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ON THE CYPRUS ROADS

Drive safely
it's your responsibility



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We hope you enjoy your time with us in Cyprus and encourage you to explore the island. We have a modern and efficient road system that enables easy travel between all major towns and many places of interest. Before heading out onto the road, please take the time to read the following important information.

- In Cyprus, we drive on the LEFT side of the road. **NOT the right.**
- **For their own safety** and the safety of others, drivers must adhere strictly to the national speed limits. The maximum speed permissible on the island's major highways is 100 km/h and the minimum is 65km/h. Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limit on ordinary inter-urban and rural roads is 80km/h. In built up areas, the maximum limit is 50km/h, unless otherwise posted.
- **It is prohibited** to drive if the levels of alcohol in the blood or breath are above the admissible limit. The admissible limit in the blood is 50 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood (BAC 0.5 mg/ml). The admissible limit in breath is up to 22 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of exhaled air.
- **The use of hand-held mobile phones** while driving is prohibited. Drivers wishing to use their mobile phone while driving must use a hands-free device.
- **Seatbelts** are obligatory both in the front and back seats of motor vehicles. Children less than 1.5m in height must wear a suitable safety belt or be restrained with a suitable restraint system.
- If you will be driving a motor vehicle during your stay, note that a valid driving licence is required, keeping in mind the following:
 - European citizens may drive on their country's driving licence.
 - Non-European visitors may drive on their country's driving licence for a maximum period of 30 days or on a valid international driving licence.
 - Citizens from Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Australia, Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, Serbia, Switzerland, Zimbabwe, U.S.A, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and S. Korea may drive on their country's driving licence for a maximum period of 6 months. Upon the completion of the 6 month period, they are required to apply for a Cypriot driving licence without taking a driving test.

- Citizens from countries that do not fall in any of the categories mentioned above are required to acquire a Cypriot driving licence by following the appropriate procedure i.e. taking a driving test (both theory and practice).
- **If you are going to drive a motorcycle** or moped you must have the following in mind:
 - The law states that both the driver and passenger must wear a helmet. Rental agencies should supply helmet(s) at the time of rental upon request.
 - A passenger can be carried on appropriate motorcycles/mopeds provided that he/she is over 12-years-old and sits astride the seat.
 - The headlight must be switched on during the daytime also.
- **Be sure** that you are covered by insurance for injury or damages.
- **Pedestrians** must remember that traffic moves on the LEFT side of the road. Therefore you must always:
 - Walk on the pavement. In case there is no pavement, walk on the right side of the road (ie. towards the oncoming traffic).
 - Look to your right first before crossing any road.
 - At night, use special fluorescent badges on your clothes or wear light coloured clothes so that you can be easily seen on the road.

Highways:

- Vehicles move in the left lane.
- Use of the right lane is only allowed for:
 - For over-passing another vehicle
 - When the left lane is not free
 - Giving priority to a vehicle entering the highway

It is forbidden on the highways:

- to stop and/or park a vehicle
- for pedestrians to enter or cross them
- for a bicycle, moped or agricultural machine to be driven

- **In case of an accident, call 199 or 112 immediately.**

ENJOY YOUR STAY AND PLEASE HELP US KEEP THE ROADS OF CYPRUS SAFE FOR EVERYONE.