

# Marriage in the wedding paradise Cyprus

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## Who can get married in Cyprus?

**Attention!** In addition to residence permit holders for the Schengen states, citizens of many other countries also do not need a Schengen visa in order to travel to Cyprus!

Amongst others:

Albania / Argentina / Brazil / Colombia / Georgia / Peru / Russian Federation / Ukraine

etc.

Please find the visa-free countries here:

[http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/mfa2016.nsf/All/79B8D5C3759907EDC2258022003F8580?](http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/mfa2016.nsf/All/79B8D5C3759907EDC2258022003F8580?OpenDocument)

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In Cyprus, we offer weddings with only one or two overnight stays and witnesses for free.

**Please note:** Upon a wedding in Cyprus, surnames can not be changed. However – if you wish – a certificate of the possibility of a name change can be issued by the registry office. This certificate has to be submitted within 3 months after your wedding day to the authorities of your home country or at a consulate/embassy of your home country in the country of your residence.

### **The wedding ceremony:**

The language of the ceremony is English or Greek. If you do not understand English or Greek, you need an interpreter (price: about 70,- €). Own witnesses may also translate.

**Please note:** You receive the two marriage certificates directly after the ceremony and an apostille usually one working day after the wedding, unless your wedding takes place until 10.00 a.m.

### **Legalization / Apostille:**

In most countries, you will need an apostille-legalized marriage certificate to register your marriage.

Please note: You receive the two marriage certificates directly after the ceremony, the apostille usually the following day. Unless your wedding takes place until 10 o'clock.

### **Documents:**

Please send in **color** scanned copies of these documents by e-mail:

1. Passport or Identity card for citizens of a Schengen member state

If you come from a visa-free country: passport; entry stamp\* for Cyprus (\*if already available)

or

a valid multiple entry Schengen visa, if you come from a country whose citizens need a visa in order to travel to Cyprus

or

a valid residence permit for a Schengen state (or a residence permit valid for Bulgaria, Croatia or Romania)

2. (International) Birth Certificate – if not issued in English, with a certified translation into English

3. An updated certificate of marital status, not older than 3 months by the day of your wedding (please contact us in order to receive country-specific information regarding the marital status proof)

4. If divorced or widowed: final divorce decree / divorce certificate or death certificate; if not issued in English, with a certified translation

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/lists-of-translators-and-interpreters>

### **Authentication/legalization of your documents:**

Birth certificates, certificates of marital/family status and divorce decrees / death certificates must be submitted in legalized form: either with an apostill or legalized by the Ministry of Interior/of Justice, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Consulate of Cyprus in the issuing country.

Please find here a list with Cypriot Embassies and Consulates worldwide:

[http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/mfa2016.nsf/mfa50\\_en/mfa50\\_en?OpenDocument](http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/mfa2016.nsf/mfa50_en/mfa50_en?OpenDocument)

List of the Apostill countries:

<https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=41>

### **The registry office in Cyprus:**

*Wedding ceremonies take place from Monday to Friday. Personal registration must be accomplished by the couple approximately 30 minutes before the wedding.*

*For a wedding ceremony directly at the registry office, all papers must be submitted not later than about 2 weeks before the wedding day.*

*Weddings usually take place inside the registry office, but other venues are possible as well (also open-air weddings). Depending on the location, additional fees may be charged.*

**Costs:** *starting from about 695, - € - fee of the Registry office, marriage agency fee, apostill/legalization and witnesses service included.*

*Travel and accommodation costs are not included in the price mentioned above.*

