

Bozcaada, Çanakkale, Turkey

A tiny Aegean island that has been making wine since antiquity, guarded by an Ottoman castle, and barely touched by mass tourism — Bozcaada (ancient Tenedos) rewards cruisers who step off the tender into its cobblestone lanes.

 Tender / small-ship dock

 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

 Turkish Lira (TRY)

 Turkish

 Wine island

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender for large ships; small/luxury ships dock at the main pier in town

Best For: Wine tasting, Aegean old-town atmosphere, beaches, Bozcaada Castle

Walk to center: Immediate — pier and tender dock are in the heart of Bozcaada Town

Don't Miss: Bozcaada Castle and a winery visit (Corvus or Amadeus are top picks)

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ Metered (short rides ~₺50–150 est.)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Bozcaada Castle** — The island's most striking landmark, this well-preserved fortress dominates the harbor entrance.
- **Winery Visit & Tasting** — Bozcaada has produced wine since antiquity.
- **Ayazma Beach** — The island's most popular beach — white sand, turquoise Aegean water, sunbed hire, and a cafe.
- **Old Town Walk — Greek & Ottoman Quarters** — Bozcaada's compact old town layers Greek Orthodox houses and a clock tower alongside Ottoman mosques and timber-framed architecture.
- **Troy & Gallipoli from the Mainland** — A roughly 35-minute ferry from Bozcaada to Geyikli port connects to guided day excursions to ancient Troy (less than an hour's drive) and the...

BEST WALKS

- **Harbor to Castle to Old Town Loop** 1.5 km · 45 min · Easy — Walk straight from the pier to Bozcaada Castle, explore the ramparts, then loop through the old Greek district past the clock tower and into the Turkish quarter with its...
- **Town to Çayır Bay Beach** 1.8 km · 25 min walk · Easy — Çayır Bay on the north shore is within walking distance of town — a clean sandy beach popular with locals, good for a quick swim before the tender back.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		66°	51°	8d
Jun		82°	67°	5d
Aug		90°	73°	1d
Sep		82°	67°	3d
Oct		72°	59°	4d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 6:38AM–7:53PM · Jun 5:47AM–8:45PM · Aug 6:27AM–8:11PM · Sep 6:57AM–7:24PM · Oct 7:26AM–6:36PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing matters. On busy summer days tenders can queue — get back to the harbor at least 30 minutes before the last tender is called.
- Carry Turkish Lira. Most local shops, dolmuş, and smaller cafes only accept TRY. ATMs are available in Bozcaada Town but can run out in peak season.
- Book winery visits in advance. Corvus and Amadeus are small operations — walk-ins are possible but calling ahead (or booking via your ship's excursion desk) avoids disappointment.
- Dolmuş are your best friend. Seasonal minibuses run from the harbor to Ayazma Beach and Habbele Beach for a few lira — far cheaper than taxis for beach days.
- Northern Aegean = cooler water. Even in midsummer the sea is noticeably cooler here than the southern Aegean or Turkish Riviera — pack a wetsuit rash guard if you're a keen swimmer.
- June Wine Festival. If your call falls in early June you may catch the Bozcaada Wine Festival — street stalls, tastings, and live music around the harbor.

Bozcaada, Çanakkale, 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 Accommodations Bozcaada | Various hotels and guesthouses for your stay. | 2 Bozcaada Castle | Historic island fortress offering panoramic views. |
| 3 Bozcaada Yerel Tarih Araştırma Merkez Müzesi | Museum showcasing Bozcaada's rich local history and culture. | 4 Alaybey Cami | Historic mosque, a significant religious site on the island. |
| 5 Bozcaada Yel Değirmenleri | Historic windmills offering scenic views of the island. | 6 Ada Güzeli Konaklama Bozcaada | A charming guesthouse providing comfortable lodging on the island. |
| 7 Ayana Koyu | A beautiful, secluded bay perfect for swimming and relaxation. | P Cruise port / terminal | |