

Bodrum, Aegean, Turkey

A 15th-century crusader castle watches over a glittering Aegean bay where ancient Halicarnassus once stood — one of the ancient world's greatest cities, and a ruin worth every step.

Docked (finger pier) Typical call: 7-10 hrs Turkish Lira (TRY) Turkish

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Finger pier, up to 2 large ships; no tendering

Walk to center: ~1.5 km, 20 min along the waterfront promenade

Best For: Ancient history, gulet boat trips, bazaar shopping

Don't Miss: Museum of Underwater Archaeology inside Bodrum Castle

Getting around: Taxi €10–€15 short ride / metered fares · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Bodrum Castle & Museum of Underwater Archaeology** — The 15th-century Castle of St Peter, built by the Knights Hospitaller, houses one of the world's best underwater archaeology museums — including the...
- **Mausoleum at Halicarnassus** — Ruins of the original Mausoleum — one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and the tomb of King Mausolus (d.
- **Bodrum Peninsula Gulet Cruise** — Spend half a day on a traditional wooden gulet sailing the Bodrum Peninsula's secluded bays, including Kara Ada (Black Island) — known for hot-spring...
- **Orak Island Boat Trip** — Called the 'Turkish Maldives' by locals, Orak Island's turquoise water and white rocky shores make for one of the Aegean's most photogenic day trips...
- **Ephesus Full-Day Tour** — A popular full-day excursion (roughly 2.5 hrs each way) to the great ruins of ancient Ephesus, including the Library of Celsus and the Temple of...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront Promenade to Bodrum Castle** 1.5 km · 20 min · Easy · Flat — Walk west along the promenade from the cruise terminal past the marina to reach Bodrum Castle.
- **Old Town & Mausoleum Loop** 2.5 km · 45 min · Easy · Some gentle slopes — From the castle head north into the bazaar streets, then continue to the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus ruins, and loop back via the main shopping street to the port.
- **Bodrum Amphitheatre Viewpoint** ~3 km · 1 hr · Moderate · Uphill — The ancient Hellenistic amphitheatre on the hillside above town offers sweeping views over the bay.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
	Mon	High	Low
Apr		68°	57°
Jun		83°	71°
Aug		90°	77°
Sep		84°	72°
Oct		76°	65°
			Rain
			6d
			3d
			0d
			2d
			4d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Apr 6:36AM–7:44PM · Jun 5:50AM–8:31PM · Aug 6:27AM–8:01PM · Sep 6:52AM–7:17PM · Oct 7:18AM–6:33PM	

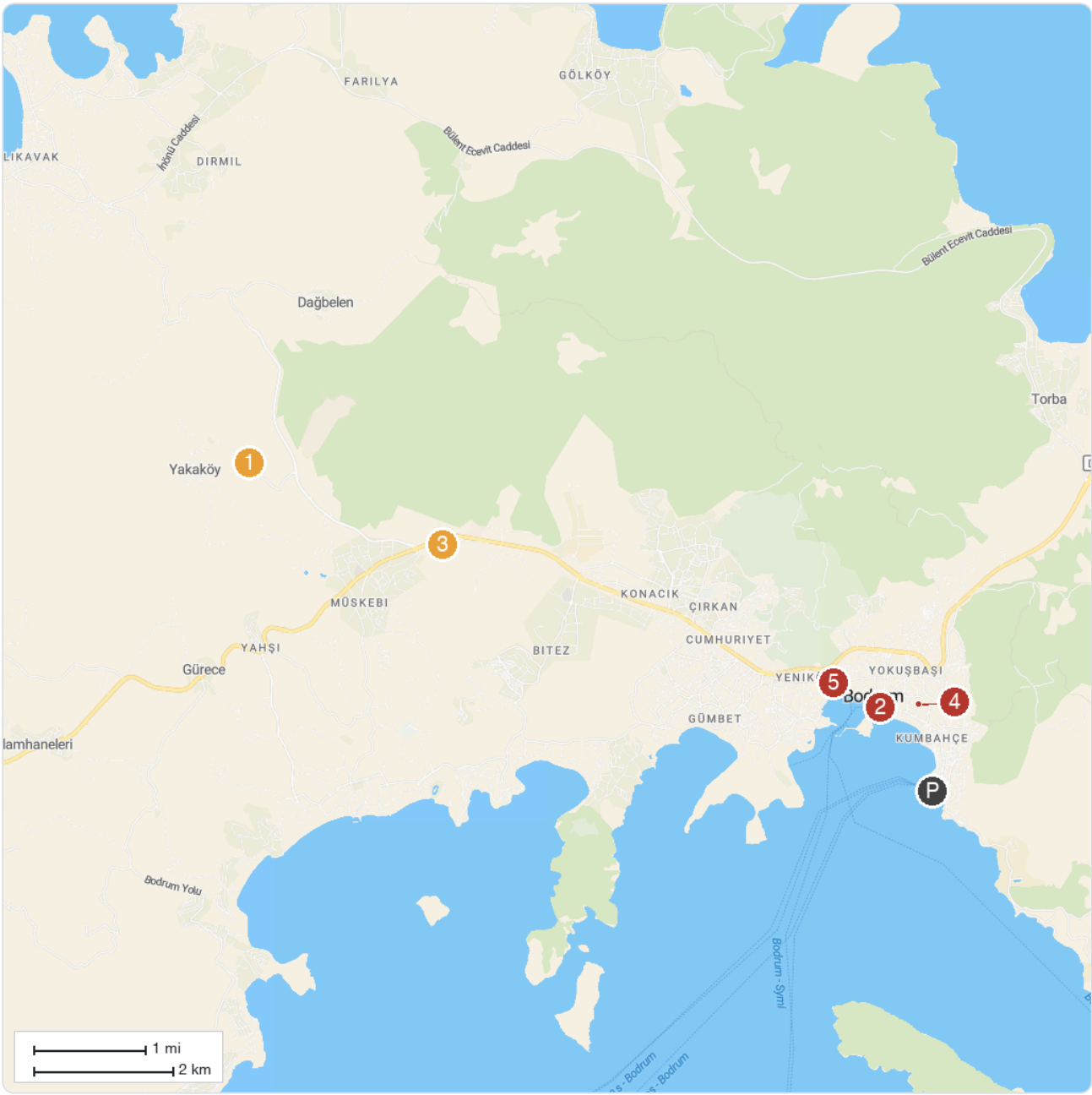
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pay in Turkish Lira. Euros and dollars are widely accepted but at poor rates — change money at the port exchange or withdraw TRY from an ATM in town.
- Summer heat is serious. July and August regularly hit 38°C (100°F). Carry water, wear a hat, and plan outdoor sightseeing early in the morning.
- Pre-book Bodrum Castle. Peak-season queues can be long and timed entry sells out — book online at the museum website before your cruise.
- Dolmuş are cheap and easy. Shared minibuses to Gümbet, Gümüşlük, and other beaches leave from the main dolmuş stand near the bazaar for just a few lira.
- Day trips to Kos, Greece. Ferries run to the Greek island of Kos in roughly 20-60 minutes depending on the boat — check if your ship's schedule allows for a spontaneous island hop.
- Lunch tip: Gümüşlük fishing village (~40 min by dolmuş) has outstanding waterfront seafood restaurants at lower prices than the tourist-facing marina.

Bodrum, Aegean, Turkey — 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 | Dibeklihan Culture and Art Village | A village showcasing traditional Turkish culture, art, and crafts. | 2 | Bodrum Maritime Museum | Explore Bodrum's rich seafaring history and marine life. |
| 3 | Bodrum Aquapark | A large water park with slides and pools for all ages. | 4 | Historical (Turkish bath) Tarihi Bardakçı Hamamı | Experience a traditional, historical Turkish bath for relaxation. |
| 5 | Mausoleum at Halicarnassus | Visit the ruins of an ancient wonder, King Mausolus' tomb. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |