

## **CYPRUS TOURISM ORGANISATION**



# ACCESSIBLE BEACHES FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL ACCESS NEEDS

Cyprus Tourism Organisation (CTO), in the fields of its efforts to upgrade Cyprus beaches, is an active supporter of issues related to accessibility.

CTO has listed by now 47 beaches for people with special access needs, including 26 fully accessible and 21 partially accessible beaches.

#### **FULLY ACCESSIBLE BEACHES**

The following 26 beaches have full access to the beach, as the wheelchair user is able to get from the beach into the sea moving on a wooden or plastic ramp. There are also found hygiene facilities and parking places for disabled persons.

Worth mentioning is the fact that on five of these beaches there is an innovative system (Seatrac) that enables disabled people to have a full access into the sea. It is an automatic system powered by photovoltaic energy, consisting of a seat fixed in a rail that drives the disabled person into the sea at an approximate depth of 60cm. Moreover, many beaches have Floating Wheelchairs that can be easily moved on the sand and float in the water thanks to their floating armrests and wheels. Seatracs and Floating Wheelchairs are available for use by the public free of charge and relevant information may be obtained by the lifeguards on the beaches.

## AMMOCHOSTOS (FAMAGUSTA) (7 beaches)

<u>Agia Napa:</u> Lanta (Floating Wheelchair), Pantachou (Floating Wheelchair), Vathia Gonia (Seatrac).

Sotira – Agia Napa: Agia Thekla (Floating Wheelchair).

<u>Paralimni:</u> Protaras /Fig Tree Beach (Floating Wheelchair), Louma (Floating Wheelchair), Vrysi C´/ Yianna Mari (Seatrac and Floating Wheelchair).

## LARNAKA (5 beaches)

<u>Larnaka:</u> Phinikoudes (Floating Wheelchair), McKeznie (Floating Wheelchair), Kastella (Floating Wheelchair).

Voroklini: Yiannathes (Floating Wheelchair).

Alaminos: Municipal Beach (Floating Wheelchair).

## LEMESOS (LIMASSOL) (5 beaches)

<u>Lemesos:</u> Akti Olympion A' (Seatrac and Floating Wheelchair).

Parekklisia: Municipal Beach (Floating Wheelchair).

Germasogeia: Dasoudi /CTO (Floating Wheelchair).

Agios Tychonas: Vouppa (Floating Wheelchair), Kastella (Floating Wheelchair).

## PAFOS (9 beaches)

Pafos: Vrysoudia A / Sodap (Floating Wheelchair), Municipal Baths (Chair lift και Floating Wheelchair).

Geroskipou: Municipal Beach (Floating Wheelchair).

Pegeia: Coral Bay (Floating Wheelchair ).

Polis Chrysochous: Municipal Beach (Seatrac), Dasoudi / Camping Site (Seatrac).

Neo Chorio: Latchi A'(Floating Wheelchair), Latchi B'(Floating Wheelchair), Xistarokampos (Floating Wheelchair).

#### PARTIALLY ACCESSIBLE BEACHES

The following 21 beaches are partially accessible, meaning that they have available ramps or pathways leading to some point on the beach but the access is not extended into the sea. On these beaches there are available hygiene facilities and parking places for disabled persons.

AMMOCHOSTOS /FAMAGUSTA (7 beaches)

Agia Napa: Nissi, Makronissos.

Paralimni: Pernera, Vrysi A, Vrysi B, Agia Triada, Mouzoura.

LARNAKA (1 beach)

Pyla: Pyla Beach / CTO .

LEMESOS (LIMASSOL) (11 beaches)

Pentakomo: Governor's Beach.

Pyrgos: Aoratoi, Panagies.

Agios Tychonas: Afrodite, Onisilos, Santa Barbara.

Agios Athanasios: Miami.

Lemesos: Akti Olympion B'.

Pissouri: Pissouri beach, Mounti.

Episkopi: Kourion.

PAFOS: (2 beaches)

Pafos: Faros Beach, Pachyammos.



(Photo: Floating Wheelchair / Mobi Chair)

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