

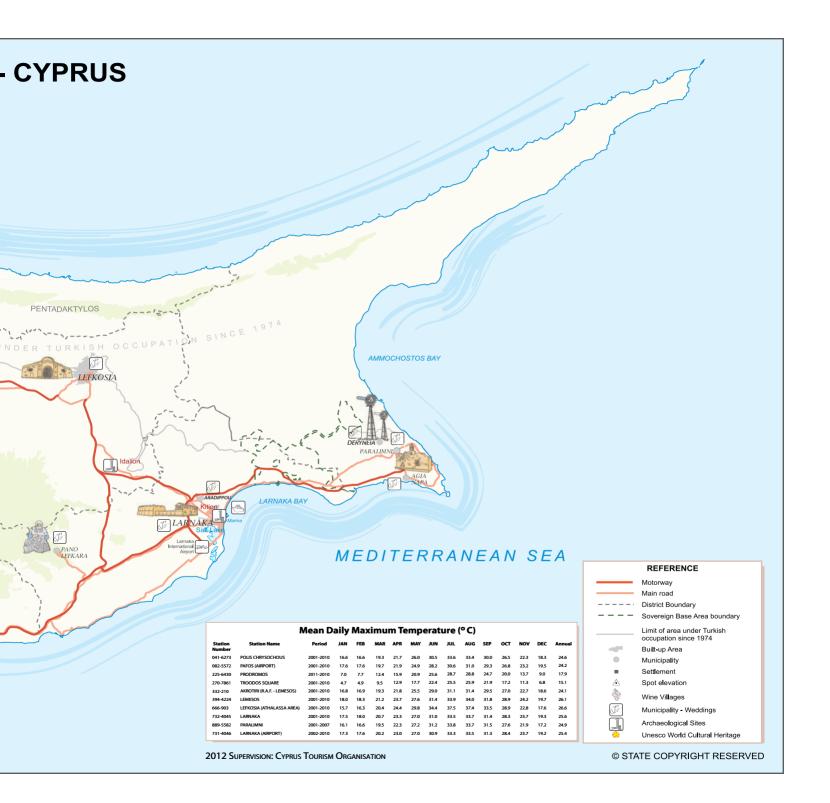
Weddings, Blessings, Honeymoons







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Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty, lived and loved on the island of Cyprus. For hundreds of years worshippers from around the region came to this small island in the eastern Mediterranean to pay homage to her. Her legacy lives on and today thousands of couples arrive every year on these sunny, friendly shores to marry and enjoy the first blissful days of their lives together.







With its excellent year-round climate, beautiful beaches and hospitable people who love nothing better than a good wedding, Cyprus has become a 'World Class' destination for weddings, honeymoons, blessings and the renewal of marriage vows. There are many luxury hotels and resorts, several of which have their own chapels within their grounds. These establishments, as well as many other types of accommodation, offer year-round professional services for wedding parties of all sizes.











Once you have looked at the many options on offer and decided where you wish to marry and celebrate your wedding, you will need to contact the municipality office of that area, or your tour operator or wedding planner, to apply for your marriage license. If you prefer a religious ceremony there are several chapels and churches, both contemporary and historic, as well as religious venues of almost every denomination to choose from. To make the necessary arrangements for this you will also need to contact the Registered Minister of the religion of your choice (For listings, visit the CTO website: **www.visitcyprus.com**).

If you decide to have a civil ceremony you can do so in the Municipality you are staying in, then head for the reception venue of your choice – it could be a specially decorated pavilion in your hotel garden, by the beach, in a traditional village taverna, or at a specific site you have chosen – you can even celebrate in the grounds of an ancient castle or on board a yacht. It's your special day and everyone will make a tremendous effort to ensure you get exactly what you've been dreaming of.







Your wedding day should be the most important day of your life together. It's the day you will always remember, so it must be perfect. Whether you want to marry quietly with just the two of you, or decide to surround yourself with family and friends, there are plenty of specialised tour operators, travel agents and wedding planners available, if needed, to arrange everything for you from the legalities to photographers, to the cake and confetti. They have years of experience in planning weddings and will tailor your event to your own requirements, leaving you relaxed to enjoy your special day.

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Cypriots love a good party and will go to tremendous lengths to ensure that everyone has a good time. Whether you decide on a lavish hotel reception, a crazy pool party, a beach barbeque, a traditional meze in a local tavern, or simply a romantic dinner for two, you can be sure you will remember it for a long, long time to come. And there's plenty of fun entertainment available to help your party go with a swing, from live music and DJs to just about anything you can imagine... especially for those wild 'Hen & Stag' nights.







For such an important occasion it's great to have family and friends around. Amongst the many good things about getting married in Cyprus are the regular flights to and from just about every major city in Europe, which means that your guests can get here easily within a few hours travelling time. Also, accommodation is available for all budgets ranging from the most exclusive hotels to the simplest self-catering apartments. Most wedding guests make the most of the fact that they are in Cyprus and extend their visit, either before or after the wedding, to include a holiday in the sun.

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HE HONEYMOON...

Once the celebrations are over its time to relax and enjoy some quality time with your new partner. How you do this is up to you but there are plenty of options to choose from including exploring the island's diverse attractions such as its historic sites, traditional mountain villages and fabulous coastal resorts. You can do this by hiring a car or by taking advantage of the organised tours offered by the local travel agencies. If you're looking for more action you can learn to scuba dive, go cycling, hiking, climbing, horse riding, wine-tasting, bungee-jumping, or even learn to fly a plane. Or, you can simply relax and be pampered in the hotel spa, or take it easy next to the pool or the gentle waves of the warm Mediterranean and work on your suntan.

, ith such a great start to your married life we are sure that you will

live happily ever after...





Marrying in Cyprus is relatively easy, as the legal formalities are simple and similar to those required in your own country.

Prior to the wedding you and your partner will need to visit the municipal offices of the town in which your wedding will take place in order to make your application for a marriage license.

There, you will need to present the following original documents plus a photocopy:

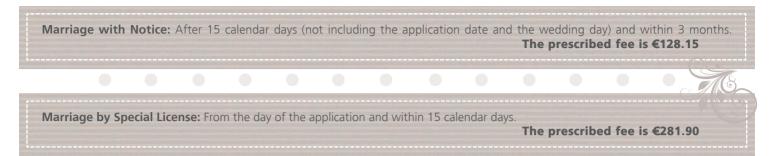
- Valid Passports (the names on the wedding certificate must be the same as that on the passports)
- Birth certificates
- Evidence of Freedom to Marry or equivalent document from your country.
- This document must be stamped and signed by a legal authority of your country, (i.e. Registry office, Court, Solicitor)
- Original Decree Absolute (if either of you are divorced)
- Death Certificate and previous Marriage Certificate (if either of you are widowed)
- Letter of Consent from parents or guardian (if either of you are under 18)
- Adoption papers (if either of you are adopted)
- Document from solicitor/notary confirming change of name (if either of you has changed your name by Deed Poll)
- All documents (other than those that are in Greek) must be translated into English and the translations legally certified, before your arrival on the island of Cyprus

NB: It is advisable to both consult and send copies of the above documents in advance to either the Municipality or to your Travel Agent, Wedding Planner or religious Wedding Coordinator, as appropriate, to ensure that you have all the necessary documentation in place, before arriving on the island for your wedding. Please remember that the original documents will still be required by the Municipality. Based on your nationality and/or residency, additional pre/post wedding procedures may apply.



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Once the previous formalities have been completed your marriage can take place as follows:



* The above fees are only payable in cash and are subject to change according to the Marriage Law, Section 104(1) of 2003.

If you have booked your wedding through a local travel agent, one of the major tour operators or a wedding planner, they will be able to advise you on the paperwork required and will be available to accompany you to the Municipal offices to obtain your license.

All wedding ceremonies are carried out in English but a translator of your language can be made available upon request. At the end of the ceremony you are given a Certificate of Marriage signed by you and your partner, two adult witnesses and the Marriage Officer.



For further information regarding legalities and documentation, please contact your Tour Operator, Travel Agent, Cyprus Wedding Planner or the Municipality in which you wish to marry.

Contact details for the Municipalities are listed on www.visitcyprus.com www.ucm.org.cy







Lefkosia (Nicosia)

Capital of Cyprus with an historic 'old town' centre surrounded by medieval Venetian-built defensive walls. Inside the walls are narrow streets lined with traditional buildings housing small boutiques, museums, churches, work-shops, cafes and restaurants, plus many important historic buildings such as the Archbishops' Palace and the impressive main entrance through the walls, Famagusta Gate. Outside the walled city is a modern metropolis with great shopping and entertainment options.

www.cypruslefkosia.com



Larnaka

A seaside town with a fabulous promenade, yacht marina, ancient castle and an elegant 'turn-of-the-century' ambience. The town centre includes smart boutiques and shopping outlets, craft shops, art galleries, restaurants and pubs. Nearby is the beautiful church of St Lazarus, the patron saint of the town. Just outside Larnaka is the International airport which overlooks a large salt lake that is home to many migratory birds including flamingos.

www.larnakaregion.com



Lemesos (Limassol)

With 16kms of beachfront, Lemesos is a popular option for holidaymakers. Known for its fun-loving people and famous carnival, the town is not only the island's main port but also its commercial centre. The old part of town includes a romantic medieval castle where, in 1191, King Richard the Lionheart is said to have married his queen, Berengaria. The castle is surrounded by plenty of trendy and traditional restaurants and pubs, as well as small shops and markets. The centre of the island's winemaking region, Lemesos is flanked by two impressive archaeological sites, the city-kingdoms of Amathous and Kourion.

www.limassoltourism.com

Pafos (Paphos)



Located on the west coast, with a pretty fishing harbour overlooked by an ancient fort, Pafos is a town with considerable history. Under Roman rule, it was the capital of Cyprus and evidence of that period is everywhere. The entire area of Kato (lower) Pafos is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you can visit the Tombs of the Kings, admire the brilliant mosaic floors of the Roman villas, and see the stone pillar where the Apostle Paul received his forty lashes bar one. Excellent hotels, clubs, pubs and restaurants. Petra tou Romiou, the spectacular, legendary birthplace of Aphrodite and the island's most popular wedding photography venue, is nearby.

www.visitpafos.org.cy



Polis

Situated on the north-west coast, Polis is the gateway to the wild Akamas peninsula and a popular destination for walkers and nature-lovers. This is a small relaxed town with great hotels and restaurants and easy access to some of the island's prettiest villages, the Pafos forest and the stunning walking trails of the Akamas. Nearby are the fishing harbour at Latchi, the turtle sanctuary at Lara Bay and the site known as the Baths of Aphrodite, where the goddess is said to have bathed with her lover, Adonis.

www.visitpafos.org.cy



Ammochostos (Famagusta)

The southeast coastal area, which includes the popular holiday resorts of Agia Napa and Protaras with their fabulous sandy beaches and nightlife. In the heart of Agia Napa is an ancient monastery, which is a great setting for wedding pictures, as are the colourful fishing boats and the beautiful sandy bays lapped by the clear turquoise waters of the Mediterranean. The municipal offices for the region are located in the traditionally restored heart of the rural town of Paralimni, as well as in Agia Napa and in the village of Deryneia.

www.agianapaprotarashotels.com



Troodos

Crowned by Mount Olympus at 1952m, Troodos is the island's highest resort. Amidst the cool, fragrant pine forests are walking trails, nature reserves, remote monasteries and tiny Byzantine churches, 10 of which are listed UNESCO World Heritage Sites. There is rural accommodation as well as some charming hotels in the mountain villages. In the past, many famous people including the writer Daphne du Maurier, the poet and Nobel Laureate George Seferis and even King Farouk of Egypt have chosen to stay here and relax to the song of the nightingales.

www.mytroodos.com



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