

About Cyprus – Geography



- Cyprus, at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa, is situated in the north-eastern corner of the Mediterranean Sea, 75 km south of Turkey, 90 km west of Syria and 380 km east of the Greek island of Rhodes.
- It is the third largest island in the Mediterranean after Sicily and Sardinia, with an area of 9,251 km².



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- Of the total area 37% is occupied by Turkish troops while 3% constitutes the territory of the British Sovereign Base Areas.
- It has two mountain ranges, Troodos and Pentadaktylos, which run from east to west across the island separated by the central Messaoria plain.



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- The densely forested Troodos mountain range in the south-west is a dome-shaped highland dominated by the island's highest peak, Olympus, at 1,953 meters above sea level.
- The narrower, Pentadaktylos mountain range in the north, mainly of limestone, rises up to 1,024 meters.



Troodos mountains



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- Cyprus is almost surrounded by coastal valleys where the soil is alluvial and fertile, suitable for agriculture.
- Arable land in Cyprus constitutes 46,8% of the total area of the island.
- Rivers are seasonal and only flow after heavy rain.



Coastal rock formation



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