

# Cyprus

## Medical Summary

The health risk information presented here is summarized from Shoreland Travax<sup>®</sup>, a decision-support tool used by health care providers to perform a detailed health risk analysis based on specific locations, individual travel styles, and traveler risk behaviors. Travax provides practitioners current, independently researched malaria risk and prevention recommendations in a map-based format that goes beyond the annual WHO and CDC statements included here. Not included here are current reports from Travax of disease outbreaks or environmental events that may pose elevated risks to travelers' health and safety. The Providers section of this site offers a directory of health care providers who utilize Shoreland Travax for travel health counseling. Learn more about the detailed reports and maps available from these practitioners (includes links to samples).

## General Information

Cyprus, which consists of the Republic of Cyprus in the south and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in the north, is an advanced economy classified as high income. Located in the Middle East in the Mediterranean Sea (south of Turkey), the climate is classified as dry summer.

## Immunizations

Depending on your itinerary, your personal risk factors, and the length of your visit, your health care provider may offer you vaccination against hepatitis A, hepatitis B, influenza, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal meningitis, or rabies. Routine immunizations, such as those that prevent tetanus/diphtheria or "childhood" diseases, should be reviewed and updated as needed.

## Malaria

The following is current information as reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

### WHO—*International Travel and Health* (current online update, Country List)

No statement given.

### CDC—*Health Information for International Travel* (current online edition)

Areas with malaria: Three cases of *Plasmodium vivax* malaria reported in UK residents who had traveled to Esentepe (also known as Agios Amvrosios) in the Kyrenia District in northern Cyprus.

- Recommended chemoprophylaxis: For Esentepe (also known as Agios Amvrosios) in the Kyrenia District in northern Cyprus: Atovaquone-proguanil, chloroquine, doxycycline, mefloquine, or primaquine.

## Other Concerns

### Travelers' Diarrhea

Moderate risk exists throughout the country, with minimal risk in deluxe accommodations. Food and beverage precautions may reduce the likelihood of illness.

Travelers should carry loperamide for self-treatment of diarrhea and, if risk is moderate to high, an antibiotic to add if diarrhea is severe. Consult a knowledgeable health care provider regarding which antibiotic is appropriate for you and most effective for your destination.

### Insect- and Arthropod-Borne Diseases

Leishmaniasis, murine typhus, West Nile virus may pose a risk. Personal protective measures are important.

### Other Disease and Health Risks

Additional concerns include air pollution, marine hazards.

## Consular Advice

*The material below includes information from the U.S. Department of State (DOS), U.K. Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), Global Affairs Canada (GAC), and Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), as well as from additional open-source material. Standard safety precautions that apply to all international travel can be found in the Library article Safety and Security.*

## Terrorism Risk

Risk of attack by transnational terrorist groups exists throughout Europe. Targets may include domestic and international organizations and businesses; public places and events, including those frequented by tourists; and transportation systems.

## Crime

Low risk of violent crime (sexual assault and assault) exists throughout the country.

Moderate risk of petty crime exists throughout the country, especially in urban areas and areas frequented by tourists.

Scams involving exorbitant fees for services at bars and cabarets have been reported.

Risk exists of robberies and/or assaults occurring after consuming intentionally drugged food or drink; tourists are frequently targeted. GHB and liquid ecstasy are commonly used to incapacitate victims.

## Civil Unrest

Protests and demonstrations occur throughout the country and have the potential to turn violent without warning. Bystanders are at risk of harm from violence or from the response by authorities. Disruption to transportation may occur.

## Water Safety

Hazardous water conditions (including currents, tides, and undertows) may occur. Heed posted warnings and avoid beaches that are not patrolled. Do not swim alone or after dark and do not walk on any beach after dark.

Basic safety standards for recreational water activities (including scuba diving, snorkeling, jet-skiing, rafting, kayaking, and tubing) may not be in place. Rent water sports equipment from reputable operators. Scuba dive only with personnel certified by PADI or NAUI and use equipment only from PADI- or NAUI-certified dive operators.

## Outdoor Safety

Basic safety standards for adventure activities (including recreational off-roading) may not be in place. Travelers should only use reputable adventure-sport operators for activities and equipment rentals.

## Transportation Safety

Low risk of traffic-related injury or death exists. The road-traffic death rate is less than 7 per 100,000 population, the lowest risk category.

Traffic flows on the left-hand side of the road. Travelers (including drivers and pedestrians) accustomed to traffic moving on the opposite side should be vigilant when navigating traffic.

## Natural Disasters

Seismic activity frequently occurs.

## Consular Information

Selected Embassies or Consulates in Cyprus

- | United States: [+357] 22-393-939; [cy.usembassy.gov](http://cy.usembassy.gov)
- | Canada: [+357] 2-2775-508; [travel.gc.ca/assistance/embassies-consulates/cyprus](http://travel.gc.ca/assistance/embassies-consulates/cyprus)
- | United Kingdom: [+357] 22-861100; [www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-high-commission-nicosia](http://www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-high-commission-nicosia)
- | Australia: [+357] 2275-3001; [www.cyprus.embassy.gov.au](http://www.cyprus.embassy.gov.au)

Cyprus's Embassies or Consulates in Selected Countries

- | In the U.S.: [www.cyprusembassy.net](http://www.cyprusembassy.net)
- | In Canada: [www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/consulate/consulate\\_toronto](http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/consulate/consulate_toronto)
- | In the U.K.: [www.mfa.gov.cy/highcom/london](http://www.mfa.gov.cy/highcom/london)
- | In Australia: [www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/highcom/highcomcanberra](http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/highcom/highcomcanberra)

### Visa/HIV Testing

HIV and hepatitis testing are required to obtain a work or residence visa.

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