

Halki Island, Dodecanese, Greece

One of the smallest inhabited Dodecanese islands, Halki has no cars, no crowds, and water so clear it looks photoshopped. Small and boutique cruise ships call here for its unspoiled neoclassical harbour village of Nimborio and some of the calmest bays in the Aegean.

⚓ Small ships dock; larger vessels may tender ⌚ Typical call: 5–8 hrs 💱 Currency: Euro (€) 🗣️ Language: Greek 🚗 Car-free island

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Small ships dock at Nimborio pier; larger vessels anchor and tender into the village

Walk to center: 0 min — tender/dock lands you in the heart of Nimborio

Best For: Tranquil Greek village life, swimming, neoclassical architecture, easy hiking

Don't Miss: Halki pasta (halkitika makaronia) and the pebble-mosaic courtyards of Agios Nikolaos church

🚗 Getting around: 🚕 **Taxi** ✅ €4–€20+ depending on destination · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Chorio Ghost Village & Crusader Castle** — The island's medieval capital, built high on a hill to hide from pirates, was abandoned in the mid-20th century.
- **Pondamos Beach Day** — Halki's only sandy beach is a flat 10–15 minute walk west of the harbour.
- **Ftenagia & Kania Cove Swim** — Two pebble coves within walking distance of town.
- **Boat Trip to Alimia Islet** — Hire a local boat at the harbour to reach Alimia, an uninhabited neighbouring island with abandoned WWII Italian military ruins, a secluded bay, and...
- **Nimborio Village Walk & Church of Agios Nikolaos** — Wander the pastel neoclassical mansions built with 19th-century sponge-diving wealth, then find the Church of Agios Nikolaos with its magnificent...

BEST WALKS

- **Nimborio Waterfront to Pondamos Beach** 1.2 km · 15 min · Easy · Paved path — Head west along the harbour front past the clock tower and tavernas, then follow the flat coastal track to Halki's only sandy beach.
- **Town to Chorio & Castle of the Knights** 2.5 km · 45–60 min · Moderate (steady climb) · Bring water — From the church of Agios Nikolaos, follow the signed cobbled path uphill through terraced fields to the abandoned village of Chorio and its Crusader castle.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇬🇷 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
	Mon	High	Low	Rain	
Apr		66°	54°	6d	Apr 6:36AM–7:43PM · Jun 5:51AM–8:28PM · Aug 6:27AM–7:59PM · Sep 6:52AM–7:16PM · Oct 7:16AM–6:33PM
Jun		82°	70°	3d	
Aug		86°	76°	1d	
Sep		80°	70°	4d	Currency: Euro (€)
Oct		72°	63°	5d	

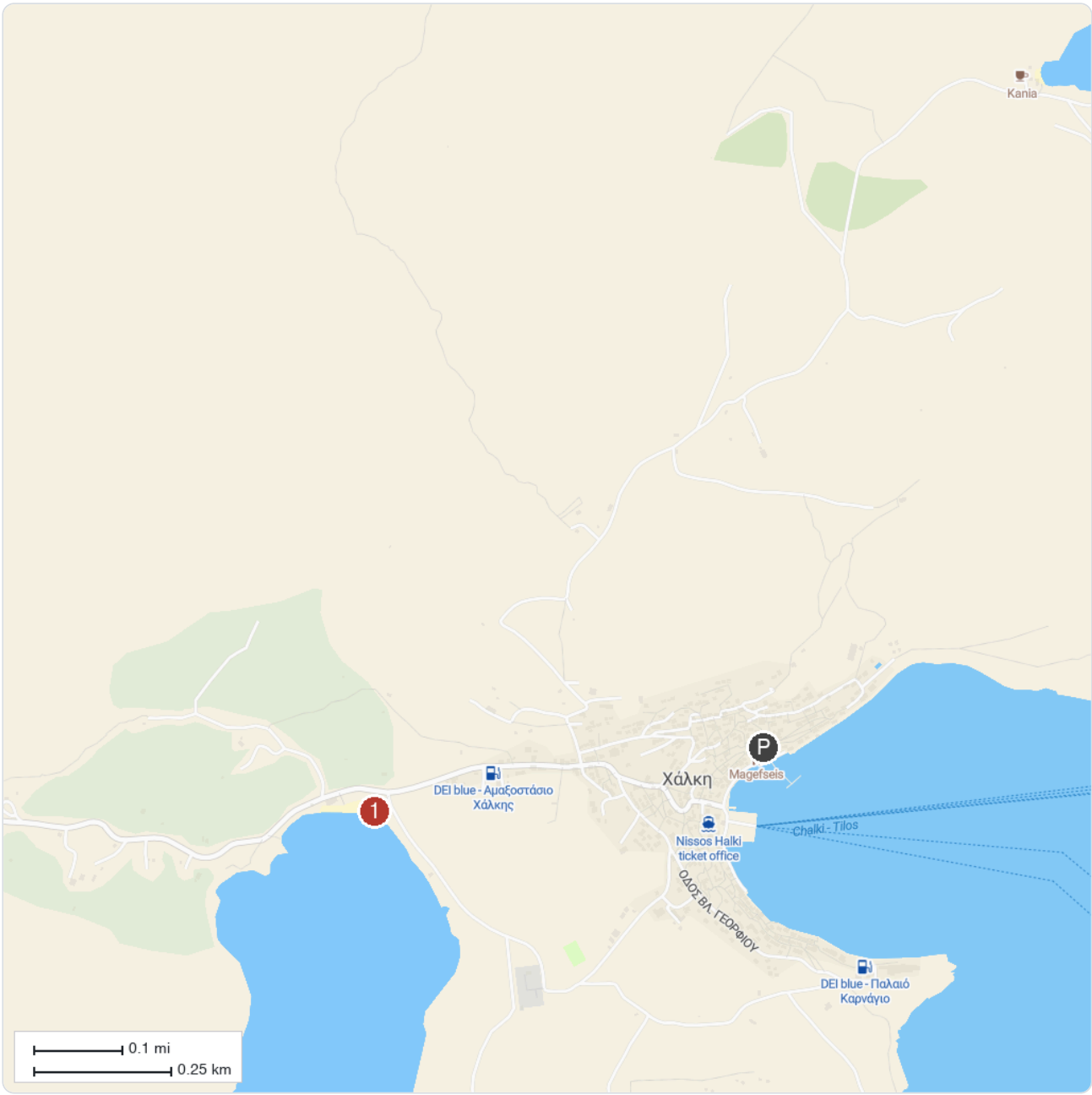
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- No rental vehicles. Halki has one taxi and one minibus. Walk to beaches and Chorio, or arrange the minibus/water taxi at the harbour for more distant spots.
- Bring cash. There is only one ATM in Nimborio and it occasionally runs out. Cards work at most tavernas, but sunbeds, water taxis, and small kiosks want euros.
- Order the local pasta. Halkitika makaronia — hand-made pasta with caramelised onions and local mizithra cheese — is unique to this island and worth every euro.
- Shade is scarce. Halki is rocky and barren. Hat, sunscreen, and a full water bottle are essential for any walk, especially the Chorio hike in summer.
- Greece's first solar island. Halki generates its own electricity via a solar park and uses an electric municipal fleet — worth knowing if you want a conversation starter with locals.
- Snorkel gear pays off. Water visibility at Ftenagia and Alimia can exceed 20 m. Pack a mask and fins if you have room — rental options on the island are limited.

Halki Island, Dodecanese, Greece — 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 **Pondamos Beach** The island's main sandy beach, shallow and family-friendly.

P **Cruise port / terminal**