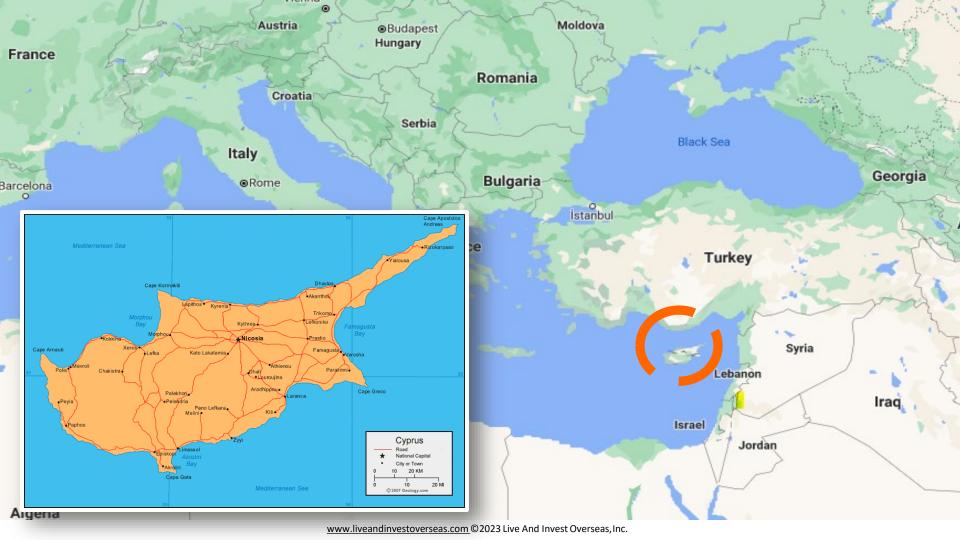
# CYPRUS









## Why Cyprus?

- Has one of the best climates worldwide, up to 340 days of sunshine a year
- Easily accessible by direct flights. Cyprus has two International airports and two deep sea ports.
- It is one of the top 5 safest countries in the World
- Being an Ex-British colony, English is one of the national languages and is widely spoken, which eliminates language barriers for many



#### At A Glance

#### Residency

- Self Sufficiency, "Cat. F" in the South; buying property in the North.

#### Health Care

Superb and inexpensive health care system.

#### **Ease of Access**

- Domestic and regional airlines are inexpensive
- Quality public transportation services and connections



## A Bit Of Background...

- **North and South Division**—Green Line divides island, checkpoints are easily and quickly crossable
- <u>Island of Cyprus is in the EU</u>—EU regulations in practice in Southern Cyprus; on hold for North pending unification
- <u>New president</u>—Nikos Christodoulides has prioritized reunification
- <u>History of territorial dispute</u>—has no impact on new buyers
- <u>Frought history created opportunity</u>—reunification will mean massive, overnight appreciation in the north



## Country Pros

- Phenomenal, laid back lifestyle
- Cyprus is in the EU
- Affordable both North and South
- Warm and sunny year-round
- Roads, internet are improving
- Clean water from Turkey
- Bird watchers paradise
- Golf

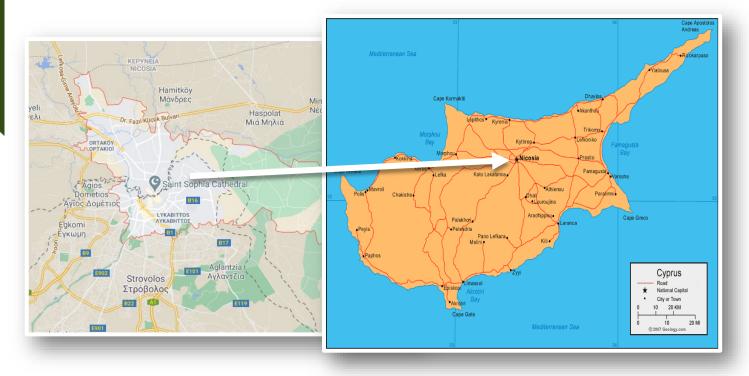


## Country Cons

- It's far from North America
- The electricity supply can be unreliable at times
- Cost of vehicles is higher than UK/N America, first and second hand
- Mostly modern architecture from the 70s
- It's a dry climate that can be prone to draughts
- No American imports



### Nicosia











### Nicosia Pros

- Nicosia is the capital of Cyprus with the majority of residents being locals
- Most of these permanent residents are local whitecollar working people
- It is also home for the majority of universities and students
- The new Mosque is beautiful
- The country's museums are here



## Nicosia Cons

- No beaches
- No airport
- Difficult parking and narrow streets
- Few expats



#### Larnaca















#### Larnaca Pros

- Bird watching, salt lake
- Airport
- Main highway in and out, main arteries for Nicosia,
  Paphos, and Limassol all connected through Larnaca
- Very good night-life, right at the sea-front
- Good shopping areas
- Big developments mean future appreciation
- the oldest city in Cyprus and birthplace to ancient Stoic philosopher Zeno



#### Larnaca Cons

- Beaches are not sand
- Too crowded during tourist season
- Water/beaches at resorts in the city center can be unclean
- Not an attractive city—yet



## Limassol



















### **Limassol Pros**

- Main port
- Biggest expat community in South Cyprus
- Golf courses
- Most developed city, most built up area on the Island of Cyprus
- Cosmopolitan capital of the country at the end of the 19th century and the start of the 20<sup>th</sup>
- UNESCO World Heritage Status for its ancient architecture, mosaics, and ancient religious importance.
- A European Capital of Culture in 2017.



### **Limassol Cons**

- Beaches are not white sand
- Overcrowded beaches
- Mature market—Already heavily developed; not a place for capital appreciation (though rentals could do well)



## Paphos











## Paphos Pros

- Airport
- The second largest tourist resort after Ayia Napa, hotels
- Legendary history—Aphrodite's Rock, ancient ruins of tombs, fortresses, theaters, villas, Paphos Archaeological Park
- Ideal place for golf
- Expat community



## Paphos Cons

- Everything geared up for tourism, not much for locals
- Quite busy and often crowded—not a quiet destination



## Grading Cyprus

- English Spoken –A
- Health Care A
- Climate A+
- Infrastructure A
- Accessibility A

- Safety –A
- Culture –B
- Recreation –A
- Taxes A+
- Schools A



#### Recommended Resources

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