

Aliğa, İzmir Province, Turkey

A port where ships come to die — and history stretches back 2,500 years. The rusting hulks of former cruise giants line a 10-kilometre beach, while ancient Aeolian cities crumble quietly in the hills above.

 Industrial berth (no passenger terminal)

 Typical call: transit / viewing

 Currency: Turkish Lira (TRY)

 Language: Turkish

 Ship-breaking capital of Europe

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Industrial commercial berths; no dedicated cruise terminal

Best For: Industrial heritage enthusiasts, photography, maritime history

Ship-breaking yard: ~10 km of coastline, 132 plots — Europe's largest

Don't Miss: Foça (ancient Phocaea), ~40 km, and ruins of Kyme within Aliğa itself

 Getting around:  Taxi  ₺150–300 (~\$5–10 USD) ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Ship-Breaking Beach Panorama** — Drive the coastal road alongside the 10-kilometre breaking beach.
- Foça (Ancient Phocaea)** — About 40 km south by road, the charming harbour town of Foça sits atop the ruins of ancient Phocaea — the Ionian city whose colonists founded...
- Ancient Kyme & Aigai Ruins** — Kyme — the largest of the twelve Aeolian cities — lies within Aliğa itself near Çakmaklı neighbourhood.
- Pergamon (Bergama)** — Turkey's most dramatic acropolis rises above Bergama, about 46 km north.
- Aliğa Bird Sanctuary & Güzelhisar Delta** — The Güzelhisar Delta wetland north of town hosts a wide range of bird species.

BEST WALKS

- Breaking Beach Coastal Road Walk** 2 km one-way · Easy · Best light: morning or evening — Ask your taxi to drop you at the northern end of the Aliğa industrial shore road.
- Aliğa Town Centre & Waterfront** 2 km loop · Easy · Cafes along the waterfront — From the port gate, take a taxi to Aliğa town centre.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		60°	39°	11d
Jun		77°	54°	9d
Aug		84°	59°	5d
Sep		74°	52°	7d
Oct		67°	46°	6d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:24AM–8:42PM · Jun 6:31AM–9:35PM · Aug 7:13AM–9:00PM · Sep 7:43AM–8:11PM · Oct 8:14AM–7:22PM

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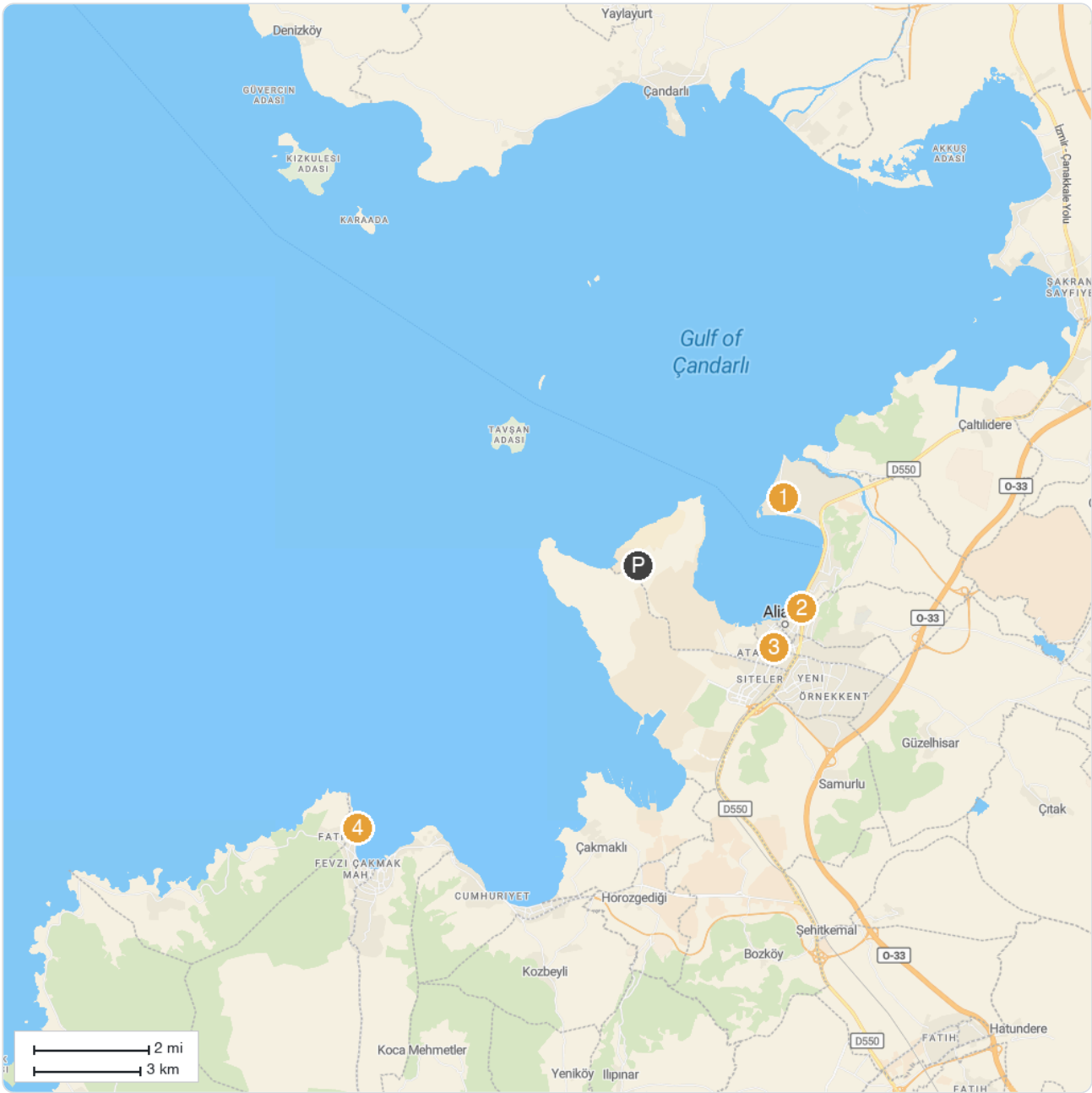
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Best ship-yard photos come from the coastal road or from the water — the yards are fenced private industrial sites. A drone permit would be needed for aerial shots and is unlikely to be granted.
- Pre-arrange transport. There are no tourist taxis waiting at the industrial port gate. Ask your ship's excursion desk or arrange a private driver from İzmir or Foça in advance.
- Turkish Lira only in Aliğa town. There are ATMs in the centre. Card acceptance is limited outside restaurants and larger shops.
- Aegean summers are hot — 30–38 °C July–August. Bring water and sunscreen, especially for the open coastal road walk with no shade.
- Combine with Foça for the best shore day: view the breaking yard first, then taxi ~40 km south to Foça's harbour for lunch and ancient ruins. Far more rewarding than the yard alone.
- Famous ships scrapped here include Carnival Fantasy, Carnival Inspiration, Carnival Imagination, and dozens of cruise liners retired during COVID. A visit is a fascinating — if sobering — window into the cruise industry.

Aliağa, İzmir Province, Turkey — 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 | Aliağa Kuş Cenneti | A protected wetland and sanctuary for various bird species. | 2 | Uğur Mumcu Parkı | A public park named after a prominent Turkish journalist. |
| 3 | Atatürk Parkı | A central public park honoring Turkey's founder Atatürk. | 4 | Yeni Foça BURUNUCU | A scenic coastal point in Yeni Foça with sea views. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |