

El Puerto de Santa María, Andalusia, Spain

The 'City of a Hundred Palaces' sits at the tip of the Sherry Triangle — a compact, walkable Andalusian gem where Columbus planned his first voyage to the Indies, giant bodegas age amber wine in cool darkness, and a legendary seafood shack has served paper-cone prawns since 1952.

 Ferry from Cádiz (30 min)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Euro (€)  Spanish  Sherry Triangle

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Getting Here: 30-min catamaran from Cádiz pier (~€5 each way)

Walk to Centre: 5 min from ferry terminal

Best For: Sherry bodegas, fresh seafood, Baroque history

Don't Miss: Paper-cone prawns at Romerijo + a glass of Fino

 Getting around:  Taxi  €5–€10 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Bodegas Osborne Sherry Tour** — Spain's most iconic sherry house has aged wine here since 1772.
- **Castillo de San Marcos & Columbus Connection** — A 13th-century castle built over a 10th-century Moorish mosque — you can still see the mihrab prayer niche inside.
- **Romerijo Seafood Experience** — El Puerto's most beloved institution: a legendary open-air freiduría and cocedero where you queue, point at prawns, crab claws, or fried cazón de...
- **Playa de la Puntilla Beach** — The town's urban beach sits at the mouth of the Guadalete River, backed by a pine forest.
- **Old Town Palace Walk & Tapas Crawl** — Wander past crumbling 17th-century Baroque 'Palaces of the Indies Merchants' — grand mansions built by merchants who grew rich trading with the...

BEST WALKS

- **Heritage Heart of El Puerto** 1.5 km · 25 min · Easy cobblestones — From the ferry terminal, walk to the Castillo de San Marcos, then up Calle Luna past merchant palaces to the Iglesia Mayor Prioral and its ornate Plateresque Puerta del...
- **Riverside Promenade & Romerijo** 1 km · 15 min · Flat — An easy riverside stroll from the catamaran dock along the Paseo de la Ribera, past moored fishing boats and the grand Plaza de Toros bullring (1880, Neo-Mudéjar...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:51AM–8:59PM · Jun 7:06AM–9:44PM · Aug 7:42AM–9:15PM · Sep 8:07AM–8:31PM · Oct 8:32AM–7:48PM Euro (€)	
Apr	69°	55°	7d		
Jun	81°	66°	2d		
Aug	87°	70°	0d		
Sep	82°	67°	4d		
Oct	77°	63°	7d		

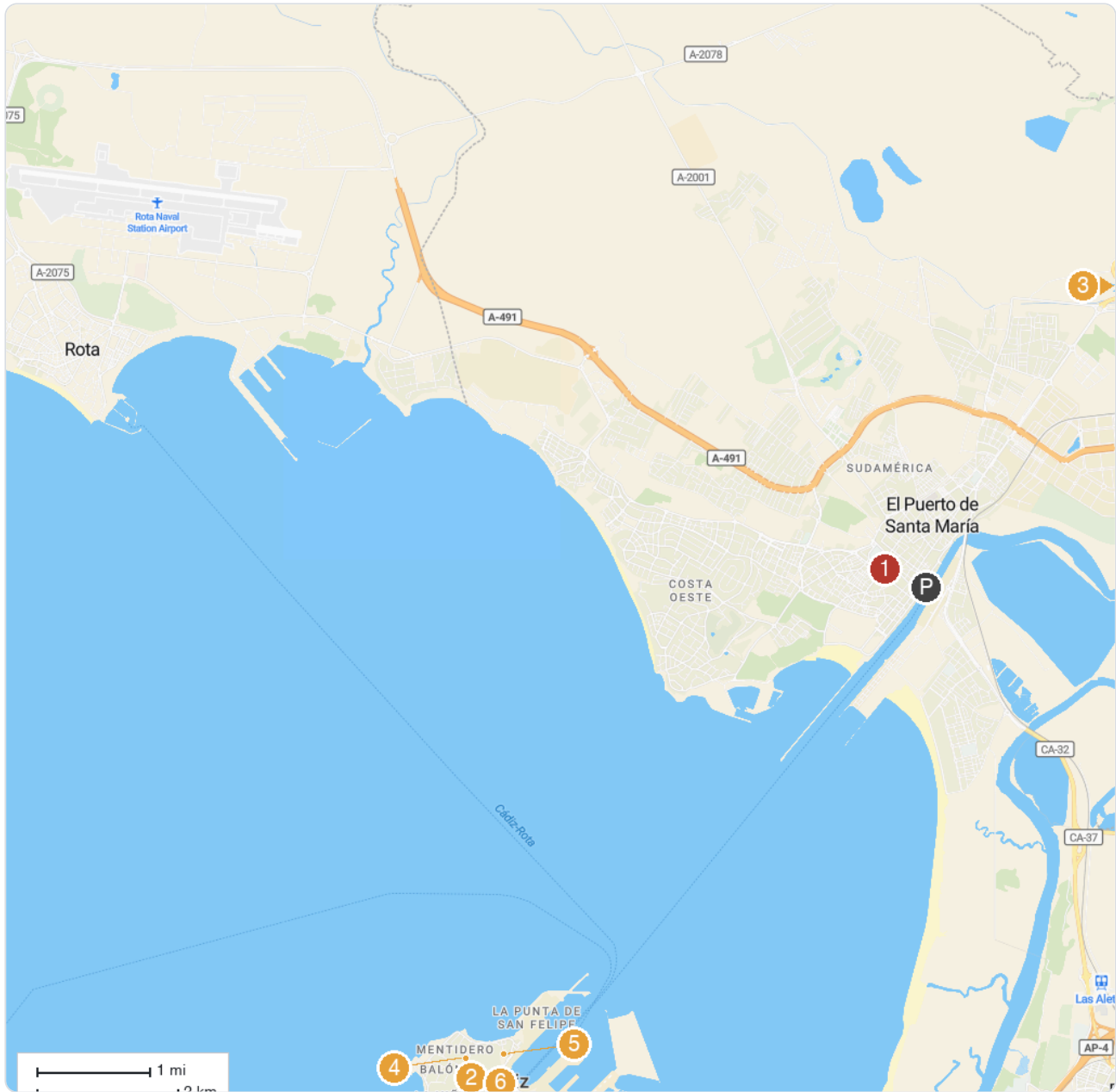
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Ferry first: Check catamaran schedules at the Cádiz pier kiosk as soon as you disembark your ship — frequencies change seasonally and sell out in peak summer.
- Wind warning: The Bay of Cádiz gets strong levante winds. If the catamaran is suspended, a replacement bus runs but takes longer — always leave 90 min before ship departure.
- Siesta is real here: Shops, churches, and smaller attractions close 2–5 PM. Time your bodega tour or long seafood lunch for this window — locals do, and you'll blend right in.
- Book Osborne online: English-language tours at Bodegas Osborne fill up, especially on ship days. Reserve a slot at osborne.es before you sail.
- Cash is handy: Romerijo and some smaller tapas bars are cash-preferred. There are ATMs near Plaza de España. The whole day — ferry, castle, lunch, sherry tasting — can be done for under €50.
- More authentic than Cádiz: Tourism staff speak English, but locals here are not used to cruise crowds. A few words of Spanish go a long way and are warmly received.

El Puerto de Santa María, Andalusia, 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.



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| 1 Real Plaza de Toros | Historic bullring, still hosts events and tours. | 2 Torre Tavira | Historic watchtower with Camera Obscura and city views. |
| 3 Aqualand Bahía de Cádiz | Large water park with slides and pools for all ages. | 4 Parish of St Anthony of Padua | Beautiful parish church dedicated to Saint Anthony of Padua. |
| 5 The 1812 Constitution Monument | Monument commemorating Spain's first constitution, a historical landmark. | 6 Teatro Romano de Cádiz | Ancient Roman theatre ruins, one of Spain's oldest. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |