

Dear Valued Guests,

Welcome to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. We are delighted to host you. This guide has been prepared to help ensure that your stay is pleasant, safe, and respectful of the environment, culture, and local community.

Traffic and Transportation

In our country, traffic flows on the left and vehicles have right-hand drive. If you hold a valid driver's license, you may rent a car for short stays using either a Turkish driver's license or an international driving permit. Wearing seat belts, obeying speed limits, and complying with traffic signs are mandatory. Using a mobile phone while driving is prohibited; only hands-free devices such as headsets or Bluetooth systems are permitted. Driving under the influence of alcohol is strictly forbidden and subject to severe penalties.

Cultural Respect and Interaction with the Local Community

One of Northern Cyprus's most cherished qualities is the warmth and hospitality of its people. Greeting others with a smile and engaging in brief, friendly conversation will help you connect more easily with locals.

When visiting historical and religious sites, modest attire is expected. In mosques, women are required to cover their hair, everyone should wear clothing that covers the knees, and shoes must be removed before entering. In addition, being courteous and helpful toward the elderly, children, and pregnant women is an integral part of local culture.

Political and religious topics can be sensitive. Sharing conversations about family life and daily activities will help foster more sincere and comfortable interactions.

On the Visit North Cyprus culture page, you can explore the island's rich history, traditional handicrafts, local festivals, museums, and many other cultural experiences, allowing you to immerse yourself more deeply in Cyprus's unique lifestyle and heritage throughout your holiday.

➤ <https://www.visitncy.com/discover-category/culture/>

Guidelines for Visiting Museums and Archaeological Sites

When visiting museums and archaeological sites, you may be required to carry a valid ID card or passport and present it upon request by authorized personnel. To protect cultural heritage, please do not touch exhibits, artifacts, or structures; touching, leaning on, or engaging in any behavior that may cause damage is strictly prohibited. Photography is allowed only in designated areas, and special care should be taken not to use flash photography, particularly in

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restoration zones. During your visit, please remain quiet and behave respectfully, avoiding loud conversations, laughter, or actions that may disturb other visitors.

On the Visit North Cyprus history page, you can discover the island's remarkable historical treasures—ancient cities, palaces, castles, monasteries, and religious heritage—that have shaped Cyprus over thousands of years, allowing you to experience its fascinating past step by step.

➤ <https://www.visitncy.com/discover-category/history/>

Environment and Sustainability

The natural environment of Northern Cyprus is a shared treasure. We kindly ask you to act responsibly toward nature. Please dispose of waste in recycling bins and refrain from leaving cigarette butts or litter on beaches or in natural areas.

Conserving water and energy is also of great importance. Avoid leaving air conditioning, lights, or taps on unnecessarily, and limit long showers. During your stay, requesting towel and linen changes only when needed contributes significantly to environmental protection. Choosing reusable water bottles instead of single-use plastic bottles helps reduce environmental harm.

Environmentally friendly transportation methods are encouraged. Walking, cycling, and using public transport allow you to protect the environment while discovering the island's beauty more closely.

On the Visit North Cyprus nature page, you can explore the island's vast natural landscapes, unique flora and fauna, bird migration routes, and seasonal natural wonders—from swallows to sea turtles—experiencing the pure beauty of the Mediterranean throughout your holiday.

➤ <https://www.visitncy.com/discover-category/nature/>

Dining and Supporting Local Businesses

Cypriot cuisine offers unforgettable flavors. We highly recommend trying Halloumi cheese, Molehiya, Kleftiko (oven-baked lamb), Şeftali Kebabı, and Pilavuna. To avoid food waste, you may request takeaway containers for leftovers or share excess food with those in need.

On the Visit North Cyprus gastronomy page, you can discover rich culinary recommendations, including local dishes, beverages, and meze culture from every corner of the island, enriching your holiday with exceptional tastes.

➤ <https://www.visitncy.com/discover-category/gastronomy/>

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Supporting small local shops, village markets, and family-run businesses instead of large chains is one of the best ways to contribute to the local economy.

Photography and Videography

Please observe “No Photography” signs in military zones and border areas; taking photos in these locations is strictly prohibited. Always ask for permission before photographing people, as doing otherwise—especially in rural areas—is considered inappropriate. By taking photos of historical sites without flash and capturing nature without disturbing wildlife, you help preserve cultural and natural heritage.

Safety

The TRNC is generally a safe country. Nevertheless, we recommend keeping your passport and valuables in a secure place. The use and sale of illegal drugs are serious crimes and subject to severe penalties.

Considerations in Accommodation Facilities

Respecting the comfort and peace of other guests is essential. In dining areas, please take only what you need to avoid food waste. Observe hygiene rules when using pools and spa facilities, and remember to shower before use. Handle room furnishings with care, as this ensures a pleasant experience for future guests. Always treat hotel staff with kindness and respect.

Guidelines for Visiting Natural Areas

Our hotel is surrounded by unique natural beauty, and protecting this precious environment is a shared responsibility. When visiting natural areas, please stay on designated paths and avoid harming vegetation or wildlife. Do not climb trees, pick plants, or move stones.

During visits to the Karpaz region, you may encounter the famous Karpaz donkeys roaming freely. Do not feed them, avoid sudden movements, and keep a safe distance. The Caretta caretta sea turtles that nest on Karpaz and Alagadi beaches are among the island’s most valuable species. Their nests may be marked with protective cages; please do not touch these areas, avoid using lights at night on the beach, and refrain from making loud noises. Never touch turtles or alter their direction—respect nature’s balance.

To preserve tranquility in natural areas, avoid loud conversations and playing music. Due to the risk of forest fires, do not light campfires or barbecues, and do not discard cigarette butts in nature. Traveling in small groups reduces environmental impact and ensures a more respectful experience for other visitors.

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Being sensitive to local culture, continuing to conserve water and energy everywhere, and reporting unusual situations (fires, illegal dumping, injured animals, etc.) to hotel management all contribute to the preservation of these natural treasures.

Safety Measures in Natural Areas

Swim only in designated areas along the coast. When hiking, wear comfortable shoes, use a hat, and carry plenty of water.

In case of an accident, getting lost, or experiencing a health issue, immediately inform hotel management or your guides. You may also use the following emergency numbers:

- Police: 155
- Fire Department: 199
- Ambulance: 112
- Coast Guard: +90 (392) 234 63 03 / +90 (392) 612 65 00
- Civil Defense Organization: +90 (392) 600 01 01
- Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment: +90 (392) 228 96 29

Dear Valued Guests,

By observing the guidelines in this guide, you contribute to the protection of our natural areas and the preservation of our cultural values. Thanks to your respectful and conscious behavior, both today's visitors and future generations will be able to enjoy these unique treasures.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, our Guest Relations team will be happy to help. Let us protect nature and our culture together.

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