

Hydra Island, Saronic Gulf, Greece

No cars. No motorbikes. No noise except church bells, donkey hooves, and waves. Hydra is the rare Greek island that bans all motor vehicles — and it's glorious.

- Tender (no pier)
- Typical call: 6-8 hrs
- Euro (€)
- Greek / English widely spoken
- Car-free island

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore; 5-10 min tender ride to harbor
Best For: Walking, swimming off rocky ledges, Greek history, photography
Walk to center: Immediate — tender drops you on the harbor promenade
Don't Miss: Amygdalota almond cookies from Tsagaris, Hydronetta rock-platform swim

Getting around: Taxi €19–€27 per trip · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Hydra Town Wandering & Harbor Cannons** — Explore the protected stone mansions (Hydra is a state-protected historic settlement), climb to the old cannons flanking the harbor entrance for...
- Hydronetta & Spilia Rock Platforms** — A short 5-10 minute walk west from the harbor leads to concrete ledges and sea-level bars where you can swim directly in crystal-clear deep water.
- Lazaros Kountouriotis Mansion Museum** — This ochre mansion overlooking the harbor belonged to a key figure in the Greek War of Independence.
- Coastal Walk to Kamini & Vlychos** — Follow the flat coastal path west past Spilia and Hydronetta to the fishing village of Kamini (20 min), then continue to Vlychos beach (40 min) for...
- Water Taxi to Bisti Beach** — For the ultimate beach experience, negotiate a water taxi from the harbor to Bisti or Agios Nikolaos (15-20 min each way).

BEST WALKS

- Harbor to Hydronetta** 1.5 km · 15 min one-way · Easy, mostly flat — Head west along the waterfront promenade past the cannons, continue along the coastal path to the Spilia and Hydronetta rock-platform bars and swimming spots.
- Backstreets & Mansions Loop** 2 km · 45 min · Moderate (steep cobblestone steps) — From the harbor, head up into the labyrinth of stone alleys behind the cathedral.
- Coastal Path to Kamini** 2.5 km · 25 min one-way · Easy — A flat, scenic coastal track leads from the harbor to the quiet fishing village of Kamini with its small pebble beach and excellent seafood taverna.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	68°	56°	5d
Jun	84°	71°	4d
Aug	91°	78°	2d
Sep	83°	72°	4d
Oct	75°	65°	4d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:51AM–8:01PM · Jun 6:05AM–8:48PM · Aug 6:42AM–8:17PM · Sep 7:08AM–7:33PM · Oct 7:34AM–6:48PM

Euro (€)

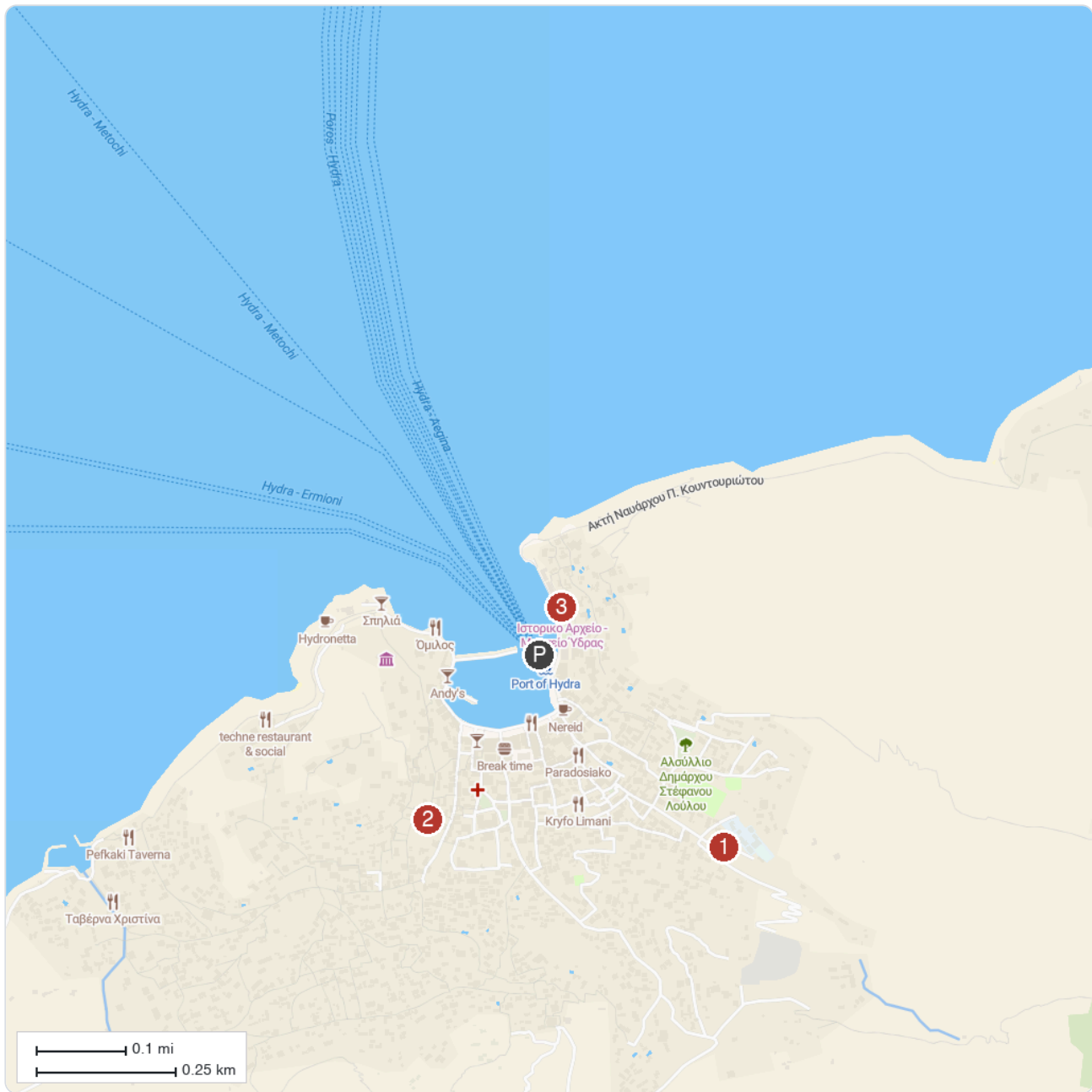
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear flat, grippy shoes. Hydra's cobblestones are ancient, uneven, and slick — high heels and flimsy flip-flops are a recipe for a twisted ankle.
- Queue early for return tenders. Afternoon tender lines grow fast. Be at the tender dock at least 45 minutes before 'all aboard' time.
- Try amygdalota cookies. Tsagaris pastry shop (just off the harbor) sells these traditional almond cookies — naturally gluten-free and utterly addictive.
- Negotiate water taxi fares before boarding. Agree on a round-trip price with the water taxi drivers at the harbor dock before you get in, especially for beach runs.
- Summer heat is serious. With no shade on many paths and zero vehicles to hitch a ride with, bring water and start beach walks early in the day.
- Respect the donkeys. Mules and donkeys carry luggage in extreme heat. Animal welfare advocates advise against riding them as tourists — opt for walking or water taxis instead.

Hydra Island, Saronic Gulf, 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.



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| 1 Harriets Hydra Horses | Enjoy scenic horseback riding tours around Hydra. | 2 Mansion of Lazaros Kountouriotis | Explore a wealthy 18th-century shipowner's historic mansion. |
| 3 Historical Archive - Museum of Hydra | Discover Hydra's rich maritime history and archives. | P Cruise port / terminal | |