

## **Kammari residency : the guest information package**

### **Internet**

The internet of the residency is of the mutual internet of the village. It is fast enough for emails, video calls, watching some videos etc. However it is not possible to upload or download heavy files. It is also prohibited to use the internet of the village for any illegal activities online such as downloading music or movies illegally.

In case heavy files must be downloaded or uploaded, this can be arranged with the residency hosts.

### **Money**

There is no ATM at the village. The closest is 20km away on the way to Limassol at the place called Saittas/Trimiklini. There is also a bigger supermarket. There is a free-of-charge local minibus going there daily.

Mutual costs of the artists such as soaps, gas, lamps etc. are paid from a collective pot where every guest contributes according to how much time one stays. The mutual costs are usually about 20 Euros per month per person.

### **Arts and crafts**

There are basic facilities for painting and other fine art works. However the paints and other supplies should be brought by the artist.

There is also a small wood workshop of the residency in the village that is available for the residency guests. It includes basic hand working tools for wood.

The surroundings provide resourceful amount of material tossed in the nature so recycling them to any project is recommended. Materials include for example plastic & metal garbage, tiles, cans, bottles etc. When doing fine art projects it is good to know that plastic and chemical based techniques require special arrangements. For oil or acrylic painting all toxic liquids (including brush washing liquids) must be recycled into a separate tank and brought to the city for recycling. In mineral based techniques (like aquarel, gouache and ink) collect all solids to the trash bin. It is not possible to wash them down to the soil through the sink. The sink water goes directly to the garden.

### **Buses and other transport**

There are buses every morning between Limassol and Treis Elies. All the schedules can be found here: [en.limassolbuses.com](http://en.limassolbuses.com). Bus fare to the village from Limassol is 1,5 Euros per person. Buses to Nicosia go from Prodromos, which is accessible from Treis Elies by car in 20 minutes.

### **Food**

There is a small vegetable shop Fruteria that the residency collaborates with and which has general necessities. The fresh food is brought from Nicosia on Saturdays. It is possible to place special orders for food to be delivered on Saturdays by the Fruteria.

Organic food can be bought seasonally from the local young farmers. This can be asked from the residency hosts.

**PLEASE USE AS LITTLE PLASTIC AS POSSIBLE AS THERE IS NO EFFECTIVE RECYCLING IN CYPRUS.** You can ask the residency hosts advices on this.

The water in the residency is drinkable And of good quality. Cyprus is a country with a constant water crisis so do not waste water. The main water switch for the whole house is in the entrance to the front yard by the gates in a concrete box in case of an emergency, water pipe breakage or other reason to switch off the main water source.

### **Kitchen**

There is space for the individual food of each guest in the kitchen cupboards and the fridge. There is no recycling of plastic, glass, metal etc. in the village, only general trash bins found on the street. Biological waste is separated into the ceramic pot in the kitchen and thrown into the compost in the garden. Other trash goes into the general trash bin and then to the bigger trash bin on the street. The stove works with gas and if empty a new gas can be bought from the Fruteria. Ask from the hosts if doubts. Gas bottle costs 14 Euros.

### **Laundry and washing**

There is a laundry machine at the back of the house. It is available to use for residency guests. **YOU CANNOT USE TOXIC CHEMICALS** such as usual detergents because all the water goes directly, unfiltered into the garden and the soil.

If you do not have natural soaps or laundry detergents, the residency can provide them. If there is a special need to use certain chemicals, contact the residency hosts and special arrangements will be made for it. Natural soaps can be bought from a neighbour in the village who makes them.

### **Toilet and shower**

The shower water is warmed by an automatic gas heater that goes on when the (blue) tap of the shower is opened. The red is the cold water (logically). If the shower or tap water are off you can turn them on from a red valve next to the door. Please turn the valve off at nights or when not used for days.

There are two toilets, one dry toilet outside and one usual water toilet inside. The inner water toilet can be flushed normally, but please save water as much as possible. The inner toilet water is filled up manually from the red valve next to the toilet seat: Turn the valve on manually for 8 seconds, close it and then flush the toilet. Leave the valve closed or the water will pour over.

**DO NOT THROW ANY PAPER OR OTHER OBJECTS INTO THE TOILET OR IT GETS STUCK.**

### **The house**

The house is a DIY, handmade, creative project. All the materials used for renovations and fixing the house are from the local natural materials as much as possible. It is a simple house without all the modern commodities and this is important to understand for guests who are used to urban, modern commodities in their every day life.

The heating in the winter period (from December to mid March) there is heating stoves in every room. For the summer no cooling is usually needed as nights are fresh in the mountains. There is no air conditioning.

Any fixes or problems with the house, please contact the residency hosts and they will help fix it.

### **Animals**

In the surrounding nature there are only couple of snakes that are dangerous to humans (the venomous Blunt Nose Viper and less dangerous Montpellier snake). Only the rare blunt-nose viper can be deadly if the patient is not taken to hospital care. For the snakes the best way to avoid them is having a long walking stick and to stomp ones feet.

All bedrooms can be closed properly and no insects can get into them at night.

**ALL WILD ANIMALS IN THE AREA ARE TO BE PROTECTED STRICTLY.** It is not possible to kill (anything apart from mosquitoes). Also when walking in the forest, do not harass any animals, but leave them in peace, even if you are scared of them.

**The surrounding ecosystems are very sensitive and thus great care is advised to be taken when going to them.**

**Lights**

Front yard lights are turned on and off from the right side plug on top of the fridge. YARD LIGHTS OFF AT NIGHT PLEASE.

Upstairs terrace lights are turned on and off from the kitchen switches next to the fridge on the wall, the middle one of the three or from the white switch in the upstairs studio. TERRACE LIGHTS OFF AT NIGHT PLEASE.

Front yard dinner table light turns on and off from the kitchen switches, left one of the three. FRONT YARD LIGHTS OFF AT NIGHT PLEASE.

Other lights have their switches in the rooms. ALL COMMON SPACE LIGHTS OFF DURING THE NIGHT PLEASE.

**Village social**

There are three generations in the village. Young farmers and the residency hosts, old generation who live in the village and their children's generation of middle age part time or full time residents. Full time all year round only around 25 people live in the village. The young generation all speak English as well as many of the middle generation. The old folks speak only Greek.

There is one active kafenio (coffee shop/bar), where mainly old men sit around playing cards. There is another one of an old woman who serves only coffee. Both are open to public. Both are safe and generally welcoming.

However here has been two cases of verbal harassment from the old men of the village to our guest artists. We have always reacted instantly and the situations have been solved. However you should be cautious about this. If any signs or attempts of verbal or any other sexual or any other harassment or intimidation appear, please instantly tell about it to the residency hosts.

**Police and emergencies**

The nearest police station is 30 minutes away from the village. The number is the general emergency number: 112. So far it has not ever been necessary to call the police. For fire and other emergencies, please instantly contact the residency hosts (telephone: 977 128 58).

**Toxic chemical pesticides and herbicides**

There is an unfortunate problem in the village, which is that people spray pesticides and other possibly toxic chemicals into their vines and plants in the residential areas of the village. Near the residency there are no people praying and because of its high geographic position on the hill, it is not affected by this. However when walking in the village, be aware that if you smell something or see someone spraying their vines, do not go close, do not touch the sprayed plants and inform the residency hosts instantly about it.

Most of the spraying is of sulphur, which is a natural substance although not healthy if breathing it in large quantities. Still because you can never know what they are spraying one should be conscious and avoid going near.

**Contacts**

At any time you can call the residency hosts or send an SMS: +357 977 128 58

In less urgent matter, please contact by email:

residency@kammari.org

**Enjoy your stay!**