

Igoumenitsa, Epirus, Greece

Northwest Greece's gateway port punches above its modest looks. Dock steps from a pine-rimmed gulf, then fan out to UNESCO monasteries perched on Meteora's spires, the mythological Acheron River, or the candy-colored town of Parga.

Pier (always docked)

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

Euro (€)

Greek / English widely spoken at port

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Deep-water berth at New Port — always docked, no tender

Best For: Day trips: Meteora, Parga, Acheron River, Butrint (Albania)

Walk to center: ~1.5 km (15–20 min flat walk) to waterfront promenade

Don't Miss: Bella Vraka beach at Syvota — shallow turquoise walk to a tiny island

Getting around: Taxi €4–€6 · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Meteora Monasteries** — Six Eastern Orthodox monasteries perched atop towering sandstone pillars — one of the most surreal sights in all of Europe.
 - Acheron River (River Styx)** — Trek through the crystal-clear gorge of the mythological underworld river.
- Parga — the Ionian Jewel** — A colorful hillside town draped around a Venetian castle overlooking turquoise bays.
 - Butrint Archaeological Site, Albania** — Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Venetian ruins layered inside a national park on an Albanian peninsula.
 - Bella Vraka Beach at Syvota** — Walk through knee-deep turquoise water to a green islet — dubbed the 'Caribbean of Greece'.

BEST WALKS

- Waterfront Promenade Walk** 1.5 km · 20 min · Flat — From the New Port terminal, walk north along the coastal road to the city's main Paralia (promenade).
- Town Center & Archaeological Museum** 2 km loop · 40 min · Flat — Continue from the promenade into the town center to find the Archaeological Museum of Igoumenitsa, which displays artifacts from the Paleolithic through Byzantine eras.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		66°	51°	9d
Jun		82°	67°	6d
Aug		88°	72°	4d
Sep		80°	66°	8d
Oct		72°	58°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:01AM–8:16PM · Jun 6:11AM–9:07PM · Aug 6:51AM–8:34PM · Sep 7:20AM–7:47PM · Oct 7:49AM–6:59PM

Euro (€)

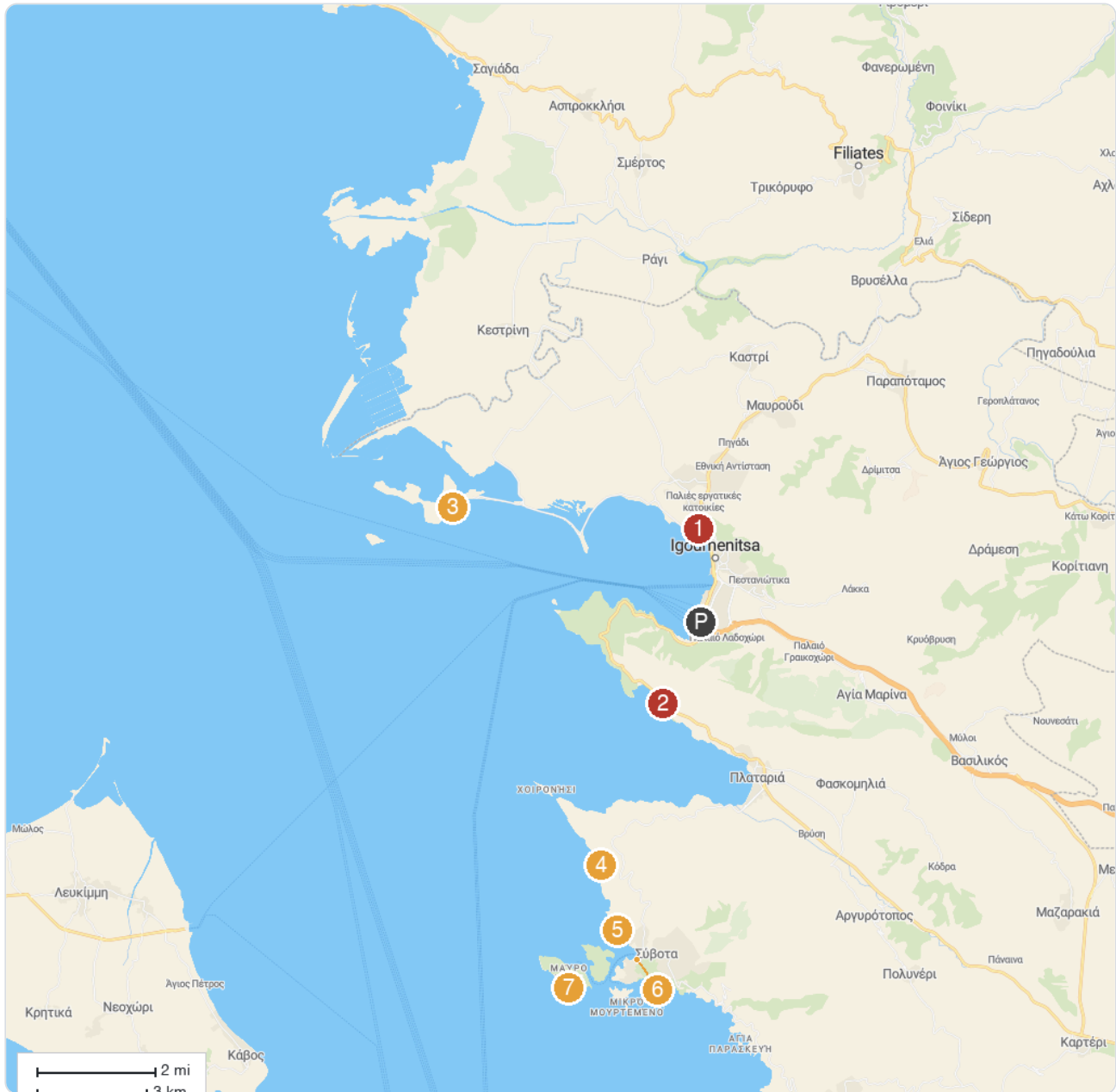
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Rent a car at the terminal — agencies sit right at the port and the main highway (Egnatia Odos) is modern and easy. It's the most efficient way to reach Parga, Meteora, or the Acheron independently.
- Meteora = ship excursion only — it's 1.5–2 hrs each way. DIY only if your call ends late (5+ PM). If you self-drive and hit traffic, you miss the ship.
- Albania trips need your passport — Butrint is across the Greek-Albanian border. Make sure your passport is with you, not in the cabin safe.
- Siesta closes shops 2–5:30 PM — local businesses shut in the afternoon. Stock up on supplies or sit at a waterfront cafe instead of trying to shop mid-afternoon.
- Cash for taxis and small cafes — cards work at most restaurants but rural sites and taxis often prefer euros in hand.
- This is 'green' Greece — the Epirus region is lush, wet, and mountainous, nothing like the dry Cyclades. Bring a light layer if heading inland or to the Acheron gorge.

Igoumenitsa, Epirus, 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** **Archaeological Museum of Igoumenitsa** Museum displaying ancient artifacts from Thesprotia region.
- 3** **Παραλία Πεθαμένου** Quiet, scenic beach with calm waters, perfect for relaxation.
- 5** **Zeri Beach** Family-friendly sandy beach with shallow waters and amenities.
- 7** **Papanikolis Cave, Syvota Greece** Impressive sea cave accessible by boat, famous for its history.

- 2** **Παραλία Ελιά** Secluded beach known for its clear waters and olive trees.
- 4** **Παραλία Πλάκες** Pebble beach with flat rocks, ideal for sunbathing.
- 6** **#Sivota** Charming coastal village with stunning beaches and turquoise waters.
- P** **Cruise port / terminal**