

Astypalaia Island, Dodecanese, Greece

The 'Butterfly Island' of the Aegean — a whitewashed hilltop Chora crowned by a Venetian castle, vibrant windmills, and turquoise waters lapping uninhabited islets just offshore.

Tender (no cruise pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: Greek

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Pera Yialos (Skala Bay) — no large-ship pier

Best For: Charming village strolls, castle views, boat trips to islets

Walk to Chora: ~10–15 min uphill on foot from the old port

Don't Miss: Venetian Querini Castle and the row of 8 whitewashed windmills

Getting around: Taxi ~€5–€10 · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Chora & Venetian Castle** — Climb the cobblestone lanes of the whitewashed Chora to the 13th-century Querini Castle.
 - Boat Trip to Kounoupa & Koutsomiti Islets** — Day cruise to the uninhabited islets just offshore, with some of the clearest azure water in the Dodecanese.
 - Livadi Beach** — A short walk from Chora (or quick bus ride), Livadi is Astypalaia's most organized beach — crystal-clear water, sunbeds,
- tavernas, and a relaxed vibe...

 - Self-Drive Boat Hire** — Rent a small motorboat from Pera Yialos (no licence required for under 30hp) and explore Red Rock (Kokkinos Gremos), hidden coves, and nearby beaches...
 - Windmills & Village Wander** — Astypalaia's eight restored windmills line the ridge above Chora, painted white with maroon trim.

BEST WALKS

- Pera Yialos Port to Venetian Castle** ~1.5 km | 30–40 min up | Easy–Moderate — From the tender quay walk up through the lower waterfront, into Chora's winding lanes, past the windmills, and up the final steps to the Querini Castle entrance.
- Chora to Livadi Beach** ~1 km | 15–20 min | Easy (downhill) — A gentle downhill walk from Chora leads to Livadi, the island's most popular beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	62°	60°	4d
Jun	73°	71°	1d
Aug	78°	76°	0d
Sep	76°	73°	1d
Oct	71°	68°	4d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:41AM–7:48PM · Jun 5:56AM–8:34PM · Aug 6:32AM–8:05PM · Sep 6:57AM–7:21PM · Oct 7:22AM–6:37PM

Currency: Euro (€)

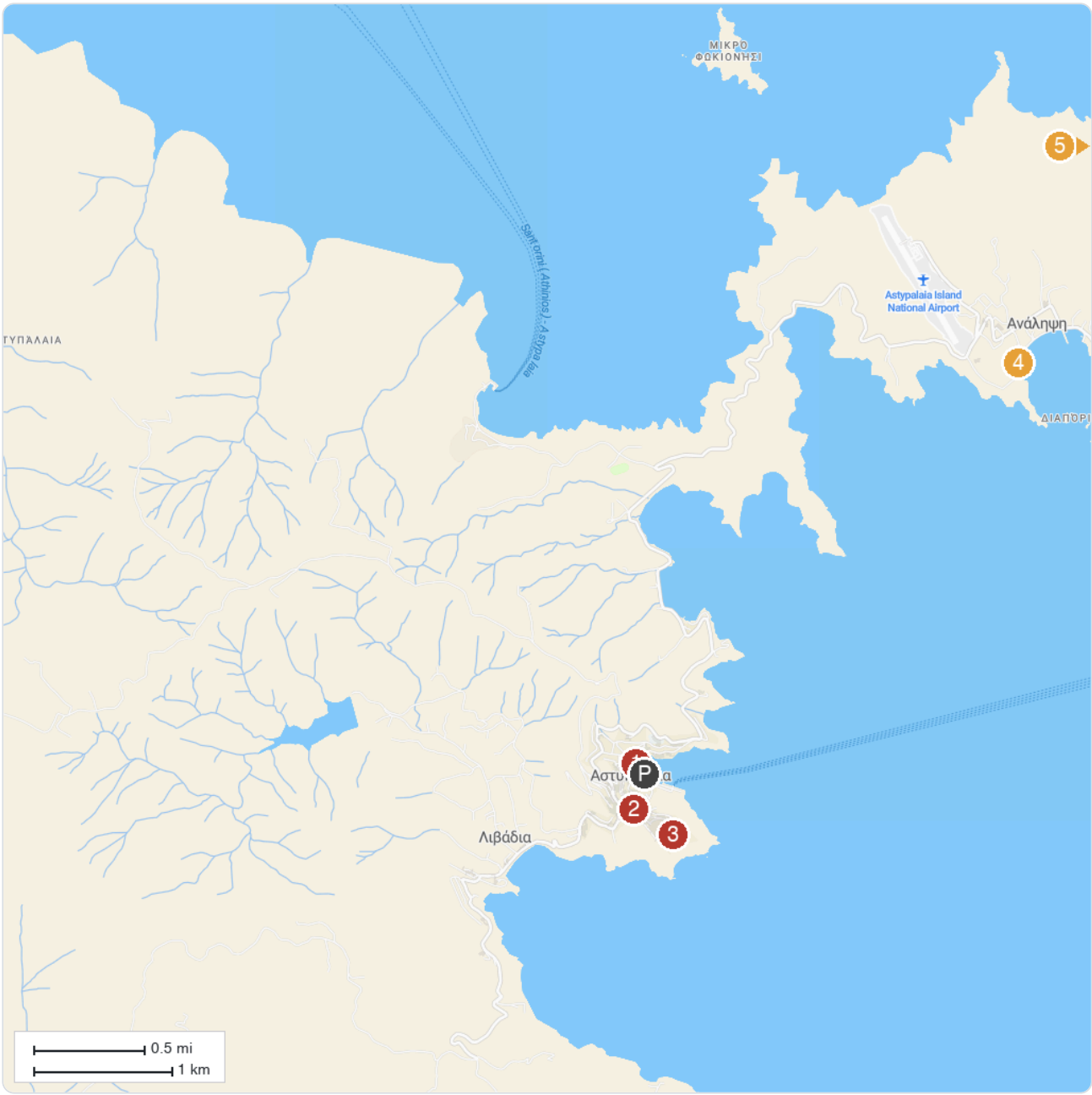
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing matters. Astypalaia has no sheltered pier — in choppy Aegean conditions tenders may be delayed or cut short. Check with your ship for the last tender back.
- Bring euros in cash. Card acceptance is limited in smaller tavernas and the boat-hire operators at the port.
- Remote beaches need wheels. Kaminakia and Vatses require a rough dirt road — rent a scooter or 4WD if you want to explore beyond Livadi.
- Try the AstyMOVE app for the island's electric on-demand shuttle — convenient, cheap, and eco-friendly for getting between Chora, Livadi, and the port.
- Chora is best in the morning. The narrow lanes get warm and busy midday — aim to reach the castle early and head to the beach by noon.
- Eat by the port. Pera Yialos's waterfront tavernas serve fresh seafood at reasonable prices — a better lunch spot than the more tourist-facing restaurants higher in Chora.

Astypalaia Island, Dodecanese, Greece — 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 | Archaeological Museum of Astypalaia | See ancient artifacts from Astypalaia's rich history. | 2 | Astypalea Mills | Iconic windmills offering panoramic views of the Chora. |
| 3 | Castle of Astypalea (Querini Castle) | Historic Venetian castle with stunning views of the Aegean. | 4 | Maltezana Beach | Relax on this sandy beach, perfect for swimming. |
| 5 | RED CLIFF | Unique red rock formations creating a dramatic coastal landscape. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |