

Crotone, Calabria, Italy

One of Magna Graecia's mightiest cities, Crotone trades ancient columns and a brooding Spanish castle for an authentic, unhurried Southern Italian port day — fiery food, golden sand, and zero tourist crowds.

 Docked (pier)  Typical call: 6–9 hrs  Euro (€)  Italian

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier (Riva quay / Molo Foraneo) — 5–15 min walk to centre

Walk to centre: ~800 m to Piazza Pitagora (10–15 min)

Best For: Ancient Greek history, beaches, Calabrian food & wine

Don't Miss: Castle of Charles V, Capo Colonna ruins, 'Nduja & Cirò wine

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €5–8

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Capo Colonna — Temple of Hera Lacinia** — One solitary Doric column stands on a headland 10 km from port — the last remnant of a vast Greek sanctuary.
- **Le Castella Aragonese Castle** — A dramatic 15th-century fortress built on a tiny island connected to the Calabrian shore by a stone causeway, framed by turquoise Ionian water.
- **Santa Severina — Medieval Hilltop Village** — One of Italy's 'Most Beautiful Villages', this Norman-castle town sits above the Neto river valley with a rare Byzantine baptistery and sweeping...
- **National Archaeological Museum of Crotone** — Downtown museum holding the 'Treasure of Hera' and artefacts from Kroton, once one of the most powerful cities of ancient Magna Graecia.
- **City Beach & Lido Day** — Crotone's sandy Ionian beach begins steps from the port.

BEST WALKS

- **Port to Piazza Pitagora & the Castle** ~1 km · 15 min · Easy — Walk the Lungomare promenade from the pier to the main square, then climb a few steps to the imposing Castle of Charles V for panoramic harbour views.
- **Historic Centre Loop** ~1.5 km · 25 min · Easy — From the castle, dive into the labyrinthine centro storico — narrow medieval alleys, the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, and hidden piazzas perfect for a local...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	66°	51°	6d
Jun	84°	67°	5d
Aug	89°	72°	4d
Sep	82°	67°	8d
Oct	74°	59°	10d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 6:14AM–7:28PM · Jun 5:25AM–8:18PM · Aug 6:05AM–7:46PM · Sep 6:33AM–6:59PM · Oct 7:01AM–6:12PM	
Euro (€)	

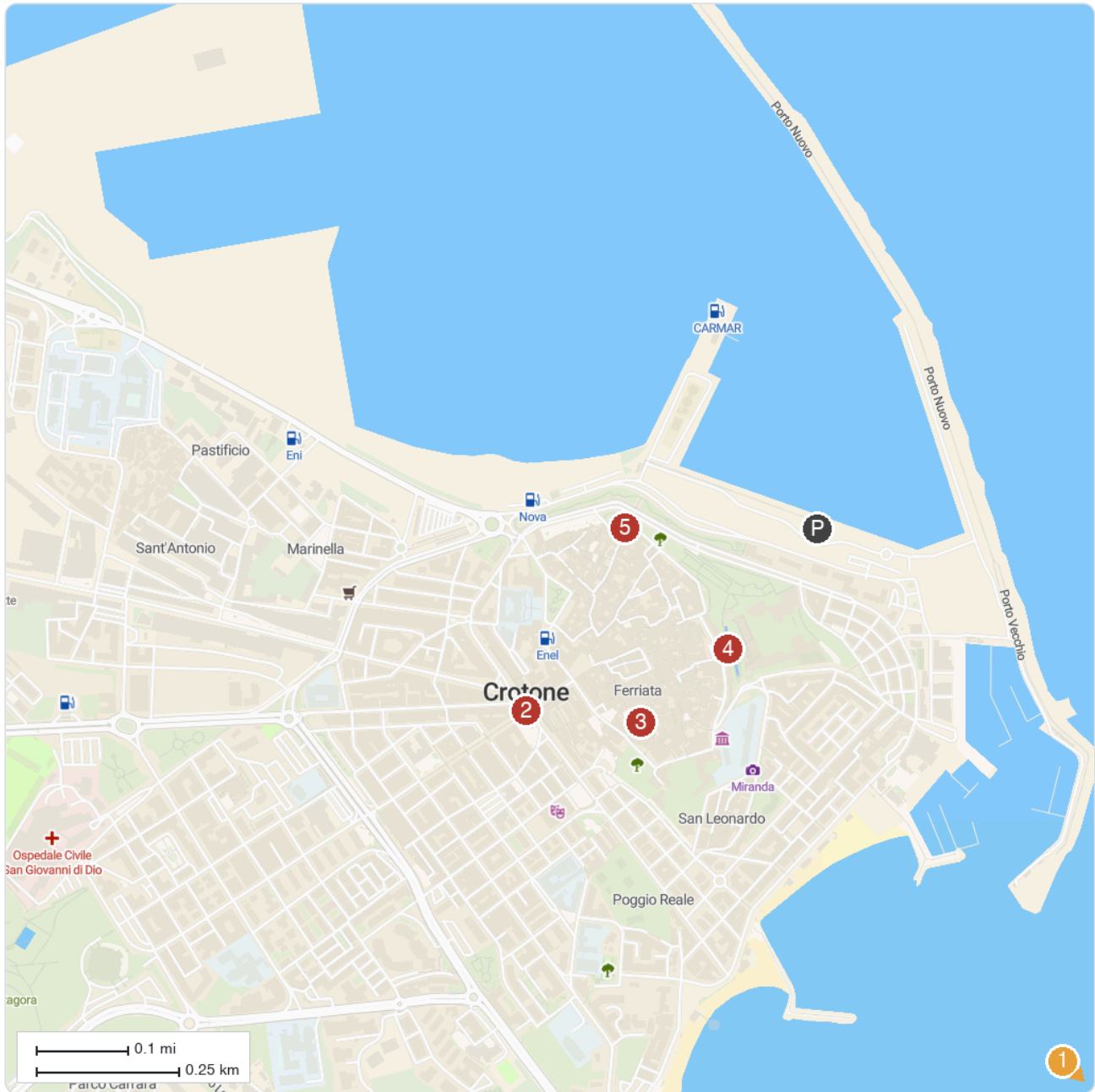
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Mind the siesta: Many shops and small restaurants close 1:00–4:30 PM. Do your shopping in the morning or after 5 PM.
- Try the local food: Order 'Nduja (spicy spreadable pork), Pecorino Crotonese cheese, and a glass of Cirò DOC red — one of the world's oldest named wines.
- Carry cash: Small shops, street food vendors, and some taxi drivers prefer cash. ATMs are available near Piazza Pitagora.
- Pre-arrange taxis for day trips: Don't rely on local buses to Capo Colonna, Le Castella, or Santa Severina — negotiate a fixed price with a driver before you depart.
- Learn a few words: English is limited here. Grazie, Per favore, Buongiorno go a long way and locals respond warmly.
- The beach is free and close: Public sections of Crotone's city beach are just 10 minutes' walk — bring a towel, or pay ~€15–25 at a lido for sun-beds and a shower.

Crotone, Calabria, Italy — 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 Archaeological Site of Cape Colonna | Ancient Greek temple ruins with a single column standing. | 2 Piazza Pitagora | Crotone's main central square, often hosting events. |
| 3 Church of Santa Chiara | Historic church with a beautiful Baroque interior. | 4 Charles V Castle | Historic Aragonese castle offering panoramic city views. |
| 5 Palazzo Giunti | Historic palace, often used for cultural events. | P Cruise port / terminal | |