

Amorgos Island, Cyclades, Greece

One of the wildest islands in the Cyclades, Amorgos rewards intrepid cruisers with a vertiginous 11th-century cliff monastery, the turquoise coves that starred in The Big Blue, and footpaths threading between hilltop villages untouched by mass tourism.

Tender port (both Katapola & Aegiali)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Euro (€)

Greek

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor offshore at Katapola (west) or Aegiali (north); tenders drop at the village quay

Best For: Hiking, monastery visits, authentic Cycladic atmosphere, swimming

Walk to center: Katapola village is steps from the tender dock; Chora (capital) is about 5 km by bus or taxi

Don't Miss: Monastery of Panagia Hozoviotissa — one of Greece's most extraordinary sights

Getting around: Taxi €10–€22 · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Monastery of Panagia Hozoviotissa** — Founded in 1088, this dazzling white monastery is wedged into a sheer 300-meter cliff above the sea.
- Ancient Minoa & Chora Village** — Above Katapola sit the scant but evocative ruins of ancient Minoa — an acropolis with sea views.
- Agia Anna Beach & The Big Blue** — This small rocky cove on the south coast was immortalized in Luc Besson's 1988 film The Big Blue.
- Chora to Katapola Hiking Trail (Route 2)** — A well-marked ancient footpath descends from Chora back to Katapola — roughly 4 km through terraced hillsides with sweeping sea views.
- Boat Trip to Secluded Coves & Sea Caves** — Small-boat excursions circle the island to reach sea caves, hidden swimming bays, and the rusting wreck of the Olympia in Liveros bay.

BEST WALKS

- Katapola Village & Ancient Minoa Loop** 2.5 km | Easy | 1-1.5 hrs — From the tender quay, stroll through Katapola's harbor front, then follow signs uphill to the ancient acropolis of Minoa for panoramic views over the bay.
- Chora Village Wander** 1-2 km | Easy | 1 hr (plus bus/taxi each way) — Take the bus or taxi to Chora, then wander freely through the maze of narrow lanes past whitewashed cube houses, bougainvillea, and small churches to the Venetian castle...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		66°	58°	4d
Jun		79°	71°	2d
Aug		82°	76°	0d
Sep		79°	72°	2d
Oct		72°	66°	3d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:42AM–7:50PM · Jun 5:57AM–8:37PM · Aug 6:33AM–8:07PM · Sep 6:59AM–7:23PM · Oct 7:24AM–6:39PM

Euro (€)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing matters. Amorgos is a small, boutique port — tender queues can build quickly when a ship arrives. Head ashore early to maximize your time on the island.
- Check the bus schedule. Buses between Katapola and Chora/Monastery run roughly every 1-2 hours in season. Get a printed timetable at the quay or from your ship's excursion desk — missing the last bus means a pricey taxi.
- Wear proper footwear. The hike to Hozoviotissa Monastery involves steep stone steps, and the ancient footpaths around the island are uneven. Flip-flops won't cut it.
- Bring cash. Many small tavernas and shops in Katapola and Chora are cash-only. There is one ATM in Katapola — withdraw before heading to Chora.
- Meltemi wind alert. Summer months bring strong northerly winds (meltemi); exposed beaches on the south coast can be rough and tender operations may be affected. Your ship will advise.
- Eat at the harbor. Katapola's quayside tavernas serve excellent fresh fish and traditional Greek mezedes — linger for lunch before catching your tender back.

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A map of the Cyclades islands in Greece. The map shows several islands, including Kerkira (Κέρκυρα), Naxos (Νάξος), Paros (Πάρος), and Amorgos (Αμοργός). Other islands shown are Kikira (Κίκισι), Kerkira (Κέρκυρα), Naxos (Νάξος), Paros (Πάρος), and Amorgos (Αμοργός). The map also shows the city of Naxos (Νάξος) and the city of Paros (Πάρος). The map includes a scale bar (0-2 miles, 0-3 km) and a compass rose.

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