

Catania, Sicily, Italy

Sicily's second city wears its volcanic heart on its sleeve — black lava-stone Baroque palaces, a roaring fish market, and the brooding cone of Mount Etna looming at the end of every street.

Docked (cruise terminal) Typical call: 8-10 hrs Euro (€) Italian

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Berths at Stazione Marittima (Catania Cruise Port); up to 5 ships at Pier 25 and Sporgente Centrale

Best For: Baroque architecture, Mount Etna tours, Taormina day trips, Sicilian food

Walk to center: ~15-20 min on foot (1.5 km) to Piazza del Duomo; flat and straightforward

Don't Miss: La Pescheria fish market (mornings), Fontana dell'Elefante, a cable car up Etna

Getting around: Taxi €5–€10 · Rideshare Uber · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off · from €15

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Mount Etna Volcano** — Europe's most active volcano dominates the Catania skyline.
- **Taormina & Ancient Greek Theater** — Sicily's most photogenic hill town perches 200 m above the Ionian Sea.
- **Syracuse & Ortygia Island** — One of the greatest Greek cities of antiquity, Syracuse features the Neapolis Archaeological Park (Greek theater, Roman amphitheater, Ear of...)
- **Catania Food & Market Tour** — La Pescheria, the raucous fish market behind the cathedral, is a riot of swordfish, sea urchins, and vendor theater.
- **Baroque Catania City Walk** — Catania's UNESCO-listed Baroque center was rebuilt entirely in black lava stone after the 1693 earthquake.

BEST WALKS

- **Baroque Core Walk** 2-3 hrs | 3-4 km | Easy | Start: cruise terminal — The classic introduction to Catania.
- **Castle & Gardens Loop** 1.5 hrs | 2.5 km | Easy | Start: Piazza del Duomo — From the cathedral, head southwest to Castello Ursino (the 13th-century Hohenstaufen fortress), then northeast through the Piazza Stesicoro and up to Villa Bellini...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

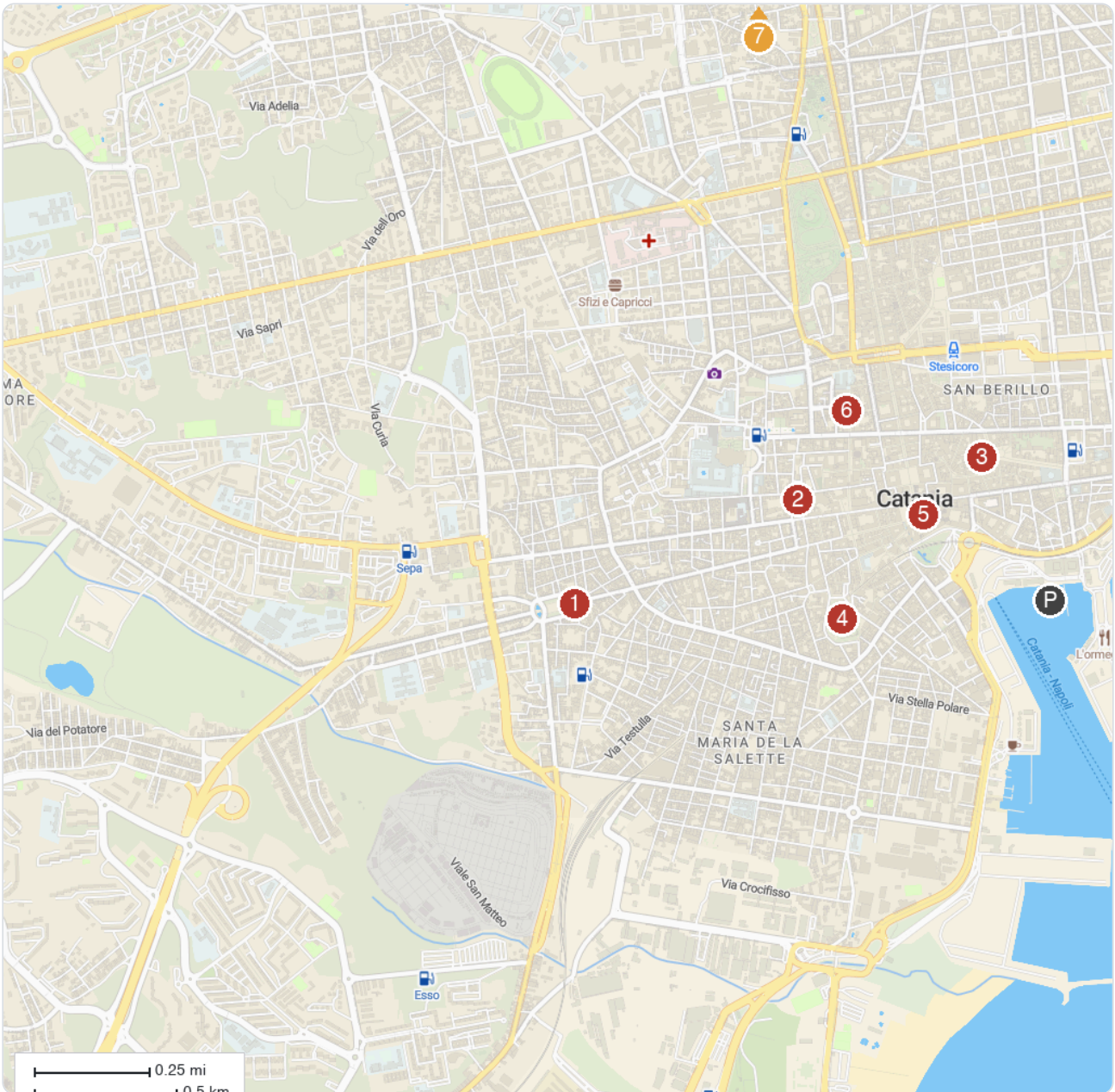
🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇮🇹 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain		
Apr	68°	53°	6d	Apr 6:25AM–7:34PM · Jun 5:38AM–8:22PM · Aug 6:16AM–7:51PM ·	
Jun	84°	69°	3d	Sep 6:41AM–7:07PM · Oct 7:08AM–6:22PM	
Aug	90°	75°	2d	Euro (€)	
Sep	84°	70°	8d		
Oct	75°	63°	8d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Summers are fierce. July–August sees 35°C+ heat with high humidity. Carry water, start sightseeing early, and shade up by midday. Spring (April–May) is far more comfortable.
- Visit La Pescheria in the morning. The fish market winds down by 12:30 — arrive before 11am for full energy and the best photo opportunities.
- Book Etna early. Cable car tickets and small-group summit hikes sell out, especially in peak season. Book through your ship or a reputable tour operator with a back-to-ship guarantee.
- Agree taxi fares upfront. Official taxis are white with a meter — always confirm the rate before departing. The walk to Piazza del Duomo is easy and free if the weather cooperates.
- Cash is king in markets and small trattorias. ATMs are available in the terminal and throughout the city center. Avoid currency exchange kiosks at the pier — use bank ATMs instead.
- Try granita con brioche for breakfast. Catania's signature morning treat — almond, pistachio, or mulberry granita with a fresh brioche bun — is eaten at any bar near the cathedral.

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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 | Porta Garibaldi | Historic triumphal arch commemorating Ferdinand I's visit. | 2 | Roman Odeon | Ancient Roman small theater for music and poetry. |
| 3 | Massimo Bellini Theater | Grand opera house named after composer Vincenzo Bellini. | 4 | Ursino Castle | 13th-century royal castle, now home to the Civic Museum. |
| 5 | Basilica Cattedrale di Sant'Agata | Catania's main cathedral, dedicated to Saint Agatha. | 6 | Church of St. Camillus | Historic Baroque church with impressive frescoes and art. |
| 7 | Parco Ciccini | Large urban park offering green space and city views. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |