

# Ceuta, Ceuta, Spain

A Spanish city on the tip of Africa, where Europe and the Maghreb collide at the edge of the Strait of Gibraltar. Two cultures, two continents, one remarkable port call.

Docked (Muelle de España)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Euro (€)

Spanish

## 👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_ All aboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Ships dock at Muelle de España or Muelle de Poniente, steps from the city center

**Best For:** History, multicultural atmosphere, duty-free shopping, Morocco day trips

**Walk to center:** ~100 m from Muelle de España — most sights within 20 min on foot

**Don't Miss:** The Royal Walls & navigable moat — the only navigable moat in Spain

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €3.50 start + ~€1.10/km · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Royal Walls & Navigable Moat** — Ceuta's 15th-century Portuguese fortifications are the star attraction.
  - Monte Hacho Panorama** — Monte Hacho is one of the legendary Pillars of Hercules.
  - Tetouan, Morocco Day Trip** — Cross the border into Morocco and explore Tetouan's UNESCO-listed medina — whitewashed streets, artisan souks, and a very different world just 40 km...
- Maritime Park of the Mediterranean** — Designed by César Manrique, this waterfront park features saltwater lakes, waterfalls, and botanical gardens.
  - City Highlights Walk** — From the port, stroll to Plaza de África, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Africa, the House of the Dragons, and the Cathedral — a compact but rewarding...

## BEST WALKS

- Port to Royal Walls & Old Town Loop** 2–2.5 km · 45–60 min · Easy — Walk from the cruise pier through Plaza de España to Plaza de África, then follow the fortification walls south to the Royal Walls and moat.
- Cathedral & House of the Dragons** 1 km · 20–30 min · Easy — A short stroll from the port to the Cathedral of Santa María de la Asunción and the nearby Casa de los Dragones — a whimsical building covered in large bronze dragons...

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

**CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr |     | 65°  | 57° | 8d   |
| Jun |     | 74°  | 65° | 2d   |
| Aug |     | 81°  | 71° | 1d   |
| Sep |     | 77°  | 68° | 5d   |
| Oct |     | 72°  | 65° | 7d   |

**DAYLIGHT & 🌳 MONEY**

Apr 7:48AM–8:54PM · Jun 7:04AM–9:39PM · Aug 7:40AM–9:10PM · Sep 8:04AM–8:28PM · Oct 8:28AM–7:45PM

Euro (€)

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Duty-free zone: Ceuta has no VAT. Tobacco, alcohol, perfume, and electronics are noticeably cheaper than on the mainland — a popular reason to visit.
- Morocco requires your passport: If you plan to cross into Morocco, carry it. Leave passports on the ship at your peril — border agents require them.
- Border crossings can be slow: The Tarajal crossing into Morocco can have long queues, especially on weekends. Only attempt it on a ship-organized excursion.
- Taxis have fixed rates: Posted fares apply within the city. Confirm the price before getting in for trips to Monte Hacho or the Maritime Park.
- The Royal Moat boat tour is short but memorable: The 30-minute boat ride through the moat books up — grab tickets as soon as you arrive.
- Try local food: Ceuta's cuisine blends Spanish and North African influences. Look for tagine and Moroccan pastries alongside tapas bars near the old town.

# Ceuta, Ceuta, Spain — 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> Arab Baths of Ceuta                  | Ancient Islamic public baths, an archaeological site.           | <b>2</b> Military Museum of the Legion     | Museum showcasing the history of the Spanish Legion. |
| <b>3</b> Faro Punta Almina                    | Historic lighthouse with panoramic views of the Strait.         | <b>4</b> Puerto de Ceuta                   | Ceuta's main port, a busy maritime gateway.          |
| <b>5</b> Cathedral of the Assumption of Ceuta | Ceuta's main Catholic cathedral, a historic religious landmark. | <b>6</b> Museo de la Basílica Tardorromana | Museum built over ancient late Roman basilica ruins. |
| <b>7</b> Parque Marítimo del Mediterráneo     | Saltwater leisure park designed by César Manrique.              | <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal            |                                                      |