

# Cyprus



Our country, Cyprus, is a small island located in the eastern side of the Mediterranean sea. It's next to Turkey in the North, Siria in the East, Egypt and Israel in the South. Its population is about 800 000 people. Cyprus is from May 1<sup>st</sup> 2004, member of the European Union (EU).



The 80% of the population are Greek-Cypriots (greek orthodox Christians) including our village, the 12% are Turkish-cypriots (muslims) and the rest are other foreigners. The official languages are Greek and Turkish.

Cyprus is a very beautiful island. It has beautiful beaches, tourist resorts, many museums which host the island's ancient history. Some interesting places in Cyprus is petra tou Romiou (left picture), ancient Salamina (right picture), the monastery of Panagia in Kikkos etc. Our climate is very nice and sweet (is hot in the summer and not very cold in the winter).



The 40% of the island is occupied by Turkish troops, who invaded Cyprus in 1974. 200 000 Greek-Cypriots were forced to leave their homes in the North side of the island and come to live in the south side of the island. Many Frenaros' residents are refugees from the North. Today Greek-cypriots and Turkish-cypriots live separately, Greek-cypriots in the South and Turkish-cypriots in the North. We hope a solution will be found soon, so that our two communities live in peace.



Cypriots' favourite food is «souvla». Souvla is any meat chopped in pieces and grilled on charcoal. It is cooked like this, since the ancient Greeks, 3000 years ago.



Best regards  
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