

# 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:  Arrive:  All aboard:

Excursion:  Notes:

## 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 · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

**CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr |     | 75°  | 58° | 2d   |
| Jun |     | 84°  | 70° | 0d   |
| Aug |     | 88°  | 75° | 0d   |
| Sep |     | 87°  | 74° | 1d   |
| Oct |     | 82°  | 69° | 2d   |

**DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 5:32AM–6:28PM · Jun 5:56AM–8:05PM · Aug 6:26AM–7:42PM · Sep 6:44AM–7:05PM · Oct 7:03AM–6:28PM

Egyptian Pound (USD/EUR accepted at tourist sites)

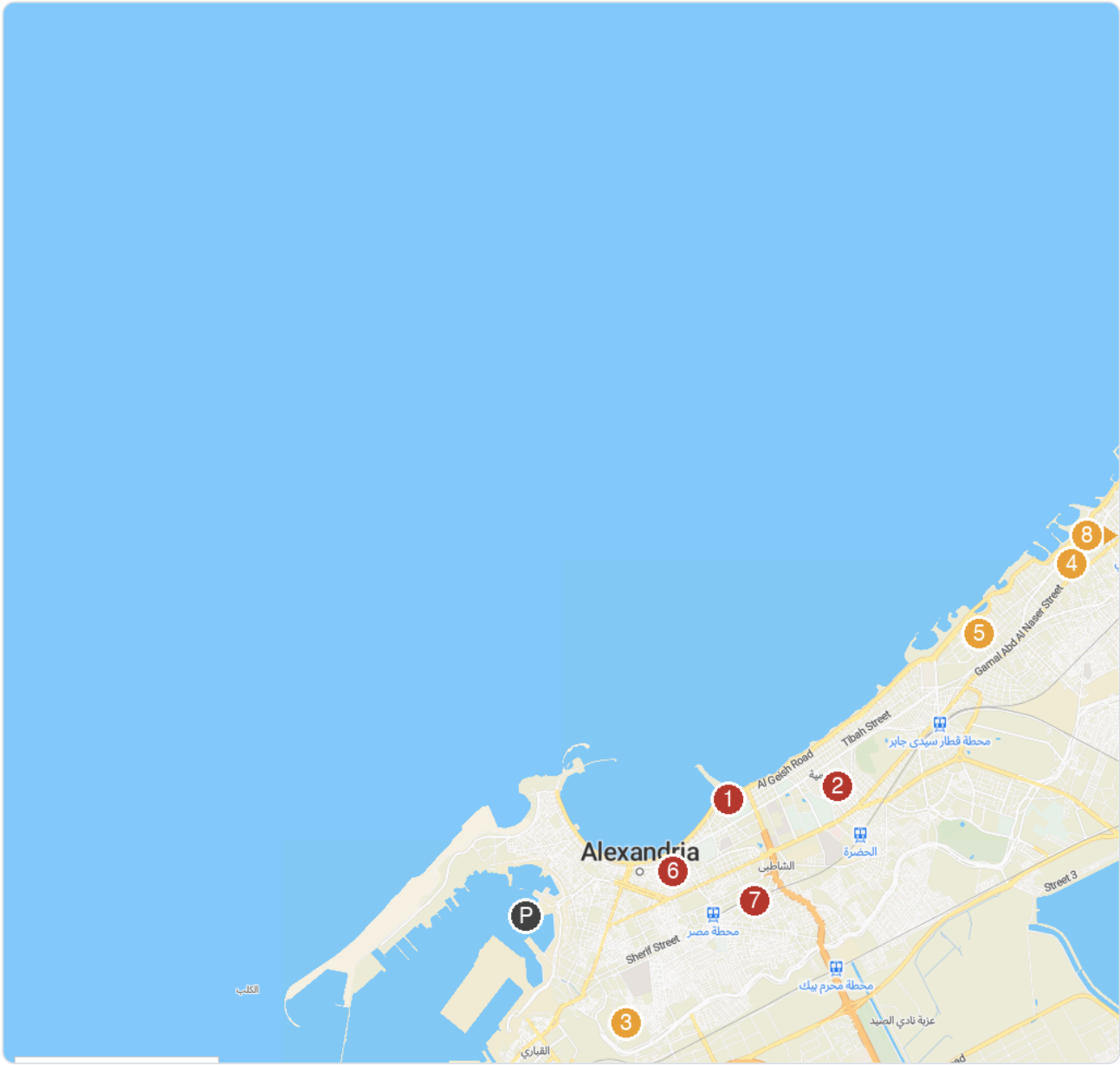
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- 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

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