

Avilés, Asturias, Spain

Avilés pairs a beautifully preserved medieval centre — arcaded streets, Gothic palaces, and a Romanesque quarter — with a striking Oscar Niemeyer cultural campus right at the water's edge. Asturian cider flows freely, and Oviedo is barely half an hour away.

 Docked (commercial port)

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 Euro (€)

 Spanish

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ **Notes:** _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth at the Port of Avilés commercial quay; old town is a 10-15 min walk across the estuary bridge

Best For: Medieval architecture, Asturian gastronomy, day trips to Oviedo, coastal scenery

Walk to centre: ~10-15 min on foot to Plaza de España via the estuary footbridge; Niemeyer Centre is right next to the pier

Don't Miss: A glass of sidra natural poured from on high in a sidrería on Calle Galiana

 Getting around:  Taxi  ~€5-10 local hops; ~€25-40 to Oviedo/Asturias Airport

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Avilés Old Quarter Walking Tour** — Wander the arcaded lanes of Calle Galiana and Calle Rivero, passing the 14th-century Valdecarzana Palace, the Church of San Nicolás de Bari, and the...
- **Centro Niemeyer** — Oscar Niemeyer's last major project is a sweeping white cultural complex on the waterfront — dome, auditorium, tower with panoramic views, and...
- **Day Trip to Oviedo** — The Asturian capital is 30 minutes by taxi or bus.
- **Salinas Beach** — A broad Atlantic surf beach about 5 km west of Avilés, lined with seafood restaurants.
- **Asturian Cider & Tapas Tour** — Asturias is Spain's cider capital.

BEST WALKS

- **Old Town Highlights Loop** 1.5 km · 35 min · Easy · All on pedestrian streets — Start at the Centro Niemeyer on the waterfront, cross to the old town and enter via Calle de la Muralla.
- **Estuary Waterfront Stroll** 2 km · 30 min · Easy · Flat promenade — Follow the Avilés estuary promenade from the port past the Niemeyer Centre, continuing along the ría toward the Marina de Avilés.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		60°	48°	13d
Jun		68°	58°	13d
Aug		72°	62°	11d
Sep		71°	59°	12d
Oct		67°	55°	13d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:41AM–9:06PM · Jun 6:42AM–10:06PM · Aug 7:28AM–9:26PM · Sep 8:03AM–8:33PM · Oct 8:38AM–7:39PM

Euro (€)

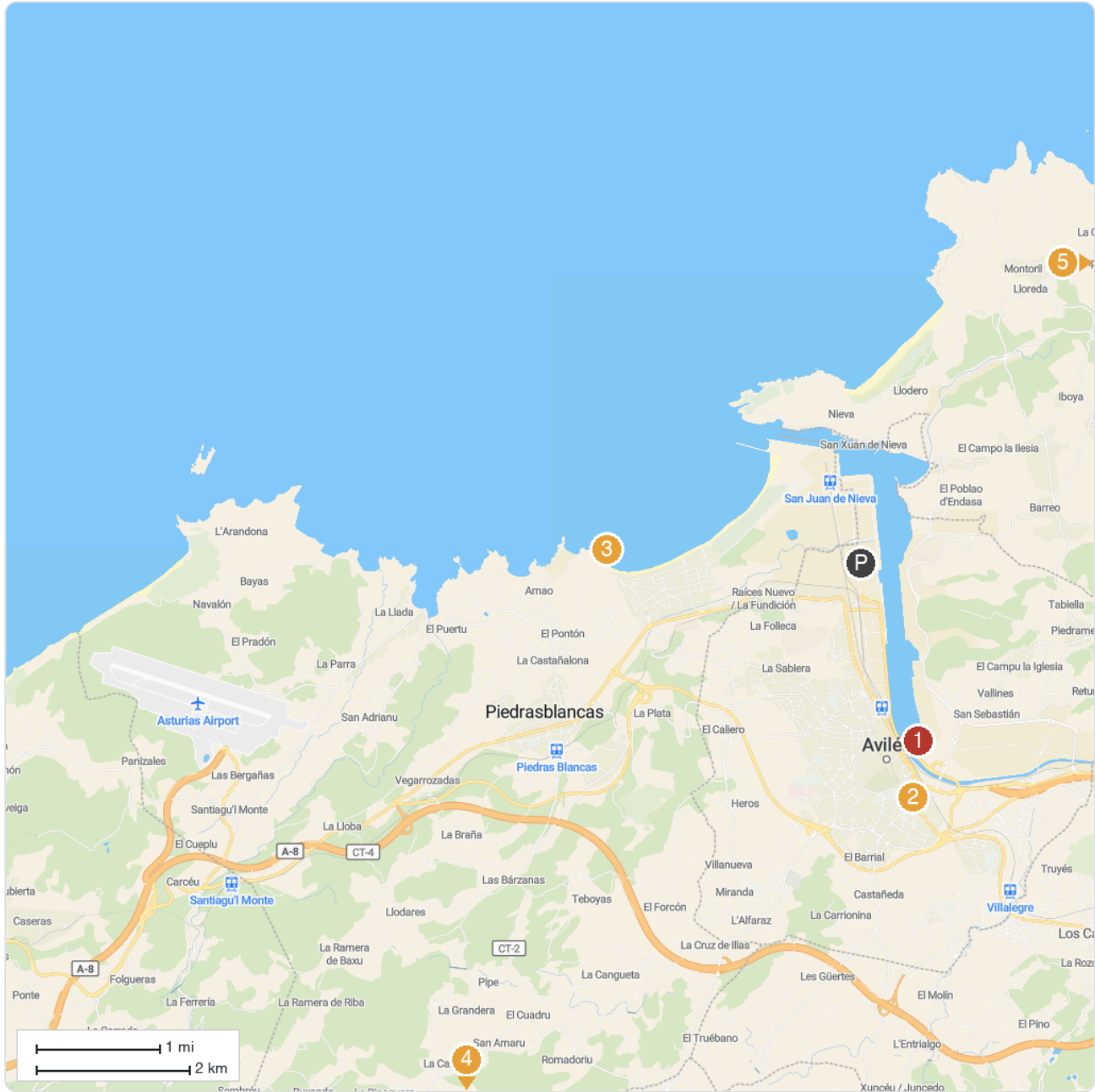
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Order sidra the Asturian way: ask for it *escanciada* — poured from arm's height to aerate it. Sidrerías on Calle Galiana will happily show you how.
- Shops close midday: Spanish siesta hours (roughly 14:00-17:00) are still observed in Avilés. Plan museum visits in the morning; save the afternoon for the Niemeyer Centre or a trip to Oviedo.
- Pack a light rain layer: Asturias gets Atlantic weather year-round. Brief showers are common even in summer — it's why the region is so green.
- Taxis are affordable: A cab to Oviedo costs roughly €25-30 one way. Split among a small group it's often cheaper than a ship excursion and gives you more flexibility.
- Niemeyer Centre is free to enter: The grounds and dome exterior are free. Check their website for any ticketed exhibitions or events during your call.
- Cards accepted almost everywhere in central Avilés. Carry a few euros in cash for smaller sidrerías and the local market.

Avilés, Asturias, Spain — 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 Oscar Niemeyer International Cultural Centre | Modern cultural complex by Niemeyer, hosting arts and events. | 2 Centro Municipal de Arte y Exposiciones (CMAE) | Municipal art and exhibition center showcasing diverse artistic works. |
| 3 Philippe Cousteau Anchor Museum | Unique museum displaying a vast collection of historic anchors. | 4 Grotto of Arbedales | Natural grotto with impressive rock formations and stalactites. |
| 5 Museo Marítimo de Asturias | Asturias' maritime museum, exploring the region's seafaring history. | P Cruise port / terminal | |