



2-day Nicosia Itinerary



Nicosia



Nicosia: A Journey Through Cyprus's Historic Capital

Welcome to Nicosia, the last divided capital in Europe and a city where East meets West. This comprehensive 2-day guide will immerse you in the city's rich cultural heritage, historical landmarks, and unique atmosphere, perfect for first-time visitors.

Historical Overview

Nicosia has been Cyprus's capital since the 10th century, boasting a history that spans millennia. The city's iconic Venetian walls, built in the 16th century, form a perfect circle around the old city. Today, Nicosia stands as a testament to various civilizations that have left their mark on its architecture, culture, and daily life.

Iconic Landmarks

- **Venetian Walls:** These impressive 16th-century fortifications encircle the old city, offering a glimpse into Nicosia's medieval past and military architecture.
- **Selimiye Mosque:** Originally the Gothic Cathedral of Saint Sophia, this architectural marvel showcases the city's diverse religious heritage.
- **Büyük Han:** The largest caravanserai on the island, this beautifully restored Ottoman inn now houses cafes, galleries, and craft shops.
- **Famagusta Gate:** The most significant of Nicosia's restored gates, serving as a cultural center and reminder of the city's fortified history.

Cultural Treasures

- **Cyprus Museum:** Housing the island's most extensive archaeological collection, showcasing artifacts from the Neolithic period to the Roman era.
- **Leventis Municipal Museum:** An award-winning museum offering a journey through Nicosia's social history and urban development.
- **Shacolas Tower Museum & Observatory:** Providing panoramic views of the city and insights into Nicosia's division and reunification efforts.
- **Eleftheria Square:** A recently renovated urban space that serves as the heart of the modern city.

Charming Neighborhoods

- **Laiki Geitonia:** A traditional neighborhood featuring preserved folk

architecture and local craft shops.

- Ledra Street: The main shopping thoroughfare connecting the north and south parts of the old city.
- Old City: A maze of narrow streets housing museums, churches, mosques, and traditional workshops.

Practical Travel Tips

- Transportation: The old city is best explored on foot; use taxis or buses for longer distances.
- Best Times to Visit: Spring (March-May) or Fall (September-November) for pleasant weather.
- Border Crossing: Carry your passport if you plan to cross the Green Line.
- Language: Greek and Turkish are official languages; English is widely understood in tourist areas.

2-Day Itinerary Highlights

Day 1:

- Cyprus Museum
- Venetian Walls
- Famagusta Gate
- Leventis Municipal Museum

Day 2:

- Shacolas Tower Museum & Observatory
- Selimiye Mosque
- Eleftheria Square
- Büyük Han

This guide features a curated selection of over 20 locations, allowing you to customize your Nicosia experience. Each stop offers insight into the city's rich history and cultural heritage.

Nicosia is more than just a divided capital; it's a living museum where ancient walls tell stories of conquest and coexistence, and where traditional crafts thrive alongside modern cafes. As you explore its historic streets and cross between different cultures, you'll discover a city that continues to bridge divides and preserve its unique heritage.

Let Nicosia's fascinating blend of history, culture, and modern life create lasting memories during your visit. Enjoy your adventure in this remarkable capital!



Itinerary Preview

2 days

DAY 01

The Cyprus Museum

Venetian walls of Nicosia

Famagusta Gate

The Leventis Municipal Museum of Nicosia

DAY 02

Shacolas Tower Museum and Observatory

Selimiye Camii

Eleftheria Square

Büyük Han





Daily Events



Day 1

09:00

The Cyprus Museum

Mouseiou 1, Nicosia 1097, Cyprus

11:00

11:45

Venetian walls of Nicosia

Lefkoşa surları, Lefkoşa 1016, Cyprus

13:45

14:30

Famagusta Gate

59FC+PF6, Athinas, Nicosia 1016, Cyprus

16:30

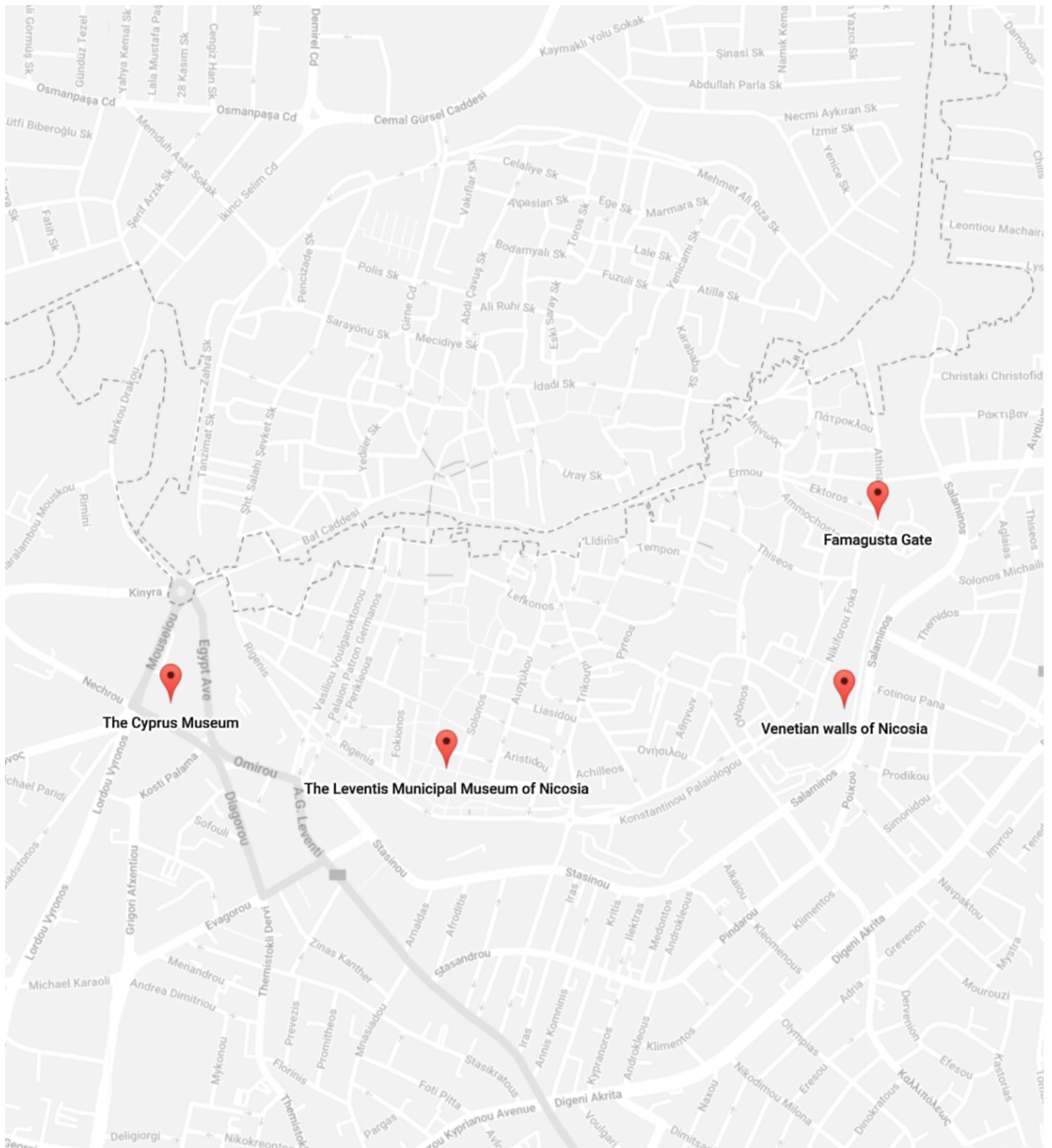
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The Leventis Municipal Museum of Nicosia

Hippocratous 15-17, Nicosia 1011, Cyprus

19:15

Map for Day 1



Day 2

09:00

Shacolas Tower Museum and Observatory

59C6+MM3, Nicosia 1011, Cyprus

11:00

11:45

Selimiye Camii

Selimiye Sk, Lefkoşa 99010

13:45

14:30

Eleftheria Square

Konstantinou Palaiologou 20e, Nicosia 1010, Cyprus

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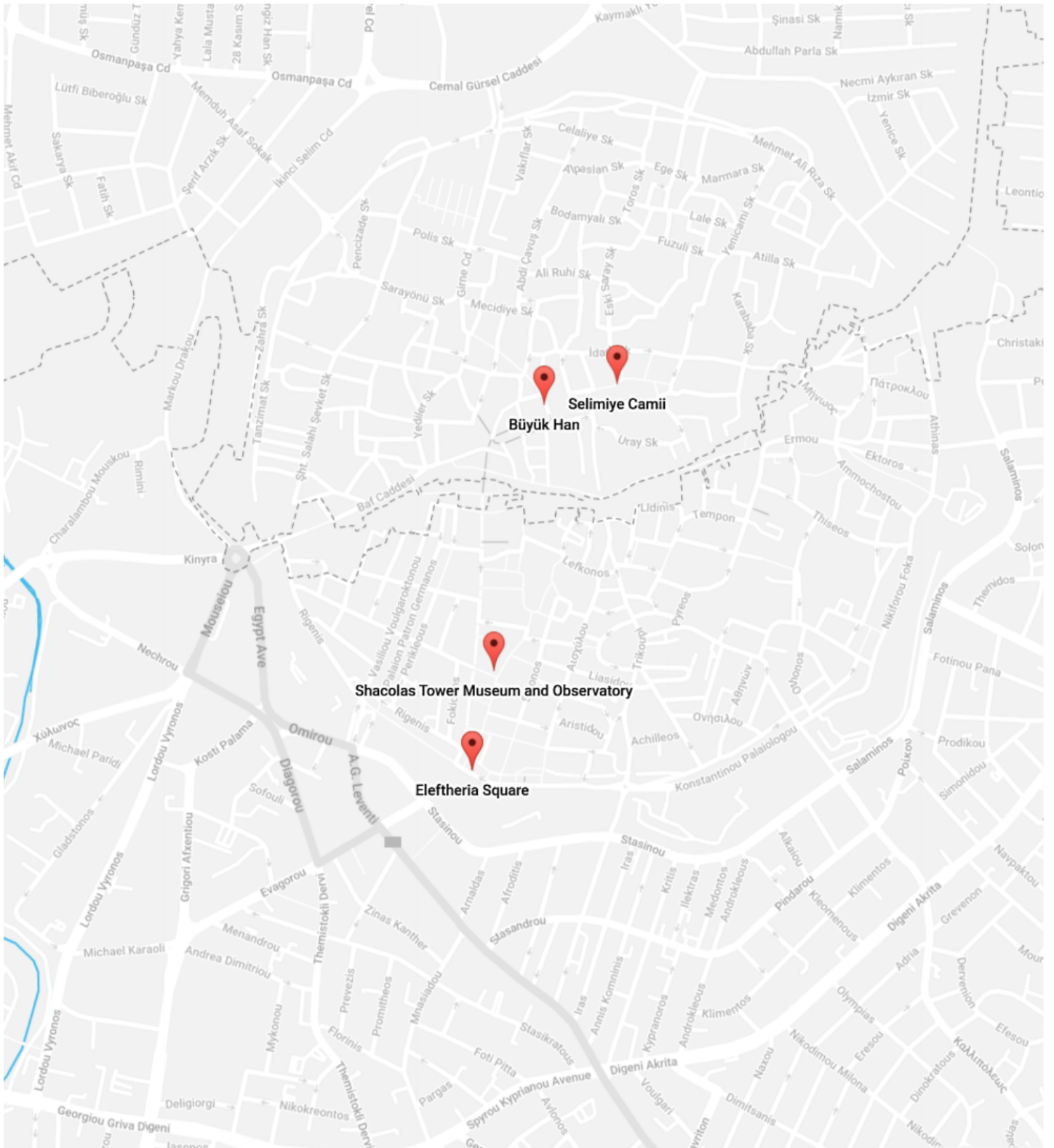
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Büyük Han

Büyük Khan, Nicosia, Cyprus, Lefkoşa 99010

19:15

Map for Day 2





Spots



Green Line Hut

59F5+GH2, Granikou, Lefkoşa 1010

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Cyprus Folk Art Museum

Square of Archbishop Kyprianos, 22. 2222222222222222 222222222222, Nicosia 1016, Cyprus

Summary:

15th-century Gothic building housing a collection of pottery, carvings, tools & folk paintings.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday: Closed

Phone:

22 432578



The Liberty Monument

59CC+J4C, Nicosia 1016, Cyprus

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Hamam Omerye

Square, Platia Tillirias 8, Nicosia 1016, Cyprus

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM

Phone:

22 460006



Büyük Han

Büyük Khan,Nicosia,Cyprus, Lefkoşa 99010



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Opening Hours:

- Monday: 7:30 AM - 1:35 PM
- Tuesday: 7:30 AM - 1:35 PM
- Wednesday: 7:30 AM - 1:35 PM
- Thursday: 7:30 AM - 1:35 PM
- Friday: 7:30 AM - 1:35 PM
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: Closed

Phone:

22 466711



St. John's Cathedral

59F9+84J, [\[?\]. \[?\]](#), Nicosia 1016, Cyprus

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Phone:

22 554600



Archbishop's Palace

Archbishop's Palace, Isokratous, Nicosia 1016, Cyprus



Eleftheria Square

Konstantinou Palaiologou 20e, Nicosia 1010, Cyprus



Lala Mustafa Pasha Mosque

Liman Yolu Sk 12, Gazimağusa 99450

Summary:

Medieval church converted to a mosque by Ottoman Turks in 1571, with a minaret overlooking the sea.



Famagusta Gate

59FC+PF6, Athinas, Nicosia 1016, Cyprus



Eleftheria Square

Konstantinou Palaiologou 20e, Nicosia 1010, Cyprus



Selimiye Camii

Selimiye Sk, Lefkoşa 99010

Summary:

Airy mosque in a 13th-century Catholic cathedral with Gothic architecture & white interior walls.



Shacolas Tower Museum and Observatory

59C6+MM3, Nicosia 1011, Cyprus

Summary:

This 11th-floor museum features panoramic views & exhibits & old photographs of the old city.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

22 674139



The House of Hadjigeorgakis Kornesios - Ethnological Museum

Patriarchou Grigoriou 20, Nicosia 1015, Cyprus

Summary:

Artifacts displayed in a grand manor built in 1793 featuring a central courtyard & Turkish bath.

Phone:

22 305316



The Leventis Municipal Museum of Nicosia

Hippocratous 15-17, Nicosia 1011, Cyprus

Summary:

History museum charting prehistoric to current times in 2 restored 19th-century merchant mansions.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Phone:

22 661475



The Cyprus Museum

Mouseiou 1, Nicosia 1097, Cyprus

Summary:

Archeological museum displaying many artifacts from island excavations, from pottery to sculptures.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Phone:

22 865854



Ledras

Ledras, Nicosia 1011, Cyprus



Laiki Gitonia

5997+X2C, Aristokyprou, Nicosia 1011, Cyprus



Venetian walls of Nicosia

Lefkoşa surları, Lefkoşa 1016, Cyprus

Summary:

Series of medieval defensive walls rebuilt in the mid-16th century by the Republic of Venice.



Museum of the National Struggle

59F9+F65, 22. 2222222222222222 222222222222, Nicosia 1016, Cyprus

Opening Hours:

- Monday: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
- Thursday: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
- Friday: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: Closed

