Cyprus is the third largest Mediterranean island located in the Mediterranean Sea. Cyprus consists of two states: the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Republic of Cyprus. The capital for both states is at Nicosia. The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus covers the north and part of the eastern coast of the island of Cyprus. It was established on 15th November 1983. It has a population of around 265000. Turkish is the mother tongue, however, English is widely spoken and understood as a second language. The local currency is Turkish Lira. However, GBP and USD are widely accepted.

With life enhancing sunshine in abundance, a shoreline curving round its pretty bays and golden sandy beaches, valleys full of scented pines, orange and lemon groves, and the olive and the carob tree, and last but not least, its flower-filled gardens, Cyprus is ideally suited to tourism. The climate is hot and dry during summer and warm with little rain falls during winter. Lovers of history and archaeology can view 9000 years of the past through a wealth of historic sites and monuments. The best-loved dishes of Turkish cuisine can be found anywhere. A wide variety of goods and products can be found in the shops and bazaars. Sports enthusiasts can enjoy every kind of water sport in the warm and blue Mediterranean waters of the island.

Gazimağusa is the city where Eastern Mediterranean University is located. It was originally a small commercial and fishing port but with the advent of the Crusades and the reign of the Lusignans it attained much greater significance. The Old Town is surrounded by magnificent walls, 17 meters high and 9 meters wide, which were constructed by the Lusignans and further reinforced by the Venetians in 1489. There are around 365 places of worship in Gazimağusa and among the foremost of these is the Lala Mustafa Paşa Mosque. Formerly, it was called St. Nicholas Cathedral, where the Lusignan kings were crowned, the name was changed after the Ottoman conquest of the island in 1571. It remains as one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture to this day. The Knights Templar, The Knights Hospitaller and Othello Tower also share in the great history of this city.

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