

Holland America Mediterranean Transatlantic 2027

New York, NY → New York, NY | October 11 – November 24, 2027

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Day-by-Day Itinerary

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DAY	DATE	PORT / LOCATION	TIMES
1	Mon, Oct 11	New York, New York, US	Departs 4:30 pm
2	Tue, Oct 12	At Sea	Cruising
3	Wed, Oct 13	At Sea	Cruising
4	Thu, Oct 14	At Sea	Cruising
5	Fri, Oct 15	At Sea	Cruising
6	Sat, Oct 16	At Sea	Cruising
7	Sun, Oct 17	Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel, Azores, Portugal	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
8	Mon, Oct 18	At Sea	Cruising
9	Tue, Oct 19	At Sea	Cruising
10	Wed, Oct 20	Lisbon, Portugal	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
11	Thu, Oct 21	Cruising Strait Of Gibraltar	Cruising
12	Fri, Oct 22	Cartagena, Spain	In Port — 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
13	Sat, Oct 23	Barcelona, Spain	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
14	Sun, Oct 24	Villefranche-Sur-Mer (Nice), France	In Port — 11:00 am to 9:00 pm
15	Mon, Oct 25	Livorno (Florence/Pisa), Italy	In Port — 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
16	Tue, Oct 26	Civitavecchia (Rome), Italy	In Port — 7:00 am to 10:00 pm
17	Wed, Oct 27	Naples (Pompeii/Amalfi), Italy	In Port — 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
18	Thu, Oct 28	At Sea	Cruising
19	Fri, Oct 29	Iraklion (Crete), Greece	In Port — 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm
20	Sat, Oct 30	At Sea	Cruising
21	Sun, Oct 31	Ashdod (Jerusalem), Israel	In Port — 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
22	Mon, Nov 1	Haifa (Tel Aviv), Israel	In Port — 7:00 am to 9:00 pm
23	Tue, Nov 2	At Sea	Cruising
24	Wed, Nov 3	Alexandria (Cairo), Egypt	Arrives 6:00 am
25	Thu, Nov 4	Alexandria (Cairo), Egypt	Departs 9:00 pm
26	Fri, Nov 5	At Sea	Cruising
27	Sat, Nov 6	Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey	In Port — 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
28	Sun, Nov 7	Istanbul, Turkey	Arrives 4:00 pm
29	Mon, Nov 8	Istanbul, Turkey	Departs 11:00 pm
30	Tue, Nov 9	At Sea	Cruising
31	Wed, Nov 10	Piraeus (Athens), Greece	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
32	Thu, Nov 11	At Sea	Cruising
33	Fri, Nov 12	Valletta, Malta	In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
34	Sat, Nov 13	La Goulette (Tunis), Tunisia	In Port — 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
35	Sun, Nov 14	At Sea	Cruising
36	Mon, Nov 15	Malaga, Spain	In Port — 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm
37	Tue, Nov 16	Tangier, Morocco	In Port — 7:00 am to 4:00 pm
38	Wed, Nov 17	At Sea	Cruising
39	Thu, Nov 18	At Sea	Cruising
40	Fri, Nov 19	At Sea	Cruising
41	Sat, Nov 20	At Sea	Cruising
42	Sun, Nov 21	At Sea	Cruising
43	Mon, Nov 22	At Sea	Cruising
44	Tue, Nov 23	At Sea	Cruising
45	Wed, Nov 24	New York, New York, US	Arrives 7:00 am

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Currency Guide

Holland America Mediterranean Transatlantic 2027 — which currencies are actually worth carrying

Rule of thumb: only worth exchanging cash for a currency you'll use at **several** stops. On this cruise, **Euro (EUR)** covers the most — **12 of 20** port calls. Highlighted rows below (3+ stops) are worth carrying cash for.

CODE	CURRENCY	STOPS	PORTS
✓ WORTH EXCHANGING CASH FOR (3+ STOPS)			
EUR	Euro	12	São Miguel, Lisbon, Cartagena, Barcelona, Côte d'Azur, Livorno, Civitavecchia, Naples, Heraklion, Athens (Piraeus), Valletta, Málaga
FEWER THAN 3 STOPS — SKIP EXCHANGING, USE A CARD OR USD INSTEAD			
ILS	Israeli Shekel	2	Ashdod, Haifa
TRY	Turkish Lira	2	Kusadasi, Istanbul
USD	US Dollar	1	New York
EGP	Egyptian Pound	1	Alexandria
TND	Tunisian Dinar	1	La Goulette
MAD	Moroccan Dirham	1	Tangier

New York, New York, USA

The ultimate port call: cruise into Manhattan with the Statue of Liberty on your left and the skyline straight ahead. New York rewards every style of shore day, from world-class art to legendary pizza.

Docked

Typical call: 8-12 hrs

USD

English

Iconic skyline arrival

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 1 · Mon, Oct 11

Arrive: _____

All aboard: 4:30 pm

Excursion: _____

Notes: Departs 4:30 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Manhattan Cruise Terminal (Piers 88–92) or Brooklyn Cruise Terminal (Red Hook)
Best For: First-timers, culture lovers, foodies, shoppers

Walk to center: 15-min walk or quick subway from Midtown pier; Red Hook requires taxi/rideshare (~20 min)
Don't Miss: Statue of Liberty ferry, Central Park, the High Line

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ \$15–18 (Manhattan terminal), \$40–50 (Brooklyn terminal), \$60–75 (Cape Liberty to Manhattan) · **Rideshare** ✓
Uber, Lyft · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island** — The quintessential New York experience.
- Metropolitan Museum of Art** — One of the world's greatest art collections, spanning 5,000 years of human creativity.
- Central Park Walking Tour** — 843 acres of urban parkland with Bethesda Fountain, the Bow Bridge, Belvedere Castle, and Strawberry Fields.
- 9/11 Memorial & Museum** — A moving tribute at the site of the World Trade Center.
- The High Line & Chelsea Market** — A 1.45-mile elevated park built on a disused rail line above the streets of West Chelsea.

BEST WALKS

- Midtown Highlights Walk** 3–4 km · 1.5–2 hrs · Easy — From the cruise terminal, walk east to Times Square, south on 7th Ave to Bryant Park and the New York Public Library, then east to Grand Central Terminal for its...
- Lower Manhattan & Brooklyn Bridge** 4–5 km · 2–2.5 hrs · Easy — Take the subway from the pier down to Fulton Street.

WEATHER IN OCT · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Oct	65°	51°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Oct 7:07AM–6:14PM

Currency: USD. Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

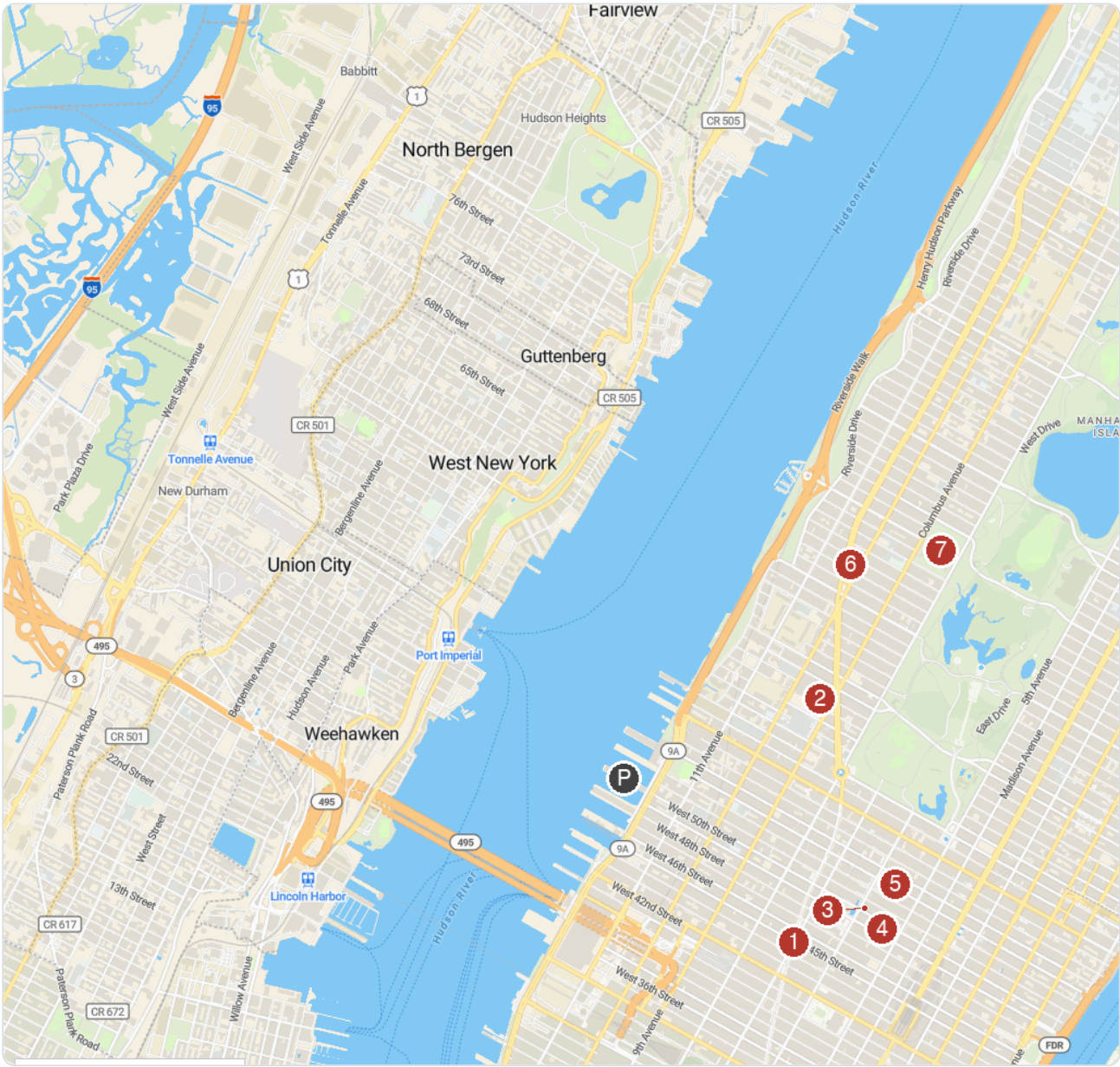
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Subway is king. A single MetroCard tap gets you anywhere in the five boroughs. Tap with a credit/debit card or Apple/Google Pay — no need to buy a card for short visits.
- Book Statue of Liberty tickets weeks ahead. Same-day tickets often sell out. Crown access requires reservations months in advance.
- Eat like a New Yorker. Dollar slice pizza joints are everywhere in Midtown. Joe's Pizza (7 Carmine St, West Village) is a classic. Avoid tourist-trap restaurants around Times Square.
- Budget realistically. New York is expensive. A meal for two at a casual restaurant easily runs \$60–80 with tip. Museum admissions, observation decks, and ferry tickets add up quickly — prioritize before you go.
- Rideshare beats taxis. Uber and Lyft are reliable and often cheaper than yellow cabs, especially from Brooklyn Cruise Terminal where taxi availability can be limited.
- Allow plenty of re-boarding time. Midtown traffic is unpredictable. If your ship departs in the evening, be back at the terminal at least 90 minutes before all-aboard. Manhattan traffic jams are legendary.

New York, New York, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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|---|--|---|--|
| 1 Times Square | Iconic, neon-lit crossroads; a vibrant entertainment and commercial hub. | 2 Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts | Premier complex for opera, ballet, symphony, and theater performances. |
| 3 Radio City Music Hall | Historic Art Deco theater, home to the Rockettes and live shows. | 4 Rockefeller Center | Iconic complex of shops, offices, and seasonal ice skating rink. |
| 5 The Museum of Modern Art | World-renowned museum showcasing modern and contemporary art masterpieces. | 6 Beacon Theatre | Historic theater hosting concerts, comedy, and live entertainment. |
| 7 American Museum of Natural History | Vast museum of natural history, dinosaurs, and scientific exhibits. | 8 Empire State Building | Iconic Art Deco skyscraper offering breathtaking city views. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |

Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores, Portugal

The volcanic heart of the Azores — where twin crater lakes shimmer in ancient calderas, geothermal earth cooks your lunch at Furnas, and whale spouts dot the Atlantic horizon.

 Pier (Portas do Mar terminal)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Euro (€)  Portuguese

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 7 · Sun, Oct 17	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Terminal Marítimo (Portas do Mar), 200 m from historic center

Walk to center: 5–10 min flat walk along the mosaic seafront promenade

Best For: Volcanic landscapes, whale watching, geothermal hot springs, local food

Don't Miss: Sete Cidades caldera viewpoint or a soak at Furnas thermal pools

 Getting around:  **Taxi** ✓ €6–€10 ·  **Rideshare** ✓ Bolt ·  **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ São Miguel Hop-On Hop-Off Sightseeing Bus (Azores On Route)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Sete Cidades Caldera** — Stand at the Vista do Rei viewpoint over the twin-colored caldera lakes — one blue, one green — inside an ancient collapsed volcano.
- **Furnas Valley & Geothermal Pools** — Watch mud pots bubble and steam vents hiss in the fumarole fields, then soak in iron-rich thermal pools at Poça da Dona Beija or Terra Nostra Park.
- **Whale & Dolphin Watching** — The Azores is one of the world's top cetacean destinations — sperm whales are year-round residents, blue whales visit in spring.
- **Azorean Pineapple Greenhouse Tour** — Visit Arruda's pineapple plantation in Fajã de Baixo — the only place in Europe where pineapples are grown in glass greenhouses using smoke-trigger...
- **Lagoa do Fogo (Fire Lake)** — A wild, undeveloped crater lake high in the island's mountains.

BEST WALKS

- **Seafront to City Gates & Market** 1.5 km · 25 min · Flat — A classic introduction: walk the mosaic seafront promenade from the terminal to the iconic three-arched Portas da Cidade, then continue one block inland to the Mercado...
- **Fort São Brás & Jardim António Borges** 2.5 km loop · 45 min · Flat — From the city gates, walk east to the 16th-century Forte de São Brás for harbor views and the military museum (€3), then head uphill to the romantic Jardim António...

WEATHER IN OCT · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇵🇹 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Oct 7:51AM–7:04PM	
Oct	70°	65°	16d	Currency: Euro (€). Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.	

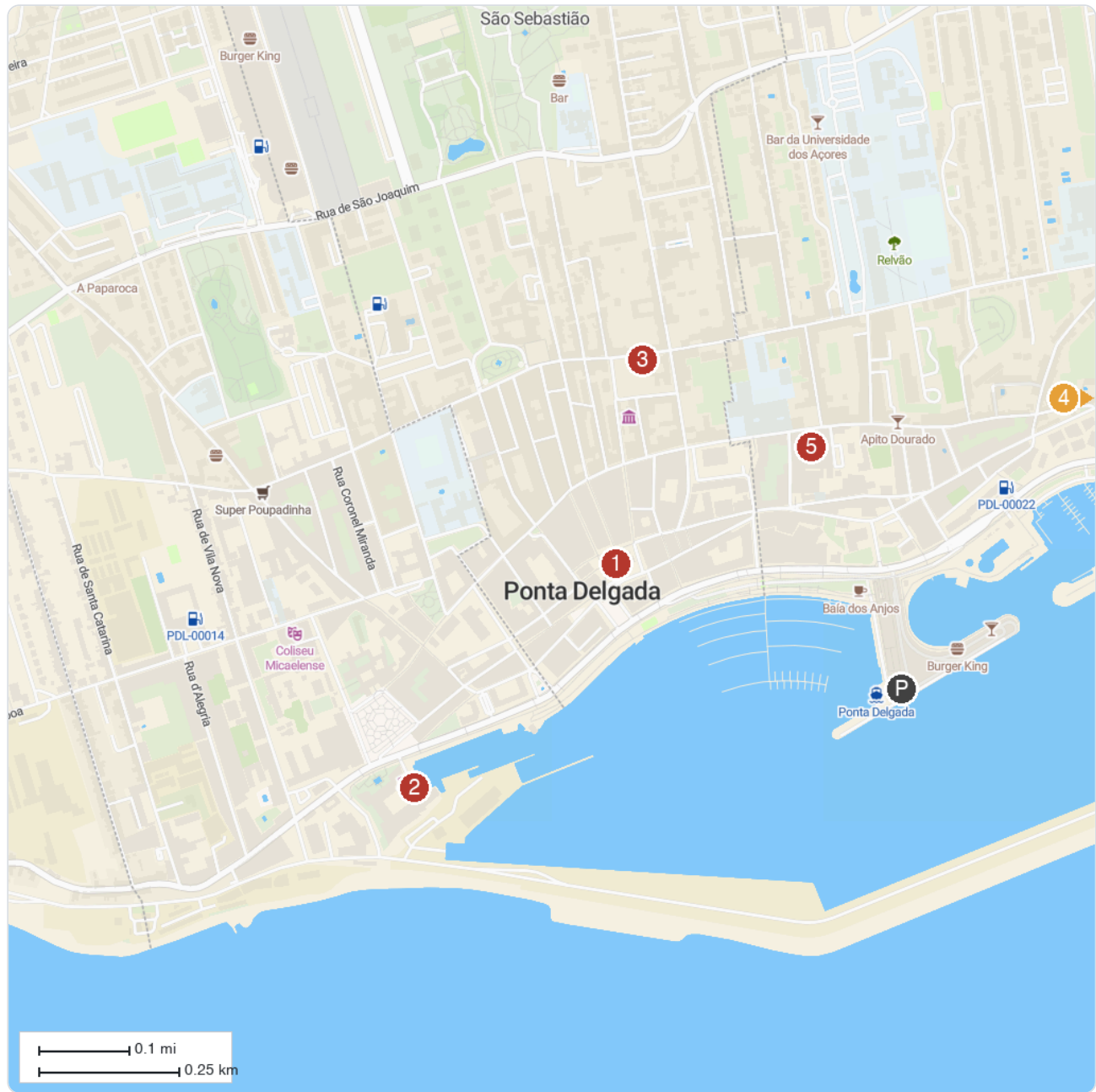
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pack layers and a rain jacket. The Azores weather changes fast — it can be sunny at the port and raining at Sete Cidades simultaneously. This is non-negotiable.
- Book whale watching early. Boats depart from the marina right next to the ship — walk 5 minutes and book on the dock — but morning departures sell out fast in summer.
- Negotiate taxi tours before boarding. Private taxis outside the terminal offer great-value island tours (Sete Cidades, Furnas). Agree on the full price before you get in — most drivers speak enough English.
- Try the local pineapple. Azorean greenhouse pineapples are sweeter and more aromatic than any you've had before — grab one at the market or visit the plantation. The pineapple liqueur makes a great souvenir.
- Wear grippy shoes. The mosaic stone sidewalks (*calçada portuguesa*) are gorgeous but become dangerously slippery when wet — and it rains here.
- Free swimming next to the ship. The Piscinas do Pesqueiro tidal pool complex is literally adjacent to the cruise terminal — a great option if you want a quick ocean swim without traveling.

Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores, Portugal — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 | Igreja Matriz de São Sebastião | Ponta Delgada's beautiful 16th-century main church. | 2 | Museu Militar dos Açores | Azores military history museum inside a historic fort. |
| 3 | Museu Carlos Machado | Main museum: art, natural history, and Azorean ethnography. | 4 | Observatório Vulcanológico e Geotérmico dos Açores | Learn about Azores volcanoes and geothermal energy. |
| 5 | Astronomical Observatory of Santana, Azores - OASA | Observe stars and planets at this astronomical observatory. | 6 | Mercado da Graça | Bustling municipal market for local produce, cheese, and flowers. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |

Lisbon, Portugal

Pastel hills, hand-painted tiles, soulful fado, and the world's best custard tarts — from the main terminal, Alfama's medieval lanes rise directly above your gangway.

- Docked (no tendering)
- Typical call: 8–12 hrs
- Euro (EUR)
- Portuguese · English widely spoken

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 10 · Wed, Oct 20	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Santa Apolónia or Alcântara terminal
- To Alfama:** 10–15 min walk (Santa Apolónia)
- Best For:** Tiles · Trams · Tarts · History
- Don't Miss:** Belém & pastéis de nata

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ €10–€15 · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Bolt · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Hop-on hop-off · from €47

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Alfama & São Jorge Castle** — Lisbon's oldest quarter — tangled lanes, viewpoint miradouros, the Sé Cathedral (1147), and the Moorish hilltop castle.
- **Belém — Tower, Monastery & Pastéis** — UNESCO Jerónimos Monastery and Belém Tower flank the river, plus the Monument to the Discoveries and the original Pastéis de Belém bakery (open since...
- **Historic Tram 28 Ride** — The quintessential Lisbon experience — a vintage yellow tram grinding through Graça, Alfama, and Estrela.
- **Sintra Palaces Day Trip** — Fairytale palaces in misty hills 40 min from Lisbon — the colorful Pena Palace and the mystical Quinta da Regaleira with its famous Initiation Well.
- **Lisbon Food & Wine Tour** — Sample pastéis de nata, petiscos (Portuguese tapas), ginjinha cherry liqueur, bacalhau (salt cod), and local wines in Baixa and Bairro Alto.

BEST WALKS

- **Terminal → Alfama → Portas do Sol viewpoint** ~2 km · 1.5 hrs · moderate (hilly) — Climb straight from the gangway into Alfama's ancient lanes to the Portas do Sol and Santa Luzia miradouros, with sweeping views over the red rooftops and the Tagus.
- **Baixa & Praça do Comércio waterfront** ~2 km · 1–1.5 hrs · easy (flat) — Flat, grand downtown: the vast riverfront Praça do Comércio, the triumphal Rua Augusta arch, and the elegant Baixa grid up to Rossio Square.
- **Belém waterfront walk** ~2.5 km · 1.5 hrs · easy (flat) — If docking at Alcântara or arriving by Tram 15E, stroll the scenic Tagus riverside from the Monument to the Discoveries past the National Coach Museum to Belém Tower.

WEATHER IN OCT · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon Oct	High 73°	Low 61°	Rain 9d	Oct 7:46AM–6:57PM	
				Currency: Euro (EUR). Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.	

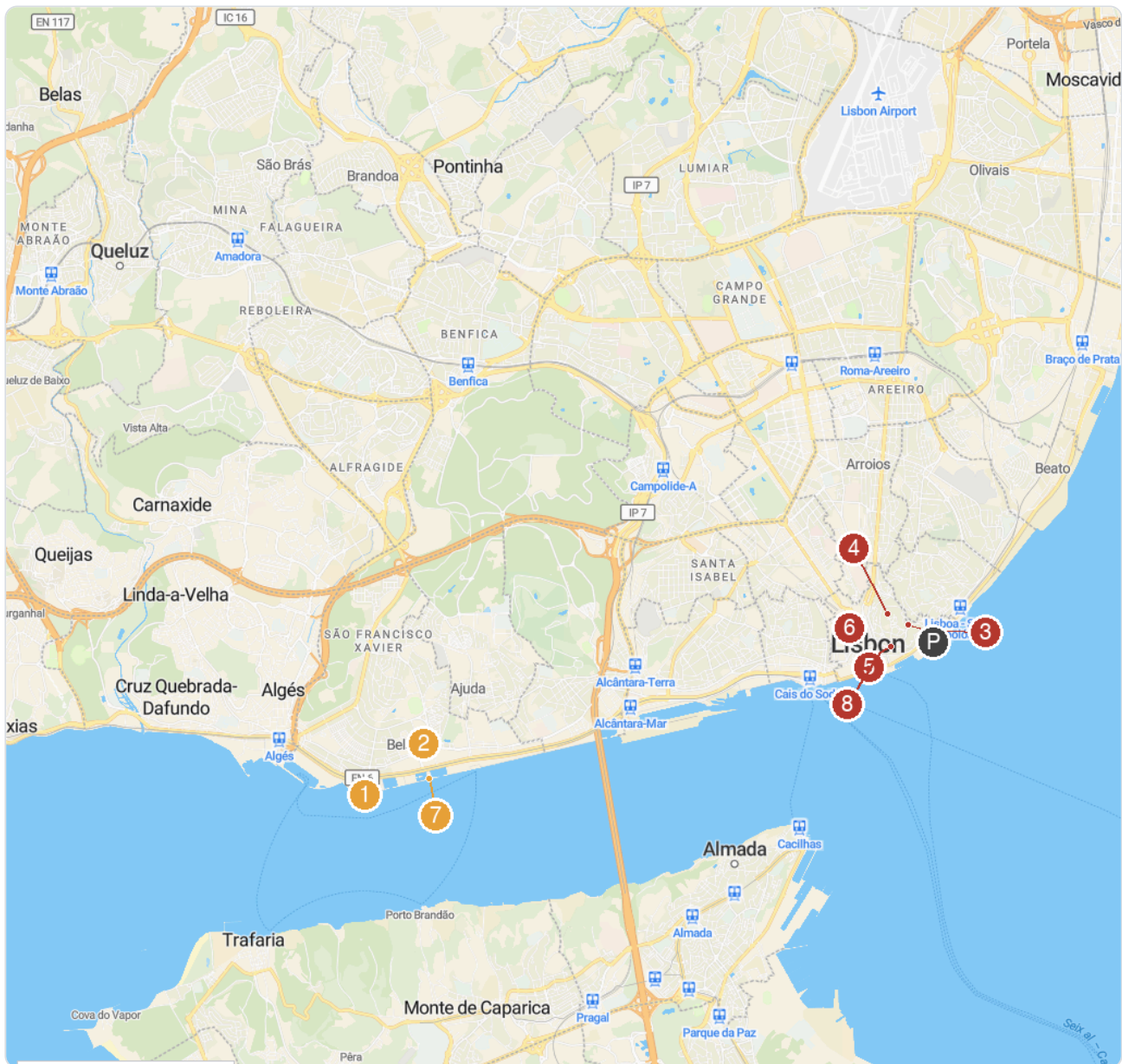
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Ride Tram 28 early or skip it. By 10am it's jammed with cruise crowds and pickpockets working the line. Board at Praça do Comércio or take the quieter Tram 12. Keep bags against your body.
- Lisbon is steep and the cobblestones are slippery. The pretty calçada tiles get glassy even when dry — wear grippy, comfortable shoes. Sandals are asking for trouble in Alfama.
- Eat pastéis de nata warm. The original Pastéis de Belém bakery is worth the queue, but any good pastelaria in Alfama will do. Ask for cinnamon (canela) on top.
- Know which terminal you're at. Alcântara is 6 km from Alfama — if you expect to walk into the old town and end up there, you'll need a taxi or tram. Check your daily program the night before.
- Cards accepted nearly everywhere, but keep €10–€20 cash for tram tickets, kiosk snacks, small cafés, and market vendors. ATMs are common throughout Baixa.
- Pastéis de Belém — great bakery in the Belém area, worth stopping even if there's a line. It moves fast. — tip from Gordon.

Lisbon, Portugal — Port Map

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| 1 Belém Tower | 16th-century fortified tower guarding the Tagus River entrance. | 2 Jerónimos Monastery | Grand Manueline-style monastery honoring Portugal's Age of Discovery. |
| 3 Alfama District | Lisbon's oldest quarter, a maze of steep lanes and fado bars. | 4 St. George's Castle | Hilltop Moorish castle with commanding views over the city. |
| 5 Commerce Square | Grand riverfront plaza framed by yellow arcaded buildings. | 6 Santa Justa Lift | Ornate iron elevator connecting downtown to the Bairro Alto above. |
| 7 Monument to the Discoveries | Riverside monument shaped like a caravel honoring Portuguese explorers. | 8 Lisbon Cathedral | Fortress-like Romanesque cathedral, the city's oldest church. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |

Cartagena, Murcia, Spain

Three millennia of Mediterranean ambition packed into one walkable harbor city — Roman ruins, Moorish battlements, and a modernist main street all within a short stroll of the cruise pier.

Docked (Alfonso XII Terminal)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Euro (EUR)

Spanish

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 12 · Fri, Oct 22	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 2:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 2:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier docked at Alfonso XII Cruise Terminal — historic center is a 5-min walk

Best For: Roman archaeology, modernist architecture, panoramic views

Walk to center: ~5 min on foot to Plaza del Ayuntamiento and Roman Theatre

Don't Miss: The Roman Theatre — one of Spain's largest and best-preserved, discovered only in 1988

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €5 base + €1.25/km · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Roman Theatre & Museum** — Cartagena's crown jewel — a 1st-century BC Roman theatre seating 7,000, only uncovered in 1988.
- **Castillo de la Concepción** — A 13th-century hilltop fortress reached by a free panoramic elevator.
- **Calle Mayor Modernist Walk** — Cartagena's pedestrian main street is lined with extravagant Art Nouveau buildings — the Gran Hotel, Aguirre Palace, and Casa Cervantes — funded by...
- **Punic & Roman Cartagena** — Combine the Punic Wall Interpretation Centre (3rd-century BC Carthaginian defences) and the Foro Romano Molinete museum (Roman baths and temple) for...
- **ARQUA — National Museum of Underwater Archaeology** — Spain's only national museum dedicated to underwater archaeology, showcasing Phoenician, Punic, Roman, and Spanish-colonial shipwrecks recovered from...

BEST WALKS

- **Old Town Grand Loop** ~2.5 km · 2 hrs · Easy — From the cruise terminal, walk the harbour promenade to Plaza del Ayuntamiento, then visit the Roman Theatre Museum.
- **Waterfront & Harbour Stroll** ~1 km · 30 min · Easy — A flat, leisurely walk along the harbour promenade from the cruise terminal to ARQUA and the Naval Museum — ideal if time is limited or you want a gentle warm-up before...

WEATHER IN OCT · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Oct	72°	57°	5d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Oct 5:50AM–5:44PM

Currency: Euro (EUR). Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

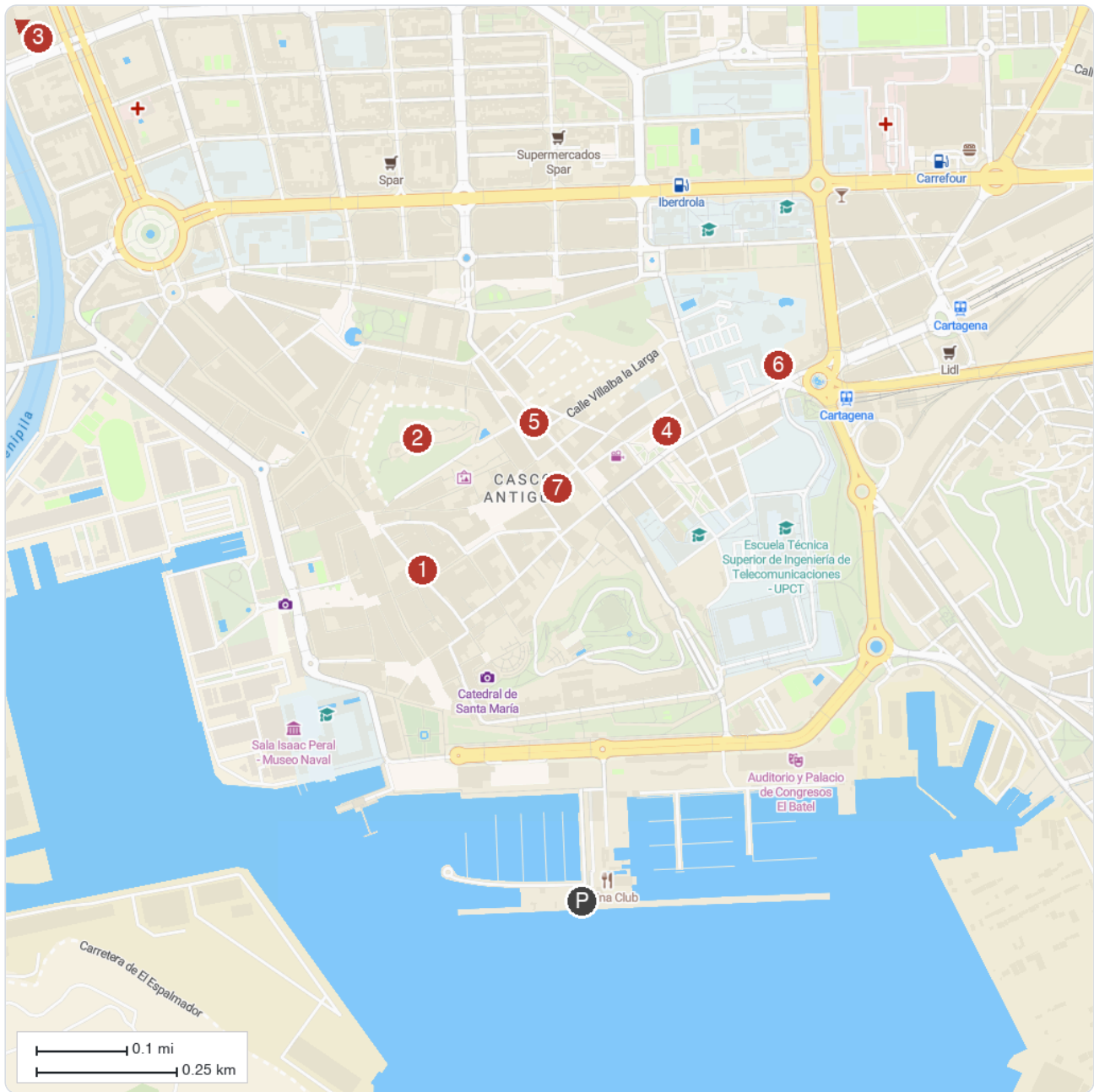
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Everything is walkable. The entire historic centre is within 1 km of the pier — skip taxis unless you're going to a beach outside the city.
- Buy the Roman Theatre ticket online. It sells out on busy cruise days. Combo tickets covering multiple museums save money.
- Use the free panoramic elevator to reach Castillo de la Concepción — it saves the steep climb and is included with castle entry.
- Summer calls are hot. Cartagena averages around 29-30°C in July–August. Start your walk early, carry water, and duck into museums during the midday heat.
- Cash for markets; cards everywhere else. ATMs are available on Calle Mayor. Major museums and restaurants accept Visa/Mastercard.
- Lunch by 13:00 or after 14:30. Restaurants fill fast on ship days. Ask for menú del día (set lunch) for great value local cooking.

Cartagena, Murcia, Spain — Port Map

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- 1** **Iglesia de Santa María de Gracia** A grand 18th-century Baroque church in the city center.
- 3** **Vallejo Alberola Park** A central urban park with gardens and a playground.
- 5** **Basilica of Nuestra Señora de la Caridad** A beautiful basilica housing Cartagena's patron saint.
- 7** **Augusteum** Remains of a Roman imperial cult temple complex.

- 2** **Arqueológico Cerro del Molinete Park** Archaeological park on a hill with Roman ruins and views.
- 4** **MURAM** Regional Museum of Modern Art, showcasing contemporary works.
- 6** **The Punic Wall** Remains of Cartagena's ancient Punic defensive wall.
- P** **Cruise port / terminal**

Barcelona, Spain

Gaudi's surreal architecture, 2,000 years of Gothic lanes, a working fishing port, and Spain's best food scene — all within reach of a single port call. Know your terminal before you plan anything.

Docks (pier-side, no tendering)

Typical call: 9–11 hrs

Euro (EUR)

Catalan / Spanish · English widely spoken

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 13 · Sat, Oct 23

Arrive: 8:00 am

All aboard: 5:00 pm

Excursion: _____

Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Moll Adossat (Terminals D–H) · WTC South (small/luxury ships) **To La Rambla:** Blue Bus €3 from Moll Adossat (~10 min) · walk ~10 min from WTC South

Best For: Gaudí architecture · Gothic Quarter · tapas · beach · Montserrat day trip **Don't Miss:** Sagrada Família — pre-book timed entry weeks ahead

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ €12–15 · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Bolt, Cabify · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Barcelona Bus Turístic / City Tour · from €33 / 24h

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Sagrada Família** — Gaudi's century-in-the-making basilica is unlike anything on earth.
 - Park Güell & Gaudí Modernisme Trail** — Mosaic terraces, stone viaducts and panoramic city views — Gaudi's hillside park is a 45-minute metro ride from the port.
 - Gothic Quarter & La Boqueria** — Medieval lanes radiating from the Barcelona Cathedral to Plaça Reial — all within walking distance of the
- Blue Bus stop.

 - El Born & Picasso Museum** — Hipster Barcelona in a medieval frame: the Picasso Museum spans five Gothic palaces with 4,000+ works tracing the artist from childhood to Blue Period.
 - Montjuic — Castle, Cable Car & Miró** — The hilltop fortress above the port offers the best views of your ship at dock and the city beyond.

BEST WALKS

- La Rambla to Gothic Quarter loop** ~3 km · 1.5–2 hrs · easy — Walk up La Rambla from the Columbus Monument, detour into La Boqueria market for fresh juice, then wind through Barri Gòtic lanes to the Barcelona Cathedral, Plaça...
- El Born & Santa Maria del Mar** ~2 km · 1–1.5 hrs · easy — From the Gothic Quarter, follow Carrer del Born to reach El Born's indie boutiques and the stunning 14th-century Santa Maria del Mar basilica.
- Passeig de Gràcia Modernisme mile** ~2 km · 1–1.5 hrs · easy — Barcelona's grand boulevard lined with Gaudi's Casa Batlló and La Pedrera (Casa Milà), plus Puig i Cadafalch's Casa Amatller.

WEATHER IN OCT · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Oct	71°	59°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Oct 8:03AM–7:09PM

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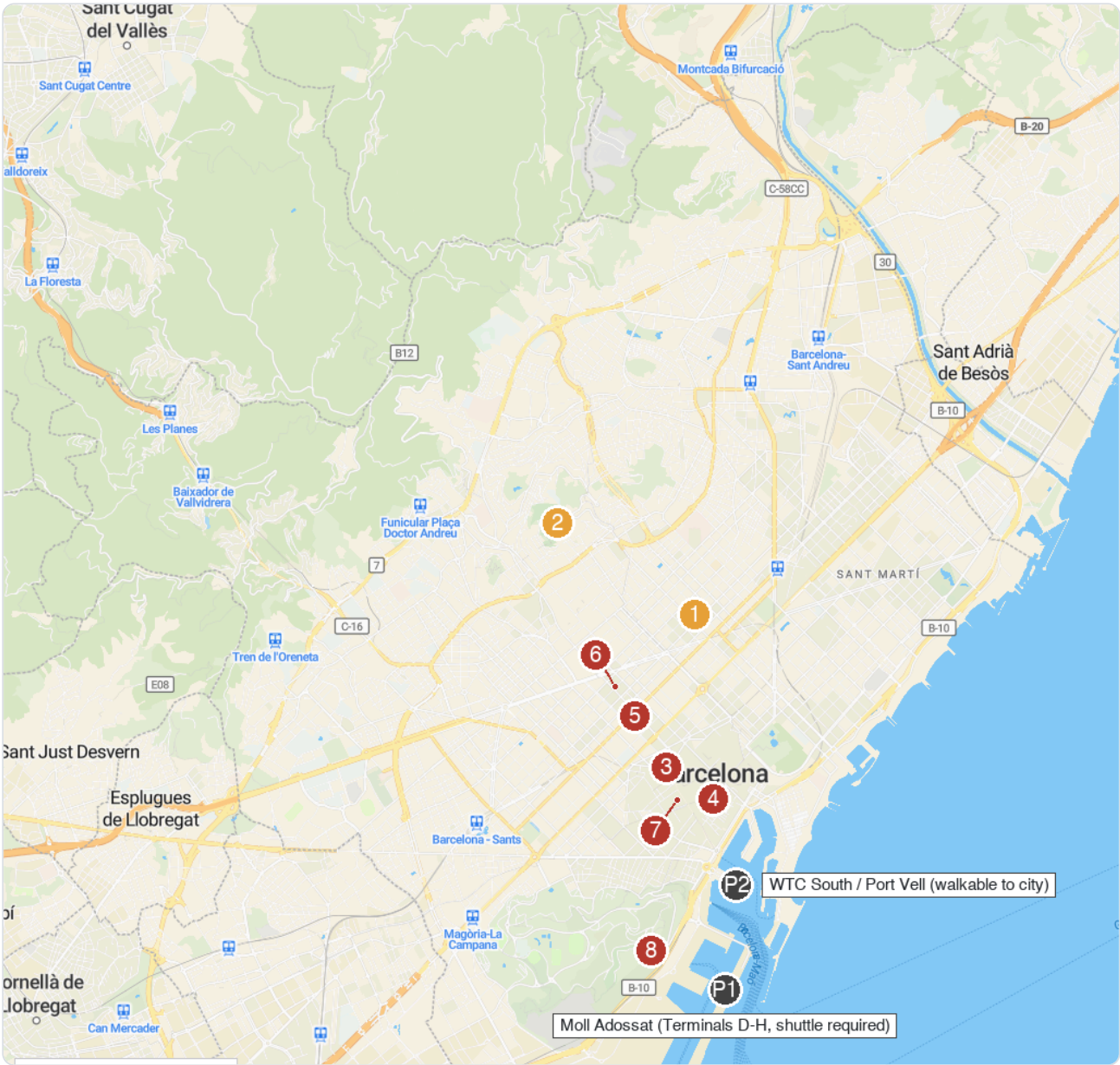
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Know your terminal before planning. Moll Adossat needs the €3 Blue Bus (PortBus) to reach La Rambla (~10 min). WTC South is walkable. Check your ship's communication or ask the gangway officer which terminal you're in — it changes by call.
- Pre-book Sagrada Família and Park Güell before your cruise. Both are timed-entry and routinely sell out weeks in advance. Same-day availability on a busy port day is essentially zero. Book the official websites directly.
- Pickpockets are relentless on La Rambla and the Metro. Barcelona's theft is well-organised — keep wallets in front pockets, use a zipped crossbody bag, and keep your phone off café tables. Thieves often work in pairs using distraction techniques.
- Metro beats taxis for everything downtown. Fast, air-conditioned, €2.55 single or €12.35 for a 10-trip T-Casual card (shareable). The L3 green line from Drassanes (Blue Bus drop) reaches the Gothic Quarter, Les Rambles, and La Barceloneta in minutes.
- Eat on Spanish time or use tapas bars. Restaurants serve lunch 2–3 PM and dinner from 8:30 PM. Tapas bars fill the gap. Try Bar del Pla (El Born), Quimet & Quimet (Poble Sec), or any €12–16 menú del día for excellent-value lunch.
- Non-EU passport holders: allow extra border time from 2026. The EU's Entry/Exit System (EES) is being rolled out — expect biometric registration at immigration. If you're disembarking in Barcelona to fly home, build in an extra 30–45 minutes at the port.

Barcelona, Spain — Port Map

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- 1** **Sagrada Família** Gaudí's unfinished basilica with soaring, colorful stained-glass interior.
- 3** **La Rambla** Barcelona's famous tree-lined pedestrian boulevard through the old city.
- 5** **Casa Batlló** Gaudí's fantastical, bone-like modernist facade on Passeig de Gràcia.
- 7** **La Boqueria Market** Bustling covered market with fresh produce, tapas, and juice stands.
- P1** **Moll Adossat (Terminals D-H, shuttle required)**

- 2** **Park Güell** Gaudí's mosaic-covered hillside park with panoramic city views.
- 4** **Gothic Quarter** Medieval stone lanes packed with shops, cafés, and the cathedral.
- 6** **La Pedrera (Casa Milà)** Gaudí's undulating stone apartment building with a surreal rooftop.
- 8** **Montjuïc Hill** Hilltop park with a castle, gardens, and sweeping harbor views.
- P2** **WTC South / Port Vell (walkable to city)**

Villefranche-sur-Mer, Côte d'Azur, France

Ships anchor in one of the Mediterranean's deepest natural bays, framed by pastel-washed fishing houses and the hills of the French Riviera. Nice is about 10 minutes by train; Monaco about 15.

Tender port

Typical call: 7-10 hrs

Currency: Euro

Language: French

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 14 · Sun, Oct 24

Arrive: 11:00 am

All aboard: 9:00 pm

Excursion: _____

Notes: In Port — 11:00 am to 9:00 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor in the bay; tenders drop at Quai Courbet

Walk to center: 1 min from tender dock to the old town and beach

Best For: Day trips to Nice, Monaco & Eze; beachside lunch; Cocteau chapel

Don't Miss: Chapelle Saint-Pierre (Cocteau frescoes) & Rue Obscure

Getting around: Taxi €30–45 to Nice · Rideshare Uber · Hop-on hop-off Nice Le Grand Tour

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Nice City Day** — The Cours Saleya flower market, Promenade des Anglais, and the colorful Old Town (Vieux-Nice) are easily done independently by train.
 - Monaco & Monte Carlo** — Hop the train to Monaco for the Prince's Palace, the Casino de Monte-Carlo, and a stroll through the Condamine market.
- Eze Village & Perfumeries** — The medieval perched village of Eze sits roughly 430 m above the sea with panoramic Riviera views.
 - Chapelle Saint-Pierre & Old Villefranche** — Jean Cocteau decorated this tiny 14th-century fishermen's chapel with vivid frescoes in 1957.
 - Villefranche Beach** — The sandy beach directly below the old town is one of the nicest in the area — calmer than Nice's stone beach.

BEST WALKS

- Old Villefranche Loop** 1.5 km · 45–60 min · Easy · Start: Quai Courbet — From the tender dock, walk along the quay to Chapelle Saint-Pierre, duck into Rue Obscure (the ancient vaulted street), climb to the Citadelle Saint-Elme for views over...
- Cap Ferrat Coastal Path** 8 km round-trip · 2.5–3 hrs · Moderate · Start: Villefranche port — A well-signed coastal path circles the Cap Ferrat peninsula with excellent sea views, passing villas, rocky coves, and the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild gardens (entry...

WEATHER IN OCT · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Oct	70°	57°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Oct 7:45AM–6:46PM

Currency: Currency: Euro. Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

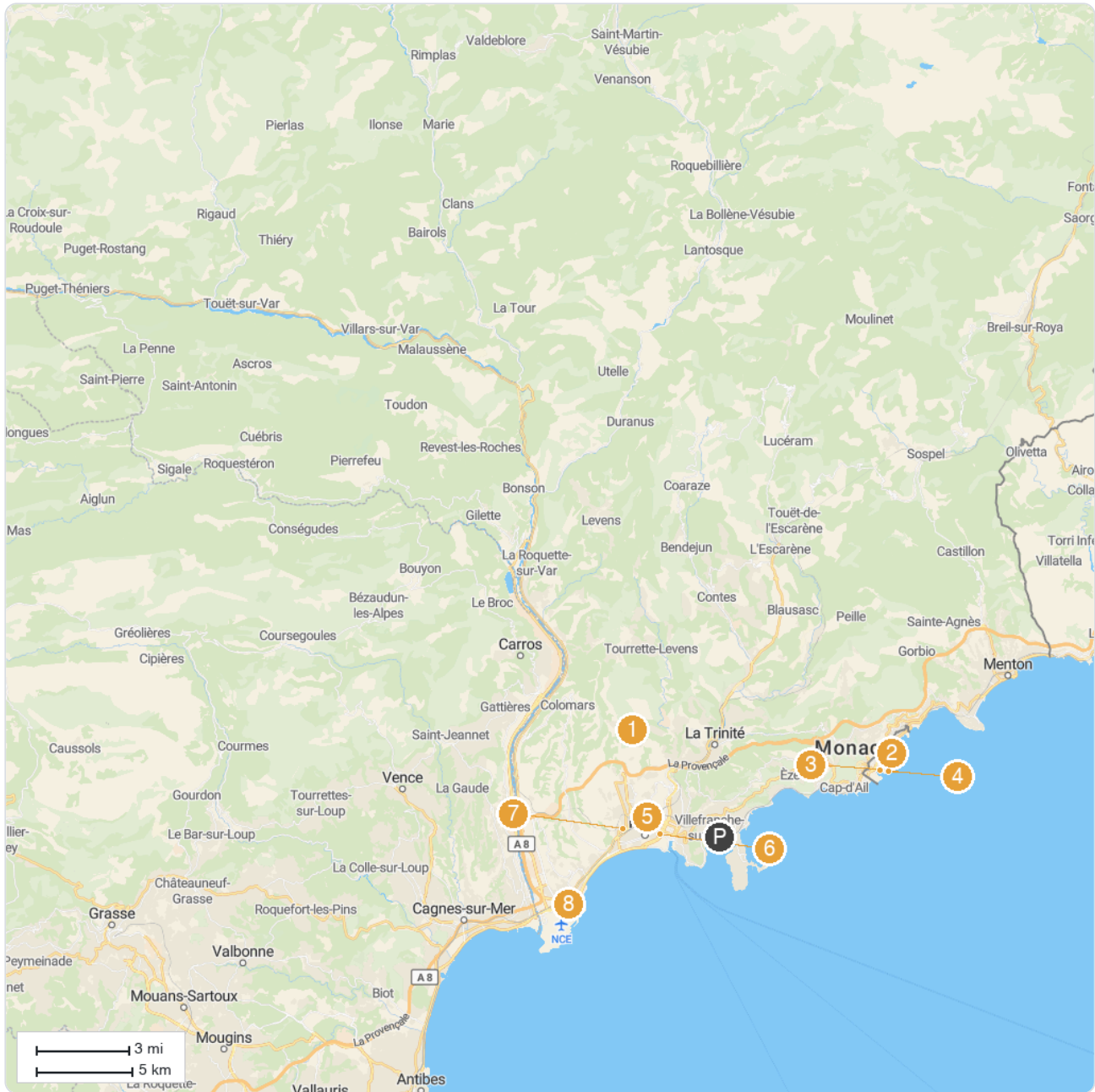
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender lines peak at 9–10 AM. Wait 30 minutes after the first tender call and lines drop significantly. There's no need to rush.
- Train is your best friend. The station is a 10-minute uphill walk (some stairs). Buy tickets at the platform machine (card accepted) — skip the taxi queue entirely.
- Cash useful but not essential. Most cafés and shops take cards; the beach sunbed vendors and market stalls may prefer cash. ATMs are in the village.
- Summer calls get crowded. July–August, the beach and old town fill up fast with day-trippers. The Cap Ferrat path is a good escape from the crowds.
- Monaco return buffer: Allow 30–40 minutes to get back — train to Villefranche station, walk to quay, then tender to ship. Missing the last tender is a costly mistake.
- Lunch on the waterfront: Brasseries on Quai Courbet serve fresh seafood and socca (chickpea pancake, a Nice specialty). Prices are tourist-level but the setting is hard to beat.

Villefranche-sur-Mer, Côte d'Azur, France — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Pyramid of Falicon | 2 Casino de Monte-Carlo |
| 3 Prince's Palace of Monaco | 4 Musée océanographique de Monaco |
| 5 Marc Chagall National Museum | 6 Modern and Contemporary Art Museum (MAMAC) |
| 7 Cathédrale Saint-Nicolas de Nice | 8 Parc Phoenix |
| P Cruise port / terminal | |

Livorno, Tuscany, Italy

The port that unlocks Tuscany. Florence's Uffizi, Pisa's Leaning Tower, the villages of Cinque Terre — all within reach of a single shore day. Livorno itself rewards those who stay, with canals, a grand esplanade, and market-stall fish fry.

Docked Typical call: 8-10 hrs Euro (€) Italian Gateway to Florence & Pisa

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 15 · Mon, Oct 25	Arrive: 7:00 am	All aboard: 7:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 7:00 am to 7:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Terminal at Porto Mediceo; gangway to quay — no tender

Walk to center: 10-15 min on foot to Piazza della Repubblica

Best For: Art, history, architecture; day-trippers to Florence or Pisa

Don't Miss: Pisa's Piazza dei Miracoli or the Uffizi Gallery in Florence

Getting around: Taxi €10–€20 to city center · Rideshare not available · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Pisa & the Leaning Tower** — The Piazza dei Miracoli is one of Italy's most photogenic squares — the Leaning Tower, the Duomo, and the Baptistery clustered on emerald grass.
- **Florence: Uffizi, Duomo & Renaissance City** — The cradle of the Renaissance is 80 km away.
- **Cinque Terre Village Walk** — Five pastel fishing villages clinging to coastal cliffs — Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, Riomaggiore.
- **Livorno Old Town: Canals & Fortezza Vecchia** — Skip the big day-trips and explore Livorno itself — the 16th-century Fortezza Vecchia guards the harbor, the Venezia Nuova canal quarter is genuinely...
- **Tuscan Food & Wine Tour** — Tuscany's wines (Chianti, Brunello), olive oils, and charcuterie are among Italy's finest.

BEST WALKS

- **Port Gate to Piazza della Repubblica** 1.5 km · 20 min · Flat — A straight, easy walk from the cruise terminal gate through the historic center to Livorno's main square.
- **Terrazza Mascagni Seafront Stroll** 2 km · 25 min one way · Flat — Livorno's most beloved promenade — a vast checkerboard terrace overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea.

WEATHER IN OCT · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Oct 7:33AM–6:35PM	
Oct	70°	58°	11d	Currency: Euro (€). Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.	

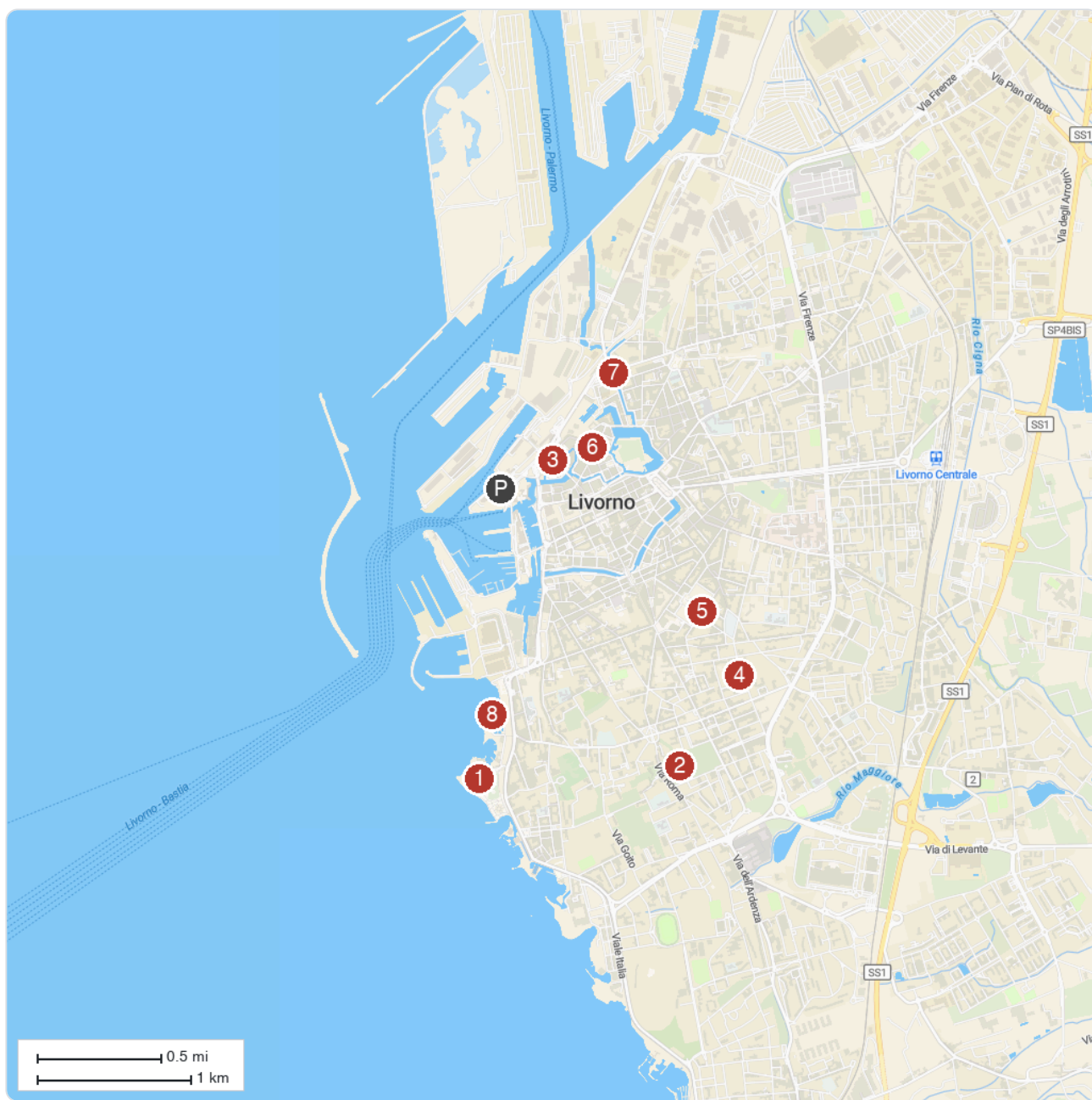
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Train beats taxi for Florence: Trenitalia from Livorno Centrale is far cheaper than a taxi (€10–15 return) and nearly as fast. Buy tickets at the station or online.
- Book the Uffizi before you sail: The Uffizi sells out weeks in advance in summer. Reserve timed entry at uffizi.it or you may not get in.
- Eat in Livorno if you stay: The city is known for cacciucco (rich Tuscan fish stew) and fried seafood from the market. Far cheaper and more authentic than tourist restaurants in Pisa.
- ATMs at the port gate: Use a bank ATM rather than currency-exchange kiosks. Visa/Mastercard accepted almost everywhere in the city and at train stations.
- Florence takes a full day — plan accordingly: With travel time, you'll have 4–5 hours in the city. Prioritize: pick ONE major museum or plan a walking-only day.
- Confirm your ship's shuttle: Some lines run a free bus between the pier and Porta a Mare (city gate). Check the daily program — it saves a 20-min walk in the heat.

Livorno, Tuscany, Italy — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Acquario di Livorno | 2 Villa Fabbricotti |
| 3 Church of San Ferdinando | 4 Villa Maria |
| 5 Santa Maria del Soccorso, Livorno | 6 Chiesa di Santa Caterina |
| 7 Customs on the Water | 8 Scoglio della Regina |
| P Cruise port / terminal | |

Civitavecchia, Lazio, Italy

Rome's cruise gateway puts you 80 km from the Colosseum — a regional train from the port has you inside the Forum in under 90 minutes. Stay local and Civitavecchia rewards too: a Bramante-designed fortress, Etruscan ruins, and the best seafood lunches you'll find at a cruise port.

Docked (cruise terminal)

Typical call: 8–12 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: Italian

Train to Rome: ~45–80 min

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 16 · Tue, Oct 26	Arrive: 7:00 am	All aboard: 10:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 7:00 am to 10:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Fully docked at Stazione Marittima; ships use Amerigo Vespucci Terminal (Pier 12bis), Bramante Terminal (Pier 12), or Piers 10–13 & 25
- Best For:** Rome (Colosseum, Vatican, Ostia Antica), Terme Taurine ruins, Santa Marinella beach, authentic Lazio seafood
- Walk to center:** Free port shuttle to Largo della Pace, then 5–10 min walk to Forte Michelangelo and city center
- Don't Miss:** Book Colosseum and Vatican timed-entry tickets weeks before you sail — they sell out

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €125–€180 · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber · 🚗 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Rome Highlights: Colosseum, Roman Forum & Palatine Hill** — The non-negotiable headline.
- **Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Basilica** — The world's largest art museum ends at Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel ceiling and deposits you in St.
- **Ostia Antica — Rome's Ancient Port City** — Far less crowded than Pompeii and arguably better preserved, Ostia Antica is Rome's ancient harbour town: intact apartment blocks, a 4,000-seat...
- **Santa Marinella Beach Day** — One train stop south of Civitavecchia (5–10 min, ~€2), Santa Marinella is a proper Italian beach resort.
- **Terme Taurine & Etruscan Necropolis (Tarquinia)** — Within 15 km of the port lie two underrated gems: the Terme Taurine Roman bath ruins (~5 km; taxi), and Tarquinia's painted Etruscan tombs — a UNESCO...

BEST WALKS

- **Civitavecchia Waterfront & Forte Michelangelo** 1.5 km · 20–25 min · Flat — From Largo della Pace, walk north past the harbour wall to Forte Michelangelo — the 16th-century fortress designed by Bramante and later modified by Michelangelo himself.
- **Rome: Colosseum to Circus Maximus Loop** 2.5 km · 1.5 hrs walking (+ monument time) · Some slopes — Exit Colosseo Metro, walk to the Colosseum, then follow Via Sacra through the Roman Forum, up to Palatine Hill for sweeping views over the Circus Maximus, and back down.
- **Rome: Vatican to Castel Sant'Angelo** 1.2 km · 20 min · Flat — Exit Vatican Museums into St.

WEATHER IN OCT · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon Oct	High 71°	Low 60°	Rain 9d
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DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Oct 7:25AM–6:30PM

Currency: Currency: Euro (€). Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pre-book Rome tickets before you sail: Colosseum/Forum, Vatican Museums, and Borghese Gallery all require timed-entry tickets. In summer they sell out weeks ahead — book online before your cruise departs, not the day before.
- Buy the BIRG day ticket: ~€12–14 at a tabaccheria inside the station. It covers a return train Civitavecchia–Rome plus unlimited buses and metro in Rome all day. Validate it in the yellow platform machines before boarding — fines are €50.
- The shuttle adds time — budget for it: Don't forget the free port shuttle between your ship and Largo della Pace (each way). Add 15–20 min each end when planning your Rome schedule.
- Cash for smaller shops: Cards are widely accepted in Rome and Civitavecchia, but small trattorias and market vendors often prefer cash. Bancomat (ATM) machines are plentiful near the train station.
- Summer heat is serious: July–August highs regularly hit 35–38°C (95–100°F) in Rome. Plan outdoor sightseeing for the morning, carry a refillable bottle (Rome's nasoni public fountains are everywhere), and use the cool of churches for midday breaks.
- Dress code for churches and Vatican: Shoulders and knees must be covered to enter St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums. Pack a light scarf; vendors outside sell cheap wraps if you forget.

Civitavecchia, Lazio, Italy — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Aquafelix Large water park with slides, pools, and family fun.

3 Museo Archeologico Nazionale di Civitavecchia National museum showcasing ancient Roman artifacts from the area.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Cattedrale di S. Francesco d'Assisi Civitavecchia's main cathedral, dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi.

4 Fontana del Vanvitelli Historic 18th-century fountain designed by architect Luigi Vanvitelli.

Naples, Campania, Italy

Europe's most chaotic, beautiful, and delicious port city. Naples is the gateway to Pompeii and the Amalfi Coast — but it rewards those who slow down and eat.

Docked — Stazione Marittima Typical call: 8-12 hrs Currency: Euro (€) Language: Italian Food city

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 17 · Wed, Oct 27	Arrive: 10:00 am	All aboard: 6:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 10:00 am to 6:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Stazione Marittima, central Naples — walkable to the historic centre

Walk to center: 10-15 min on foot to Piazza del Plebiscito and Via Toledo

Best For: History buffs (Pompeii), foodies, Amalfi Coast day-trippers

Don't Miss: Pizza at a historic centre pizzeria — this is where pizza was born

Getting around: Taxi €10–€15 · Rideshare Uber, Free Now · Hop-on hop-off City Sightseeing Naples

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Pompeii & Herculaneum** — The ancient Roman cities buried by Vesuvius in 79 AD are UNESCO World Heritage Sites and among the best-preserved archaeological sites on Earth.
- **Amalfi Coast Drive** — The cliff-hugging road linking Positano, Amalfi, and Ravello is one of Italy's most scenic drives.
- **Island of Capri** — The legendary island with its Blue Grotto sea cave, designer boutiques, and dramatic clifftop views.
- **Naples Historic Centre Walk** — The centro storico is a UNESCO World Heritage Site in its own right.
- **Mount Vesuvius Hike** — Take the Circumvesuviana to Ercolano, then a bus up to the crater rim of Europe's only active mainland volcano.

BEST WALKS

- **Spaccanapoli & the Historic Centre** 2.5 km · ~1.5 hrs · Easy-moderate (some hills) — Walk from the waterfront up through Piazza del Plebiscito, past the Royal Palace, then plunge into the narrow Via Benedetto Croce (Spaccanapoli).
- **Lungomare Waterfront Stroll** 3 km · ~45 min · Easy — Head south along the seafront Lungomare Caracciolo to Castel dell'Ovo, the oldest castle in Naples perched on a small island.

WEATHER IN OCT · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Oct 7:14AM–6:22PM	
Oct	72°	58°	10d	Currency: Currency: Euro (€). Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.	

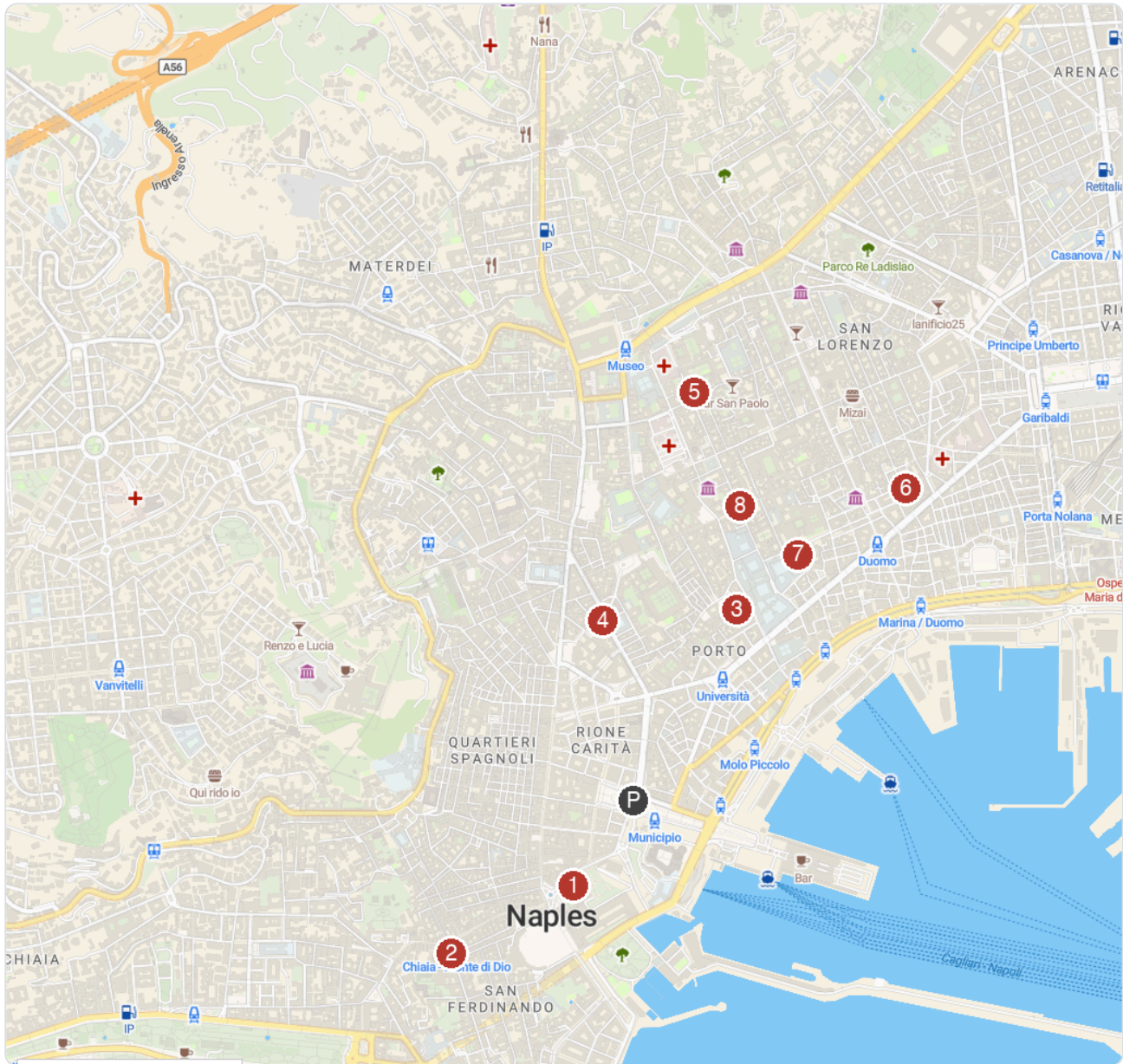
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Eat pizza before anything else. Naples invented pizza margherita. Go to L'Antica Pizzeria da Michele or Sorbillo on Via Tribunali — expect a queue, worth every minute.
- Book Pompeii tickets in advance. The site has timed-entry tickets; buying online at coopculture.it avoids queues and guarantees entry during peak season.
- Taxis: meter or fixed fare. Official white taxis have fixed fares to major destinations (Pompeii, Capri ferry, Amalfi). Agree before you depart — the meter is often cheaper within the city.
- Build in buffer time. Naples traffic and Circumvesuviana delays are real. Plan to be back at the terminal 60 minutes before All Aboard, not 15.
- Watch your belongings in the centro storico. Naples has a pick-pocket reputation — use a crossbody bag, keep phones in a pocket, and be alert on the Circumvesuviana train.
- Summer calls are very hot. June–September in Naples can hit 35 °C (95 °F). Carry water, wear sunscreen, and visit Pompeii early — the site has almost no shade.

Naples, Campania, Italy — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 San Carlo Theatre | World's oldest continuously active opera house. | 2 Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli a Pizzofalcone | Historic basilica on Pizzofalcone hill, offering city views. |
| 3 Basilica San Giovanni Maggiore | Ancient basilica with a rich history and impressive architecture. | 4 Fontana di Carlo II | Historic Baroque fountain dedicated to Charles II. |
| 5 Chiesa di Santa Maria Regina Coeli | Historic church with beautiful frescoes and a cloister. | 6 Chiesa di Sant'Agostino alla Zecca | Grand Baroque church near the former Royal Mint. |
| 7 Church of Saints Marcellinus and Festus | Historic church now part of the University of Naples. | 8 Statua del Dio Nilo | Ancient Roman statue depicting the Nile River god. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |

Heraklion, Crete, Greece

Crete's capital packs a Minoan palace, Venetian battlements, a world-class archaeology museum, and one of Greece's most vibrant market streets into a very walkable shore day.

Docked Port

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

Euro (EUR)

Greek · English widely spoken

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 19 · Fri, Oct 29	Arrive: 12:00 pm	All aboard: 8:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Berthed at commercial port

Walk to center: ~10 min on foot

Best For: Knossos · History · Food

Don't Miss: Heraklion Archaeological Museum

Getting around: Taxi €10–15 · Rideshare Bolt, FreeNow · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off · from 25

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Knossos Palace** — The most important Minoan site in the world — sprawling palace complex dating to 2000 BC, with Arthur Evans' famous reconstructions bringing the...
 - Heraklion Archaeological Museum** — One of the finest museums in Greece — the full Minoan collection including the Phaistos Disc, Bull-Leaping Fresco, and Snake Goddess figurines.
- Venetian Old Town & Koules Fortress** — Walk the 16th-century Venetian harbor, climb the Koules sea fortress for views over the port and city, then explore the narrow lanes of the old...
 - 1866 Street Market & Cretan Lunch** — The covered market street running through the heart of the old town overflows with Cretan olive oil, honey, cheeses, and raki.

BEST WALKS

- Waterfront to Koules & Venetian Harbour** ~1.5 km · 30–40 min · easy — Follow the quay east from the cruise terminal to the Venetian harbor and Koules fortress.
- 1866 Street, Lion Square & Archaeological Museum** ~2 km loop · 1–1.5 hrs · easy — Head into the old town via the market street to Morosini Fountain (Lion Square), the social heart of Heraklion, then continue to the Archaeological Museum on...

WEATHER IN OCT · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Oct	74°	62°	6d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

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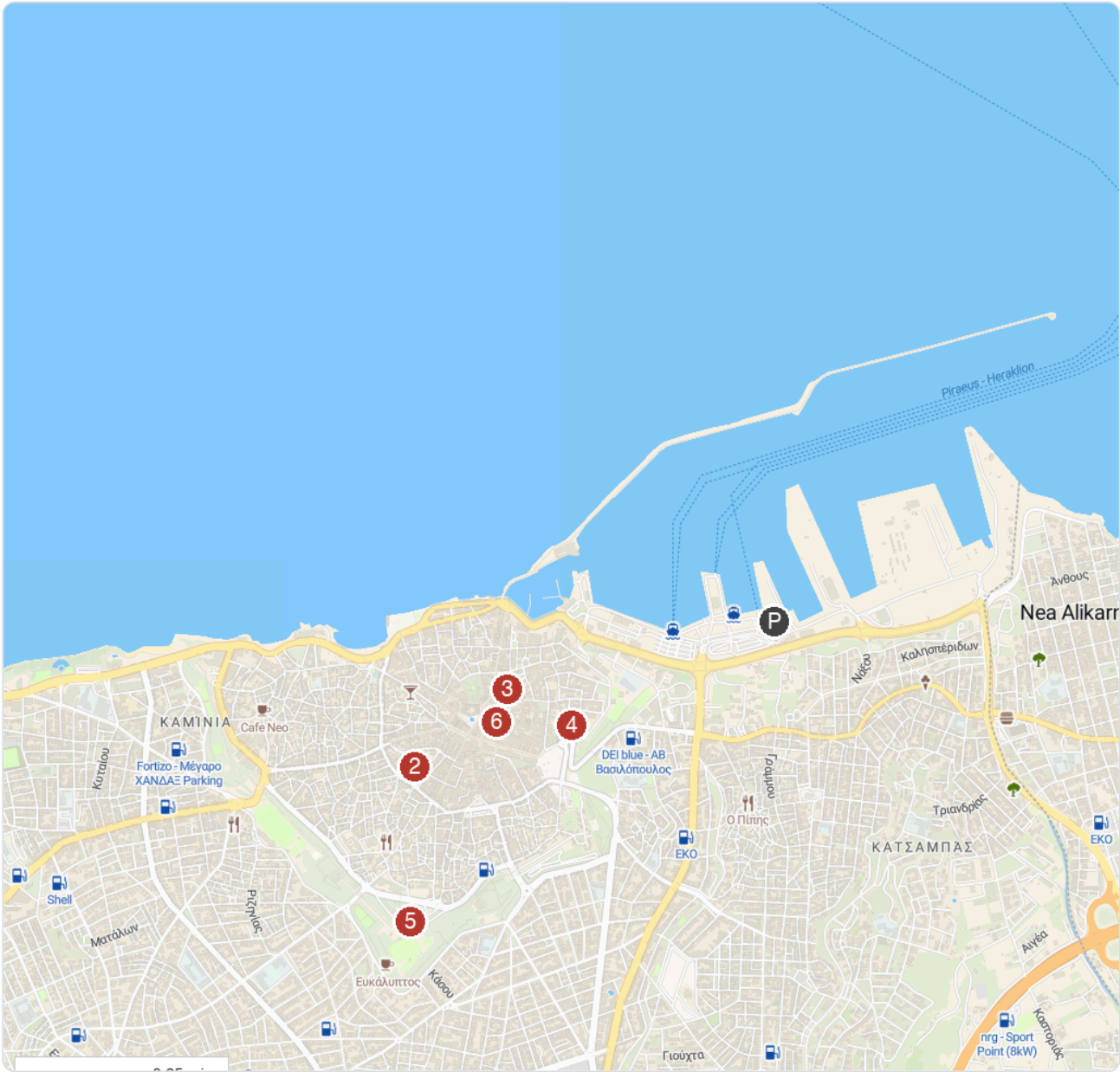
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Do Knossos early. Tour buses fill the site by 10–11am. If your ship arrives early, head straight to Knossos before the crowds and save the old town for the afternoon.
- Summer heat is intense. July–August highs hit 85–90°F. Bring water, sunscreen, and a hat — there's little shade at Knossos.
- Carry cash for the market. ATMs are plentiful in the old town. The 1866 Street vendors and small tavernas prefer cash.
- Book Knossos tickets online. Skip the entry line by buying at the official Ministry of Culture e-ticket site (etickets.tap.gr). Entry is €20 (the old combined Knossos+museum ticket was discontinued in 2024; each site is now ticketed separately). Worth every cent.
- Try raki and dakos. Raki (Cretan firewater) is offered free at most tavernas. Dakos — a barley rusk topped with tomato, feta, and olive oil — is the definitive Cretan snack.

Heraklion, Crete, Greece — Port Map

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- 1

Anemospilia

Ancient Minoan mountain sanctuary, site of human sacrifice.
- 2

Saint Minas Holy Cathedral

Heraklion's impressive main Orthodox cathedral, dedicated to Saint Minas.
- 3

Cathedral Holy Temple of Saint Titus

Historic Orthodox cathedral housing the skull of Saint Titus.
- 4

Heraklion Archaeological Museum

World-renowned museum showcasing Minoan civilization's treasures and artifacts.
- 5

Nikos Kazantzakis' Grave

Grave of famous Greek author Nikos Kazantzakis, with city views.
- 6

EscapeRooms.Gr

Interactive live puzzle game experience for groups.
- P

Cruise port / terminal

Ashdod, Southern District, Israel

Israel's busiest port and your launchpad into the Holy Land — Jerusalem is just an hour away, the Dead Sea a little more. Few ports in the world deliver this much history in a single day.

Docked (cruise pier)

Typical call: 9-11 hrs

Israeli Shekel (ILS)

Hebrew / English widely spoken

Religious sites require modest dress

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 21 · Sun, Oct 31	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 8:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 8:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Cruise ships dock at the dedicated passenger pier; air-conditioned shuttles transfer passengers to the terminal building

Best For: Jerusalem & Bethlehem, Dead Sea floating, Masada fortress, Tel Aviv & Jaffa

Walk to center: Ashdod city center ~4 km from port; most passengers join excursions rather than walking into town

Don't Miss: The Western Wall and Old City of Jerusalem — even a half-day visit is life-changing

Getting around: Taxi ₪30–₪40 (~\$10–13 USD) · Rideshare Gett, Yango

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Jerusalem Old City & Western Wall** — The undisputed highlight of any Ashdod call.
- Jerusalem & Bethlehem Combined** — Add Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity to a Jerusalem day.
- Masada & the Dead Sea** — Ride a cable car to the mountaintop fortress of Masada, then float effortlessly in the mineral-rich Dead Sea — the lowest point on Earth.
- Tel Aviv & Old Jaffa** — Israel's modern cosmopolitan city pairs beautifully with ancient Jaffa's winding alleys and clifftop views.
- Caesarea Roman Ruins** — Herod the Great's ancient port city features a stunning Roman amphitheatre, aqueduct, hippodrome, and Crusader fortifications — all set right on the...

BEST WALKS

- Ashdod Marina & Beach Promenade** 1-2 hrs | Easy | Flat — A relaxed walk for those staying close to port.
- Old Jaffa Self-Guided Walk** 2-3 hrs | Easy | Mostly flat — Take the train or taxi to Tel Aviv and walk into ancient Jaffa.

WEATHER IN OCT · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Oct	82°	68°	3d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

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Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

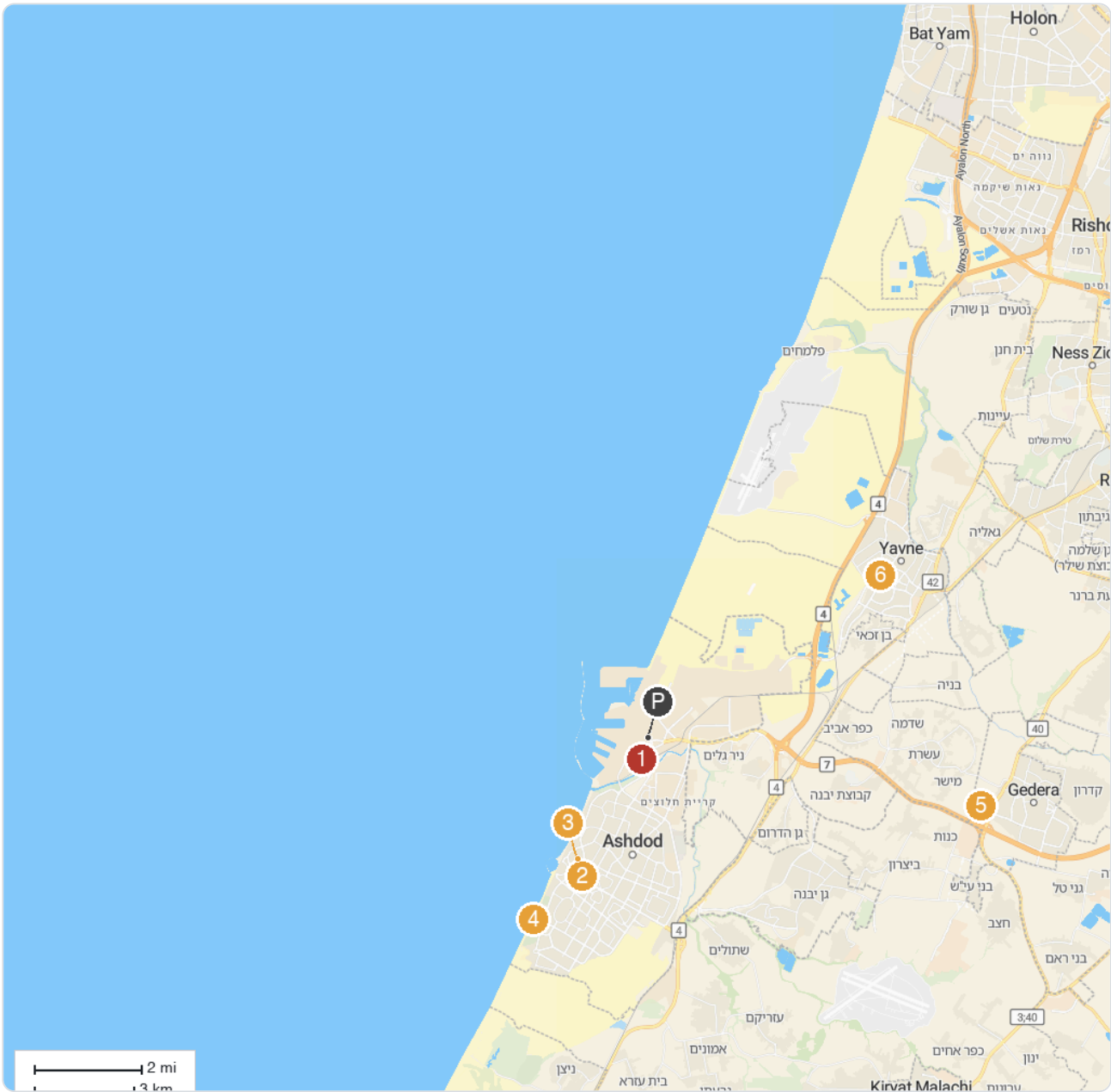
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book excursions early. Jerusalem and Bethlehem tours fill weeks in advance — especially small-group options. Don't wait until you board.
- Carry your passport ashore — always. Required at the port security gate and essential for any tour crossing into Bethlehem or through Israeli checkpoints.
- Dress modestly for religious sites. Shoulders and knees must be covered at the Western Wall, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and Church of the Nativity. Bring a scarf or light layer.
- Cards are widely accepted in Tel Aviv and tourist areas. Carry some Israeli Shekels (ILS) for markets, tips, and small purchases in the Old City.
- Allow real transit time. Jerusalem is 1 hour each way minimum. Budget at least 8 hours for a Jerusalem visit — don't try to add Tel Aviv on the same day.
- Summer heat is intense. May–October temperatures regularly exceed 30°C (86°F). Bring water, sunscreen, and a hat — especially for the Dead Sea and Masada.

Ashdod, Southern District, Israel — Port Map

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- 1

Tel Mor

Ancient tell revealing Ashdod's history.
- 2

Ashdod Museum of Art

Modern art museum showcasing Israeli and international works.
- 3

פארק אשדוד ים

Large urban park with lake, playgrounds, and recreation.
- 4

Ashdod Yam Fort

Historic Mamluk fortress ruins by the Mediterranean Sea.
- 5

אגרון - קטיף עצמי

Pick-your-own farm for fresh fruits and vegetables.
- 6

Yavne Water Park

Fun water park with slides and pools for all ages.
- 7

משק בגבעה - קטיף עצמי בגדרה

Pick-your-own farm for seasonal produce near Gadera.
- P

Cruise port / terminal

Haifa, Northern District, Israel

Built on the slopes of Mount Carmel above a deep-blue bay, Haifa is Israel's most visually dramatic city — home to the world headquarters of the Baha'i Faith, a UNESCO-listed terraced garden, and one of the most walkable cruise terminals in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Pier (docked — no tender)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Israeli Shekel (ILS) — cards everywhere

Hebrew & Arabic; English widely spoken

Shabbat: trains stop Fri sunset–Sat sunset

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 22 · Mon, Nov 1	Arrive: 7:00 am	All aboard: 9:00 pm
Excursion:	Notes: In Port — 7:00 am to 9:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked at Haifa Port Cruise Terminal — no tender

Best For: Baha'i Gardens, Crusader history in Acre, Galilean day trips

Walk to German Colony: 10–15 min flat walk along Ben Gurion Blvd

Don't Miss: Free guided descent of the 19-terrace Baha'i Gardens

Getting around: Taxi ₪25–40 (~\$8–11) · Rideshare Gett

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Baha'i Gardens — Free Guided Descent** — Nineteen perfectly manicured terraces cascade down Mount Carmel to the golden-domed Shrine of the Báb — a UNESCO World Heritage site and global...
- Acre (Akko) — Crusader City Day Trip** — A UNESCO World Heritage walled city just 25 minutes by train.
- Nazareth — Galilee Biblical Sites** — About twenty-five miles southeast, Nazareth is the childhood home of Jesus and Israel's largest Arab city.
- German Colony & Wadi Nisnas Walk** — Walk straight out of the port to the German Colony's restored 19th-century Templar stone houses, now lined with cafes and restaurants.
- Carmel Center & Louis Promenade** — Take the Carmelit funicular from Paris Square to the Carmel Center at the top of the mountain, then walk the Louis Promenade for panoramic views of...

BEST WALKS

- Port to German Colony & Baha'i Lower Gate** 1.5 km | ~20 min | Flat — Walk from the cruise terminal along Ben Gurion Boulevard through the heart of the German Colony — a straight, shaded street of restored stone houses with cafes and...
- Wadi Nisnas Market Loop** 1 km loop | ~30 min | Flat — From the German Colony, dip into Wadi Nisnas — Haifa's Christian-Arab quarter known for its open-air market, street murals, and legendary street food.

WEATHER IN NOV · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Nov	74°	62°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Nov 6:10AM–4:38PM

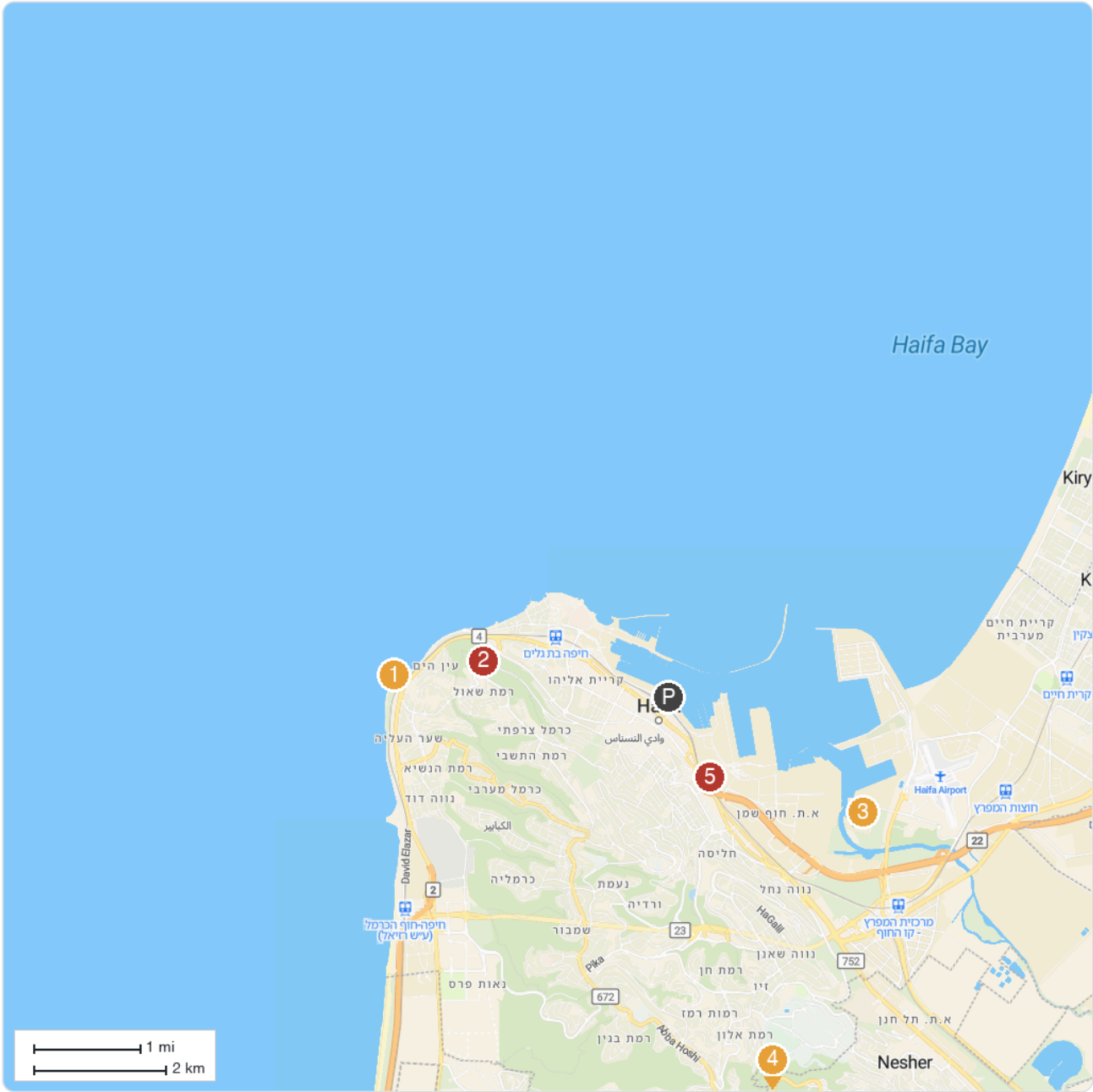
Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Shabbat shuts down transport: From Friday sunset to Saturday sunset, trains, most buses, and the Carmelit stop. If docking on Saturday, use taxis or a ship excursion — they run all day.
- Baha'i Gardens dress code is strict: Shoulders and knees must be covered — no shorts or sleeveless shirts. Pack a scarf or light layer. Gardens close on Baha'i holy days and in rain.
- Cards accepted almost everywhere: Israeli Shekels (ILS) are the currency but Visa/Mastercard tap-to-pay works even at falafel stands. No need to exchange cash before the ship.
- Acre is the easiest DIY day trip in Israel: Direct train from Haifa Center HaShmona (next to the terminal) takes 25–30 min and runs frequently. No tour needed — just walk out of Akko station to the Old City.
- Baha'i Gardens guided tours: The only way to walk the full 19 terraces is on a free official guided tour. Check that day's schedule at ganbahai.org.il — no advance booking for individuals. Tours typically run mid-morning.
- Eat in Wadi Nisnas, not the tourist strip: The German Colony is lovely but pricey. Walk 5 minutes into Wadi Nisnas for the real food — falafel, sabich, and freshly made hummus at a fraction of the price.

Haifa, Northern District, Israel — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|
| 1 Tel Shikmona | Ancient archaeological mound revealing layers of past civilizations. | 2 Stella Maris Monastery | Carmelite monastery on Mount Carmel with stunning views. |
| 3 Kishon River Authority | Environmental body managing the Kishon River's rehabilitation and park. | 4 Hai-Bar Nature Reserve | Wildlife reserve reintroducing endangered animals to the Carmel region. |
| 5 The Israel Railway Museum | Museum showcasing Israel's railway history and historic locomotives. | P Cruise port / terminal | |

Alexandria, Alexandria Governorate, Egypt

Egypt's second city sits on the Mediterranean coast, blending Pharaonic grandeur with Greco-Roman history. Most cruisers use it as the jumping-off point for Cairo and the Pyramids — but Alexandria itself rewards those who stay.

Docked (cruise terminal)

Typical call: 8-12 hrs

Egyptian Pound (USD/EUR accepted at tourist sites)

Arabic (English widely spoken at tourist sites)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 24–25 · Wed, Nov 3 – Thu, Nov 4 **Arrive:** 6:00 am

All aboard: 9:00 pm

Excursion: _____ **Notes:** Wed, Nov 3: Arrives 6:00 am; Thu, Nov 4: Departs 9:00 pm

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alexandria Cruise Terminal — 4 berths, ships dock alongside; ~1.5 km from city center

Best For: Ancient history lovers, Cairo day-trippers, architecture fans

Cairo/Pyramids: ~2.5-3 hr drive each way — a full-day commitment, usually 10-12 hrs round trip

Don't Miss: Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, or the Giza Pyramids if time allows

Getting around: Taxi ~\$10–15 USD · Rideshare Uber, Careem

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Cairo, Giza Pyramids & Sphinx** — The classic full-day run: ~3 hours each way by private air-conditioned vehicle, with an Egyptologist guide.
- Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa** — Descend into Alexandria's most remarkable underground site — a 2nd-century AD multi-level tomb complex blending Egyptian, Greek, and Roman funerary...
- Bibliotheca Alexandrina** — The modern successor to the ancient Library of Alexandria is an architectural showpiece on the Corniche waterfront.
- Pompey's Pillar & Serapeum** — A ~27-meter red granite column — one of the largest ancient monolithic columns ever erected — standing on a hill amid fragmentary remains of the...
- Corniche Waterfront & Stanley Beach** — Alexandria's sweeping Mediterranean seafront promenade stretches for miles.

BEST WALKS

- Corniche Waterfront Walk** 2-3 km | Easy | Flat seafront promenade — Alexandria's Mediterranean seafront is the city's main public space.
- Central Alexandria: Tahrir Square to the Corniche** 1.5 km | Easy | City streets — From Misr Station (the historic railway terminus) walk down Nabi Daniel Street past the Roman Amphitheatre remains to the waterfront.

WEATHER IN NOV · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Nov	75°	62°	4d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Nov 6:27AM–5:01PM

Currency: Egyptian Pound (USD/EUR accepted at tourist sites). Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

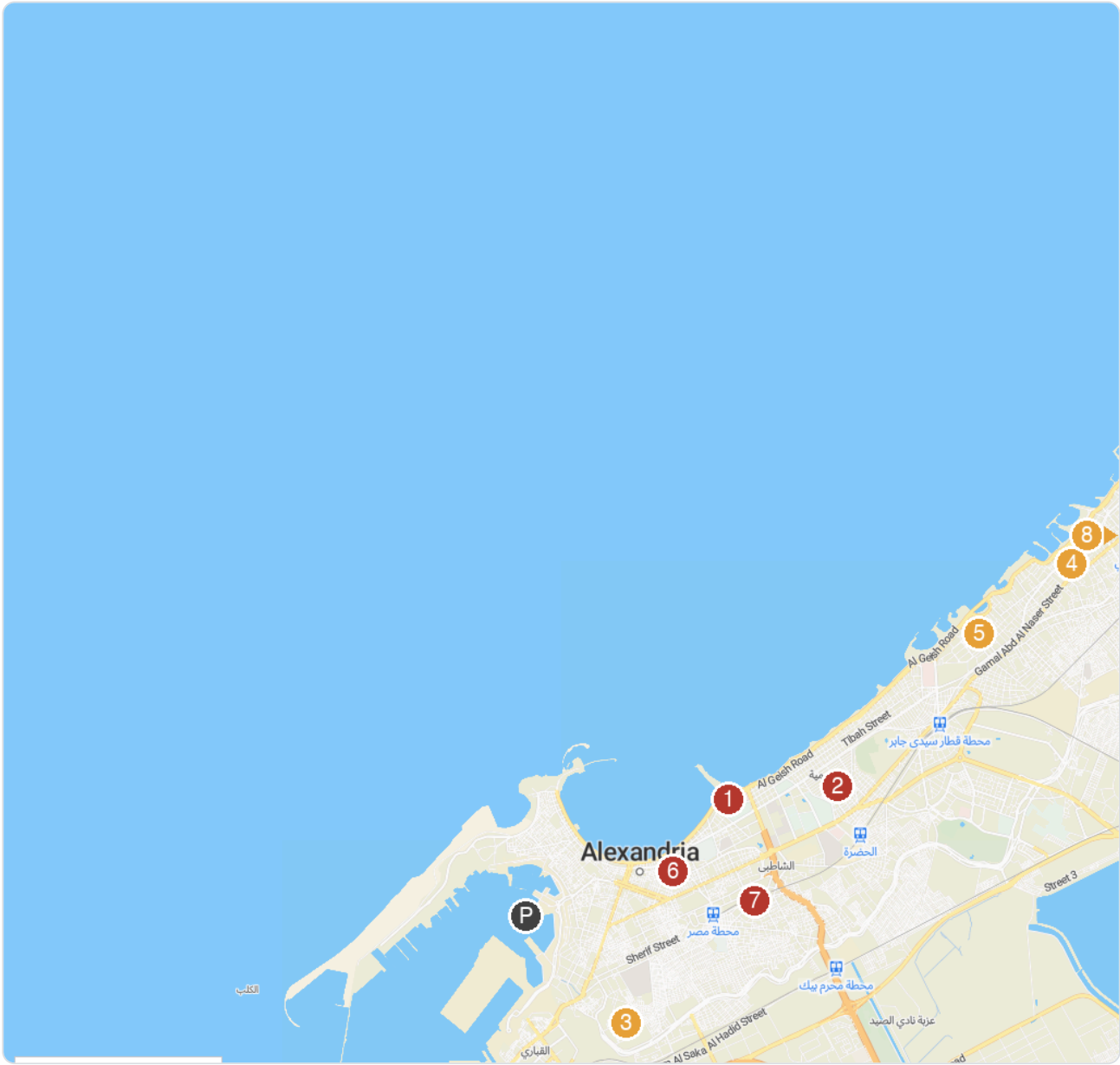
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry your passport: You cannot exit the cruise terminal without it. Your cruise line arranges transit visas onboard — confirm before arrival day.
- Cairo is a full day: The 3-hour drive each way means you'll be gone 10-12 hours. If your port call is under 9 hours, skip the Pyramids and explore Alexandria instead.
- Negotiate taxis first: No meters — always agree on the fare before you enter the cab. USD and EUR are widely accepted; carry small bills. A taxi for the full day runs \$40-80 USD.
- Heat is serious: Summer temps hit 35°C+. Bring a hat, sunscreen, and water. The Corniche gets a sea breeze; the Pyramids plateau does not.
- Dress modestly: Cover shoulders and knees when visiting mosques or more conservative neighborhoods. The Bibliotheca Alexandrina and tourist sites are relaxed, but blending in is always appreciated.
- Eat seafood: Alexandria is famous for its fresh Mediterranean fish. A Corniche restaurant lunch is far better value than tourist traps near the Pyramids — budget an hour if you're staying local.

Alexandria, Alexandria Governorate, Egypt — Port Map

cruiseports.org

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|----------|--|---|----------|--|--|
| 1 | Alexandria Bibliotheca | Modern library, a tribute to ancient Alexandria's Great Library. | 2 | St. Takla Church | Beautiful Coptic Orthodox church with stunning icons and architecture. |
| 3 | Catacombs of Kom el Shoqafa | Ancient Roman catacombs blending Egyptian, Greek, and Roman art. | 4 | Royal Jewelry Museum Alexandria | Palace displaying Egypt's royal family's exquisite jewelry collection. |
| 5 | A Travel | "A Travel" is not a specific tourist attraction. | 6 | Eliahu Hanavi Synagogue | Historic synagogue, one of the oldest and largest in Egypt. |
| 7 | Museum of Fine Arts, Alexandria | Museum showcasing Egyptian and international modern and contemporary art. | 8 | Mahmoud Said Museum | Former villa, now a museum for Egyptian artist Mahmoud Said. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |

Kusadasi, Aegean, Turkey

The Aegean's busiest cruise stop, Kusadasi punches above its size: ancient Ephesus is 20 km away, the bazaar starts at the dock gate, and turquoise water laps every direction. A shore day here has layers.

Docked (cruise terminal) Typical call: 7–10 hrs Currency: Turkish Lira (TL) Language: Turkish UNESCO Ephesus nearby

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 27 · Sat, Nov 6	Arrive: 7:00 am	All aboard: 6:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 7:00 am to 6:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth at Kusadasi Cruise Port, a short walk from the town center and bazaar.

Best For: History lovers (Ephesus), shoppers, beach seekers, and Turkish cuisine.

Walk to center: 5 min on foot to the old bazaar; Pigeon Island causeway is a 10-min walk along the seafront.

Don't Miss: The Library of Celsus at Ephesus — one of the most photographed ruins in the world.

Getting around: **Taxi** 50–100 TRY in-city; €80–100 return to Ephesus · **Rideshare** Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Ancient Ephesus** — Walk the marble-paved Curetes Street past the Library of Celsus, the Great Theatre (capacity 25,000), and the Temple of Hadrian.
- **Sirince Village** — A hilltop Greek-founded village known for its fruit wines (peach, pomegranate, strawberry), stone houses, and panoramic Aegean views.
- **Dilek National Park & Beaches** — Aegean National Park beaches with crystal-clear water, pine forests, and minimal crowds compared to town.
- **Pamukkale Thermal Terraces** — Turkey's famous white calcium terraces and warm thermal pools (Hierapolis).
- **Kusadasi Town & Pigeon Island** — Stroll the seafront promenade to Pigeon Island (Güvercin Adası), a small fortified island connected by a causeway with an Ottoman castle and Aegean...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront & Pigeon Island Loop** 2–3 km · Easy · 45–60 min — From the cruise terminal, head north along the promenade past cafés and souvenir stalls to Güvercin Adası (Pigeon Island).
- **Bazaar & Old Town** 1.5 km · Easy · 30–45 min — Exit the port gate and enter the bazaar immediately.
- **Port to Pigeon Island Waterfront Walk** 2.5 km | 30 min one-way | Easy | Paved promenade — Exit the port gate and head north along the waterfront promenade past the marina and seafront restaurants.

WEATHER IN NOV · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Nov 7:51AM–5:59PM	
Nov	67°	55°	8d	Currency: Currency: Turkish Lira (TL). Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.	

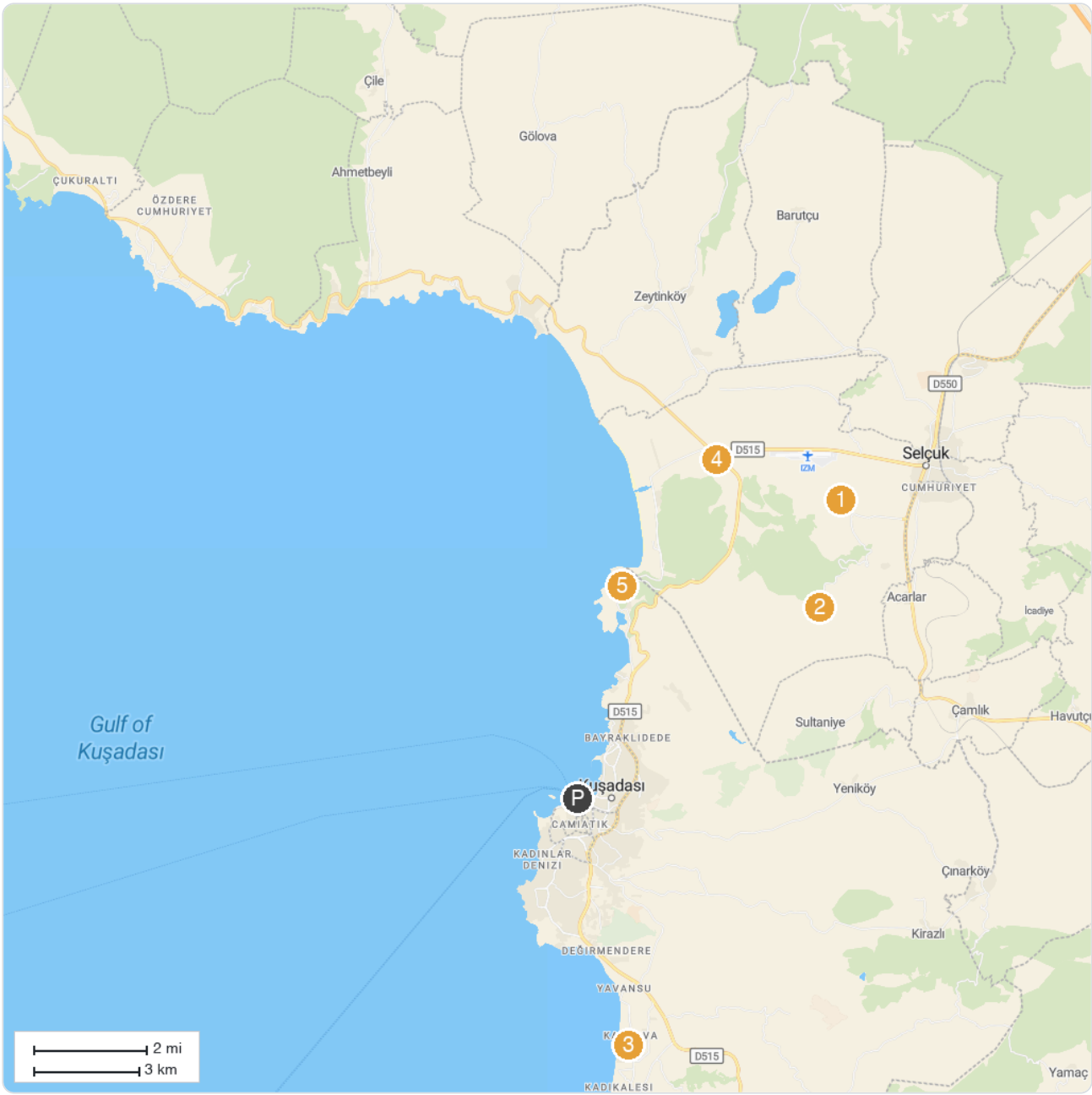
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use Turkish Lira. ATMs are plentiful near the port and in town. Many shops quote prices in euros or dollars but you'll get a worse rate — pay in lira after withdrawing from an ATM.
- Ephesus gets brutal in summer. June–August midday temperatures hit 35–40°C with no shade on the main marble streets. Start early (port opens early enough), bring water, and wear a hat.
- Leather goods are the buy here. Kusadasi is famous for leather jackets and bags — quality varies wildly. Shops right at the pier gate are tourist-priced; wander one street back for better deals and bargain hard.
- Agree on taxi fares before you get in. Official port taxis are metered but many will offer flat rates — especially for Ephesus round-trips. \$30–50 USD for a round-trip with 2-hr wait is typical.
- Try the Turkish breakfast or a gözleme. The restaurants one block inland are far better value than those on the tourist strip. Gözleme (stuffed flatbread) stalls near the bazaar are cheap and excellent.
- Heat & marble: Ephesus marble paving absorbs heat fast. Summer visits can feel like walking on a griddle by noon. Go early, bring water, and wear a hat.

Kusadasi, Aegean, Turkey — Port Map

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- 1

Library of Celsus

Grand Roman library ruins in Ephesus, a historical marvel.
- 2

House of Virgin Mary

Sacred shrine, believed last home of the Virgin Mary.
- 3

Tortuga Pirate Island Theme & Water Park

Pirate-themed water park with slides and family fun.
- 4

Cetin Model Village

Miniature village showcasing Turkish landmarks and traditional life.
- 5

Adaland

Large water park with slides, dolphin shows, and sea park.
- P

Cruise port / terminal

Istanbul, Turkey

Two continents, one shore day. Istanbul stacks 2,500 years of empire — Byzantine domes, Ottoman minarets, spice-scented bazaars, and a stunning Bosphorus approach — right outside the world's first underground cruise terminal.

Docked – Galataport, Karaköy Typical call: 10-14 hrs Turkish Lira (cards widely accepted) Turkish (English common in tourist areas)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 28–29 · Sun, Nov 7 – Mon, Nov 8	Arrive: 4:00 pm	All aboard: 11:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: Sun, Nov 7: Arrives 4:00 pm; Mon, Nov 8: Departs 11:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Galataport, Karaköy — underground terminal, steps from the city

Best For: History, mosques, bazaars, Bosphorus views, modern art

Walk to Old City: T1 tram from Karaköy to Sultanahmet (4 stops, ~10 min)

Don't Miss: Hagia Sophia upper gallery (€25, go at 9 AM); fish sandwich at Eminönü

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ ~\$5–\$15 USD to nearby areas · **Rideshare** ✓ **Uber** · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Hagia Sophia & Blue Mosque** — The two defining monuments of Istanbul face each other across Sultanahmet Square.
- **Topkapi Palace** — The Ottoman sultans' imperial palace overlooks the Bosphorus at the tip of the Old City.
- **Grand Bazaar & Spice Market** — The Grand Bazaar (Kapalıçarşı) is one of the world's oldest covered markets — 60 streets, 4,000+ shops.
- **Bosphorus Cruise** — A 90-minute public ferry from Eminönü runs up the Bosphorus past Ottoman yalı mansions, Rumeli Fortress, and the two suspension bridges — remarkable...
- **Basilica Cistern** — The 6th-century Byzantine underground cistern (Yerebatan Sarnıcı) was fully renovated and reopened in 2022 with improved lighting and accessibility.

BEST WALKS

- **Sultanahmet Heritage Walk** 2.5 km · 1.5–2 hrs · Easy (mostly flat with gentle rises) — The classic Old City loop.
- **Galata & Karaköy Waterfront Walk** 2 km · 1 hr · Easy (one uphill stretch to tower) — Walk straight off the ship along the Galataport promenade, past the Istanbul Modern Museum, to the Galata Bridge.

WEATHER IN NOV · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
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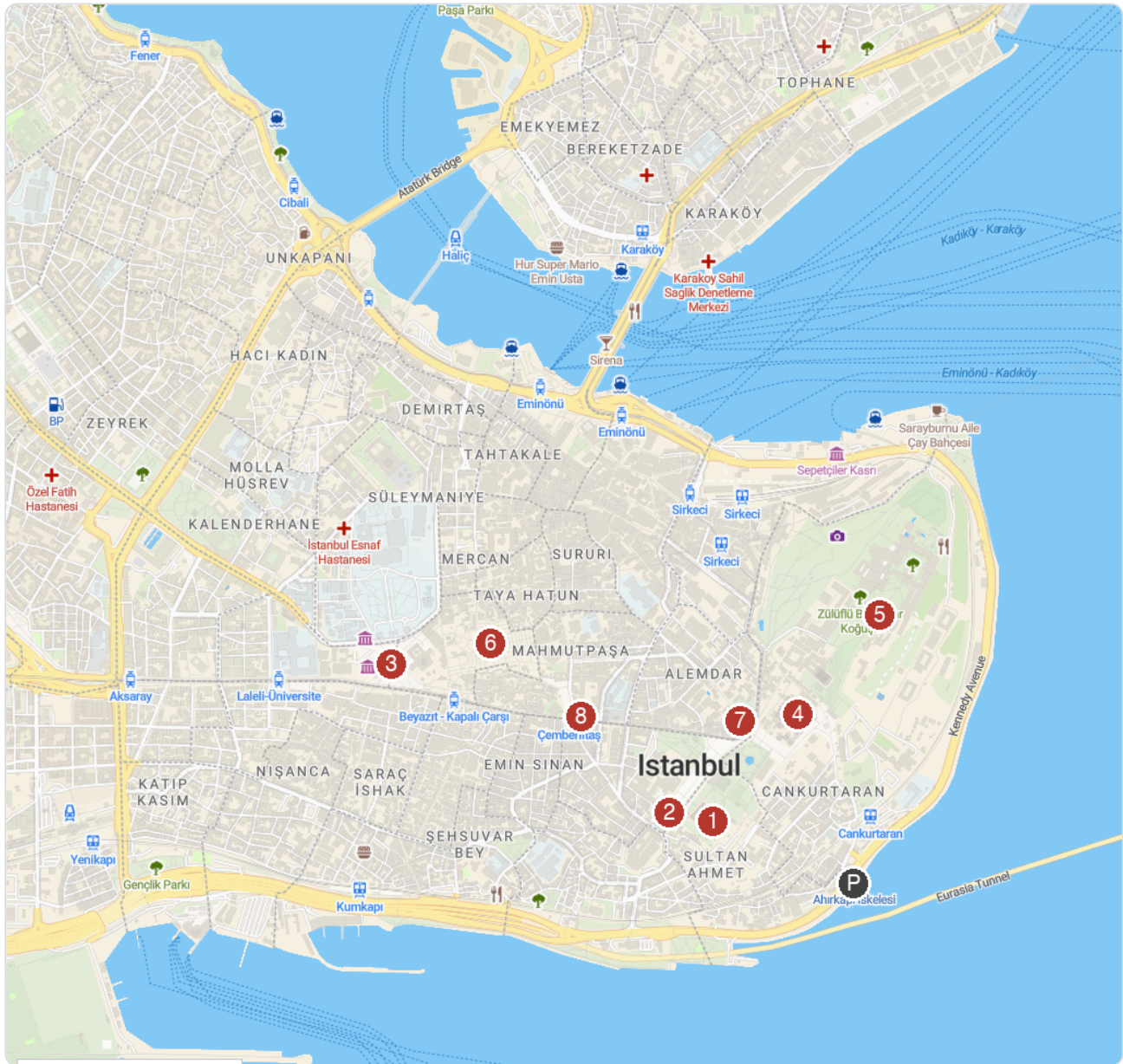
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Hagia Sophia — plan around prayer times: The tourist upper gallery closes on Fridays 12:30–2:30 PM for congregational prayers and briefly around other daily prayer times. Arrive by 9 AM for shortest queues; buy tickets at the dedicated booth outside. Women must cover hair — bring your own scarf.
- Use Turkish Lira when you can — merchants accepting euros or USD apply poor exchange rates. ATMs at Galataport dispense lira; avoid currency exchange booths on the pier. Museum entry fees are priced in TL for foreigners (except Hagia Sophia's €25).
- T1 tram = your best transport: Karaköy stop is 2 minutes from the terminal exit. 4 stops to Sultanahmet (~10 min), 6 stops to Grand Bazaar (Beyazıt). Load an Istanbulkart at the Biletmatik machine or tap contactless. Taxis are fine but traffic can be brutal.
- Grand Bazaar closes Sundays and on public holidays — check your call date. The Spice Bazaar also closes Sundays. If your ship calls on a Sunday, the waterfront Galataport shops, Istanbul Modern, and Bosphorus ferries are still open.
- Eat a fish sandwich: The balık ekmek (grilled mackerel in bread) boats at Eminönü — 1 tram stop from Galataport — are an unmissable Istanbul institution. Under \$3, freshly grilled, eaten standing on the waterfront. Also try a simit (sesame bread ring) from any street cart.
- Back to ship: Galataport is clearly signed throughout Karaköy. From Sultanahmet, tram takes 10 min back to Karaköy. For evening departures, the Bosphorus lit at dusk from the tram or deck is genuinely spectacular — be on deck for sail-out.

Istanbul, Turkey — Port Map

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|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|
| 1 The Blue Mosque | Iconic Ottoman mosque known for its blue tiles and six minarets. | 2 Serpent Column | Ancient Greek bronze column from Delphi, now in Hippodrome. |
| 3 Beyazit Square | Historic public square next to Istanbul University's main gate. | 4 Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque | Historic Byzantine church, then mosque, now a grand mosque again. |
| 5 Topkapı Palace Museum | Former Ottoman sultans' imperial residence, now a vast museum. | 6 Grand Bazaar | Historic, sprawling covered market for shopping and souvenirs. |
| 7 Basilica Cistern | Ancient underground Byzantine water reservoir with stunning columns. | 8 Cemberlitas Hammam | Historic 16th-century Ottoman Turkish bathhouse, still operating today. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |

Piraeus (Athens), Attica, Greece

One of the world's oldest ports and the gateway to the Greek capital. Whether you're chasing 2,500 years of history on the Acropolis or a lazy plate of grilled octopus at a harbourside taverna, a day in Piraeus delivers.

Docked (pier)

Typical call: 8–12 hrs

Euro (€)

Greek / English widely spoken

UNESCO World Heritage

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 31 · Wed, Nov 10	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Three dedicated cruise terminals (A, B, C) — always docked, never tendered

Best For: Ancient history, world-class museums, Greek cuisine, Aegean island hopping

Walk to Athens: Athens is 8–10 km away — you need metro, bus, or taxi to get there

Don't Miss: Pre-book Acropolis timed-entry tickets or you will be turned away at the gate

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €25–€40 · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Bolt, FREENOW · 🚏 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Hop-on hop-off · from 15

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **The Acropolis & Acropolis Museum** — The non-negotiable.
 - **Cape Sounion & Temple of Poseidon** — If you've done the Acropolis before, this is the best alternative.
 - **Athens City Walk: Plaka, Monastiraki & Syntagma** — The Plaka neighbourhood wraps around the north slopes of the Acropolis in a
- tangle of whitewashed lanes, tavernas, and souvenir shops.

 - **Athens Food & Market Tour** — Dive into the Varvakios Central Market, sample feta, olives, honey, and loukoumades (Greek doughnuts), and eat souvlaki the way locals do — standing...
 - **Piraeus Waterfront: Mikrolimano & Zea Marina** — If Athens feels too hectic, stay in Piraeus.

BEST WALKS

- **Piraeus Waterfront Loop** 2.5 km · 35 min · flat · easy — From the cruise terminal gate, walk along Akti Miaouli past the main ferry terminal to Zea Marina (Pasalimani), then continue around to Mikrolimano harbour for coffee or...
- **Athens: Acropolis to Plaka** 2 km · 45 min walking + metro transit · moderate — Take the metro to Monastiraki, walk uphill through the Plaka neighbourhood past the Tower of the Winds and the Roman Agora, then climb to the Acropolis entrance via the...

WEATHER IN NOV · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Nov	66°	53°	6d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

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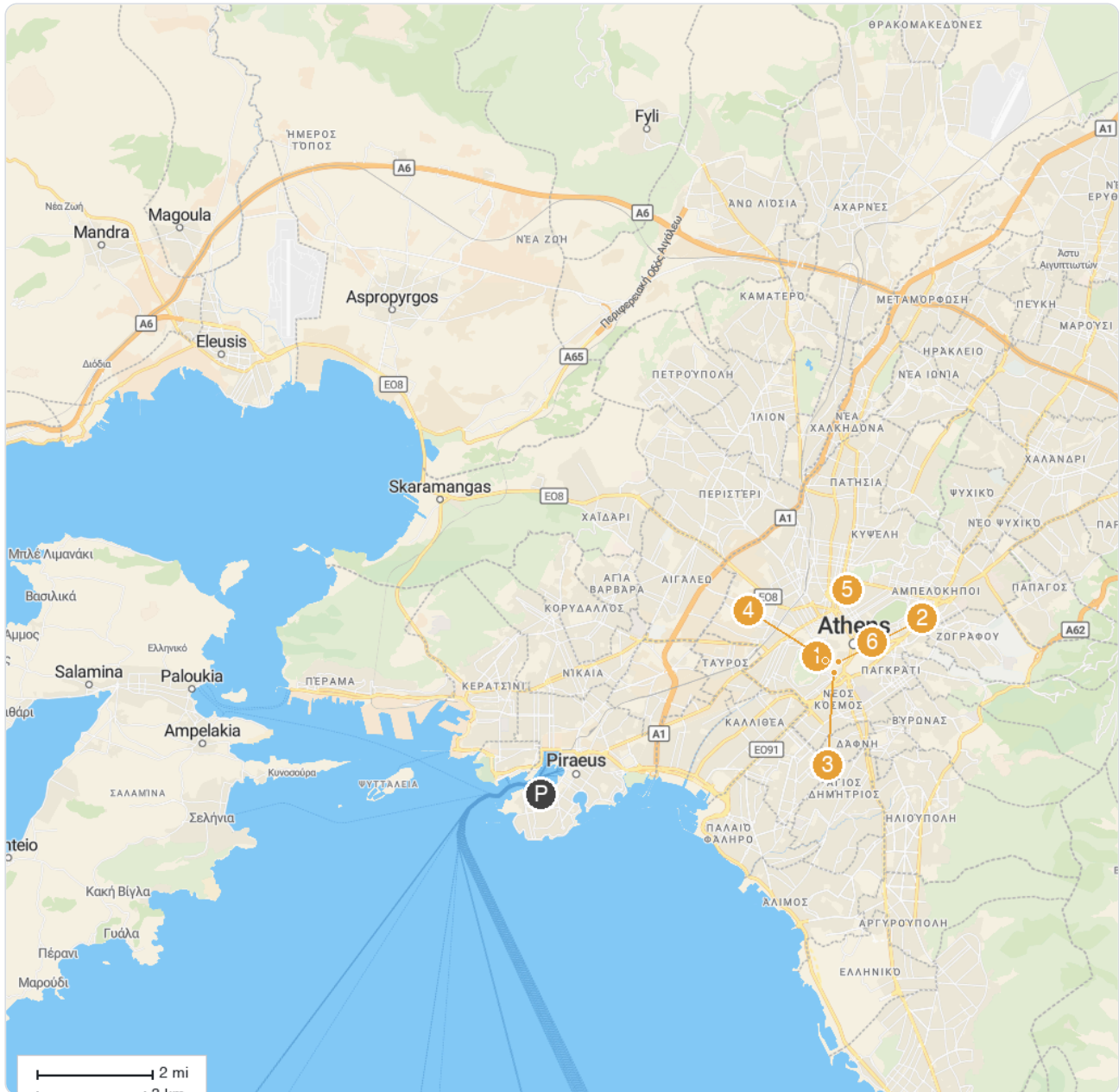
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Acropolis tickets before you sail. The site uses mandatory timed-entry during peak season (Apr–Oct). Pre-book at odysseus.culture.gr — shows sell out days ahead. Walk-ups are routinely turned away.
- New Greek cruise passenger fee (from July 2025): €5/person in peak season (Jun–Sep), €3 in shoulder months, €1 off-season. Charged per disembarkation regardless of age or tour type.
- Athens in summer is brutally hot — regularly 40°C/104°F in July and August. The Acropolis has zero shade and polished marble that gets slippery. Wear proper shoes, carry water, and consider visiting in the morning or late afternoon.
- Metro is your best friend. Line 3 (Blue) runs direct from Piraeus to Monastiraki and Syntagma in 20 minutes for €1.20. A 24-hr pass (€4.10) covers the metro, bus X80, and all surface transit.
- Watch for pickpockets on Metro Line 1, around Monastiraki Square, and in the crowded Plaka lanes. Carry your bag on your front, never put your phone on a café table, and use inside pockets on the metro.
- Don't eat on the ship today. Greek food is extraordinary. Skip the Plaka tourist traps with barkers and menus in photos — walk two streets inland to Psiri or Koukaki for honest taverna food. In Piraeus, Mikrolimano harbour is the best spot for fresh grilled fish.

Piraeus (Athens), Attica, Greece — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1** **Areopagus Hill** Ancient rock hill, former court, offering panoramic Acropolis views.
- 3** **Acropolis Museum** Modern museum displaying artifacts found on the Acropolis.
- 5** **National Archaeological Museum** Greece's largest archaeological museum, showcasing ancient Greek art.
- P** **Cruise port / terminal**

- 2** **Choragic Monument of Lysicrates** Ancient monument celebrating a theatrical victory in Athens.
- 4** **Acropolis of Athens** Ancient citadel atop a rocky hill, home to iconic temples.
- 6** **Benaki Museum** Museum showcasing Greek art and culture across millennia.

Valletta, Malta

Baroque palaces crowd honey-stone streets above one of the world's great natural harbours. Malta's capital packs more UNESCO heritage per square metre than almost anywhere on earth — and it's almost all walkable from the ship.

Docked (Valletta Waterfront)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: Maltese & English

Best months: Apr–Jun, Sep–Oct

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 33 · Fri, Nov 12	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 5:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Valletta Cruise Port (Pinto Wharf), Floriana — docked, no tender

Best For: Baroque architecture, WWII history, Knights of St John heritage

Walk to centre: 15 min on foot or 5 min by free shuttle bus to City Gate

Don't Miss: St John's Co-Cathedral (Caravaggio inside), Upper Barrakka Gardens views

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ €8–15 · **Rideshare** ✓ Bolt, Uber, eCabs · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ City Sightseeing Malta

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Valletta Old City Walk** — Stroll the fortified Baroque capital: City Gate, Republic Street, St John's Co-Cathedral (two Caravaggio masterpieces), the Grand Master's Palace...
- **Three Cities (Vittoriosa, Senglea, Cospicua)** — Take a water taxi across the Grand Harbour to the fortified Three Cities — older than Valletta itself, packed with Knights' auberges and WWII history.
- **Mdina — the Silent City** — Malta's ancient walled hilltop capital is 30 minutes by bus or taxi.
- **Malta's Megalithic Temples** — The Ħaġar Qim and Mnajdra temples (3600–3200 BC) predate Stonehenge and the pyramids.
- **Blue Grotto Boat Trip** — Motorboat trips run from Wied iż-Żurrieq on Malta's south coast into the Blue Grotto sea cave system — brilliant turquoise water and cathedral-like...

BEST WALKS

- **Republic Street Spine Walk** 2.5 km round trip · 1-2 hrs · Easy–Moderate — The classic Valletta route: enter through City Gate, walk Republic Street past the Grand Master's Palace to Fort St Elmo, then return via Merchant Street for different...
- **Barrakka Gardens & Waterfront Loop** 1.5 km · 45 min · Easy — From City Gate, descend to Upper Barrakka Gardens for Grand Harbour panoramas (and the noon cannon salute at 12:00 and 16:00, Mon–Sat), then take the Barrakka Lift down...

WEATHER IN NOV · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
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DAYLIGHT & MONEY

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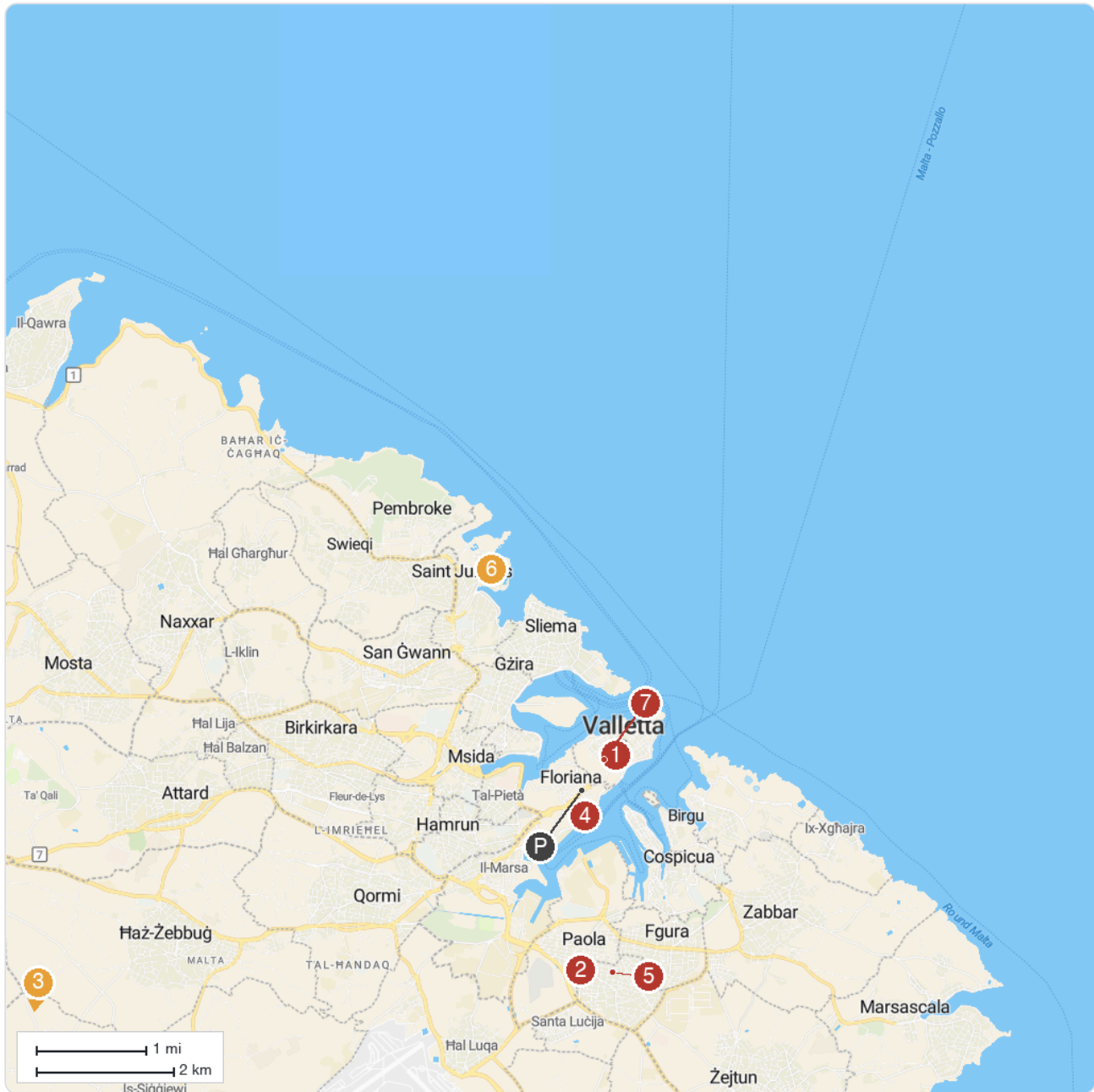
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book St John's Co-Cathedral online. Tickets sell out by mid-morning on busy ship days — pre-book at stjohncocathedral.com (€15 adult, includes audio guide). The Caravaggio paintings alone are worth it.
- Catch the noon cannon salute. The Saluting Battery at Upper Barrakka Gardens fires at 12:00 and 16:00, Monday to Saturday (no Sunday firing) — free to watch, dramatic views across Grand Harbour included.
- Cash is king at smaller venues. Cards are accepted at most restaurants and shops, but small stalls, bus tickets (cash only on board), and market vendors prefer euros. ATMs are plentiful near City Gate.
- Summer heat is intense. July and August see 32°C+ with fierce sun bouncing off white stone streets. Start early, carry water, and duck into churches (free, cool) for breaks.
- Public buses are excellent and cheap. Malta Public Transport covers the whole island from City Gate. Single tickets are about €2 in winter and €2.50 in summer (valid 2 hrs with free transfers); a 7-day Explore card is €25. Mdina, the temples, and the Blue Grotto are all reachable by bus — great for independent explorers.
- Eat Maltese, not tourist-trap. Head one block off Republic Street for pastizzi (flaky savoury pastries, ~€0.50 each), rabbit stew (fenkata), and local Cisk lager. Restaurants on the main drag charge 30% more for the same food.

Valletta, Malta — Port Map

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1 St. John's Co-Cathedral

3 Laferla Cross

5 Ħal-Tarxien Prehistoric Complex

7 Knisja ta' Santa Barbara

2 Ħal Saflieni Hypogeum

4 The Valletta Waterfront

6 Portomaso Casino

P Cruise port / terminal

La Goulette, Tunis, Tunisia

Gateway to ancient Carthage and the blue-and-white cliffside village of Sidi Bou Said, La Goulette offers one of the Mediterranean's most historically dense shore days — all within a short taxi or train ride of the pier.

- Pier (direct docking)
- Typical call: 6–8 hrs
- Tunisian Dinar (TND)
- Arabic & French
- UNESCO sites

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 34 · Sat, Nov 13	Arrive: 8:00 am	All aboard: 4:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 8:00 am to 4:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Direct pier — dedicated cruise terminal, no tender

Walk to Center: La Goulette town ~10 min on foot; Carthage/Tunis require taxi or TGM train

Best For: Roman ruins, Arab medinas, photogenic hilltop villages

Don't Miss: Sidi Bou Said village and bambalouni (fried doughnuts) on the main street

Getting around: **Taxi** ~15–25 TND (~\$5–8 USD)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Ruins of Ancient Carthage** — Walk among the UNESCO-listed remnants of one of antiquity's greatest cities.
- **Sidi Bou Said Village** — A cliffside hilltop village of uniform blue-and-white houses, bougainvillea-draped alleyways, and elaborate carved doorways overlooking the Gulf of...
- **Tunis Medina & Souks** — One of the Arab world's finest medinas — a UNESCO-listed labyrinth of covered souks selling spices, pottery, leather, and silver.
- **Bardo National Museum** — Housed in a 15th-century beylical palace, the Bardo holds one of the world's greatest collections of Roman mosaics — vivid floors salvaged from...
- **La Marsa Beach Day** — If your call time allows, La Marsa is an upscale suburb 20 minutes north of the port with a clean sandy beach, seaside cafes, and a relaxed local...

BEST WALKS

- **La Goulette Waterfront Stroll** 30–45 min · Flat · Free — Exit the cruise terminal and walk south along the seafront promenade past fish restaurants and the old Ottoman fort of La Goulette.
- **Sidi Bou Said Village Loop** 1–1.5 hrs · Mostly flat with gentle hills · Free — From the TGM station, walk up the main cobbled street past the blue doors and jasmine sellers to the Café des Délices terrace for Gulf views, then loop back through the...

WEATHER IN NOV · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Nov 6:57AM–5:09PM	
Nov	69°	58°	8d	Currency: Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.	

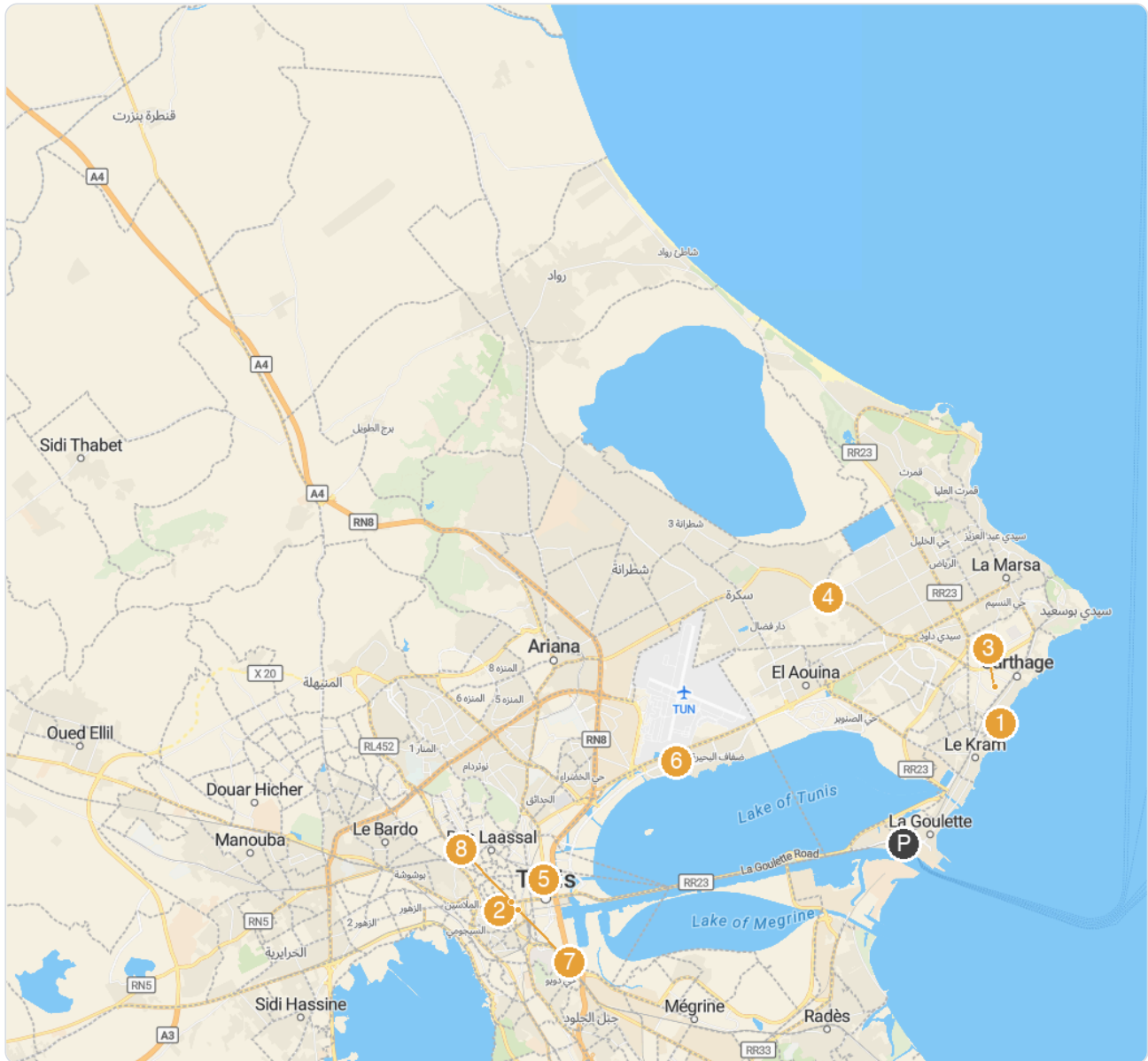
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dinar rules: It is illegal to export Tunisian Dinars — only exchange what you'll spend, and reconvert leftovers to euros/USD at the terminal before boarding.
- Agree on price before you get in: Check the fixed-rate board inside the terminal, then confirm the amount AND currency with your driver before the trip. Insist on a total figure, not per-person.
- Dress modestly: Tunisia is a progressive Muslim country, but covering shoulders and knees in the medina and at religious sites is strongly recommended for both men and women.
- TGM train is great value: Under \$1 USD to Carthage or Sidi Bou Said — but the ~15-min walk to La Goulette Neuve station and crowded carriages make it more suitable for travelers with extra time.
- Bargain hard in the medina: Offer 30–40% of the opening price and walk away if needed. Desert rose stones and woven textiles are popular souvenirs.
- Combine Carthage + Sidi Bou Said: The two sites are only 10 minutes apart by taxi — the classic combo fits comfortably in a 6-hour call. Add Tunis medina only if you have 8+ hours.

La Goulette, Tunis, Tunisia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Carthage Oceanographic Museum | Explore marine life and history at this oceanographic museum. | 2 Zitouna Mosque | Visit Tunis's grandest and oldest mosque, a spiritual landmark. |
| 3 Punic Quarter of Byrsa | Discover ancient Punic city ruins atop historic Byrsa Hill. | 4 Soukra Park | Relax in this large urban park with green spaces. |
| 5 Currency Museum | See Tunisia's monetary history through its currency collection. | 6 Dahdah Happy Land Entertainment Park | Enjoy rides and games at this family entertainment park. |
| 7 Central Market of Tunis | Shop for local goods and food at this bustling market. | 8 Victory Square | A historic public square with monuments and city views. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |

Málaga, Andalusia, Spain

Picasso's birthplace sits beneath a Moorish fortress, Roman theatre at its base — and you're already in the thick of it. The Alhambra is two hours away if you plan ahead; Ronda's clifftop gorge is closer.

- Docked (pier — no tendering)
- Typical call: 8–10 hrs
- Euro (EUR)
- Spanish · English widely spoken

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 36 · Mon, Nov 15	Arrive: 12:00 pm	All aboard: 11:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Terminals A/B (Muelle de Levante) or Palmeral/Muelle Uno

To Calle Larios: 10 min (Muelle Uno) · 25 min or shuttle (Terminals A/B)

Best For: History · Art · Andalusia day trips

Don't Miss: Alcazaba, Picasso Museum, Atarazanas Market

Getting around: **Taxi** €9–€12 · **Rideshare** Uber, Bolt, Cabify · **Hop-on hop-off** City Sightseeing Málaga

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Alcazaba & Gibralfaro Castle** — Málaga's 11th-century Moorish fortress is one of the best-preserved in Spain, with layered ramparts, garden courtyards, and city panoramas.
- **Picasso Museum & Casa Natal** — The Museo Picasso Málaga occupies the 16th-century Palacio de Buenavista and holds 200+ works donated by Picasso's family — sculpture, ceramics...
- **Granada & the Alhambra** — The Alhambra palace complex — Nasrid palaces, Generalife gardens, Alcazaba fortress — is 90 minutes by road.
- **Ronda — Clifftop City & Puente Nuevo** — Perched above a 100-metre gorge, Ronda is one of Andalusia's most dramatic towns.
- **El Caminito del Rey** — A spectacular restored cliff path through the El Chorro gorge, about 50 km north of Málaga.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Alcazaba loop** ~3 km · 1.5–2 hrs · easy to moderate (uphill at end) — Walk west along the Palmeral promenade into Plaza de la Marina, up Calle Marqués de Larios to the Cathedral square, then east along Calle Molina Lario to the Roman...
- **Old town art & tapas circuit** ~2.5 km · 1.5 hrs · easy — From Calle Larios through the Cathedral square, to the Picasso Museum on Calle San Agustín, then to his birthplace on Plaza de la Merced, north to the Carmen Thyssen...
- **Seafront stroll to La Malagueta** ~1.5 km · 30 min · easy, flat — A flat walk east from Muelle Uno along the Paseo Marítimo to Málaga's main urban beach.

WEATHER IN NOV · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
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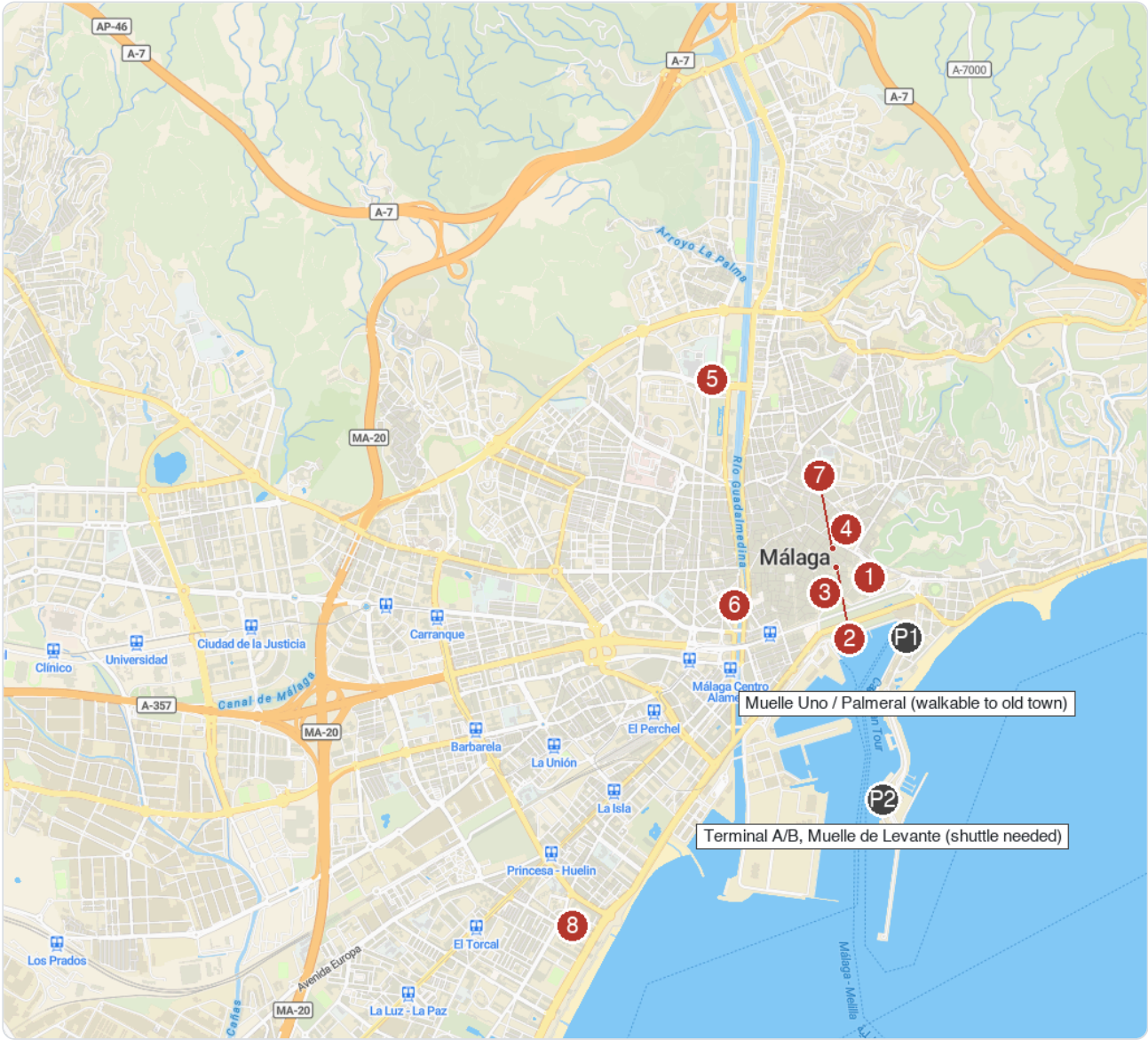
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Alhambra tickets must be booked months ahead — not days. If you don't have them before boarding, join a ship excursion with pre-booked access. Same-day tickets are essentially impossible.
- Check if your ship runs a shuttle. Large ships at Terminals A/B (Muelle de Levante) are a 25-minute walk from the old town. The ship's daily programme usually lists free shuttles to Plaza de la Marina — take it instead of walking the harbour road.
- Eat espetos. Sardines grilled on bamboo skewers over open driftwood — a Málaga institution. Best at a chiringuito on La Malagueta beach (10-min walk east of the pier) for a few euros a plate.
- Alcazaba + Gibralfaro combined ticket is ~€10 and well worth it. Skip the steep hill walk in summer heat — take local bus 35 from Alameda Principal up to Gibralfaro, then walk down through the Alcazaba.
- Summer calls can hit 35°C+. The Alcazaba is exposed — start early, bring water, sunscreen, and a hat. The Cathedral's interior is a cool respite mid-day.
- Málaga is good value. Tapas €2–4, museum entry under €12, coffee €1.50. Avoid the tourist terraces directly on Calle Larios — duck one street back for half the price. Taxis port-to-centre run €6–10.

Málaga, Andalusia, Spain — Port Map

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| 1 Alcazaba | Ancient Moorish fortress-palace offering stunning city views. | 2 Museo Picasso Málaga | Museum showcasing Picasso's art in his birth city. |
| 3 Santa Iglesia Catedral
Basílica de la Encarnación de Málaga | Málaga's grand Renaissance cathedral, known as "La Manquita." | 4 Museo Casa Natal de Picasso | Picasso's birthplace, now a museum with personal artifacts. |
| 5 Principia Science Center | Interactive science museum with hands-on exhibits for all ages. | 6 Iglesia de Santo Domingo de Guzmán | Historic church with beautiful altarpieces and religious art. |
| 7 El Hammam Open Space & SPA | Traditional Arab baths offering a relaxing spa experience. | 8 Museo Automovilístico de Málaga | Vintage car museum featuring fashion and automotive history. |
| P1 Muelle Uno / Palmeral (walkable to old town) | | P2 Terminal A/B, Muelle de Levante (shuttle needed) | |

Tangier, Tangier-Tétouan-Al Hoceïma, Morocco

Gateway between Europe and Africa, Tangier sits where the Mediterranean meets the Atlantic — an ancient port city of labyrinthine souks, whitewashed kasbah walls, and views stretching all the way to Spain.

Docked (cruise terminal)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Currency: Moroccan Dirham (MAD)

Language: Arabic, French, Spanish

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 37 · Tue, Nov 16	Arrive: 7:00 am	All aboard: 4:00 pm
Excursion: _____	Notes: In Port — 7:00 am to 4:00 pm	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock at Tangier Ville port — the city cruise terminal, walking distance to the medina.

Best For: Medina exploration, Moroccan souks, historic kasbah, day trips to Cape Spartel.

Walk to center: 15-20 min on foot from the port gate to the Grand Socco (main square).

Don't Miss: The Kasbah Museum, Grand Socco, and the Caves of Hercules at Cap Spartel.

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ 20–35 MAD (~€2–4) · 🚌 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Tanger City Tour

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Medina & Kasbah Walk** — Wind through the ancient medina's souks and climb to the Kasbah — Tangier's old fortress district with panoramic views of the strait and the Kasbah...
 - **American Legation Museum** — The only US National Historic Landmark on foreign soil — a beautifully restored palace gifted to the young United States in 1821, now a museum of...
- **Cape Spartel & Caves of Hercules** — Drive 14 km west to Cape Spartel — the northwestern tip of Africa where the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean.
 - **Grand Socco & Petit Socco** — Start at the Grand Socco (Place du Grand Socco), Tangier's main square linking the modern city to the medina, then descend to the Petit Socco — the...
 - **Moroccan Food & Souk Markets** — Sample mint tea, msemen flatbread, and briouat pastries at stalls near the Petit Socco.

BEST WALKS

- **Port Gate to Kasbah** 2.5 km · ~45 min one way · hilly — Walk north from the port gate along Avenue d'Espagne to the Grand Socco, then enter the medina through Bab Fahs gate.
- **Waterfront Promenade** 1.5 km · ~20 min · flat — A simple flat stroll east along the Tangier seafront boulevard with views across the strait toward Spain.

WEATHER IN NOV · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

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DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY

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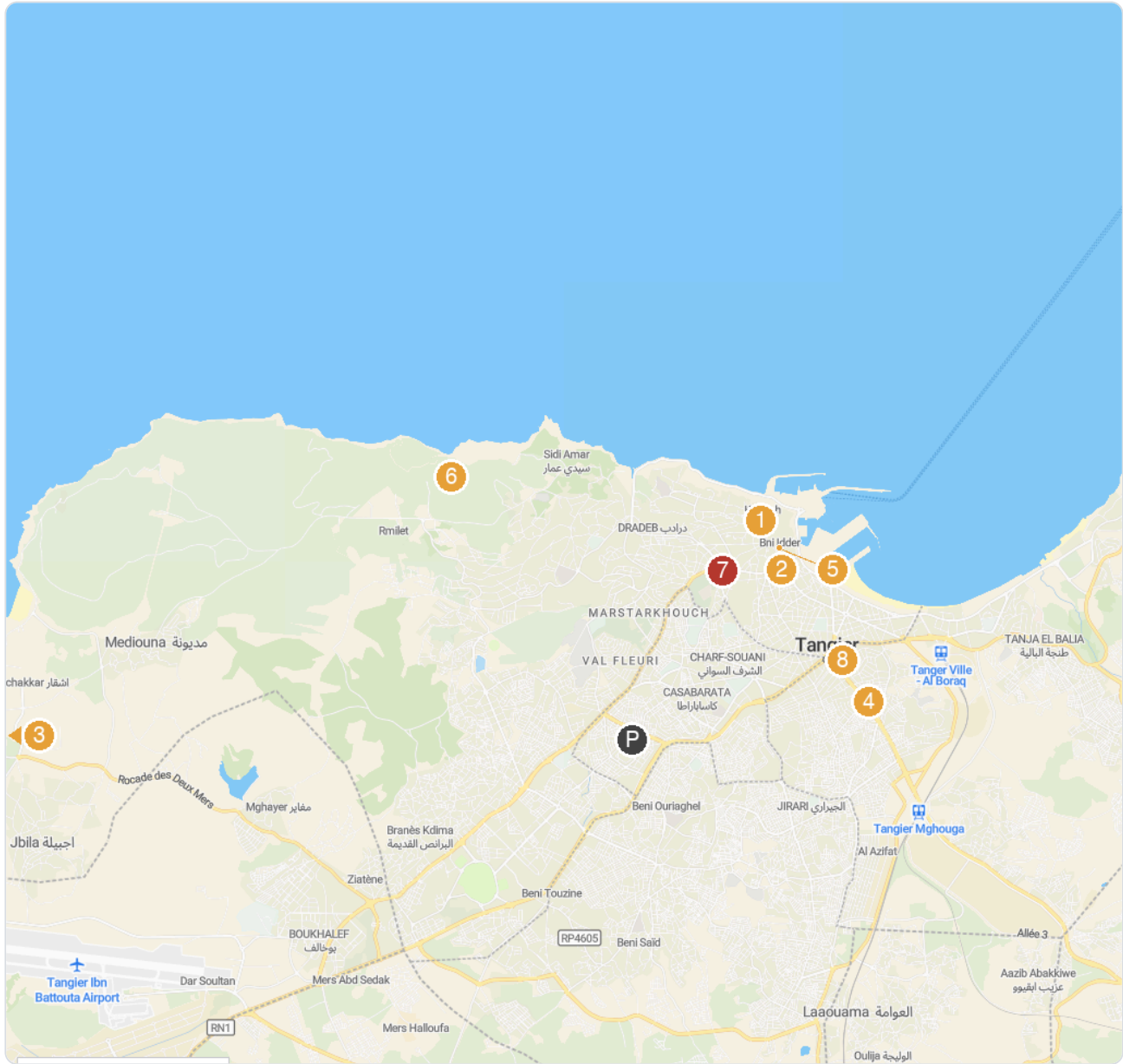
Currency: 🇲🇦 Currency: Moroccan Dirham (MAD). Cards widely accepted; carry small cash.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Exchange dirhams at the port or ATMs. Morocco's currency (MAD) isn't freely traded abroad — exchange on arrival. ATMs at the terminal area and Grand Socco are reliable.
- Navigation in the medina is confusing by design. Download Maps.me or Google Maps offline before you go — GPS still works in the lanes even without data.
- Bargain in the souks — but reasonably. Prices are negotiable; starting at 50–60% of the asking price is normal. Refuse politely and walk away if needed.
- Petits taxis are cheap and useful. Short city rides rarely exceed 20–25 MAD. Always agree the fare before getting in — meters are not always used for tourists.
- Dress modestly in the medina. Covered shoulders and knees are respectful. The area is well-used by locals and modesty is appreciated.
- Give yourself 30 minutes back to the ship. The port is 15–20 minutes from Grand Socco on foot. Port security can slow re-entry — don't cut it close.

Tangier, Tangier-Tétouan-Al Hoceïma, Morocco — Port Map cruiseports.org

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| <p>1 Tomb of Ibn Battuta</p> <p>3 Hercules Caves</p> <p>5 Tanger American Legation Museum</p> <p>7 Mosque Mohammed V</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Visit the tomb of the famous Moroccan explorer, Ibn Battuta.</p> <p>Explore ancient sea caves with a unique 'Africa' shaped opening.</p> <p>America's first diplomatic property abroad, now a fascinating museum.</p> <p>Admire a prominent, modern mosque named after King Mohammed V.</p> | <p>2 Medina Art Gallery</p> <p>4 Plaza de Toros</p> <p>6 Rmilat Park</p> <p>8 Syrian Mosque</p> | <p>Discover local and regional art within Tangier's historic Medina.</p> <p>See Tangier's historic, now disused, bullfighting arena.</p> <p>Enjoy nature trails and panoramic views in this beautiful park.</p> <p>Visit a beautiful mosque with distinctive Syrian architectural influences.</p> |
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New York, New York, USA

The ultimate port call: cruise into Manhattan with the Statue of Liberty on your left and the skyline straight ahead. New York rewards every style of shore day, from world-class art to legendary pizza.

Docked

Typical call: 8-12 hrs

USD

English

Iconic skyline arrival

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Day 45 · Wed, Nov 24

Arrive: 7:00 am

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: Arrives 7:00 am

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Manhattan Cruise Terminal (Piers 88–92) or Brooklyn Cruise Terminal (Red Hook)
Best For: First-timers, culture lovers, foodies, shoppers

Walk to center: 15-min walk or quick subway from Midtown pier; Red Hook requires taxi/rideshare (~20 min)
Don't Miss: Statue of Liberty ferry, Central Park, the High Line

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ \$15–18 (Manhattan terminal), \$40–50 (Brooklyn terminal), \$60–75 (Cape Liberty to Manhattan) · **Rideshare** ✓
Uber, Lyft · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island** — The quintessential New York experience.
- Metropolitan Museum of Art** — One of the world's greatest art collections, spanning 5,000 years of human creativity.
- Central Park Walking Tour** — 843 acres of urban parkland with Bethesda Fountain, the Bow Bridge, Belvedere Castle, and Strawberry Fields.
- 9/11 Memorial & Museum** — A moving tribute at the site of the World Trade Center.
- The High Line & Chelsea Market** — A 1.45-mile elevated park built on a disused rail line above the streets of West Chelsea.

BEST WALKS

- Midtown Highlights Walk** 3–4 km · 1.5–2 hrs · Easy — From the cruise terminal, walk east to Times Square, south on 7th Ave to Bryant Park and the New York Public Library, then east to Grand Central Terminal for its...
- Lower Manhattan & Brooklyn Bridge** 4–5 km · 2–2.5 hrs · Easy — Take the subway from the pier down to Fulton Street.

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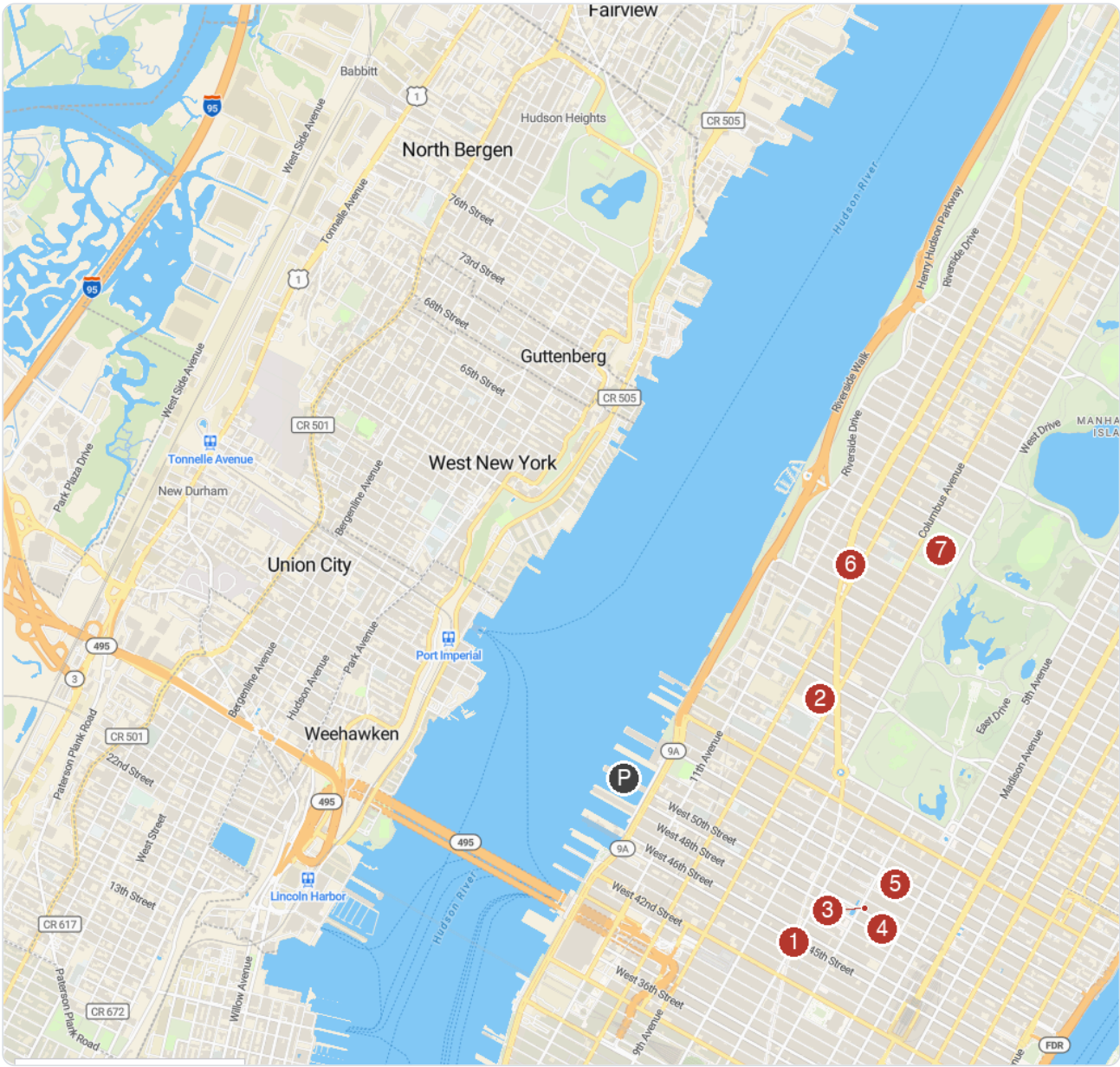
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Subway is king. A single MetroCard tap gets you anywhere in the five boroughs. Tap with a credit/debit card or Apple/Google Pay — no need to buy a card for short visits.
- Book Statue of Liberty tickets weeks ahead. Same-day tickets often sell out. Crown access requires reservations months in advance.
- Eat like a New Yorker. Dollar slice pizza joints are everywhere in Midtown. Joe's Pizza (7 Carmine St, West Village) is a classic. Avoid tourist-trap restaurants around Times Square.
- Budget realistically. New York is expensive. A meal for two at a casual restaurant easily runs \$60–80 with tip. Museum admissions, observation decks, and ferry tickets add up quickly — prioritize before you go.
- Rideshare beats taxis. Uber and Lyft are reliable and often cheaper than yellow cabs, especially from Brooklyn Cruise Terminal where taxi availability can be limited.
- Allow plenty of re-boarding time. Midtown traffic is unpredictable. If your ship departs in the evening, be back at the terminal at least 90 minutes before all-aboard. Manhattan traffic jams are legendary.

New York, New York, USA — Port Map

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| 1 Times Square | Iconic, neon-lit crossroads; a vibrant entertainment and commercial hub. | 2 Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts | Premier complex for opera, ballet, symphony, and theater performances. |
| 3 Radio City Music Hall | Historic Art Deco theater, home to the Rockettes and live shows. | 4 Rockefeller Center | Iconic complex of shops, offices, and seasonal ice skating rink. |
| 5 The Museum of Modern Art | World-renowned museum showcasing modern and contemporary art masterpieces. | 6 Beacon Theatre | Historic theater hosting concerts, comedy, and live entertainment. |
| 7 American Museum of Natural History | Vast museum of natural history, dinosaurs, and scientific exhibits. | 8 Empire State Building | Iconic Art Deco skyscraper offering breathtaking city views. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |