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TOURIST ARRIVALS AND RETURNS OF RESIDENTS OF CYPRUS FROM TRIPS ABROAD: **OCTOBER 2026**

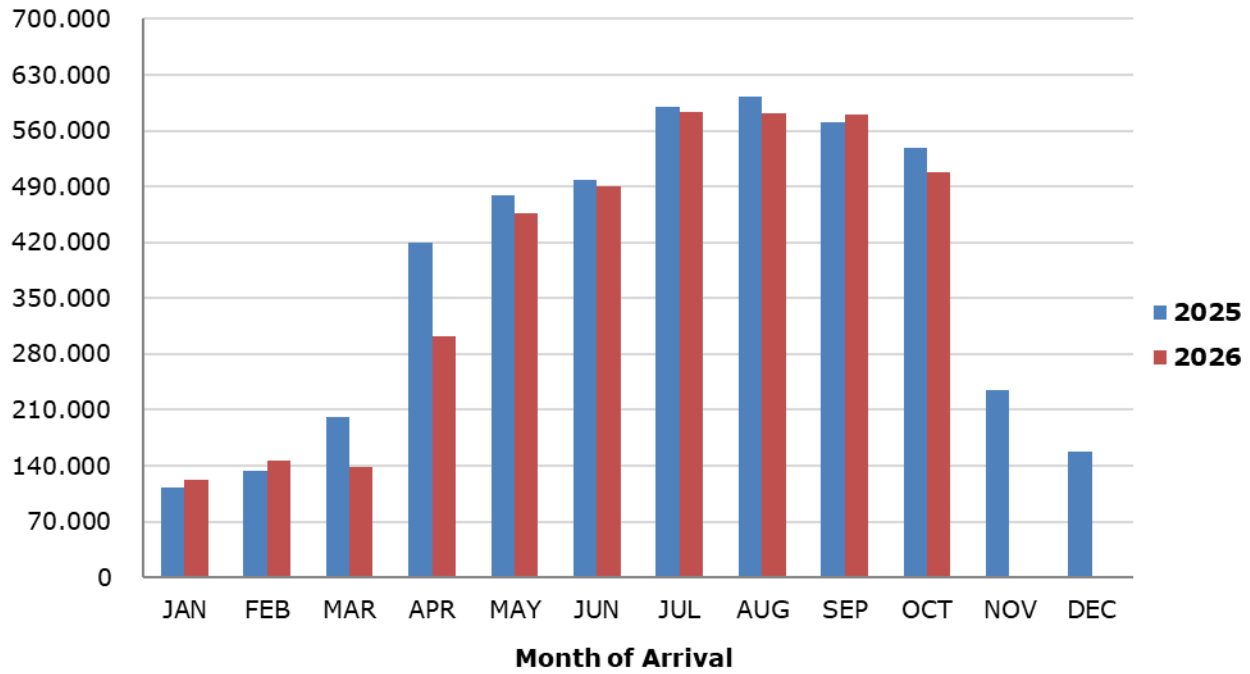
Tourist Arrivals -5,5% and Returns of Residents of Cyprus -2,4%

Tourist Arrivals

The arrivals of tourists reached 508.301 in October 2026 compared to 537.744 in October 2025, recording a decrease of 5,5%.

For the period of January – October 2026, arrivals of tourists totaled 3.909.839 compared to 4.142.534 in the corresponding period of 2025, recording a decrease of 5,6%.

Figure 1: Tourist Arrivals



Arrivals from the United Kingdom were the main source of tourism for October 2026, with a share of 32,4% (164.512) of total arrivals, followed by Israel with 9,7% (49.091), Germany (40.295) and Poland (40.070) with 7,9% each, Greece with 4,3% (22.014) and Sweden with 3,9% (19.688) (Table 1).

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Table 1

Country of Usual Residence	Tourist Arrivals			
	October			Percentage Change (%)
	2024	2025	2026	Oct. 2026/25
TOTAL	**459.106**	**537.744**	**508.301**	**-5,5**
Austria	11.010	14.895	12.716	-14,6
France	8.632	10.824	4.783	-55,8
Germany	34.822	41.783	40.295	-3,6
Denmark	9.537	9.378	9.470	1,0
Switzerland	12.274	12.416	12.280	-1,1
Greece	17.689	20.038	22.014	9,9
United Kingdom	166.588	168.792	164.512	-2,5
Israel	24.088	59.508	49.091	-17,5
Lebanon	3.923	2.593	2.993	15,4
Norway	7.867	6.598	7.438	12,7
Netherlands	9.867	9.420	8.737	-7,3
Hungary	6.583	9.559	8.517	-10,9
Poland	37.010	36.262	40.070	10,5
Romania	13.053	14.744	13.292	-9,8
Sweden	18.713	20.806	19.688	-5,4
Other	77.450	100.128	92.405	-7,7

In October 2026, 80,4% of tourists travelled for holidays, 12,0% visited friends and relatives and 7,4% travelled for business purposes. Respectively, in October 2025, 81,8% of tourists visited Cyprus for holidays, 11,0% visited friends or relatives and 7,1% visited Cyprus for business purposes (Table 2).

Table 2

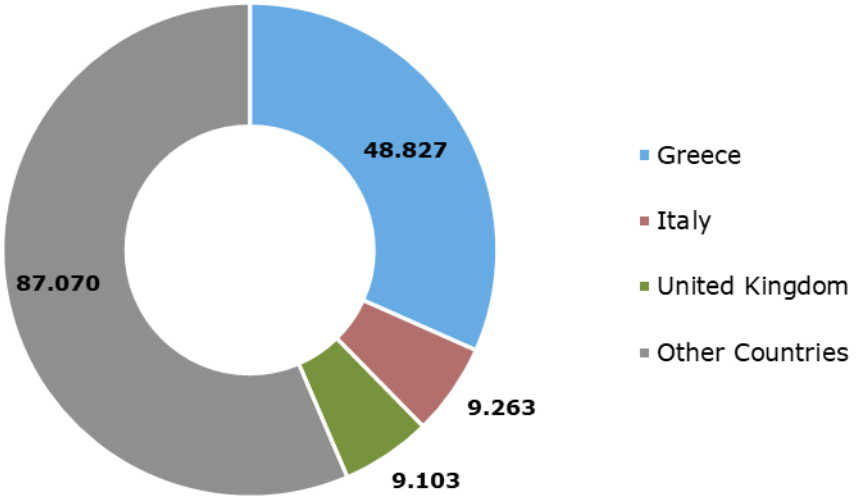
Purpose of Visit	Percentage (%)		
	Oct. 2024	Oct. 2025	Oct. 2026
Holidays	79,9	81,8	80,4
Visiting friends & relatives	11,9	11,0	12,0
Business	8,1	7,1	7,4

Returns of Residents of Cyprus

A total of 154.263 residents of Cyprus returned from a trip abroad in October 2026 compared to 158.026 in the corresponding month last year, recording a decrease of 2,4%.

The main countries from which residents of Cyprus returned in October 2026 were Greece with a share of 31,7% (48.827), Italy with 6,0% (9.263) and the United Kingdom with 5,9% (9.103).

Figure 2: Returns of Residents of Cyprus by Country of Visit, October 2026



The purpose of travel for the residents of Cyprus in October 2026 was mainly holidays, with a percentage of 70,8%, whilst business reasons held a percentage of 26,4%, studies 1,3% and other reasons 1,5%.

METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Definitions

Tourists – Visitors who stay for at least one night in Cyprus.

Tourist arrivals – The term refers to the number of trips and not to the number of persons. This differs in the sense that one person can take more than one trip during the reference period.

Residents of Cyprus - This category includes persons who have resided in Cyprus for at least 12 months or who have come to Cyprus with the intention of staying for at least 12 months, prior to their travel.

Source of Data and Coverage

The data are obtained from the Passengers Survey which is carried out at the points of arrival in Larnaka and Pafos airports. Additionally, data are also collected from administrative sources, such as the monthly arrivals from ports.

The data covers all persons who pass through passport control at the ports and airports in the Government controlled area of Cyprus. It does not include travelers who arrive and depart illegally via ports and airports in the occupied part of Cyprus.

The weighting was conducted based on the data sent to the Statistical Service by the Civil Aviation Department and from the ship manifests, as well as on the data sent by the Analysis and Statistics Office of the Cyprus Police.

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Methodological Information

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