

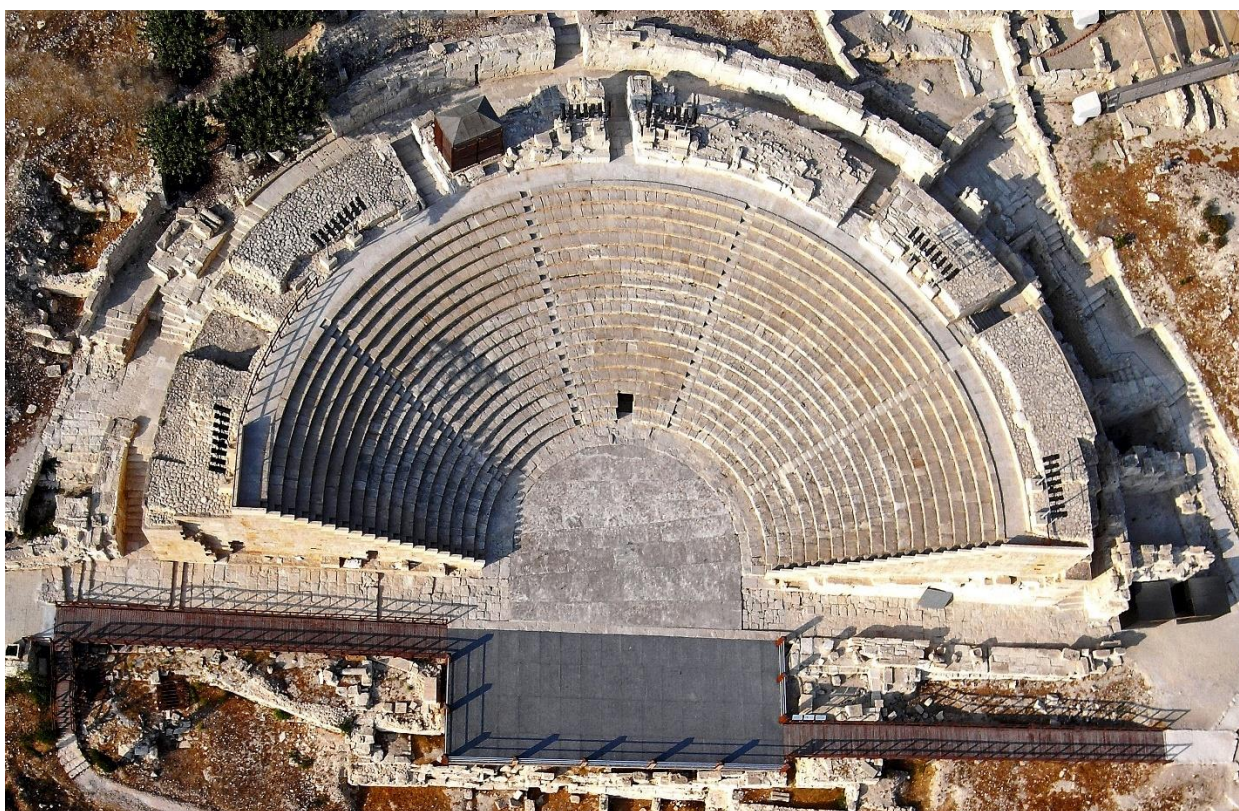


## **ACT FOR HERITAGE!**

**24–26/10/2019**

**NICOSIA, CYPRUS**

### **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**



**Promoting the Council of Europe Convention  
on Offences relating to Cultural Property,  
within governments and civil society**

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## 1. MEETING VENUES

### Presidential Palace

The opening ceremony on 24 October 2019 at 8 pm will take place at the Presidential Palace of Cyprus (Nicosia, Cyprus), in the presence of the President of the Republic of Cyprus H.E. Mr. Nicos Anastasiades.

### Filoxenia Conference Center

On 25 and 26 October 2019, the Conference will take place at the “Filoxenia Conference Center”, which is located in Nicosia, in the “Zenon Kitieus” Meeting Room.

“Filoxenia Conference Center”

17 Thrakis Street, 1311

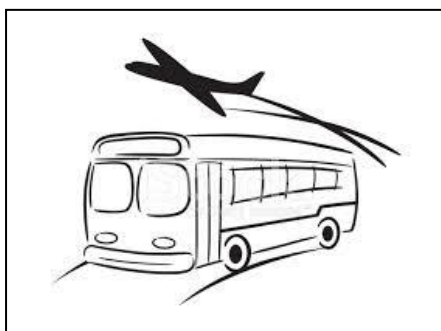
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Nicosia, Cyprus

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## 2. ARRIVAL IN CYPRUS

### TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM LARNACA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Participants are advised to arrive in Cyprus through Larnaca International Airport (50 km from Nicosia). Participants will be requested at a later stage to convey their travel arrangements to the organisers.

Transportation from the airport to the hotels and from the hotels to the airport, for the duration of the conference, will be arranged by the organisers. Further detailed information will be provided by the end of September, after the confirmation of flight information and hotel bookings by the participants.

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### 3. TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM THE HOTELS TO THE VENUES

Transportation has been arranged by the organisers for all participants, in relation to the needs of the official programme of the Conference.

If you require any assistance during the Conference, please ask the Help Desk of the Conference that can be found at the airport, hotels and at the “Filoxenia Conference Center”. If you require transportation options other than the ones arranged by the organisers, please ask for taxi options at the reception of your hotels.

### 4. ACCOMMODATION

Representatives from governments and organisations will cover their own accommodation costs.

Accommodation costs for NGOs will be covered by the Republic of Cyprus (2 nights).

**All participants are requested to make their own hotel bookings, after having consulted the proposed hotel options given by the organisers below:**

- Hotel lists:
  - [for government representatives](#)
  - [for civil society/NGO representatives](#)

All participants are kindly requested to make their hotel bookings by **13 September 2019**. After 13 September, we can no longer guarantee the availability of rooms.

### 5. COFFEES, LUNCH and DINNER



The cost of coffee breaks (25 and 26 October) and lunch (25 October) will be covered by the organisers.

On 24 October at 8 pm, an Opening Ceremony followed by a reception hosted by the organisers will take place at the Presidential Palace.





On 25 October 2019 at 8.30 pm an evening reception hosted by the organisers will take place at the Cyprus Museum in Nicosia.

On 26 October 2019, a traditional lunch will be hosted by the organisers to those who are joining the optional excursion to the Archaeological Site of Ancient Kourion in Limassol (see point 7 of this document).

## 6. CYPRUS MUSEUM

On 25 October 2019 at 8.30 pm an evening reception will take place in the gardens of the Cyprus Museum in Nicosia.

The Museum will be exceptionally open for the participants of the “Act for Heritage” Conference. Participants can visit the museum exhibitions free of charge, from 8.30 pm to 10 pm during the reception.

For more information regarding Cyprus Museum, please visit the following website by clicking [here](#).

## 7. EXCURSION TO THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF ANCIENT KOURION (optional)

On 26 October 2019, after the closing of the conference (around 11 am), an **optional** excursion is being organised to the Archaeological Site of Ancient Kourion in Limassol.

After the excursion, the organisers will host a traditional lunch.

The optional excursion and the traditional lunch are expected to conclude at 5.30 pm. Therefore, special arrangements will be made for those who need to go to the airport and those who would like to return to their hotels in Nicosia.

All participants of the Conference will be requested to indicate if they would like to participate at the excursion by the end of September.







## 8. CONTACT DETAILS

### Help Desks:

If you would like any information in relation to the practical arrangements of the Conference during your stay in Cyprus, please contact the Help Desks of the Conference that can be found at the airport, at the hotels and at the “Filoxenia Conference Center”.

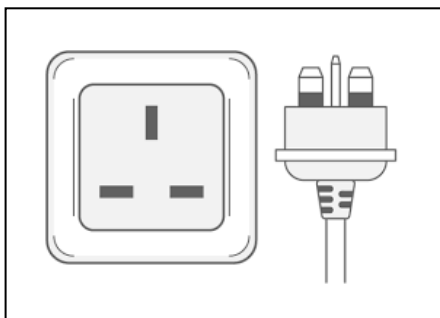
## 9. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CYPRUS

**Languages:** Greek and Turkish are the official languages of the Republic of Cyprus. English is widely spoken.

**Local Time:** GMT+2

**Currency:** Euro

**Currency Exchange:** All banks operating in Cyprus offer foreign currency exchange services and quote the daily exchange rates of the Euro against all major foreign currencies. Foreign currency can also be exchanged at hotels.



**Electricity Supply:** The electricity supply in Cyprus is 230 volts, a.c. 50 Hz. Sockets are usually 13 amp, with 3-point plugs, square pin. Hotels might provide adaptors, but it is recommended to bring your own.

**Special Note:** In the Meeting Room there is a limited availability of plugs for charging electronic devices.

**There will be charging stations where you can recharge your devices during the breaks. No adaptors will be provided in the Meeting Room.**

**Opening hours:** Shops normally open around 9 am and close around 7 pm except Wednesday afternoon (up to 3 pm). Shops in tourist areas, large shopping centres and department stores may stay open on weekends and public holidays.



Banks are open Monday to Friday, usually between 8 am and 2.30 pm. Banks are closed on weekends and public holidays. Some banks in main tourist areas are open in the afternoon.

Restaurants and cafes have varying opening hours, but lunch is most often served between 12 and 3 pm. Dinner is served from 7 pm until late in the evening.

**Climate and weather:** The island's climate is characterised by hot summers and mild winters.

The average maximum temperature for October is 27°C on the west coast and 28°C-29°C on the south-eastern coast and inland. Recommended clothes are light weight apparel for the day and a light jacket or woollen jumper and cardigan for the evenings.

**Driving side:** Driving is on the left-hand side of the road. All international road traffic signs are in use and placed on the left-hand side of roads and motorways. On roundabouts, priority is given to the right side.

**Emergency number:** Call 112, the EU-wide emergency number for police, fire department and ambulance.

**Dial code for Cyprus:** +357





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