

Dénia, Alicante, Spain

A boutique Costa Blanca gem dominated by a Moorish hilltop castle, backed by the dramatic Montgó mountain, and celebrated worldwide for its extraordinary red shrimp and UNESCO-recognised gastronomy.

 Tender port (no pier)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Euro (€)  Spanish / Valenciano  UNESCO Gastronomy City

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in the bay; tenders land at the Maritime Station or Marina de Dénia

Best For: Foodies, history lovers, beach-goers, and those seeking an authentic Spanish town

Walk to center: ~15 min flat walk (1 km) from the tender landing to Marqués de Campo

Don't Miss: Gamba Roja de Dénia (red shrimp) — expensive but a genuine bucket-list bite

 Getting around:  Taxi  €6–8 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Castell de Dénia & Archaeological Museum** — The 11th-century Moorish castle sits on a rocky promontory above the old town with 360° views of the sea and Montgó mountain.
- **Les Rotes Marine Reserve Coves** — The rocky southern coastline forms part of a protected marine reserve with crystal-clear snorkelling waters.
- **Gamba Roja & Gastronomy Tour** — Dénia is a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy, world-famous for its sweet Gamba Roja (red shrimp).
- **Les Marines Sandy Beach** — A wide stretch of golden sand running north from the town centre, with shallow warm water, beach bars (chiringuitos), and sunbed rental.
- **Montgó Natural Park Hike** — The dramatic limestone massif looming over Dénia offers marked trails through Mediterranean scrubland.

BEST WALKS

- **Port to Castle Loop** 2–3 km · 1.5–2 hrs · Easy with one uphill stretch — Walk from the tender landing through the Baix la Mar fisherman's quarter, up through the Les Roques Moorish lanes to the castle entrance, then descend via the castle...
- **Waterfront to Les Marines Beach** 2.5 km one-way · 30 min · Easy and flat — Head north from the tender landing along the seafront promenade past the fishing harbour to Playa de la Punta del Raset and beyond to the wide Les Marines sandy beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:23AM–8:36PM · Jun 6:34AM–9:26PM · Aug 7:13AM–8:53PM · Sep 7:41AM–8:07PM · Oct 8:09AM–7:20PM	
Apr	67°	55°	6d	Euro (€)	
Jun	81°	68°	2d		
Aug	86°	74°	4d		
Sep	81°	70°	9d		
Oct	74°	63°	7d		

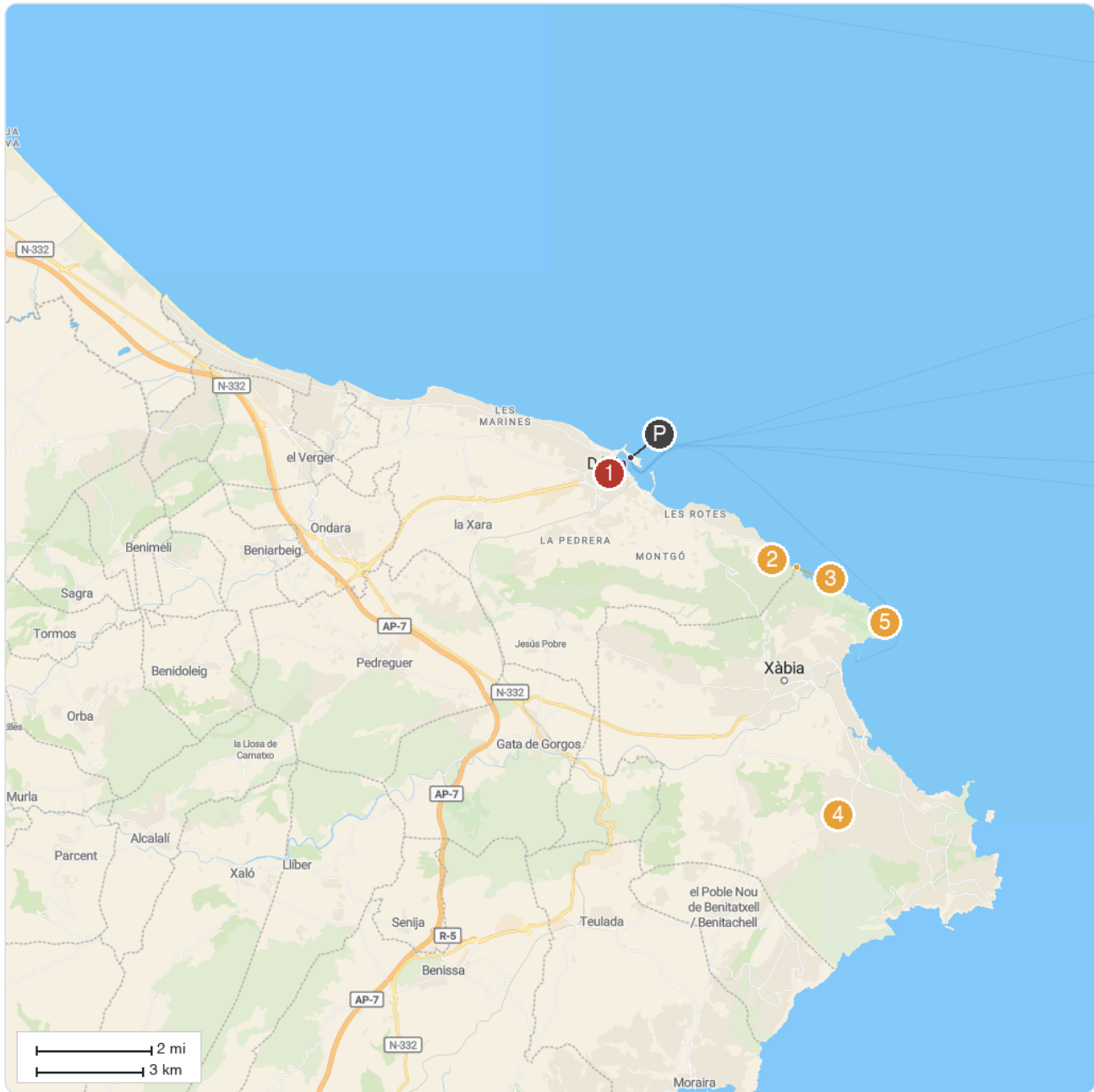
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing: Don't rush the first tender — it's always the busiest. Wait 45–60 minutes after tendering opens and you'll board in minutes with no queue.
- Gamba Roja: Dénia's famous red shrimp is expensive (€25–40 for a portion) but genuinely world-class. Restaurants around the marina and Marqués de Campo are the best bets.
- Siesta hours: Small shops and the Castle Museum close around 14:00–17:00. Visit the castle in the morning and save the Els Magazinos market for the late afternoon when it buzzes.
- Ferry port: Dénia is a major Balearic Islands ferry hub. Giant Baleària vessels to Ibiza and Mallorca depart throughout the day — impressive to watch from the waterfront.
- Les Rotes coves: Bring water shoes if you plan to snorkel the rocky southern coastline — the terrain is rugged but the underwater visibility is outstanding.
- Bike rental: Dénia is very bike-friendly. Renting a bicycle near the port lets you cover the northern Las Marinas beach strip or the southern coves in far less time than walking.

Dénia, Alicante, Spain — 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** Túnel del Castell Pedestrian tunnel connecting town to Dénia Castle.
- 3** Cova Tallada Ancient sea cave carved into the cliffside.
- 5** Cape San Antonio, Spain Scenic headland with lighthouse and nature reserve.

- 2** Torre del Gerro Historic 16th-century watchtower offering coastal views.
- 4** Parque Pinosol Family park with picnic areas and playground.
- P** Cruise port / terminal