

Cartagena, Murcia, Spain

Three millennia of Mediterranean ambition packed into one walkable harbor city — Roman ruins, Moorish battlements, and a modernist main street all within a short stroll of the cruise pier.

Docked (Alfonso XII Terminal)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Euro (EUR)

Spanish

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier docked at Alfonso XII Cruise Terminal — historic center is a 5-min walk

Best For: Roman archaeology, modernist architecture, panoramic views

Walk to center: ~5 min on foot to Plaza del Ayuntamiento and Roman Theatre

Don't Miss: The Roman Theatre — one of Spain's largest and best-preserved, discovered only in 1988

Getting around: Taxi €5 base + €1.25/km · Rideshare Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Roman Theatre & Museum** — Cartagena's crown jewel — a 1st-century BC Roman theatre seating 7,000, only uncovered in 1988.
- Castillo de la Concepción** — A 13th-century hilltop fortress reached by a free panoramic elevator.
- Calle Mayor Modernist Walk** — Cartagena's pedestrian main street is lined with extravagant Art Nouveau buildings — the Gran Hotel, Aguirre Palace, and Casa Cervantes — funded by...
- Punic & Roman Cartagena** — Combine the Punic Wall Interpretation Centre (3rd-century BC Carthaginian defences) and the Foro Romano Molinete museum (Roman baths and temple) for...
- ARQUA — National Museum of Underwater Archaeology** — Spain's only national museum dedicated to underwater archaeology, showcasing Phoenician, Punic, Roman, and Spanish-colonial shipwrecks recovered from...

BEST WALKS

- Old Town Grand Loop** ~2.5 km · 2 hrs · Easy — From the cruise terminal, walk the harbour promenade to Plaza del Ayuntamiento, then visit the Roman Theatre Museum.
- Waterfront & Harbour Stroll** ~1 km · 30 min · Easy — A flat, leisurely walk along the harbour promenade from the cruise terminal to ARQUA and the Naval Museum — ideal if time is limited or you want a gentle warm-up before...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		68°	51°	4d
Jun		80°	64°	2d
Aug		85°	70°	2d
Sep		79°	64°	3d
Oct		72°	57°	5d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:29AM–8:39PM · Jun 6:42AM–9:26PM · Aug 7:20AM–8:56PM · Sep 7:46AM–8:11PM · Oct 8:12AM–7:26PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (Europe/Madrid). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

Euro (EUR)

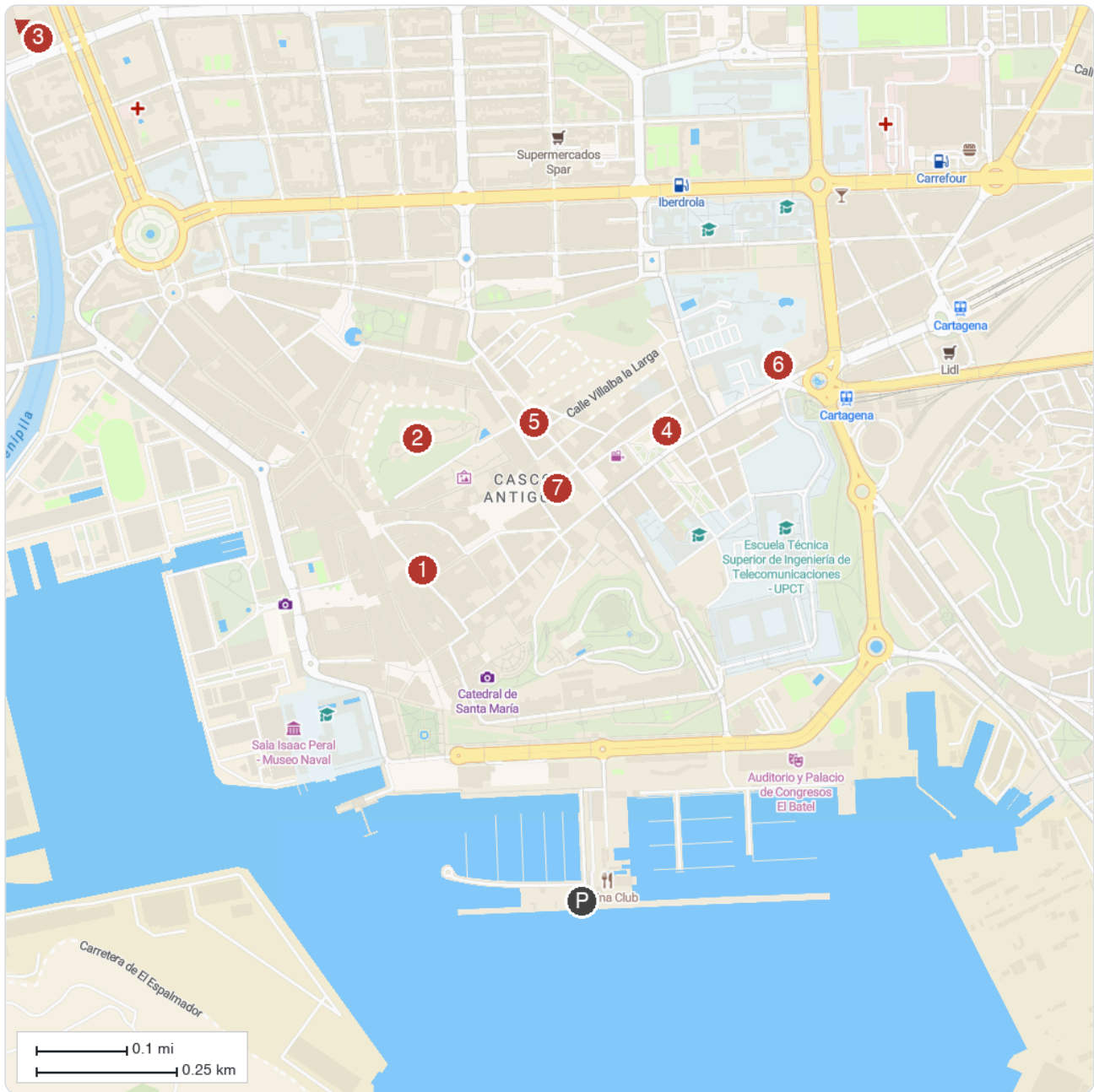
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Everything is walkable. The entire historic centre is within 1 km of the pier — skip taxis unless you're going to a beach outside the city.
- Buy the Roman Theatre ticket online. It sells out on busy cruise days. Combo tickets covering multiple museums save money.
- Use the free panoramic elevator to reach Castillo de la Concepción — it saves the steep climb and is included with castle entry.
- Summer calls are hot. Cartagena averages around 29-30°C in July–August. Start your walk early, carry water, and duck into museums during the midday heat.
- Cash for markets; cards everywhere else. ATMs are available on Calle Mayor. Major museums and restaurants accept Visa/Mastercard.
- Lunch by 13:00 or after 14:30. Restaurants fill fast on ship days. Ask for menú del día (set lunch) for great value local cooking.

Cartagena, Murcia, 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.



- 1** Iglesia de Santa María de Gracia A grand 18th-century Baroque church in the city center.
- 3** Vallejo Alberola Park A central urban park with gardens and a playground.
- 5** Basilica of Nuestra Señora de la Caridad A beautiful basilica housing Cartagena's patron saint.
- 7** Augusteum Remains of a Roman imperial cult temple complex.

- 2** Arqueológico Cerro del Molinete Park Archaeological park on a hill with Roman ruins and views.
- 4** MURAM Regional Museum of Modern Art, showcasing contemporary works.
- 6** The Punic Wall Remains of Cartagena's ancient Punic defensive wall.
- P** Cruise port / terminal