

# Çeşme, İzmir Province, Turkey

A breezy Aegean resort town where an Ottoman castle overlooks the marina and the charming stone lanes of Alaçatı are just 15 minutes away. Çeşme punches well above its size for a half-day port call.

- Docked (pier)
- Typical call: 6-8 hrs
- Turkish Lira (TRY)
- Turkish (English widely spoken in tourist areas)

## MY DAY IN PORT

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

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Cruise pier in town centre — most ships dock alongside; very large vessels may tender

**Walk to centre:** 5 min to castle & marina; 10 min to main square

**Best For:** History buffs, beach lovers, foodies, windsurfing day-trippers

**Don't Miss:** Alaçatı village & windmills (15 min by taxi)

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ €8–10 · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, BiTaksi, Marti

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Çeşme Castle & Archaeological Museum** — This well-preserved 16th-century Ottoman fortress dominates the waterfront, a 5-minute walk from the pier.
- Alaçatı Village & Windmills** — Just 15 minutes by taxi, Alaçatı is one of the Aegean's best-preserved villages — cobbled lanes, bougainvillea-draped stone houses, a skyline of...
- İlica Thermal Beach** — About 5 km from port, İlica Beach is famous for its shallow golden-sand shoreline fed by natural hot springs that warm the sea to soothing...
- Windsurfing & Kitesurfing at Alaçatı** — Alaçatı's bay is a world-class windsurfing destination, regularly hosting international competitions.
- Ancient City of Erythrai (İldırı)** — About 25 minutes northeast of port, the ruins of ancient Ionian Erythrai include a theatre, temple of Athena, and city walls.

## BEST WALKS

- Waterfront Castle Walk** 1.5 km · 30 min · Flat & easy — From the cruise pier, stroll along the marina promenade past moored yachts and seafront cafés to Çeşme Castle.
- Alaçatı Village Wander** 2 km in village · 45 min walking · Take taxi out & back — Taxi to Alaçatı (15 min), then walk the main cobbled street (Kemalpaşa Caddesi) past the windmills on the hill, through the boutique quarter, and loop back via the...

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

| CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |     |      |     | DAYLIGHT &  MONEY |                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------|-----|------|-----|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                               | Mon | High | Low | Rain              |                                                                                                   |
| Apr                           |     | 66°  | 56° | 6d                | Apr 6:39AM–7:50PM · Jun 5:50AM–8:39PM · Aug 6:29AM–8:08PM · Sep 6:56AM–7:22PM · Oct 7:23AM–6:36PM |
| Jun                           |     | 82°  | 70° | 2d                |                                                                                                   |
| Aug                           |     | 87°  | 75° | 0d                |                                                                                                   |
| Sep                           |     | 80°  | 70° | 2d                |                                                                                                   |
| Oct                           |     | 72°  | 63° | 4d                |                                                                                                   |

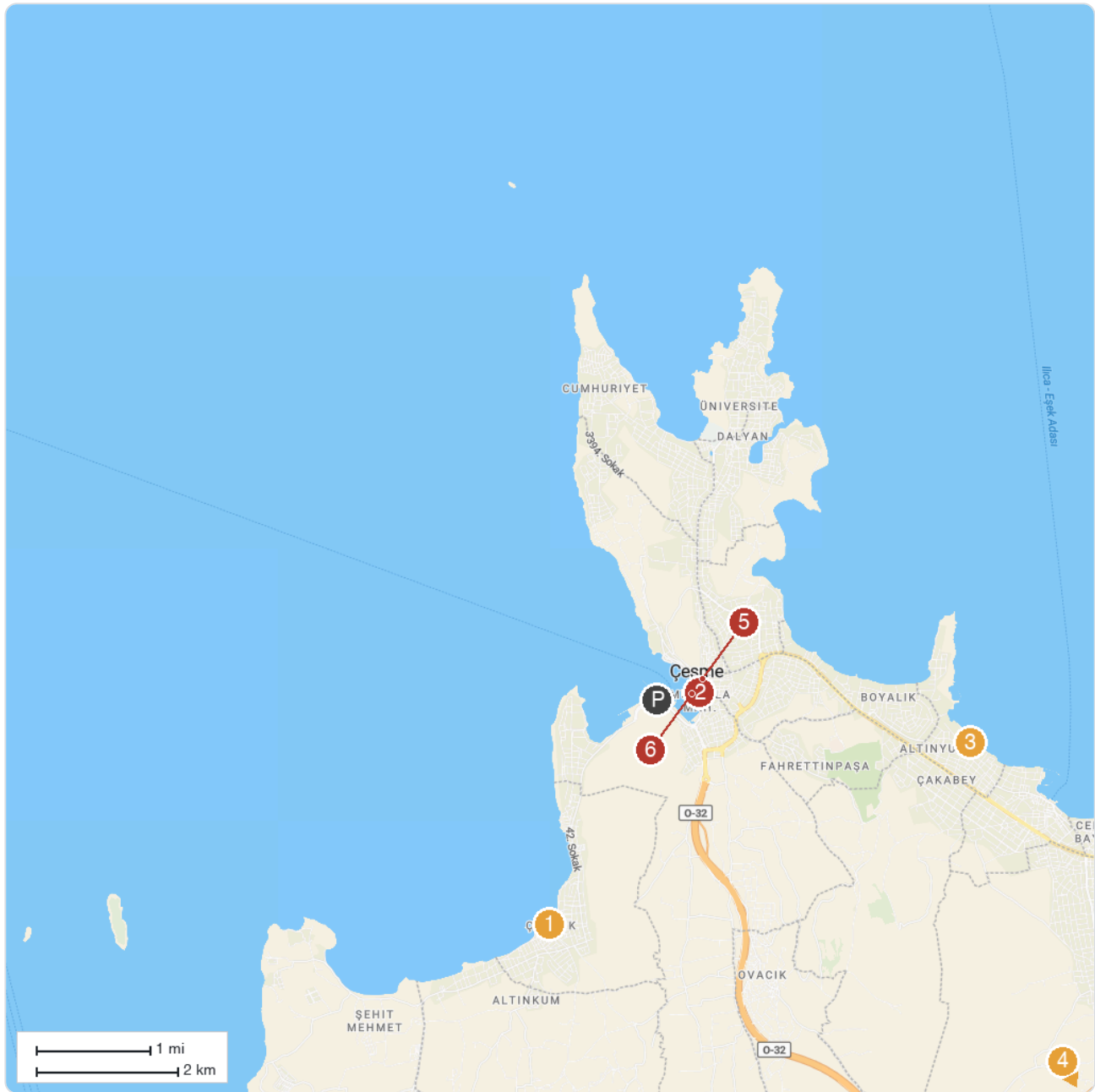
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pay in Turkish Lira. Card acceptance is good in tourist areas, but carry some TRY cash for dolmuş buses, small cafés, and the Alaçatı bazaar.
- Taxis are cheap by Western standards. Agree on a price (or insist on the meter) before you get in. Dolmuş to Alaçatı is even cheaper — just flag one down on the main road.
- Summer heat is real. Çeşme peaks above 35°C in July–August. Carry water, wear a hat, and schedule beach visits for the morning hours.
- Ferry to Chios is tempting but time-sensitive. The crossing is an hour each way — only realistic on a long port day. Confirm return ferry times before you go.
- Try a kumru before you leave. This toasted sesame sandwich is Çeşme's signature street food. Grab one from a kiosk near the town square — cheap, filling, and delicious.
- Çeşme Castle is worth the small entry fee. The rooftop views over the Aegean and marina are among the best in town — budget 10 minutes for the climb.

# Çeşme, İzmir Province, Turkey — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Çiftlik Köy Cami        | A beautiful, active village mosque for prayer and reflection. | <b>2</b> Cesme Castle              | Historic Ottoman fortress offering panoramic views and a museum.   |
| <b>3</b> Aqua Toy City           | A large water park with slides, pools, and family fun.        | <b>4</b> Alacati debt Water Sports | Premier spot for windsurfing, kitesurfing, and other water sports. |
| <b>5</b> Ayios Haralambos Church | A historic Greek Orthodox church, now an art gallery.         | <b>6</b> Güneşlenme Terası         | A scenic terrace perfect for sunbathing and sea views.             |
| <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal  |                                                               |                                    |                                                                    |