

Dalyan, Muğla, Turkey

Ancient tombs carved into cliffsides, a protected turtle nesting beach, and boats gliding through reed lagoons — Dalyan is one of the Aegean's most rewarding off-the-beaten-track stops.

- Tender port
- Typical call: 6–8 hrs
- Turkish Lira (EUR/USD accepted)
- Turkish
- Eco-protected area

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore; no cruise pier

Walk to center: Short — Dalyan town is very compact once ashore

Best For: Ancient history, nature, river cruising, mud baths

Don't Miss: Lycian Rock Tombs viewed from the river, Iztuzu Turtle Beach

Getting around: **Taxi** Metered / negotiated

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Dalyan River Cruise & Lycian Rock Tombs** — Board a traditional piyade and drift along the Dalyan River past the dramatic Lycian rock tombs carved into cliff faces circa 400 BC.
- Iztuzu Turtle Beach** — A 4.5 km crescent of golden sand — one of the Mediterranean's most important loggerhead sea turtle (Caretta caretta) nesting sites.
- Dalyan Mud Baths & Thermal Springs** — Stop at the Sultaniye sulfur mud baths on the shores of Köyceğiz Lake.
- Ancient City of Kaunos** — An ancient Carian port city with origins around the 10th century BC, Kaunos features a well-preserved Greco-Roman theatre seating roughly 5,000...
- Blue Crab & Riverside Dining** — Dalyan's culinary signature is the blue crab (mavi yengeç) caught in the delta channels.

BEST WALKS

- Dalyan Town Riverside Promenade** 30–45 min · Flat · Free — Stroll the paved riverside path from the main boat dock along the Dalyan River.
- Kaunos Ruins Walk (after ferry crossing)** 45–60 min · Uphill · Rough path — Take the short rowboat ferry across the Dalyan River (a few lira), then follow the dirt path uphill for about 1.5 km to reach the ancient city of Kaunos.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:31AM–7:39PM · Jun 5:46AM–8:26PM · Aug 6:22AM–7:56PM · Sep 6:47AM–7:12PM · Oct 7:13AM–6:28PM	
Apr	72°	54°	7d	Turkish Lira (EUR/USD accepted)	
Jun	88°	69°	6d		
Aug	96°	75°	1d		
Sep	90°	70°	2d		
Oct	80°	63°	5d		

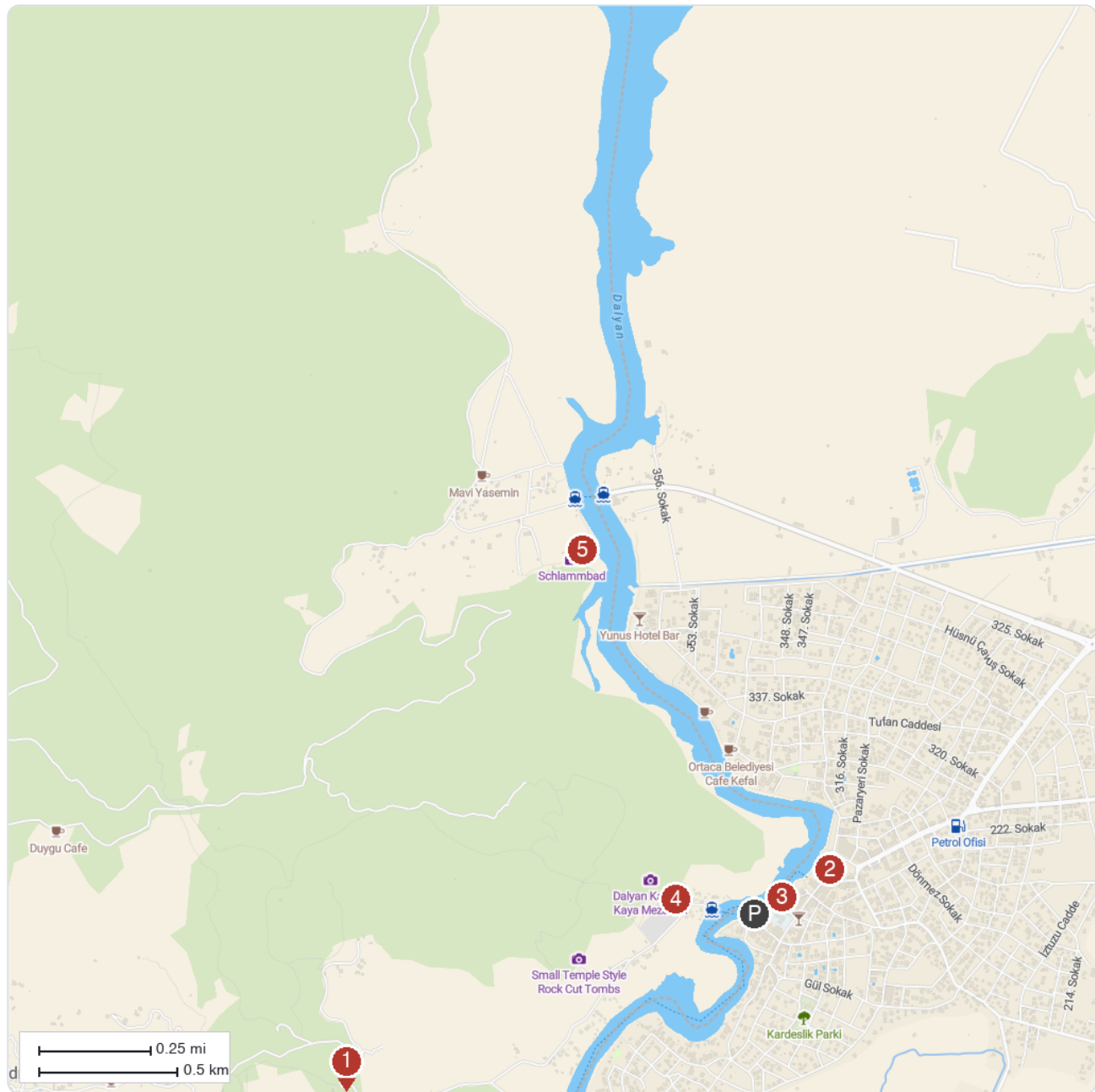
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Time matters:** If tendering directly, you likely have 6–8 hrs. If transferring from Marmaris, subtract 3 hrs of travel — book cruise line excursions to guarantee the ship won't leave without you.
- Mud bath tip:** Wear a dark or old swimsuit — the sulfur mud can stain light fabrics. Bring a plastic bag for wet clothes.
- Turtle nesting season (May–Oct):** Roped-off areas on Iztuzu Beach protect nests — respect the markers. Avoid the beach after dark in season.
- Currency:** Turkish Lira is local, but Euros and US Dollars are widely accepted by boat operators, stalls, and restaurants. Cards work in town but rarely on riverboats — carry cash.
- Accessibility:** Traditional riverboats require stepping down from docks, and Kaunos involves uphill rough-path walking. Not ideal for limited mobility — stick to the promenade and views from the boats.
- Heat:** Summer temperatures regularly exceed 35°C (95°F). Bring sun cream, a hat, and water — shade is limited on boats and at the beach.

Dalyan, Muğla, Turkey — 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** Kaunos Ancient City Explore the ruins of an ancient Lycian port city.
- 3** Captain Boris boat trips A popular operator offering boat trips to local sights.
- 5** Mud bath Dalyan Experience natural therapeutic mud baths and thermal springs.

- 2** Dalyan Cami The town's central mosque, a place of worship.
- 4** Caunos Tombs of the Kings Ancient Lycian rock-cut tombs carved into the cliff face.
- P** Cruise port / terminal