# CYPRUS HARBOUR VIEW



## **Welcome to Cyprus Harbour View Villa**



14 Bougainvillea Villas Sulun Sokak Bellapais Kyrenia

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## CYPRUS HARBOUR VIEW VILLA ADDRESS AND MAP

#### CYPRUS HARBOUR VIEW ADDRESS

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#### What3words ADDRESS

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#### **GOOGLE MAP ADDRESS**

See Cyprus, Kyrenia and the Villa on Satellite photos. Click on this link for the map. <u>Google Maps</u> Or open Google Maps or Google Earth and put Villa address 35°19'11.73"N 33°20'13.27"E into the Search Bar.

You can download Google Earth from

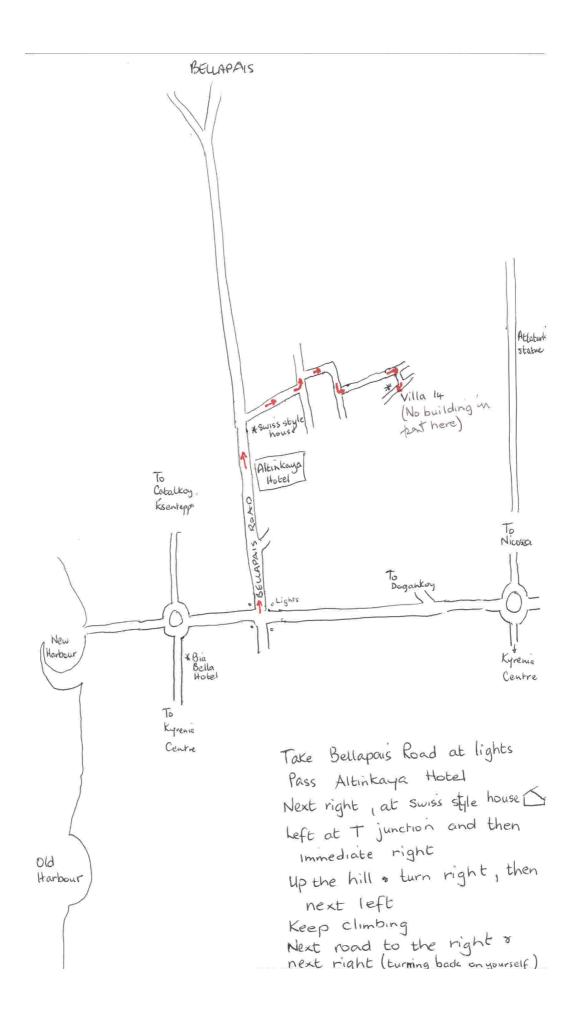
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See location of Villa on Google Map below. From Kyrenia/Girne follow signs for Bellapais & Bellapais Abbey. When on the road to Bellapais (Kurtulus Cd) drive past the Altinkaya Hotel on the Right hand side of the road. 500 metres later turn right into junction with sign for Sergem Villas just after a Swiss style house on the right into into Yenikent Caddesi. At T-junction turn right followed by immediate left. At next T-junction turn right, the main road sweeps left and continues up the hill on Idge Sokak. 200m later take the first road to the right, Kircicegi Sokak after 50m turn right at the T junction onto Sülün Sokak. You are now going downhill towards the sea. 100m further on the right you will see Cyprus Harbour View Villa #14



Please see next map for road details.

Over the page is an alternative schematic route plan.



## GARDEN PLEA FOR THE PLANTS, Water if you have time

Please do take washing up water to the plants. Also there is a bucket for each shower, these will fill with cold water as you wait for the hot to come through from the tank. Please do take this water to the plants.

Please if you feel bored in the late afternoon do feel free to spend 20 minutes giving the garden a little watering. The 3 hosepipes reach all corners and the garden will be most grateful.

## **CONTACTS IN KYRENIA**

#### PHONES IN CYPRUS

Nowadays most mobile companies have built in or extra roaming packages. Our Vodafone package is £8 per month for 1000 minutes, unlimited text and 5GB of data and this is free to roam in Europe and Turkey. Check with your provider for conditions.

Your friends and family can call you on this phone from the UK at 9p per minute by dialling "Dialaround" Dial 0871 343 4141 wait for the message "welcome to dial around" then dial the full international number 0090 533 851 2417. You can do this from a UK landline or a mobile. There is a small phone directory, the Buzz Book, in our information folder.

#### WiFi & INTFRNFT

We have WiFi. Look for Villa14 the password is 12341234

Most bars and restaurants have WiFi, the Harbour and main town square have open access.

#### **OUR AGENT IN CYPRUS**

Muza is your main contact and will give advice and help to sort out any problems 0533 860 2046 from a local phone or 0090 533 860 2046 from your own phone. Muza is the son in law of Sadik Tuccaroglu (pronounced Two Jar O Low) who looks after the penthouse. Sadik's phone number in Cyprus is 0542-851-1101. If you are calling from UK or using your home mobile in Cyprus dial 009-0542-851-1101

They are local business men with good English and are both very helpful. Also good contacts for taxis, car hire and airport transfer.

Email **sadik@sadiktuccaroglu.com** & **muzaffer@sadiktuccaroglu.com** Office # 009-0393-281-5287

If no reply from Sadik or Muzaffer and urgent phone Lyn on 0044 7771 537 987 if you can't get through to them first.

#### **KEYS**

There are two sets of keys. There is a keysafe is at the front door. I will send you the code before arrival if you forget ask Muza for the code. Please spin the tumblers on the key safe each time you use it so no-one else can see the code. It is a good idea to keep your spare set in the key safe.

If you lock yourself out Sadik has a spare key but will charge to come to let you in.

When you are out please lock all doors and windows for security. There are 2 bolts on each section of the French doors and shutters

## **KEEPING COOL**

You can open all the windows and there is usually a gentle breeze at the Villa as we are on the hillside, so Air Con is usually not needed. It is much nicer to have all the patio doors open as this opens up the house and gives a lovely airy ambience.

There are ceiling fans in the bedrooms which give a pleasant breeze and with the windows open it is so much nicer than the air-con. However you will probably need air con in July and August.

## **AIR CONDITIONER**

Electricity is horrendously expensive in Cyprus and the air conditioning is a heavy user. Please do not leave the aircon on when you are out. Please do not use it when windows are open.

We allow for normal usage which is more than enough for even in the hottest months, but we do charge extra if the use is excessive. If you use

the aircon when you are inside and with the windows closed you will not go over the limit.

The bedrooms in the villa cool down in 5-10 minutes once the air-con is switched on; so there is no need to leave it running all day when you are out, as this only contributes to global warming and expense.

Please keep all the doors and windows firmly closed when using the aircon, otherwise you will be cooling all of Cyprus, but <u>not</u> the villa.

#### REMOTE CONTROL, ON-OFF AND CARE FOR THE UNITS

First press the timer units on the wall which give 2, 4,or 6 hours on. The air-con should then be switched on and off using the hand controls after pressing the timer unit on the wall. When the timer is on at the wall you control the units by remote.

The air-con should be switched on and off using the hand controls and **not at the power switch** on the wall. Leave the power on at the wall and control the units by remote. Switching off at the wall while the unit is in operation will cause damage

#### AIR CON SETTINGS

COOLING Press MODE to bring snowflake symbol onto screen on unit and also on the remote control for cooling, then adjust fan and temperature to suit.

In winter set Aircon MODE to Flames symbol for heat.

#### Fresh Air

If you prefer fresh air, turn the air-con off and open all the patio windows wide. There are ceiling fans in the bedrooms and outdoor logia plus a portable fan in the living areas.

When opening the shutters you need to use the hook/catch/bungee cords on the shutters to secure them to the wall.

Bedroom night temperature—set to 26/27 degrees on the control, if you set it any cooler you will never acclimatise to the outside temperature and will always feel uncomfortable outdoors.

#### **CENTRAL HEATING & GAS FIRE**

There is gas central heating which makes the villa toasty warm in the evening. This can be switched on and off at the thermostat in the living room. We set this to 25C, but please adjust to suit yourself. Again energy

in Cyprus is stupidly expensive so please do switch off the central heating when not needed.

There is a gas fire in the sitting room and central heating to all the rooms. Make sure the gas is connected and switched on. The cylinder is down the steep steps at the side of the villa from the front patio.

Push in knob on right hand side of fire, hold for 5 seconds (30 seconds if the gas was not connected) then turn anti-clockwise till you hear a click and continue holding. There should be a small blue flame under the coals at the front right side. If there is no flame turn the knob back and repeat the process. Once you have a small flame turn the knob half a turn and stand back. The gas will fill the flame bed and the flames will spread across the coals. Please do not put anything on the fire.

In winter set the aircon in the bedrooms MODE to Flames symbol for heat.

#### **ELECTRICITY**

When an overload occurs in Kyrenia the power will go off. This doesn't happen very often but when it does, it can last an hour or two. There should be candles in the downstairs toilet cupboard.

## **OUTDOOR LIVING**

You will probably want to live outside as the weather is so good. The loggia has comfortable indoor sofas with a matching coffee table on the covered terrace and a lovely dining table all in complete shade but open to the garden.

There is a rear BBQ patio with comfortable benches and coffee table so you can drink chilled wine whilst you watch hubby incinerate the burgers and make chicken charcoal. Yuuuum. There is also an outdoor dining table at the BBQ area.

There is a large pool deck at the front overlooking the pool and the views of the sea, mountains and Kyrenia, there is a large dining table here which is great for lunches and dinner.

## **SITTING ROOM**

There are also comfy rattan sofas and chairs with off-white cushions in the sitting room. These soil easily so please treat with respect especially where little ones are concerned. There are throws that can be put over both indoor and outdoor sofas.

If you light the fire (winter only) pull the curtains well away from it.

#### TV AND STREAMING

Our WiFi is good so you can stream home TV through your laptop or tablet. We supply an HDMI cable for laptops but you need to bring a compatible cable for your tablet to HDMI. Select input on TV control and chose the HDMI slot number to which you have connected your laptop. You will need to use my overseas VPN address to access home channels. We use <a href="www.tvonholiday.co.uk">www.tvonholiday.co.uk</a> Download the App and then log in as <a href="wynfawcett@yahoo.co.uk">wynfawcett@yahoo.co.uk</a> contact me for the current password.

There is an Amazon Firestick TV which streams home material. Set the TV input to HDMI 4, click on the home button on the amazon control select My Apps. If you do not have one you may use my account for Netflix which should be logged on at the Villa, if not my user is <a href="mailto:lynf@wcett.com">lynf@wcett.com</a> contact me for the current password. There are five family users on the account, please use Maggie, she is a five year old miniature Schnauzer and tells me she has no interest in TV.

You can use your own Netflix account but please do reset the Firestick to the <a href="mailto:lynf@wcett.com">lynf@wcett.com</a> account.

We have a DVD player, there are a few movies under the TV and you can buy copies of the latest films for £1 - £1.50.

## **DINING**

The dining room has a lovely family table (bamboo and glass topped) and 6 chairs with off-white cushions. Please use placemats when using hot plates, service dishes, teapot etc., The chair cushions are easily soiled, so please treat them with respect. With young children place a towel over the chair cushion and don't use the chairs if you are wearing wet swimmers. There is a wipe clean tablecloth (easier than cleaning glass).

## **KITCHEN**

#### **GAS**

There is a spare gas container in the RH cupboard beside the BBQ in the rear garden.

#### KITCHEN WORKTOPS

Do not cut directly on the worktops. Please use the chopping boards provided.

Hot saucepans and pans must be placed onto the wire trivets (behind hob) or on the tempered glass plate, and not set directly on the worktops. There are also place mats to protect surface

#### OUTDOOR GLASSES AND PLATES ETC.

There are plastic wine glasses, tumblers and melamine plates, bowls etc., for use outdoors. These are only to be washed by hand or on the TOP shelf of the dishwasher otherwise they crack.

We do not permit glasses to be used on the sun terrace as we don't want kids with cut feet and glasses get knocked over and broken easily.

#### EXTRACTOR FAN

This is above the hob and has a light. There are 3 speeds.

#### **GAS HOB**

The gas hob is very powerful, take care and watch your pots as they will burn very easily. There should be a spare gas cylinder in one of the cupboards under the BBQ. Please let Sadik know if one cylinder is empty so they can get another. There may be a gas cylinder in the gas fire.

#### WASHING MACHINE

Use programmes G or M for 40 degrees wash / quick spin. Washing powder is kept under the sink. Powder goes in the centre compartment. Set to G/M and press ON.

There's an outdoor whirly line for drying the clothes and a clothes horse under the stairs.

#### **DISHWASHER**

Use on "Economy" 2. To set, PRESS the big round button, then the ON/OFF button.

Then press START. Switch off after use.

#### FRIDGE FREEZER

Set fridge to 3 or 4. Any higher and things start to freeze.

Once the fridge door has been opened and closed, the door won't open again for a couple of minutes.

#### **PLUMBING**

The sewage system cannot cope with toilet paper and will choke on sanitary products and baby nappies.

PLEASE, PLEASE use the bins supplied in each toilet for used toilet paper. Or better still use the inbuilt bidet/douche, (tap to lower right hand side of cistern) which sprays clean water from the edge of the seat onto your nether regions (OK I'll say it "your bum"), it is so much more hygienic than paper. Since buying in Cyprus I have had sprays fitted to all my toilets at home.

You can use shopping bags in the bins to line them, or there are bags in the 3'rd drawer down in kitchen. Please put toilet bags in outside bin before your departure. It isn't fair to leave these for the cleaners.

## **WATER**

The water pump switch in the kitchen needs to be on at all times. The pump is pressure controlled and will come on to meet demand.

Water is scarce in Cyprus and very costly. Please do not waste it. After washing in the washing-up bowl, throw this water round the plants. Solar panels heat the water. The hot water takes a long time to come through. Please fill the bucket (under each washbasin in the bathrooms) with the water you run while waiting for the hot water to come through and throw round the thirsty outdoor plants.

#### NO WATER OR LOW PRESSURE, HELP

Water pressure requires electricity so make sure the water pump switch is on check to see if there is a power cut.

If no water check the underground tank at the rear BBQ patio.

If there is power and the pumps are not working call Sadik or if the tank is empty call Muza or Sadik

#### **HOT WATER**

There are solar panels on the roof that heat the water. The Solar panels provide loads of hot water and you are unlikely to need to use the electric water heater; apart from very cloudy days. The hot water takes a long time to come through so please run the water into a bucket (in washbasin cupboard) until the hot water arrives. This water can then be thrown round the thirsty plants!

#### WATER/IMMERSION HEATER

The switch for the electric water heater is in the landing between the bathroom and the master bedroom en-suite. You can set this for 15 minutes up to 2 hours at a time.

#### TAP WATER

The local water is very heavy with chemicals; it is safe and fine for cooking but not nice to drink, even for tea or coffee.

#### WATER DISPENSER

There is chilled drinking water in the kitchen. The dispenser needs to be switched on at the electrical socket.

We use bottled water, even for tea/coffee. There is a spare full bottle. Order or get a new bottle right away..

#### BOTTLED WATER FOR DISPENSER

Replacements are from EVSU. Phone 0090 392 815 0186 from our local phone and ask for one bottle of water for On Dirt (14) Sulun Sokak. Leave 10Lira or more under the bottle the guy needs the tips. Lemar Supermarket sell cheaper refills but it is simpler to phone.

Take the plastic hygiene neck seal off but leave the plastic stopper in place. Pierce it slightly with a knife it makes it easier to install. Be careful as the full bottle is very heavy and can slip as you put it in position.

We keep a couple of empty litre bottles to fill from the dispenser, so we can take these to the pool, or with you in the car.

#### CLEANING/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS/BINS

There are cleaning products, dishwasher tablets, detergent, clothes pegs, bin etc under the kitchen sink. Please use a bag in the bin. You'll find bin bags in the cupboard under the sink..

The outdoor bins need to be kept outside the gates they are collected twice a week but days change.

Under the stairs you will find an ironing board, clothes horse, vacuum cleaner, mop and bucket, brushes, bucket, dustpan and brush. The cleaner sometimes leaves the mop, brush outside, below the kitchen window.

In the downstairs toilet room there is an iron, spare light bulbs, kitchen and toilet rolls.

While you are staying in the house the bicycles can be kept outside the kitchen window. Pump and helmet are on top of the fridge. We use it to cycle into town (downhill most of way) to pick up our car, after taxiing home the night before!!!

Check the bike before you use it, your safety is your responsibility. There is no H&S in Cyprus

## **OUTDOORS**

#### **SHUTTERS**

We leave the shutters tied back permanently as it makes the house bright and airy. Even on calm days there will be a breeze at dawn and dusk so leave all the doors and windows open to keep the villa cool. Please make sure that all the shutters are tied back with the bungee cords.

## **OUTDOOR LIGHTING**

There are lights around the pool and at the entrance and a light above each doorway. Most have dimmer switches. Apart from the lights above the doors there is no logic to the location of switches for outdoor lights, which are spread around the living room and hall area. They are labelled, but you will have to look for yourself.

The pool lights are on the garden wall beside outdoor sockets. Don't forget to switch off after use as these lights are expensive to run.

#### SOFAS ON THE TERRACE

Please look after these for us. They are NOT to be used for sunbathing as sun cream and sweat will ruin the soft covers. If you have just come up from the pool please don't sit on any of the soft furnishings (inside or out) with wet bathing gear. There are sunbeds and the tall mesh outdoor dining chairs are very comfortable, on the terrace.

#### CARE OF OUTDOOR CUSHIONS

In Spring and Autumn it can rain and this can be torrential but short lasting. If it threatens to rain please fit and tie on the green waterproof covers. Please do this at night in early Spring and late Autumn as there can be a heavy dew.

If it looks like it may rain a lot please use the green covers (behind the settee) to protect the settees. This will mean that you have dry sofas to sit on after the rain has passed. If the forecast is rain (See forecast info in Weather Section or see weekly newspaper, out every Wednesday/Saturday for 7 day weather. The green covers also stop cats/dogs from sleeping on the sofas at night. We put a sunbed cushion on each sofa at night to keep them clean if an animal decides to sleep there.

#### TERRACE UMBRELLAS WARNING

Wind can spring up in 15 minutes without notice which will blow over and damage the umbrellas. When not in use or you are going out PLEASE put them down, as they can blow over and rip.

## **WEATHER**

You can check the weather forecast by ringing 166 on the Cyprus phone and follow instructions when told---

press 9 for English

press 1 for weather that day, or 2 for sea conditions, or 3 for three day forecast.

#### WIND/STORMS!!!

In Spring and Autumn storms come in very quickly and blow over just as quickly.

A warning sign is a very dark sky approaching. The local weekly newspaper "Cyprus Today" gives a week's forecast (Saturday and midweek publication) Time to act!!!

With the rain come very strong winds. We've collected not just our cushions but also our sunbeds from the neighbours' garden (narrowly missing their car.) The outdoor furniture blows everywhere and gets scratched to bits.

If a storm is threatening:-

- Put green waterproof covers on to the sofas and tie them on or put the legs on the bottom of the material to stop them blowing off.
   The round cover goes onto the chair and coffee table when you set them together
- Stack the outdoor dining chairs and put against the wall. Move table in close to house.
- Stack the other set of outdoor dining chairs and put against the kitchen (they're very light-weight aluminium)
- Stack 3 sunbeds, put 6 cushions on top, stack the other 3 sunbeds on top of the cushions upside down (legs upwards) Stack plastic tables
- Make sure umbrellas are down or brought onto covered terrace.
- Close all front shutters . We had one ripped off at Easter '08 and the rest of the fortnight's holiday was lovely, 25 degrees and sun.
- Go out, have a nice meal and forget it!!

## **SWIMMING POOL**

#### **DANGER**

Don't take glass onto the patio or pool area. Use plastic glasses and cans

The pool is great, wonderful views when lying on an airbed, loads of space for games and play. Please watch your kids, of all ages; never let anyone use the pool on their own or without someone watching.

The pool is regularly maintained, once a fortnight in winter and twice a week in the summer. Don't swim in the pool for an hour after the maintenance people have been as the chemicals have just been put in. If there are any problems call Muza.

There are 6 sunbeds with cushions and a large umbrella for use by the pool.

Please ask kids not to pee in the pool as this ruins the acid balance. Also there is a dye in the water that turns purple and blue stripes and Barnie appears at the poolside to sing rude songs about the phantom piddler.

## **BBQ AND OUTDOOR DINING**

For outdoor dining there's a hexagonal, glass-topped table and 6 comfortable chairs at the front.

There is another set of 6 aluminium/glass/rattan style dining chairs plus table for use at the BBQ.

There is a wrought iron and glass table and chairs on the shaded terrace. If high winds or a storm threatens please stack the dining chairs.

There's a built-in barbeque with a chimney. Charcoal and lighter fuel is kept in the cupboard under the BBQ. You will find other BBQ implements in the kitchen drawers.

## **PHONING**

Nowadays most mobile companies have built in or extra roaming packages. Our Vodafone package is £8 per month for 1000 minutes, unlimited text and 5GB of data and this is free to roam in Europe and Turkey. Check with your provider for conditions.

If you want to phone a local number (land-line) from your Cyprus mobile phone put 0392 before the number, or if using home or UK mobile put 009 0392 before the local number.

You can use your home mobile phone in N. Cyprus but it can be expensive. Check with your provider before you come as it can be cheaper to pre-purchase a holiday package. We use Vodafone and have bought their international package which means we can use all our home calls and data at no extra charge.

Local phone directory, the Buzz Book, is in the villa folder

## **NEWSPAPERS**

You can buy the British and American newspapers in the supermarkets. Cyprus Times and Cyprus Today are two cheap local papers with world news, local news, the weather forecast, events, local restaurants.

## **TAXIS**

Taxis are quite cheap and you can pick them up in town – beside the Dome Hotel and near The Colony Hotel.

If you're getting a taxi home remember to take your address. All the taxi drivers know the Altinkaya Hotel which you pass, the Bellapais Road. If you tell them Sergen villas they know where to go. Once you get to the Altinkaya Hotel you can show them the way. Taxis are in our phone under tx and taxi.

Put 009 in front of these numbers if using your UK mobile.

## **CAR HIRE**

There are loads of firms to hire from.

We use Sadik (owner's name) "Dollar" (009) 05428511101. Most cars are new. You can bargain/deal to get a better price if you are prepared to take an older or very old car.

#### DRIVING

The Cypriots are courteous drivers and drive on the same side of the road as in U.K.

Watch for motor-cyclists as they overtake on both sides!

When driving round the ring-road there are traffic lights at the crossroads to Bellapais (Beylerbeyi) which sometimes are out of order. Ease out and check the other 3 directions before crossing.

#### **HEALTH**

The hospital is on the way into Kyrenia from our villa, going from the roundabout with the large statues and past the "Pia Bella Hotel" Go in the first door of the hospital. A&E is the first door on the left. There's no sign or waiting list, everyone charges in together. It all seems very disorganised but health care is very good.

#### PRIVATE HEALTH

These are inexpensive. We use Dr. Alper Baydar and he's very good. Get a taxi to road "Isil Sokak," Girne Tip Merkezi. The doctor works in the hospital during the day and sees private patients after 5pm. There's a private hospital leaflet on the kitchen shelves which you could show to the taxi driver.

To make an appointment :-phone 0392 815 1791 or 0392 815 3282 or 0392 815 3524 Sadik can advise.

You must pay for the treatment before leaving the surgery. Get a receipt so you can claim the money back from your holiday insurance.

#### **DENTISTS**

Dr Seda has a very modern practice and is an excellent dentist. Her office is just past the hospital heading into town on the right hand side. Make sure you get a receipt for insurance.

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#### **PHARMACY**

There's a good pharmacy, on the road opposite Lemar supermarket. Also make sure you get a receipt for insurance. You can get most UK prescription-only drugs in Cyprus without needing a prescription. They speak good English.

## **BEACHES**

There are some lovely beaches on our North Coast, some are controlled by hotels and beach restaurants which charge a fee of 40-100YTL or ask that you use their bar and eat lunch.

On our side of town (east) it's a short drive to the East on the Road to Esentepe to;-

- Lords Palace on the road down to the New Harbour, Yeni Limani, 500 metres from the Statues/Freedom Roundabout. This is a very modern resort complex with lovely restaurants bars and swimming areas. There is a daily cost which includes food. Very convenient and well worth a visit.
- Oscars Hotel, 500 metres from the Statues/Freedom Roundabout. It is good for kids and they allow you to use the facilities so long as you are using the snack bar or café.
- Cratos Hotel has a well-made artificial and natural beach and lagoon, as well as largest swimming pool I have ever seen. With beach bars and restaurants, it also has a spa facility, with Turkish steam bath, sauna, and a very professional massage of various types. Well worth a day's visit. Entrance fee charged per person.
- Shayna Beach, 3.5 miles away has a lovely setting, excellent seafood, nice deck and very pretty little beach.
- Acapulco Beach Club and Resort Hotel is 6 miles drive. Has an aqua Park, huge pool, beach, four restaurants and more.
- Vogue beach, pool and café
- Turtle beach is free and 10 miles drive
- Kaplıca, Free. 30 miles away, MUST try the natural "swinmming pools" in rocks. Very good fish restaurant too for lunch at very reasonable prices

 Altınkum (Golden Sands). Just before you get to the tip of the panhandle. Reckoned by many to be the best beach in the Mediterranean if not the world. Aphrodite came out of the sea here, she was no old goat's toe.

On the other side, west of town:-

- Kervansaray a free public beach, reputed for its sunsets.
- Escape beach is beside the huge cannon monument. Loads of water sports. You can arrange to go deep sea diving here.
- Deniz Kizi is by the hotel of the same name. This is a well-kept horseshoe shaped Cypriot beach with very reasonably priced quality catering. It's my favourite.
- Camelot

Many hotels let you use their beach and facilities etc., if you buy lunch or drinks from them.

## **BOOZE**

The local beer "Efes" is good.

The local spirits, like gin, are very cheap and fairly good and there are also the well known brands eg., Gordon's gin and Schweppes tonic, in the bigger supermarkets.

Local wines are very palatable:- Angorra (red or white), Nevsah white, Cankaya, Yakut Kavaklidere red, Villa Doluca-red, rose or white. Our favourite rosé is Lal.

DON'T buy any wine over two to three years old for red and one to two years old for white. They are stored in high temperatures and go off instead of maturing.

Raki is the Turkish version of Pernod or Ouzo. You can drink this to forget, I did, but I can't remember what I wanted to forget.

## **SUPERMARKETS**

Go towards Kyrenia, past Altinkaya Hotel and then Starling is on the LHS beside the Mosque. For Lemar turn immediately right after Starling. There are lots of others. The closest major supermarket is STARLING supermarket on the Bellapais Road is the closest.2 minutes drive away. Drive from the villa to the main road (Bellapais Road), turn left on the main road going east

The best meat and bread is at Supreme, 5 miles out East towards Essenteppe

## **SHOPPING**

The main street in Kyrenia runs from Ramedin Cemal Mercadi (Pigeon Square) parallel to the shore with a number of small side streets mainly towards the shore.

Gold and Silver are good value and dependably genuine. Everything else is as you see it. There are great fakes in handbags and watches. The little street with the bicycle repair shop has the best shop for watches. (the Turkish mainland is cheaper).

Don't buy the first thing you see, shop around and bargain for the best price.

## **BOAT TRIPS**

You can book these at the old harbour. This is a good way to keep cool, see the coast, swim and snorkel off the boat and meet people. Most trips go out at 10;30am and return about 5:00pm. Lunch is incuded in the price. Haggle on the price, if they're quiet you may get a good deal. "Blue Bird" is good, 05428515522.

"Sabrina" (Kemil is the son, who also works in the business)
You have lunch on board. Wine isn't so good, but can ask when you book
for a specific wine to be on board.

## **CURRENCY**

#### **CASH**

Turkish Lira YTL is the Currency in the TRNC (Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus).

You will not get a good rate buying YTL from your home bank, so only bring a little. We always bring English Sterling notes and can change these at very good rates in the larger shops and Bureaux de Change Shops. The banks are sometimes slightly cheaper but their opening hours are not friendly and the waiting time can be horrendous.

#### **CASH CARDS & CREDIT CARDS**

Most Restaurants and larger shops accept cash and credit cards, however your card provider will probably rip you off for the exchange. We use Santander Zero credit cards as there is a great exchange rate and no transaction fee. If you pre-load these there is no fee for a cash dispenser.

## **RESTAURANTS AND CAFES**

£ = Price \* = Quality V = View

Phone numbers in the kitchen drawer in "Buzz" little telephone book.. Put 0392 before local numbers or 0090392 if using UK mobile phone. Or use the villa phone.

#### **Our Must Eats**

**Niazi's** \*\*\*\* £££ PH 03928152160 for the full kebab and the excellent Ottoman cuisine in town opposite The Dome Hotel –the Aydeniz family have been running restaurants here for donkey's years!!. They have a large indoor charcoal grill and their special kebab is fab! The bring little morsels one after the other so that everything is hot and fresh. The seafood casserole is also very good. You **must** try Niazi's! Tell the owner Ahmet, who is usually there that you are staying at Lyn's.

#### Lagoon Fish restaurant \*\*\*\* £££ VVV for the excellent fish

Opposite Niazi's (and owned by same family) and near The Rock's Hotel. The restaurant is right on the waterfront. The food is excellent. Lagoon is run by Niazi family and based on "Full Kebab" at Niazi's you can have Full fish with many cold and hot fish mezes, crowned by 4 types of fish as main course. Open buffet fruit and desert is included in the "full fish" menu. Highly recommended.

#### Bellapais Gardens \*\*\*\* V ££££ Ph 03928156066

An Ottoman style restaurant in the middle of Bellapais, turn left down a little lane. This is a great restaurant for a special night out. Great views too, but go before dark! Ask for a window table, or a table near the fire during the cooler seasons.

**Sunday Lunch Lamb in the Well at Denizkizi Hotel \*\*\*\*** VV ££ Ph 03928212676, Poachers lamb a must for Sunday lunch, an experience to be remembered

Hotel and Country Club (same family that own Niazi's)–It's about 5 miles West. In summer they do a special Sunday lamb lunch. The lamb is cooked in a poacher's pit with herbs, spuds etc. You can come early and use the beach before and after lunch, ask when you are booking if the meal includes beach access. **It's lovely, it is a MUST but you MUST book.** 

**Chinese House** \*\*\*\* ££££ Ph 03928152131 Great Ambience and excellent Chinese cuisine. Ask for Hussein who is the owner. On the West of Kyrenia on the road to Karaoglanoglu. Better to book.

#### Ambiance \*\*\*\* V ££££ Ph 03928222849

A must-visit for the summer time. Fabulous setting on a summer's evening, sitting outside at the edge of the sea, looking across at the ruins of an old olive pressing plant. Good food but quite expensive. It's out west Kyrenia past the Jasmine Court Hotel.

Pick a calm night without too much wind.

**Abbey Bell Tower \* £££ VV** Ph 03928157507 For the ambience of Bellapais village, the view and sunset and free pickup.

In Bellapais village. Visit the abbey, admire the view and then have lunch here. There's a nice terrace to eat on. They'll come to pick you up and leave you home, for free **Silver Rocks**\*\*\*\* £££ **VV** Ph 03928218922 Lovely for a day out at the seaside and great grilled fish for lunch.

Way out west past the Intervention/Cannon monument maybe 8 – 10 miles. They do a lovely light lunch and after you can sun and swim in their sea water pool.

#### Courtyard Indian Cuisine\*\*\*\* ££ ph 03928153343

Very good and genuine Indian food, phone to book and see if there is entertainment on.

Turn West at Lemar it is approx. 1km on your right

**Anchor at the Dome.** \*\*\* ££ The Dome Hotel in the centre of town has a lovely lido area with seawater pool and a great seafood restaurant. You can usually sneak in beside the hotel on the way down to the lido to park. Good for lunches and dinner. If it is airless at the villa we go for the day to the sea and have a lovely lunch there.

#### Must visits at the Harbour but only for a drink

**Café Chimera \*\*\* £££ VVV** Ph 03928154394 Food OK but great for a glass of wine on your way to Niazis or Lagoon. This is ok for lunch –sit in the sun, sipping a glass of wine/beer and watch the world go by! Perfect view of the harbour for sundowner before dinner

**Carob** \*\* ££££ **VVV** Ph 03928156277 Food OK only for the harbour location

An old carob warehouse at the old harbour with a rooftop restaurant and large outdoor balcony for dining. The Roof Top or half balcony give wonderful views of the harbour. There's also dining on the harbour wall (Good for lunch)

#### Others that we like

#### The Veranda \*\*\*\* V ££££ Ph 03928222053

West of town. A lovely spot in summer—ask for a table by the water's edge.

#### **Kybele** \*\* ££ VV Ph 03928157531

also in Bellapais. This is lovely in summer when you can sit outside. You are best to go up to book it and ask for a table overlooking Kyrenia. They also pick you up and leave you home.

#### Hur Deniz \*\*\* £££

Excellent Fish, One located behind the Castle, wonderful views and great fish.

The other is on the West side of town and has a larger restaurant.

They do know how to cook seafood to perfection. They are owned by a fishing family which has a great fish shop on the bypass.

#### Anya \*\*\* V ££

before Bellapais village take a road to the right. Traditional food—mese and a choice of 2 main courses. Good view.

#### Pasa Café \*\*\* £

also in Bellapais Turkish pizza and Lahmacun (lamagin) Try the later for lunch 40 pence each! There's also a home made pasta dish. Cheap lunch.

**Ezic Peanuts \*\* V** ££( Ph 03928154466 for main Ezic restaurant and ask for Peanuts phone number)

The kids will love this and it is closest restaurant to Penthouse. The restaurant has a fabulous setting. It's cheap and cheerful and it delivers, just phone in your order.

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#### Passport \*\* ££ Ph 03928159838

Good cheap food and they deliver.

#### Dilcan \*\*\* £

on Tin Pan Alley (nickname) the first little street to the left as you go down the main tourist shopping street. Doesn't look great but the food is excellent. This is where the locals eat—stews etc., Unlicensed but they'll go to get drink from the nearest pub. Go early or the choice is less.

## Beyti Kebap \*\*\* £

at top end of Tin Pan Alley, used by better off locals

#### Chinese Garden \*\*\*\* £££ Ph 03928152130

West near the Jasmine Court Hotel—it's the best Chinese in the area.

**The Courtyard** \*\*\* £££ Ph 03928153343 Excellent Indian good European East towards Catalkoy on the right of the main road. A lot of ex-pats eat here. There's a mixture of foods on the menu. They do a good balti curry etc.

#### **Lemon Tree** \*\* ££ Ph 03928244045

out near the Courtyard Restaurant—run by an English couple.

#### Sultan's \*\*\*\* ££ Ph03928158947

about 3 miles East on the left of the main road

They do a great mese and then a couple of main courses which you have no room for, after the mese!! There's not a great atmosphere but the food's good and inexpensive. Te

#### The Address \*\*\*\* ££££ Vv Ph 03928223537

On west side of Kyrenia, past the Jasmine Court Hotel. It gets a good reputation.

#### Delta Bar café \*\* ££

On the commercial harbour. It's on the sea, right inside the gates. Lovely setting—cheap and cheerful. Good for lunch –they make their own chips – egg and chips, cures a hangover!!

**Colony Hotel** \*\* ££££ VV Ph 03928151518 They have a rooftop restaurant by the pool. There are great views round Kyrenia—you can get your bearings. The food's okay and you can take your swimmers, if you've eaten there.

#### The House\*\*\* ££££

Beautiful house opposite the Colony Hotel. Good food.

#### The Grapevine\*\*\* ££££

On the same road as the Colony Hotel, beside a garage. The food is good and the bar has a nice atmosphere (Turkish décor and big fire in colder weather)

Wallet Warning. Prices are now very high in comparison to similar restaurants.

#### Ani\*\*\*££

In Catalkoy village. Good fish. If you fancy a big fish baked in salt pre book

#### Mani Peni.\*\*\*££

On way to new commercial harbour near Freedom statues roundabout. Pizzas and chicken wings, perfect if you are looking for something from home.

**Kaplica Fish Restaurant (and great beach)**. About 50 km east of Kyrenia, along the coast just beyond Esentepe. Very good value for many fish for lunch. A very popular haunt for the locals on weekends. Must try the "natural swimming pools" in the rocks 500 m to the east of the restaurant.

#### ££ \*\*\*\* VVVV, A

#### Palmiye Fish Restaurant £££ \*\*\* VV, A

About 12 km east of Kyrenia, along the coast just beyond Acapulco Hotel. Good fish and sea views, good for lunch or dinner.

There are SO many others and most are good.

There are lots of hotels that have good food;- Acapulco, Colony, Dome, Jasmine Court, Pia Bella, Rocks,

#### **TAKE AWAY**. (paket servis)

You can also do a take-away. The best are Passport, Ezic and Niazi's. There are take away menus on the shelves in our kitchen.

The phone numbers for the restaurants are in the little phone book (the BUZZ book) or you'll find them in the Cyprus Times / Today papers.

## **CROSSING THE BORDER Directions both ways**

(Take care with road signs. All towns/ places have two names-the old Greek name and the Turkish name eg., Kyrenia is called Girne by the Turks, Nicosia is called Lefkosa, Limmasol is Lemesos and Larnaca is Liman.)

#### KYRENIA TO BORDER CROSSING BY CAR

You will need a private car as the Greeks do not permit rental cars to come from the North. Once you cross you will need to but additional 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance (around £25 for one month). You may also need to update the road tax document, this is free. For insurance and road tax you must have the car's documents.

When driving from Kyrenia towards Nicosia you will come to a roundabout on the outskirts of Nicosia. Turn right at this roundabout and then turn left at the next roundabout, towards Kermia. Turn right at the next small roundabout towards Kermia. This road leads to the border crossing.

(You can also cross the border by foot in Nicosia.)

#### LARNACA TO KYRENIA (GIRNE)

Look for 14 Sulun Sokak, Kyrenia in your mapping app. This will bring you to the Kermia border crossing. You must have permission from the rental firm to go North and you need to buy 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance at the border (around £25 for one month)

There is a major junction on the dual carriageway at the outskirts of Kyrenia, follow the signs for Kyrenia and go towards Kyrenia from the Roundabout

At the next roundabout with a waterfall turn right towards Catalkoy and then 1km later at the traffic lights turn right towards Bellapais Abbey (also known as Beylerbeyi). From Kyrenia/Girne follow signs for Bellapais & Bellapais Abbey. When on the road to Bellapais drive past the Altinkaya Hotel on Left and Right hand side of the road. 500 metres later turn right just after a Swiss style cottage on the right and turn in to the next road on the right. Follow this road to first T junction and turn right, 50m later take the next left, at the next T turn right, 50m later follow main road turning left up hill and continues up the hill. 200m later take the first road to the right, after 50m turn right at T. You are now going downhill towards the sea. 100m on the right you will see Cyprus Harbour View Villa #14

## **USEFUL WORDS**

English	How It Sounds	Turkish
Hello	mer-ha-ba	merhaba
yes	evet	evet
no	hayearr	hayir
Thank you	teshe-kur-edereem	tesekurederim
How are you	nasil-sin	nasilsin
money	para	para
Can I have the bill please	hesap lootfan	hesap lutfen
How much is it please	Kach-para-lootfan	kac para lutfen
Good morning	goon-ay-din	gunaydin
Good night	eeyee-geje-ler	iyigeceler
Please	loot-fan	lutfen
Welcome	hosh-gel-denize	hosgeldiniz
Good evening	eeyee-akshamlar	iyiaksamlar
airport	hava-leman-e	havalimani
arrivals	gelish	gelis
departures	gee-dish	gidis
immigration	muha-ja-ret	muhaceret
goodbye	gool-e-gool-e	gulegule
customs	goom-ruk	gumruk
entry	gee-rish	giris
exit	chi-kish	cikis
stop	duur	dur
police	polis	polis
slow	ya-vash	yavas
No entry	gee-ril-mez	girilmez
gents	buy	bay
ladies	buy-an	bayan
road	yol	yol
I want to go	git-mek ister-eem	gitmek isterim
house	avv	ev
Me or I	ben	ben
Swimming pool	yuz-ma-havuzu	yuzme havuzu
To swim	yuzmek	yuzmek

Ice cream	dondurma	dondurma
milk	soot	sut
water	s00	su
Can I have a beer please	bira verir-me-siniz -lutfan	bira verirmisiniz lutfen
Car	araba	araba
petrol	benzin	benzin
hospital	hasta-han-e	hastahane
doctor	doctor	doktor
chemist	edza-han-e	edzahane

## **MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

Map starts at Freedom Monument. Come down hill from Villa and take road towards New Harbour and Freedom Monument Roundabout, go past Pia Bella Hotel towards town centre Sadik can advise.

## SUPERMARKET LOCATION MAP

Starling supermarket is the closest large supermarket. It is on the way down to town from the villa. For Lemar supermarket look for entrance on RHS after the filling station, or else go to Freedom Monument roundabout and turn right towards Catalkoy. LEMAR is 100m on the right.

## **STREET MAP**

