

Nicosia - Cyprus: Travel and Accommodation

Arriving to Nicosia

By plane

Please note we cannot provide airport pick up or drop offs so you need to arrange independent travel to and from Nicosia.

If you have a late flight into Larnaca or Paphos, we recommend spending the night there before onward travel to Nicosia as there may not be taxis available in the late/early hours to take you where you need to go.

From Larnaca Airport:

Kapnos Shuttle Bus runs 24 hours a day, costs around 9€ per person and takes 40 minutes. You can take the Shuttle to the edge of Nicosia, and from there a taxi to your accommodation (about 8-10€). Kapnos Bus Shuttle Schedule: Larnaca – Nicosia

From Paphos Airport:

Kapnos Shuttle Bus also runs from the Paphos Airport to Nicosia, costs around 16€ per person and takes 90 minutes. Please note, the Paphos Shuttle Bus is **not** 24 hours and has a limited schedule: Paphos - Nicosia

Taxis:

- Neither Uber nor Lyft operate in Cyprus.
- BOLT is a good alternative (via the APP) as is VIPS Taxi, contactable on +357 22 318318
- You should **always** use licensed taxi services.

Accommodation

Volunteer Apartment

Beds and amenities

We have a comfortable and safe, shared apartment close to the Centre (30 minutes walk). It has 3 bedrooms and can host up to 5 people. If there is space in the apartment during your volunteer period, you will likely be in a shared room. We do not book mixed gender rooms.

The apartment has a shared lounge, kitchen, bathroom, washing machine and air-conditioning. All bedding and towels are provided.



Location and arrival

The address of the apartment is: **9 Archiepiskopou Makariou III, Apartment 001** (1020 Kaimakli - Nicosia). It is important to mention the area, **KAIMAKLI**, when you get a taxi.

Please note, if you are going to arrive after 10pm, you will need to find your own accommodation for that night.

Cost and payment

The apartment is 15€ a night. The total cost of your stay is due on your first day volunteering with us and is payable online via the <u>website</u>.

Checking availability and requesting to book

If you would like to stay in the volunteer apartment, you must first confirm your volunteering dates with the Office. Only then should you email accommodation@refugeesupporteu.com to check availability and request to book a bed. Please note: Volunteer apartment requests and bookings can only be made via this email address!

Subject to availability, you can book one night before and one night after your volunteering period. If you wish to do this, please make this clear when checking availability. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer more nights either side of your volunteering as demand for beds is very high.

Please remember, this apartment is to assist with volunteer accommodation and is run on a first-come, first-served basis. We are not running a hotel or hostel service. Our focus is on the Dignity Centre and its members.

Other accommodation options

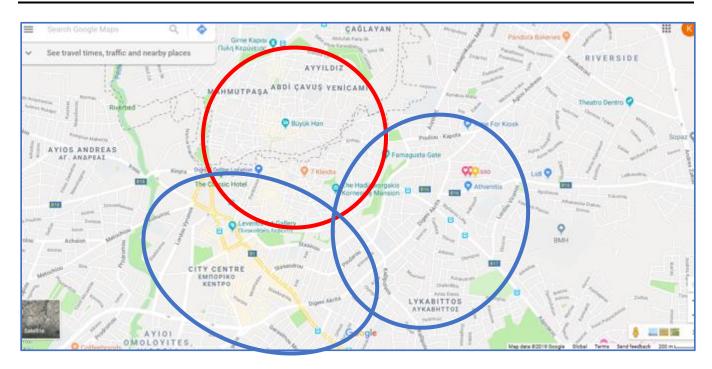
There are many Airbnbs in the area ranging from 25€ for a private bedroom to between 30-60€ for an entire apartment. You can also find good deals for hotels and hostels via agoda.com. or booking.com.

Locations to look for accommodation

The red circle on the map below is the Old City; where much of our work takes place. The dotted line that runs through the Old City (and beyond) is the <u>UN buffer zone</u> between the Cypriot side (south of the line) and the Turkish side (north of the line).

We recommend looking for accommodation either within the Old City walls or in the blue circles below. Anywhere close to roads B1 and B14 will put you near bus routes that can take you into town. Staying in the South can be more convenient but generally there is no problem crossing the border; you will just need to allow a little more time.





Nicosia Dignity Centre

Our work is based at the Refugee Support Dignity Centre on 17 Perikleous Street, in the city centre, close to Ledra Street. You can find us in Google maps as "Dignity Centre Nicosia".

We work from Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5pm.

Getting Around Nicosia

Buses

Much of Nicosia is easily walkable especially inside the Old City walls. There is also an extensive bus network, which is good for getting around outside the old centre. You can check the routes on the Cyprus by bus website.