

# Amasra, Bartın, Turkey

Amasra is a rare Black Sea port where Roman walls, Byzantine churches, and Genoese towers all crowd a single rocky peninsula — and the seafood is outstanding. Most ships call just long enough to walk the whole thing.

Docked (new cruise pier) or Tendered

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Turkish Lira (TRY); some tourist spots accept EUR/USD

Turkish; limited English in tourist areas

## MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:  Arrive:  All aboard:

Excursion:  Notes:

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** New 193-m harbor pier for most cruise ships; some expedition vessels tender

**Best For:** Walkable history, Black Sea boat tours, Byzantine & Genoese ruins

**Walk to center:** 5 min from pier to Büyük Liman beach & castle gate

**Don't Miss:** Amasra Castle panorama, the museum's Hellenistic finds, a harbor boat tour

Getting around: Taxi ₺50–150 in town / ₺400–500 to Bartın · Rideshare not available

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Amasra Castle & Byzantine Quarter** — The castle crowns a rocky peninsula and encompasses Roman foundations, Byzantine walls, Genoese towers, and an Ottoman mosque that was once a...
- Amasra Museum** — A well-curated collection spanning 5,000 years — Hellenistic statues, Roman reliefs, Byzantine icons, Genoese coats-of-arms, and Ottoman artifacts.
- Harbor Boat Tour & Rabbit Island** — Short (30–60 min) wooden-boat tours depart from the harbor and circle Amasra's peninsula, pass beneath the castle walls, and visit Rabbit Island...
- Güzelcehisar Lava Columns** — About 40 minutes by taxi, these 80-million-year-old basalt columns rise dramatically from the Black Sea shoreline.
- Safranbolu UNESCO Day Trip** — Turkey's best-preserved Ottoman town sits about 1.75–2 hrs inland.

## BEST WALKS

- Old Town & Castle Loop** 2–3 km | 1–1.5 hrs | Easy–Moderate — Start at Büyük Liman (Big Harbour), walk along the waterfront to the Kemere Bridge, cross to Boztepe Island for castle views, then loop back through the narrow bazaar...
- Harbor & Küçük Liman Stroll** 1 km | 30 min | Easy — A flat, relaxed walk from the cruise pier along the harbor front to Küçük Liman (Small Harbour) beach.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

**CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr |     | 61°  | 47° | 11d  |
| Jun |     | 75°  | 64° | 11d  |
| Aug |     | 82°  | 70° | 6d   |
| Sep |     | 76°  | 64° | 7d   |
| Oct |     | 68°  | 57° | 10d  |

**DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 6:10AM–7:31PM · Jun 5:15AM–8:26PM · Aug 5:59AM–7:50PM · Sep 6:30AM–6:59PM · Oct 7:02AM–6:08PM

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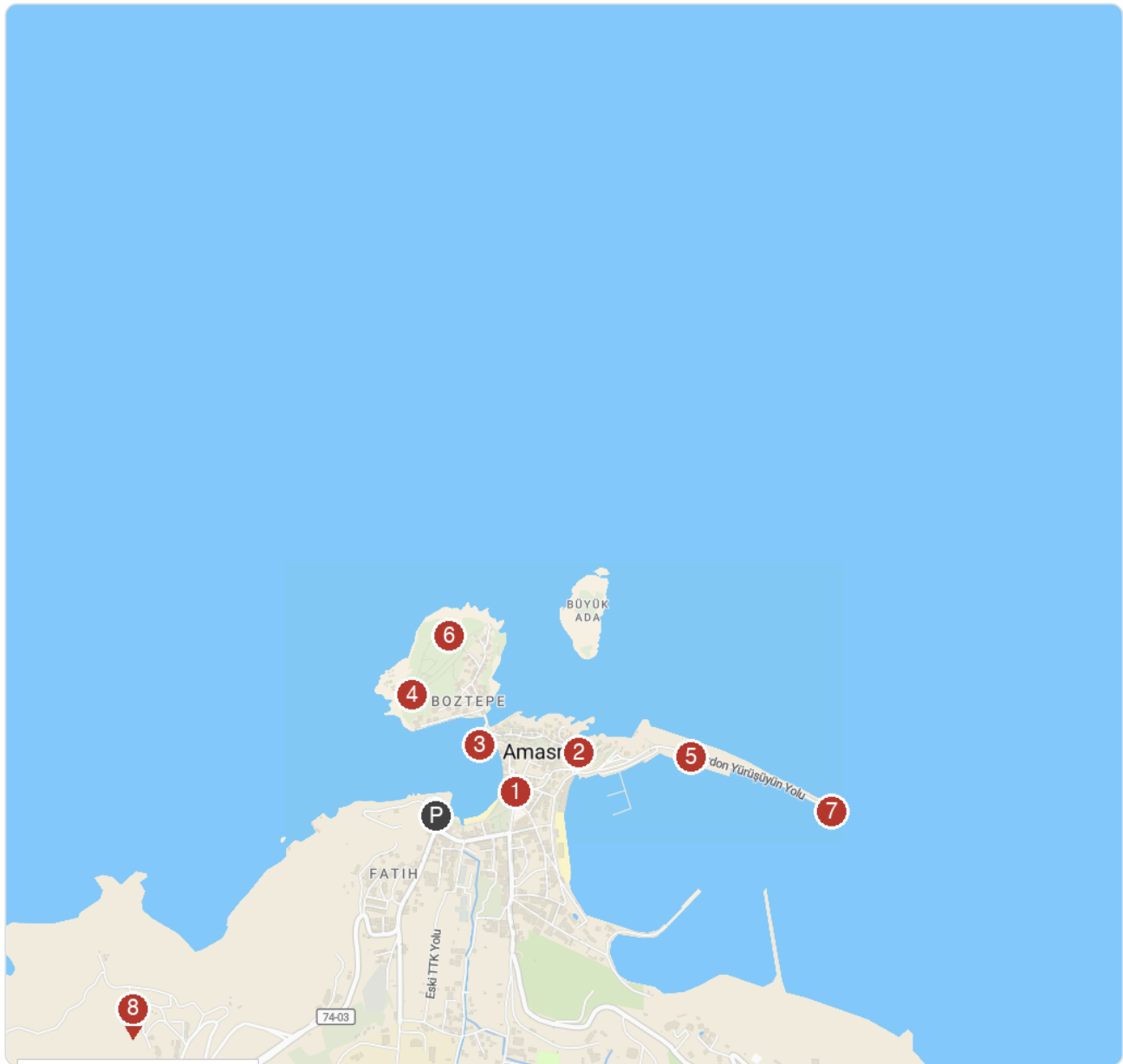
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry Turkish Lira. The ATM near the pier is your best bet — card machines are rare in the bazaar and smaller restaurants.
- Eat the seafood. Amasra is famous on the Turkish Black Sea coast for its fresh fish and shrimp. The harbor-front restaurants are a short walk from the pier and well-priced.
- Short call? Stay in town. The castle, museum, and a boat tour fill 4–5 hours easily. Save Safranbolu for itineraries with a 10+ hour call.
- Pack a layer. The Black Sea coast is often overcast and cooler than the Mediterranean, even in summer. Light jacket recommended.
- Check your pier. Some itineraries dock at Port Bartın (~20 min by taxi) instead of Amasra directly. Confirm before assuming a 5-minute walk to town.

# Amasra, Bartın, Turkey — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

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> Barış Akarsu Park      | A scenic park dedicated to singer Barış Akarsu.             | <b>2</b> Kilise               | A historic Byzantine church converted into Fatih Mosque.       |
| <b>3</b> Direkli Kaya           | A unique rock formation, possibly ancient Roman bath ruins. | <b>4</b> Amasra Lookout       | A panoramic viewpoint offering stunning Amasra coastal vistas. |
| <b>5</b> Mendirek               | The main breakwater protecting Amasra's historic harbor.    | <b>6</b> Amasra Deniz Feneri  | Amasra's iconic lighthouse guiding ships into the harbor.      |
| <b>7</b> Deniz feneri           | Amasra's iconic lighthouse guiding ships into the harbor.   | <b>8</b> Amasra Seyir Noktası | A scenic viewpoint offering breathtaking Amasra bay panoramas. |
| <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal |                                                             |                               |                                                                |