise effective control is illegal.

Upon arrival, transportation options to Limassol include **bus services and taxis**. The bus services from the airports to Limassol are generally reliable but have limited operating hours, so it's essential to check the timetable in advance, here: kapnosairportshuttle.com. Please note that most buses only accept cash payments, so having local currency (euros €) on hand is recommended.

Moving between cities in Cyprus is easy using Intercity Buses (usually Green). Their routes are frequent and reliable. A very useful combined website at cyprusbybus.com to arrange your trips.

Alternatively, you can get a taxi ride to Limassol from the airports. There are several taxi companies available, and it is advisable to book in advance. Another option would be to rent a car at the airport or use the car-sharing platform [Ride Now](#). Please consider having your Driver's Licence with you and consider that driving in Cyprus is on the left-hand side of the road.

Bus 30 operates along the coastline of Limassol, connecting the University to most of the hotels and is known for its reliability. You can purchase tickets using cash directly on the bus. However, it's important to note that, other local buses may not be as reliable. In such cases, walking might be a preferable option. There are very limited bike lanes, but you can rent a bike using [NextBike App](#).



ACCOMMODATION



Limassol offers a range of hotels conveniently located near the Cyprus University of Technology, ensuring easy access to our meeting venue.

The list below is carefully curated by us, with all the hotels and Airbnbs checked and arranged from cheaper to more expensive, providing you with reliable options.

Apartments/Studios

The Fruit Suites (if you want something more local)

Alinea Suites which have 3 options in the city centre:

Alinea Urban Saripolou Square

Alinea Suites Limassol Center

Alinea Primo Historic Center

Hotels

1. NYX Hotel Limassol (closest to the university)
2. S Paul Hotel
3. Heart Hotel Limassol
4. Old Port Hotel
5. Kapetanios Limassol Hotel

Venue location

The Cyprus University of Technology is located in the city center of Limassol at *Archiepiskopou Kyprianou 30, Limassol, 3036.*



PLACES TO EAT

AND DRINK

Food and drinks around our venue

-  CUT Tassos Papadopoulos B...
-  La Boca
-  Bistrot 55 Street Edition
-  Sykaminia Cook Shop
-  Natives Limassol
-  Η Φωλιά του Κούκου
-  Marina Breeze
-  Bar Du Soleil
-  Zester.
-  Limassol AGORA
-  Ηλεκτρικά Ειδη
-  TIO
-  Cinéma Bar Limassol



Check them on the map

-  Columbia Beach
-  Mason Bar
-  Tria Poulakia Bar
-  Sto Dromo Bar
-  Comfy.
-  Wagmi Coffee
-  The Melting Pot Concept
-  Sousami
-  καφενείο-μαγειρείο Γιαγκίνι,...
-  Stories
-  Jam Limassol
-  Alley
-  Le Chat Kafeneio
-  Coffeebon

USEFUL INFORMATION

The currency of the Republic of Cyprus is the Euro (€). Most places accept card payments, but it is good to carry some cash with you, as some local shops and buses do not accept cards.

Electricity supply across the island is 230 volts supplied through 13 amp, three-square-pin plugs.

The main medical inconveniences are likely to be from sunstroke, insect bites, and the odd sting from a jellyfish. All General Hospitals (found in all major towns), and some private ones, have Accident and Emergency Departments, which provide emergency treatment. EU citizens are able to receive free or reduced-cost treatment in the republic on presentation of a European Health Insurance Card.

The emergency telephone number for Ambulance, Fire and Police is 112.

Cyprus is one hour ahead of CET.

The major source of information about the Republic of Cyprus is the Cyprus Tourism Organisation (CTO; visitcyprus.com).



Weather Note:

In Cyprus, summer temperatures can reach up to 40-45°C during the day, while winters are mild, typically ranging from 5-10°C at night.



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