

Information on accessibility for people with sensory disabilities travelling to Cyprus

Through relevant research and by contacting various stakeholders, it has been identified that there is none to very limited information on persons with sensory disabilities travelling to Cyprus. Accessibility information is focused on visitors with reduced mobility or wheelchair users.

A. Official info by the Deputy Ministry of Tourism

This is very general and mostly focused on wheelchair users.

Website: <https://www.visitcyprus.com/index.php/en/practical-information/accessible>

Flyer:

https://www.visitcyprus.com/files/PracticalInfo/Info_for_Disabled_feb10_lrg.pdf (only info for persons with sensory disabilities are the contacts to the Blind and Deaf Schools in Cyprus).

B. Airport

Larnaka International Airport only has the following facilities for the blind or visually impaired:

1. Blind path
2. Room Mate, at the busiest PRM toilet at the terminal. The Room Mate is an Electronic wall-mounted device, which gives bespoke audio description in a disabled access toilet, to guide the persons with visual impairments in the room. It has been custom made for the specific toilet and offers guidance in English & Greek language.

Nothing for the deaf.

https://www.hermesairports.com/media/cms/EN-PRM_FACILITIES_SERVICES_LCAPFO_APR%2018.pdf

C. Hotels

Very minimum requirements for persons with sensory disabilities i.e. audible emergency alarms and visible emergency alarms. The majority of requirements is for wheelchair users. An example of the official criteria can be found here (check-list of Aldiana Hotel in Larnaka region):

https://www.visitcyprus.com/files/accessibility_facilities/ALDIANA.pdf

A list of of hotels for persons with special access needs is available at the website of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism who are in charge hotel inspections:

[https://www.visitcyprus.com/files/accessibility_facilities/Hotel_Establishments_offering_facilities_for_the_disabled\(1\).pdf](https://www.visitcyprus.com/files/accessibility_facilities/Hotel_Establishments_offering_facilities_for_the_disabled(1).pdf) . Furthermore, a more detailed list with specific requirements by each hotel can be found here:

<https://www.visitcyprus.com/index.php/en/news/164-hotels-and-other-tourist-establishments-disabled>

D. Tourist Attractions

No facilities and no information at all for persons with sensory disabilities whatsoever. Only info is for wheelchair accessibility.

E. Specialist Travel Agencies

Accessible Cyprus (locally based)

<https://www.facebook.com/accessiblecyprustravel/>

Holidays to Cyprus for the blind/visually impaired (UK-based represented by the local agency above): <https://seable.co.uk/visit-cyprus-as-a-blind-tourist/>

Note: Also includes some interesting activities for the blind (wine-tasting, pottery making, boat tour with audio description).

Holidays to Cyprus for the deaf (UK based) - Limitless Travel:

<https://www.limitlesstravel.org/disabled-holidays/deaf-people/>

Note: Also includes some interesting tips