

Tips for
THE ISLAND OF LOVE

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Coffees

and stuff



Coffees

Χαλαρά

(Halara)

It's a nice place to have a coffee or a beer, play Tavli, chill with friends and enjoy the sun outside ! It's filled with young people, mostly students, and is close to everything in the city centre.

📍 Stoa Papadopoulou, Lefkosía



Costa Coffee

The sizes. Basically, 'Small' is 'Medium', 'Medium' is 'Large' and 'Large' is a swimming pool. The places are good looking and comfortable, it will make your hipster minds happy for sure. There are 7 Costa's in Nicosia, but we recommend the one from this adress :

📍 Spyrou Kyprianou, Lefkosía



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Coffees

Ποτοποιαεία

(Potopelia)

It is an amazing irish look-alike bar with a very, very large pannel of beers. Maybe the biggest choice of all the places we tried. The only drawback of this place is that it is almost always crowded and it can be hard to find a table, but once you're sit, you just have to enjoy your time!

📍 John Kennedy 44-46e, Lefkosía



Home For Cooperation

(Need ID)

Don't forget your ID/passport. It's a place in the buffer zone, where people from both sides of Nicosia have a drink. The coffees are very nice and are not expensive. And you can have a free cookie with your coffee, which is very appreciated.

📍 Markou Drakou 28, Lefkosía



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Coffees

Hei Polloi

(Need ID)

A nice bar in the north side of Nicosia. Cheap deals, board games, cards, and free music instruments if you want to play (guitar, tambourine, and an amazing ukulele). The place is beautiful and well located, not too far from the checkpoint.

📍 Arasta Sk, Lefkoşa



Imagin' Bar

(Need ID)

Reggae bar. This sums up everything. This is a very nice place in the north side where a lot of events are organized, most of them around reggae (but not always). It is close to the checkpoint, comfortable, and beautiful.

📍 Arasta Sk, Lefkoşa



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Breakfast at Teafunny's

Girly. Okay. You see the design of this document ? Pink, flowers, all the princess things for the little girls ? Well this is Breakfast at Teafunny's. You got it. It is beautiful, and the teas are pretty good.

📍 17, Lemesou Avenue, Lefkosía

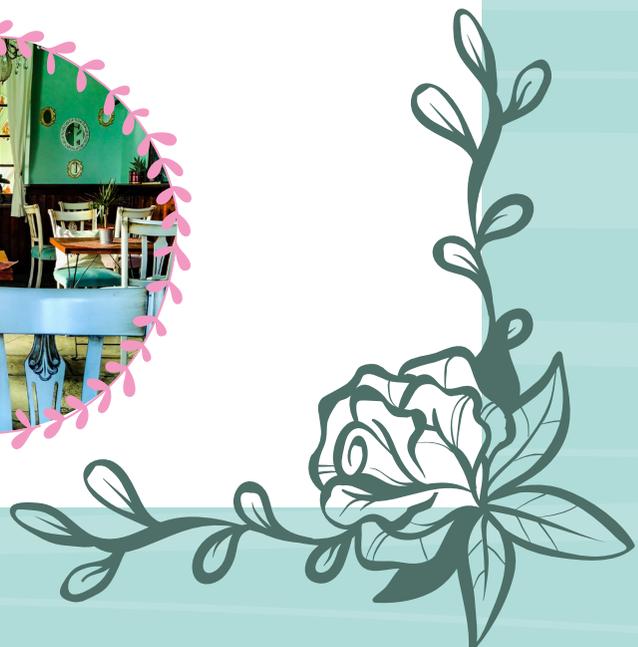
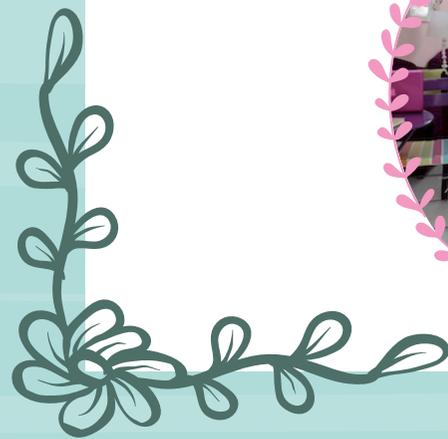


Alice Home

(Need ID)

Still girly, still wonderful. Basically, you're in the tale of Alice in Wonderland. The decorations and the rooms are all in reference to the story. Very quiet, cheap prices, and good coffees. But don't order pastries, they are not fresh at all.

📍 Tanzimat Sokak No 166, Lefkoşa



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Coffees

ΠΟΛΙΤΙΣΤΙΚΟ

(Politistiko)

Politistiko employs EVS volunteers too, so it is a good place to make connections in your first days in Nicosia. The prices are cheap, and the place is beautiful. They also organize events, like movie screening (most of the time documentaries).

📍 Leoforos Ayion Omoloyiton & Anchialou 1, Lefkosía



Colored Coffee

Cheap prices, amazing coffees with nutella glazing on the glaces. Small but cute place, with cards and board games. Close to the city center.

📍 Στασάνδρου 8, Lefkosía



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Coffees

Coffee Island

It's a greek chain that makes very good coffee. It's better for take-away orders because often the places are small. There a lot all around Cyprus, and you can easily find one in Nicosia.

📍 Everywhere



Caffè Nero

It's an italian coffee shop with normal prices and nice drinks. There are several in Nicosia, but we recommend the one in the city center. It's in a good looking (and a bit hipster) place, and calm ambient.

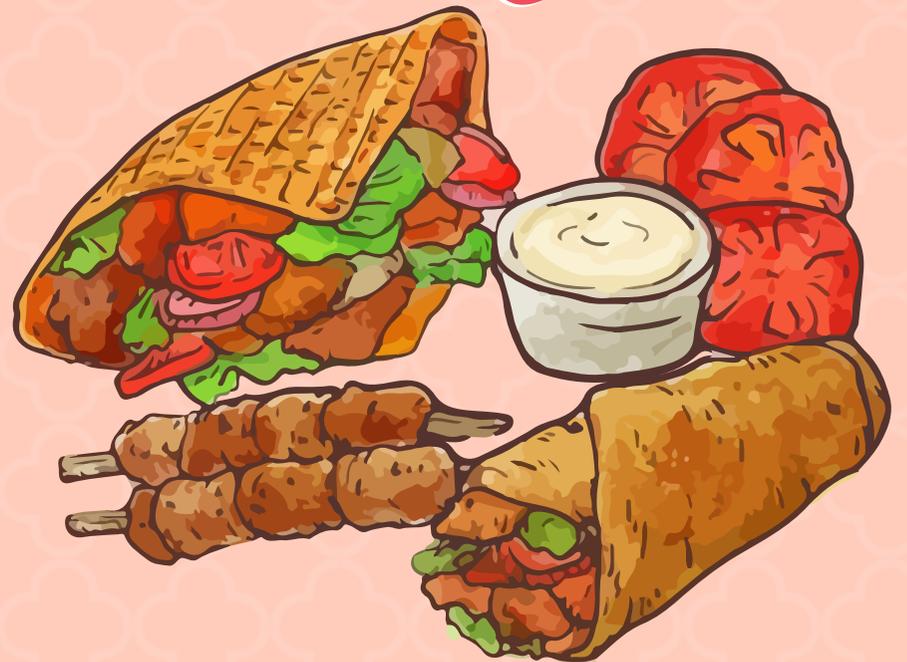
📍 Dimostheni Severi 43, Lefkosía



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Places to eat

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Places to eat

Πιάτσα Γουρευνάκι

(Piatsa Goureunaki)

You can eat greek fast food there. The dishes are very nice, especially the fries which are awesome. You can have souvlakis in greek pita or in a plate, greek kebabs and more. The place looks, as usual, beautiful.

- 📍 Kostaki Pantelidi, Lefkosía
- 📍 Faneromenis 92, Lefkosía



Το Άναμμα

(To Anamma)

This place is interesting when you are looking for a good price / quality ratio. It is also only greek food, a little more expensive, but not so much, and it's worth it.

- 📍 Ledra Street 89, Lefkosía



Places to eat

Il Forno

Awesome italian food with great pizza (not Pizza Hut material) and other traditional stuff. The prices are expensive so it's not a place to go all the time, but when you want good food, it's nice.

📍 Ledras 216-218, Lefkosía



Sen Durak

(Need ID)

The first time we went in the north side of Nicosia, we ask for the most traditional restaurant in which we could eat, and ended up there. You pay 20₺ (= 4.30€) or 5€ if you pay in euros. And the grandma cooks for you in the kitchen, you have a full plate of good food. Just go there. Period.

📍 İdadi Sokak, No:42 Lefkosa



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Places to eat

Gelatiamo Artisan Gelato

This is an italian ice cream shop with normal prices, a large pannel of flavours, and located in the city center. All the ice creams are home made, which is awesome. The super hot summer of Cyprus can be nice after all !

📍 51, Onasagorou, Lefkosía



Sweet House Bar

Here, most of the sweets are fresh and homemade, which is really enjoyable. Normal prices, and it's worth the try. But from our expericence, it is better to stick with the nice sweets and not taking a coffee there.

📍 Onasagorou 74, Lefkosía



Places to eat

Sham Food

For once, we agree that the place is not beautiful. However, the food is tasty and not overpriced, the sellers are friendly and remember your face. It's a nice place to go when you don't have a plan for lunch on your way back home. Or when you're just hungry and need a snack.

📍 Rigeni, Lefkosía



Ave Armenian Food

This is not so tasty, but this is definitely the cheapest food you can get in the city center. The place is always full of people, but you don't wait so much because they deliver your order very fast. Good for the end of the month, when you're broke and still want to eat outside.

📍 Onasagorou, Lefkosía



Places to eat

The Donut Session

On the first months walking in ledras, we saw a sign for donuts and we suddenly felt the urge to try it. Those donuts ARE worth it, a good pannel with different sizes and prices, and they are sooo good, probably the best in Nicosia. They also make good coffees and hot chocolates to take-away.

📍 Arsinois, Lefkosía



Αρτόπολις

(Artopolis)

Ok remember when we said «The Donut Session» was probably making the best donuts in Nicosia? Well for sure this bakery in the mall is way better. Fresh donuts, filled with awesome creams and awesome flavours. Try it, definitely.

📍 The Mall of Cyprus, Verginas 3, Strovolos



Places to eat

Paul

Expensive. Yes it is. Overpriced? Maybe. But if you want to eat awesome French pastries it's absolutely the place to go. They make insanely good macarons and from experience, good bread and sandwiches. You can also eat in their restaurant, but trust us, it's off your budget.

📍 Zinas Kanther 11, Lefkosía



Ζερβάς

(Zervas)

Very good bakery with nice snacks and pastries. It can also serve as a convenient store, but the prices are maybe a bit expensive for the groceries. They make nice cookies and good stuff for the breakfast, with normal prices.

📍 Literally everywhere in Cyprus



Places to eat

Bake 'N' Take

It's a nice place to order lebanese food to eat quickly on your way back home, or on your way to the city center. The food is not aaaawesome but it's nice for sure and you will enjoy it, all of this with normal prices.

📍 Kalavriton, Nicosia



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Supermarkets

and shops



Supermarkets

Αλφαμέγα

(Alphamega)

It is the closest big supermarket from the house. You can find everything you need, and a bit more, the prices are not so cheap but not very expensive, it can fit your EVS budget.

📍 Alphamega Akropoli, Diomidous 10, Strovolos



Σκλαβενίτης

(Sklaivenitis)

This supermarket is in the mall, it's nice to go there when you're done shopping. Also, although the prices are the same than Alphamega, it's always good to check this place because it has more often lots of discount on interesting stuff.

📍 The Mall of Cyprus, Verginas 3, Strovolos



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Supermarkets

Food Saver

It's a small shop, 15 minutes far from home, and the prices are normal, but you can find nice deals (on chicken for example, it's cheap).

📍 Lemesou Avenue, Aglantzia



Green Tree

It is located in the city centre, so it is very far away from home. However, it has often discount on various stuff, and it's good to have this place for emergency groceries (when you NEED chocolates NOW, you can have it, for example).

📍 111, Onasagorou, Lefkosía



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Supermarkets

Mini-Market

This is the closest place to buy stuff from home. It is small, it may doesn't have everything you need, a little more expensive than the supermakets, but it's nice to go there when you need emergency groceries, such as eggs, salt, or other stuff.

📍 Charalampou Kaletzi, Strovolos



Kiama Mini-Market

As it is opened on Sundays and late in the evenings, it is nice to have this place as a second plan for emergency groceries, when the other is closed. The plus side is that the old lady seller is very nice and friendly. Not true for all sellers, but the old one is.

📍 Petrou Eliadi, Strovolos



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Places for fun

hang-out spots



Places for fun

Kykkos Bowling

This is the only bowling in all Lefkosía, so you can expect expensive prices. In the meantime, there are 16 lanes, so you can quickly start your games. And it's bowling, it's fun. There also are snacks and drinks.

📍 15-19 Archimidous, Engomi



Players

Located in the first floor in the mall of Cyprus, this is a nice place to play games and arcades and spend some time with your friends. You can collect tickets and win prizes, but you have to go often and maybe it's not a good idea to spend all your money in this place.

📍 The Mall of Cyprus, Verginas 3, Strovolos



hang-out spots

Places for fun

K Cineplex

Movie theater. We are very sorry if you never went in a movie theater and don't know what it is. The movies are available in english with greek subtitles, the price is overexpensive though, count up to 9€ for one ticket, 7€ on thursdays. We didn't go.

📍 The Mall of Cyprus, Verginas 3, Strovolos



Athalassa National Park

It is a beautiful and big park with 2 lakes inside, one big and natural, and one small which looks fake. It is nice to go there in the sunny days to chill or to have picnic close to the lake. There is also a nice promenade path that goes all around it. Recommended !

📍 Aglantzia, Lefkosía



hang-out spots

Places for fun

Acropolis Park

Nice place to chill, close to home. You can have drinks there and make your inner child happy by enjoying the playground. There are sometimes events and expositions in there, and you can also just enjoy the green environment.

📍 Pentelis, Strovolos



Our garden

No it's not the name of a bar, it's just the garden of the EVS house. You can have nice breakfast and sunbath in the same time, organize barbecue parties (it's polite to ask the owners first, they always agreed for us). If you have speakers or music instruments, just chill and enjoy ;)

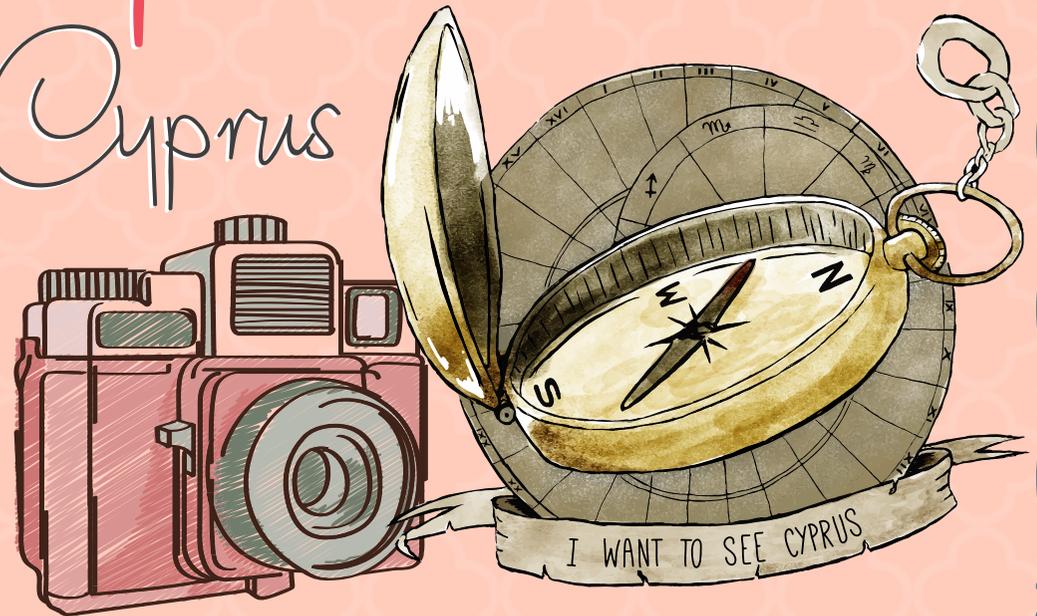
📍 Home sweet home, Amalias 31, Strovolos.



hang-out spots

Trips

around Cyprus



Trips

Αγία Νάπα

(Ayia Napa)

Very nice in the hot days, we chilled in Nissi Beach. The landscape is beautiful and you have a rock where you can jump from 7-8 meters into the water, and update your Facebook profile picture.

Bus prices : 9€ full day - 4,5€ with student card
Bus stop : 'Kalispera city lights', Lemessou Avenue
or at Solomo Square



Λάρνακα

(Larnaca)

The city is pretty small, it has a nice promenade with shops all along the sea. You can visit the Castle of Larnaca for free with the student card, and the marina, although small, is beautiful.

Bus prices : 7€ full day - 3,5€ with student card
Bus stop : 'Kalispera city lights', Lemessou Avenue
or at Solomo Square



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Trips

ΛΕΜΕΣΟΣ

(Limassol)

Limassol is beautiful in the sunny days. It's worth seeing the marina, which is big. There is a very beautiful and long promenade that goes all along the sea with few small beaches to chill in the sun.

Bus prices : 9€ full day – 4,5€ with student card

Bus stop : 'Kalispera city lights', Lemessou Avenue
or at Solomo Square



ΚΟΥΡΙΟ

(Kourion)

To get to Kourion you have to go first in Limassol. It has an amazing pebble beach, and a more classic sand beach with an amazing view on the rocks. It also has an archeological site with ancient greek culture, such as a theatre and mosaics.

Bus prices : 1,5€ – 0,75€ with student card

Bus stop : Old Hospital – Kouriou



around Cyprus

Trips

Kyrenia

(Need ID)

Very beautiful city with an old fort to see and a great marina. You can walk around the fortifications and try to avoid the waves coming at you. Overall it's very touristic and there are a lot of places for lunch.

Bus prices : 10€ (=2,15€) full day - or 3€

Bus stop : Bedrettin Demirel, Lefkoşa



Famagusta

(Need ID)

Famagusta is really a must-see city in the north side. From there you can see Maraş, the ghost city, which is really impressive. For lunch, try 'Alis Cafe Pizza', the waiter is very friendly, funny, and the food is also very good for a cheap price.

Bus prices : 11€ (=2,36€) one way - or 3€

Bus stop : Itimat, Kaymaklı Yolu Sokak, Lefkoşa



around Cyprus

Trips

Λεύκαρα

(Lefkara)

If you get the chance to have someone who can drive you there, you will enjoy every part of this village, and the ones around. Beautiful place with a lot of traditionnal handcrafted lace with a pattern named «Da Vinci» from the artist. The village is very calm and peaceful, it's very nice to stay there and feel the peace around.



Πάφος

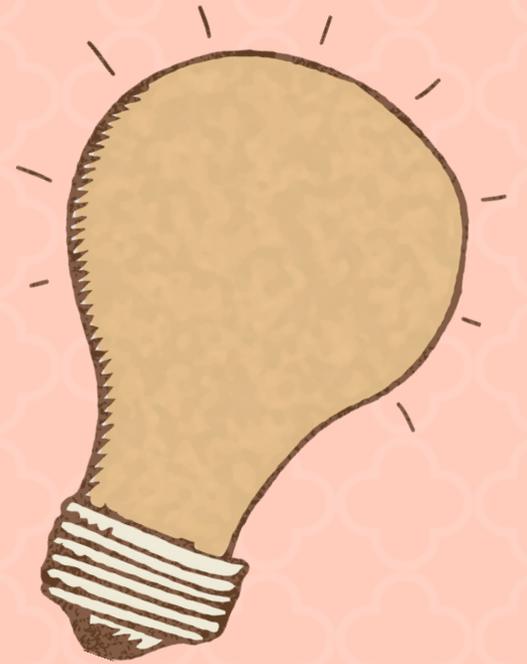
(Paphos)

You **HAVE** to go there. There are much to see that it's better to stay 2 days. The Fort, the promenade, the archeological site, the city centre... We'd suggest Trip Yard Hostel to sleep for a cheap price, but it's kinda noisy. Still nice for one night. Bus prices : 7€ one way - 3.5€ with student card
Bus stop : 'Kalispera city lights', Lemessou Avenue or at Solomo Square



Other advices

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Other advices



Bus lines for the city centre : N° 116 comes close to home and N°158 a bit further. 158 can also bring you to close to the mall.



You can find great deals to find second-hand stuff online. You can try to visit www.bazaraki.com, www.bazar-cy.com, or the facebook marketplace at www.facebook.com/marketplace to see if you can find what you want !



Join the ESN Nicosia Cyprus group on Facebook ! You can ask for recommendations, get in touch with the Erasmus youth of Nicosia, and be aware of the events !



Every week you can go hiking for free in amazing places, thanks to a group of strollers who can bring you there. A good way to meet people ! You can have more info on their facebook page : <https://tinyurl.com/CyprusStrollers>



There is a lot of hair salons in Nicosia. We don't know if there are good ones for girls, but for you men, we recommend The Dalton Brothers Barber Shop. Just take a first look and you'll understand. Website : www.thedaltonbrothersbarbershop.com



If you ever come to the need of having your shoes repaired, there is an old man, very friendly who will do a very good job by fixing it for a cheap price ! You can find his shop on Σωκράτους street (On ledra, 1st street before KFC).

become Cypriots



Welcome in Cyprus
ENJOY YOUR STAY !

with love, Alexia & Vianney

