

OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet



Country:

Cyprus (CY)

Sex & Dating

- Dating culture is similar to Western dating
- Marriage is highly respected
- Traditional gender roles still common
 - Society is very much male dominated

Alcohol & Drugs

- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 17
- Cannabis (marijuana) use is illegal
 - Penalties and fines are strongly enforced
 - Medicinal use is permitted under certain conditions

LGBTQIA+ Culture

- In recent years, Cyprus has significantly progressed in protecting LGBTQ rights
 - Same-sex relations decriminalized and can be legally recognized through civil unions
- Greek Orthodox Church largely influences politics and public opinion
 - Opposes LGBTQ rights
- Resources
 - Rainbow SIG
 - Diversity Abroad
 - OutRight Action International

Cultural Customs and Norms

- Population: 1 million
- Currency: Euro
- Freedom of religion is safeguarded, population predominantly Christian or Muslim
- Official Language: Greek, Turkish
 - English is commonly spoken
 - Greetings: shake hands, smile & maintain eye contact
 - Some Cypriots may lower eyes as a sign of respect; Wait to be invited before using one's first name
- Cypriots are very respectful of the hierarchy
 - People respected for age and position

Resources

199 Cyprus emergency number / **112** EU emergency number

+357 Country code

- [DU's Travel Assistance](#)
 - Phone: +1 443-569-8601 / Website: [dutravelassistanceprovider](#)
 - Please use DU credentials to sign in
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): [travel.state.gov](#)



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