

# Turkey (Northern Cyprus)



## NMO GENERAL INFORMATION

### NAME AND COUNTRY

Turkey (Northern Cyprus) MSANC

### LANGUAGE

Turkish

### REQUIRED LANGUAGE

English

### TIME ZONE

(GMT+02:00) Athens, Bucharest, Istanbul

### CURRENCY

Turkish lira

### IFMSA STATUS

SCOPE Active

### LCs PARTICIPATING

#### SCOPE

[Turkey - Northern Cyprus \(MSANC\) - Nicosia - Near East LC](#)

#### SCORE

Northern Cyprus (MSANC) - Near East University, Nicosia

Northern Cyprus (MSANC) - Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta

### NUMBER OF INCOMING PER YEAR

20 SCOPE STUDENTS

25 SCORE STUDENTS

### EXCHANGE CONDITION

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### OFFICIAL WEBSITE

<http://www.msanc.org/>

### EXCHANGE OFFICERS

#### NEOs

Simge Cibros

#### NOREs

Arda Ya?a



MEDICAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CYPRUS

## WELCOME NOTE

Welcome to the hidden paradise of Mediterranean, Northern Cyprus! We are ready to host you in our medical school hospitals with international standards where you will exchange your experiences with students from all around the world!

## OVERVIEW

Northern Cyprus, a bright and peaceful place in Mediterranean with 10.000 years of history and cultural heritage, where the sun will warm you more than 300 days in a year. The island has a Mediterranean style climate, typified by long hot and dry summers, short autumn and spring seasons and a short cool wet winter. The sea temperature itself never falls below 16°C even in winter; in August it can rise up to 28°C. Beautiful beaches of fine golden sands, vast expanses of unspoilt landscapes, and restaurants with authentic local dishes and a fine array of seafood of the blue Mediterranean waters await discovery.

## HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

The standard and availability of healthcare in Northern Cyprus is very high with a choice of private or state run clinics and hospitals. English is widely spoken and all staff are fully trained in their line of work. The main hospitals for urgent medical care can be found in Lefkoşa (Nicosia), Girne (Kyrenia) or Gazimağusa (Famagusta). Northern Cyprus is not part of the EEC, you can either pay for the treatment at the time or you can take out private medical cover. The emergency telephone number for an ambulance is 112. For minor problems, the local pharmacies (Eczane), can be recognized by the universal red cross sign outside their shops, can deal with most complaints and dispense most medication over the counter. Most dentists on the island have state of the art equipment where emergency work can be carried out quickly.

## MEDICAL EDUCATION

Northern Cyprus has 3 medical faculties. Entrance to those universities required examination which is held by Turkey and Northern Cyprus cooperatively. Also students from accretited countries can also apply to universities if they satisfy the conditions.

Approximately 40% of medical students are international students, and the remaining 60% is composed of Turkish and Turkish Cypriot students.

Period of study for medical school is 6 years with 3 years of preclinical (theoretical) education firstly, then 3 years of clinical rotation.

## TRANSPORTATION

All international flights into Northern Cyprus go via Turkey. Most arrive at Istanbul Atatürk Airport, where passengers must disembark and catch a connecting flight to Ercan Airport in Lefkoşa, Northern Cyprus. You can also fly into Izmir, Ankara, or Antalya first to get the connecting flight. When you arrive to Ercan Airport, you'll be picked up by our CPs. There are also private bus companies to get to Lefkoşa bus station from the Ercan Airport. When arriving in Ercan you will need to go through customs procedures. These are very simple procedures, you should ask to have your entry visa stamp on a separate piece of paper instead of on a page in your passport if you are plan on visiting Southern Cyprus or Greece in the next few years. You can also take a direct flight to Southern Cyprus to Larnaca Airport, take a taxi and cross the border to the Northern Cyprus.

## SOCIAL PROGRAM

There are plenty of things to do and see in Northern Cyprus both during the day and at night. Social programme will be set up by LCs for the duration of your stay. Programmes will include beach days, night-outs, NFDPs and sightseeings and more!

**Kyrenia Harbour& Kyrenia Castle** old harbor is one of the best places to visit in North Cyprus with cafes, bars, restaurants offering lots of good places to taste the local food. Kyrenia Castle at the end of the harbor is a 16<sup>th</sup>-century castle built by Venetians over a previous Crusader fortification.

**Bellapais Monastery (Kyrenia)** is a beautiful and elegant building depicting Gothic styles and founded in 13<sup>th</sup> century.

**St Hilarion Castle (Kyrenia)** in writer Dame Rose Macaulay's words it's a "picture-book castle for elf kings" – and formed the template for both the fairy-tale castles of King Ludwig in Bavaria and Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom. If possible, visit in spring when the surrounding landscape is a riot of wild flowers.

**Karpaz Golden Beach & Apostolos Andreas Monastery (Karpas)** Karpas Peninsula located in the northeastern part of the island is a land where the time stands still with miles of untouched golden sandy beaches. These beaches are popular for camping. Situated at the tip of peninsula, Apostolos Andreas Monastery welcomes you. Karpas is also natural habitat of wild donkeys.

**Salamis Ancient City (Famagusta)** founded in 12<sup>th</sup> century BC and it is a large city complex revealing Roman buildings and architecture.

**Varosha Ghost Town (Famagusta)** Before the division of Cyprus in 1974, Varosha was an important tourist attraction center. The rich and famous were drawn by some of the best beaches on the island. Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor and Brigitte Bardot all dropped by. For more than 40 years, time is frozen in Varosha and it's has been abandoned since 1974. A car dealership still stocked with 1974 cars, window displays of mannequins dressed in long-gone fashions, the sand dunes that have encroached over the seafront with rare sea turtles nesting them.

**Othello Castle (Famagusta)** is built by Lusignans in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. It is reputed that Shakespeare based his play "Othello" on this castle.

**Lala Mustafa Pasha Mosque - St. Nicholas Cathedral (Famagusta)** The 14<sup>th</sup> century Gothic cathedral is the largest medieval building in Famagusta. It has a nave with 2 side aisles, no transepts, and a triple apse. 6 columns on each side are supporting splendid vaulting.

**Soli Ancient City (Morphou)** Built by Romans in 6<sup>th</sup> century BC. There are theater, remains of 5<sup>th</sup> century basilica, mosaics and a base of fountain once dedicated to Goddess Aphrodite.

**Alagadi Turtle Beach (Kyrenia)** Every year, marine turtles come to nest on the beaches of Northern Cyprus. You can be a volunteer during the nesting and hatchling season at Alagadi Turtle beach and help these lovely creatures to reach the blue waters of Mediterranean.



## CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

Since 1974, Northern and Southern Cyprus remain divided, physically separated by United Nations (UN) Buffer Zone referred as the “Green Line”. Today, the long standing political dispute between North and South Cyprus continues. However, the tension has eased significantly and border crossings are quite smooth.

Turkish Cypriots are one of the friendliest people. If you meet with them, you will realize that they are one of their kind on being social. Turkish Cypriot cuisine is a mixture of both Turkish and Greek cuisines, also has it's own taste to discover.

### Numbers for emergency:

**112 - Ambulance**  
**155 - Police**  
**158 - Coast guard**  
**177 - Forest fire**  
**199 - Fire**

Driving in the island follows the British UK standard of keeping to the left hand side of the road. Road signs are mostly in Turkish and English.

Northern Cyprus has excellent mobile phone coverage, so make sure you enable international roaming on your phone before leaving home. In case you don't want to use your number, various mobile phone operators can be found at the entrance of the airport to have a SIM card.

Crossing the border between south and North Cyprus is quick and easy; you will need to fill out a simple visa entry form and show a valid passport.

Northern Cyprus has a strict zero tolerance regarding drug use.

The drink/drive laws in Northern Cyprus are strictly enforced.

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor workplaces and public places.

European 3-prong adapter needed to plug in electrical devices in Northern Cyprus is the UK output with the 3-pins, and 240 standard voltages.