

# Did you know this?

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Did you know that Cyprus hosts more than 350 species of birds?

Did you know that the island's national plant is the Cyprus cyclamen, an endemic plant that flowers from September to January?

Did you know that the national tree of Cyprus is the golden oak that takes its name from the golden color of its leaves?

Did you know that 36 different orchid species are growing on the island?

Did you know that Green and Loggerhead turtles breed on the island's sandy beaches in summer, while the Mediterranean monk seal and dolphins have also been seen swimming in the warm, calm, crystal clear seas of the island?

Did you know that the island has its very own national animal, the Cyprus Mouflon, a wild sheep that roams free in the extensive forests of western Troodos?

Did you know that Cyprus has 108 Water dams, that hardly allow any valuable water to flow into the sea during Winter?

Did you know that Cyprus has one of the oldest scientifically documented histories of the world dating back 11,000 years?

Did you know that during prehistory the island was influenced by the Pharaohs of Egypt to the south,

the Mesopotamian kingdoms to the east, the Hittite empire to the north and the Minoan and Mycenaean cultures of the west?

Did you know that Cyprus is classified among the high-income countries and has a standard of living that is higher than most other European Union member-states?

Did you know that the services sector is the fastest growing area of the economy and today accounts for about 68% of GDP and 69% of total employment?

Did you know that the Cypriot maritime registry is the tenth largest in the world, one of the largest in the EU, and Cyprus is the biggest third-party ship management center in the EU?

Did you know that although relatively well endowed with mineral resources – it is among the five richest areas in the world with respect to copper-pyrites and also has rich chromite deposits?

Did you know that 86% of Cypriots between the ages of 25 to 60 have a tertiary educational level?

Did you know that Cyprus offers, 3 public universities and 3 private ones; 43 tertiary educational institutions, 34 of which private and 9 public; 345 public and 28 private primary schools; and 126 public and 36 private secondary schools?



Did you know that the discovery of significant oil and natural gas reserves in the seabed areas between Cyprus and Egypt, Cyprus and Lebanon and Cyprus and Israel is likely to give a different momentum to the growth of the Cyprus economy?

Did you know that there are currently more than 70,000 IBCs that are active?

Did you know that Cyprus ranks among the first countries in the world in terms of university degree holders in relation to the population, with more than 80% of secondary school leavers 2009 continuing their studies?