

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: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

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 cliff-top 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 · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		73°	57°	4d
Jun		83°	68°	0d
Aug		88°	75°	0d
Sep		86°	73°	1d
Oct		82°	68°	3d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:12AM–7:10PM · Jun 5:35AM–7:48PM · Aug 6:06AM–7:24PM · Sep 6:25AM–6:47PM · Oct 6:44AM–6:08PM

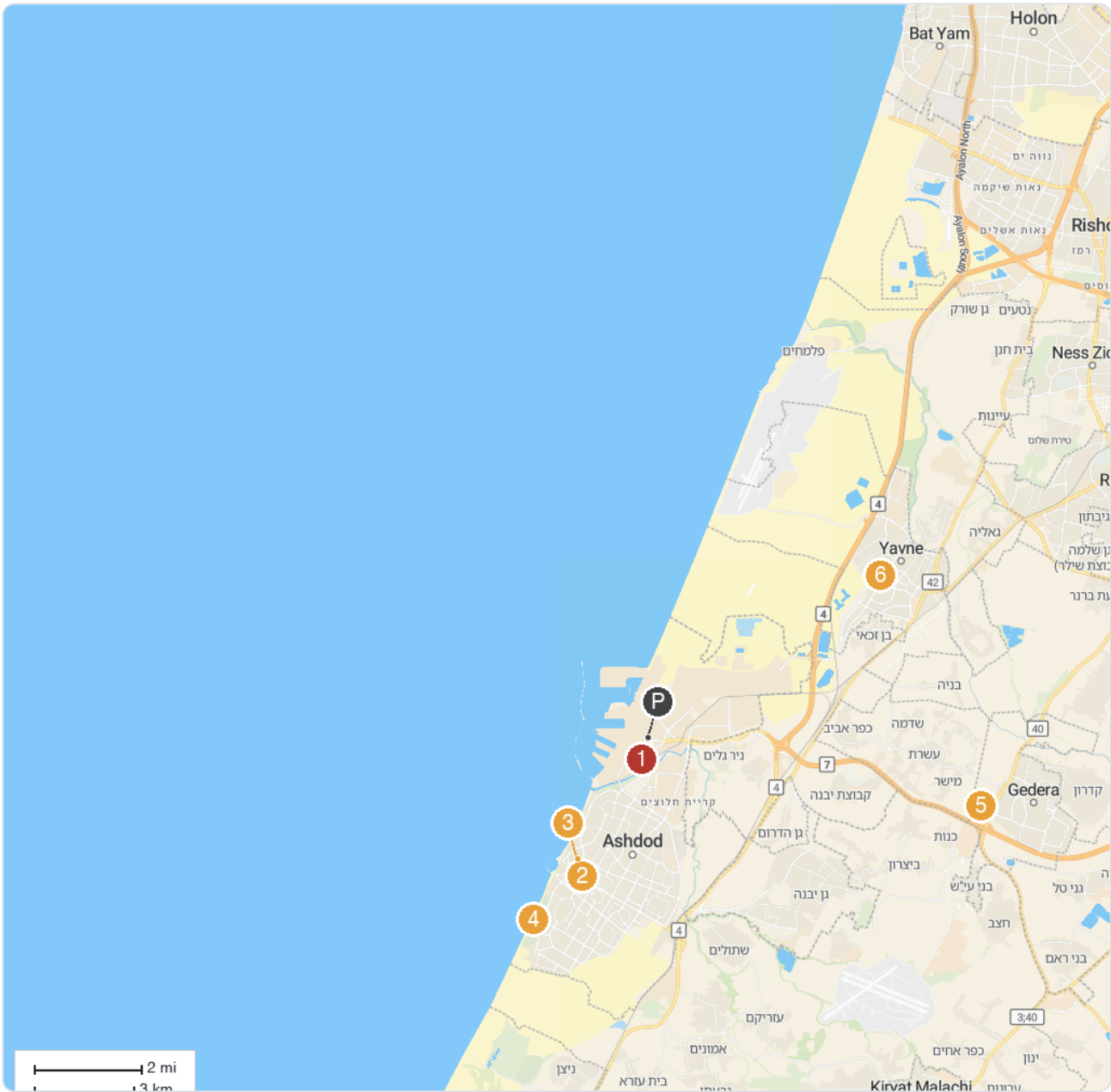
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

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



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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 - קטף 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 - קטף עצמי בגדרה | Pick-your-own farm for seasonal produce near Gadera. | P Cruise port / terminal | |