



Cost of Living 2009

Many people are attracted to Cyprus by the high quality of life on the island and although since joining the Euro Zone we have seen a general increase in prices given the low amenity charges in Cyprus the overall cost of living remains to be very competitive and enjoyable. Examples of these are as follows:

Car Tax - €60/annum (1600cc car)

Car Insurance – €140/annum (Fully Comp. & two drivers over 40)

Council Tax (typical 3 bed home) – €90/annum (inc. refuse collected twice a week)

Electricity Bill – €30/month

Telecom Bill – €50/month (inc. telephone, broadband and satellite TV)

Water Bill – €12/ month

Gas Bill – none

Dog Licence €20/annum

Eating out you can enjoy a variety of excellent and inexpensive food and drinks, whilst a wide range of fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, fish and other groceries (both local and imported goods) are available in the supermarkets and from local market traders in the bustling markets.

Eating out:

Drinks in a bar: €2.00 - €3.00 per drink

Wine in restaurants and tavernas: from €4.00 per bottle

Coffee or soft drinks in a cafeteria: €0.80 – 1.50 per drink

Meal in a middle class restaurant: € 11.00 -25.00 per person

Meze in a taverna: from €15.00 per person

Take away kebab: from €4.50

Provisions (approx supermarket prices):

Milk: € 0.60 per litre

Eggs: € 2.40 per dozen

Bread: € 1.60 per loaf

Pork: € 4.25 per kilo

Lamb: € 6.00 per kilo

Beef: € 8.00 per kilo

Chicken: € 2.50 per kilo

Local wine: From €3.69 per bottle

Cyprus brandy: € 5.75 per bottle

Local beer: € 13.00 per crate price including the crate

It is always worth shopping around as some of the bigger supermarkets will have excellent deals of some products and then make up for it with over inflated prices on other products - so take your time to compare prices. Remember - look after the cents and the Euros will look after themselves :-)

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