

Ios Island, Cyclades, Greece

A Cycladic gem of whitewashed alleyways, turquoise coves, and Bronze Age secrets — best experienced in the tranquil morning hours before the island wakes.

 Tender port (no pier)

 Typical call: 6–8 hrs

 Currency: Euro

 Language: Greek

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Gialos marina

Best For: Beaches, Cycladic architecture, archaeology

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €3–€8

Walk to Chora: 20 min uphill or 5-min bus (€2)

Don't Miss: Chora old town early morning; Skarkos Bronze Age site

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Chora Old Town & Windmills** — Wander the labyrinthine whitewashed alleys of Chora, lined with blue-domed churches and bougainvillea.
 - Mylopotas Beach Day** — A sweeping arc of golden sand and brilliant turquoise water.
 - Skarkos Bronze Age Settlement** — A UNESCO-nominated circular settlement dating to 2800 BC, among the best-preserved Early
- Cycladic sites in Greece.

 - Koumbara Beach** — A quieter, sheltered sandy cove a 20-minute flat walk northwest of the Gialos tender dock.
 - ATV Ride to Homer's Tomb** — Rent an ATV at the port and wind up mountain roads to Plakoto on the island's north tip, where locals claim the poet Homer was buried.

BEST WALKS

- Gialos Port to Chora via the Donkey Path** 1.2 km · 20 min · Uphill — From the Gialos marina, follow the signs up the old paved stone donkey path to Chora.
- Chora to Skarkos Archaeological Site** 0.8 km · 15 min · Easy downhill — From Chora's main square, head downhill toward the valley.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	66°	58°	4d
Jun	80°	70°	2d
Aug	83°	76°	0d
Sep	79°	72°	2d
Oct	72°	66°	2d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:45AM–7:53PM · Jun 5:59AM–8:39PM · Aug 6:36AM–8:09PM · Sep 7:01AM–7:26PM · Oct 7:26AM–6:42PM

Currency: Euro

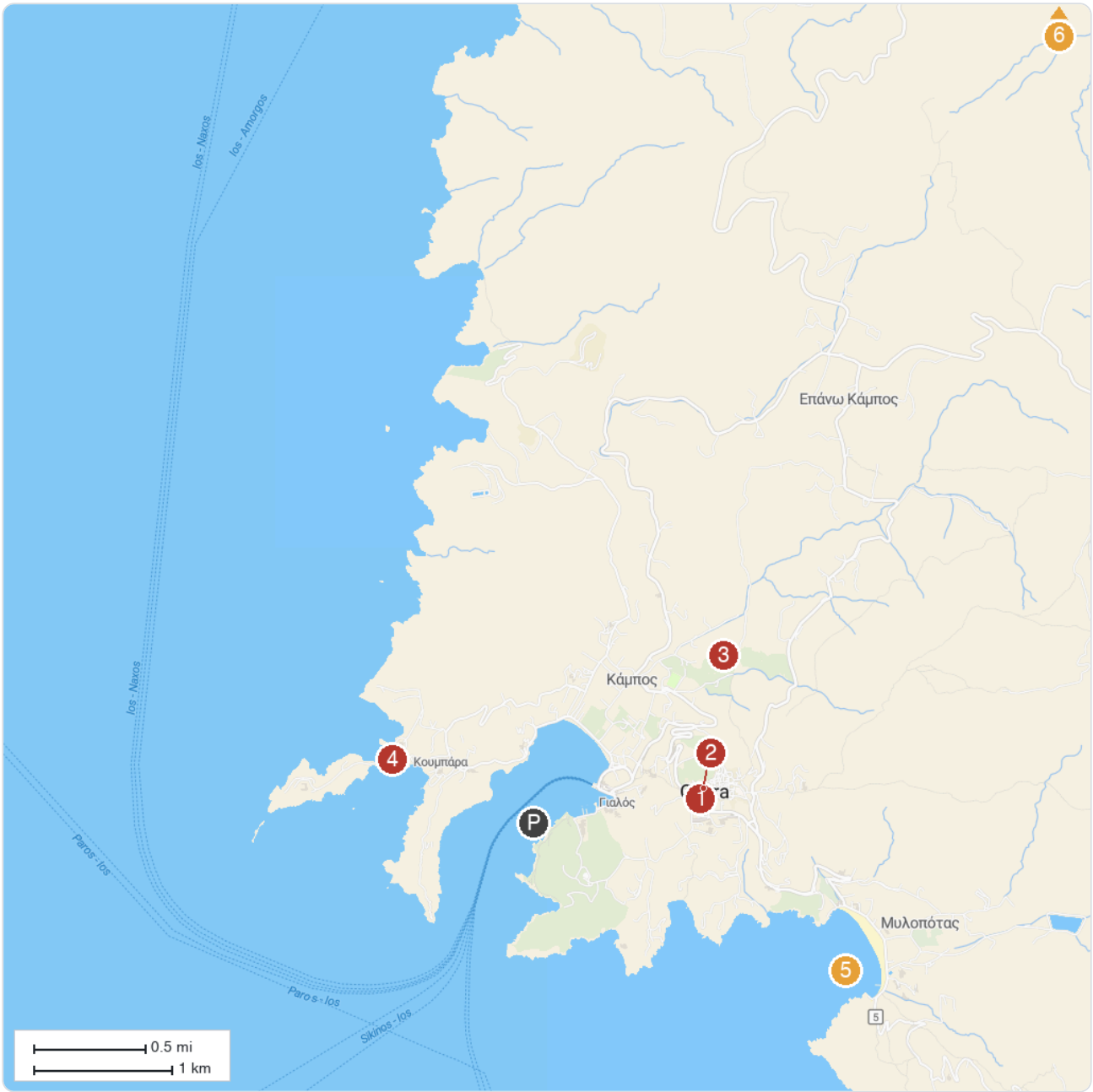
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Go to Chora first thing. Party-goers sleep in — arrive early for empty, photogenic streets. By noon the alleys fill up.
- Wear proper shoes. Chora's polished cobblestones are slippery even when dry. Skip sandals with smooth soles.
- Rely on the KTEL bus. Taxis are few and often pre-booked. The blue bus (€2 cash, pay onboard) links port–Chora–Mylopotas every 15–20 min.
- Watch your tender time. The last tender won't wait. Set a reminder — allow 20 min to get back to the Gialos marina plus 15 min buffer.
- Try skotyri cheese. Ios's spiced local goat/sheep cheese is unique to the island. Find it at tavernas in Chora or at the small deli near the port.
- Carry small cash. Cards accepted most places, but the bus and kiosks are cash-only. ATMs available in Chora.

Ios Island, Cyclades, 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 Panagia Gremiotissa | Iconic hilltop church above Chora with sweeping sea views. | 2 Chora Windmills | Row of restored stone windmills overlooking Chora's whitewashed lanes. |
| 3 Skarkos Archaeological Site | Well-preserved Early Bronze Age hilltop settlement near Chora. | 4 Koumbara Beach | Sheltered sandy cove a short walk west of the Gialos tender dock. |
| 5 Mylopotas Beach | Ios's best-known beach — long stretch of sand, clear water, watersports. | 6 Homer's Tomb | Cenotaph on a hill in Plakoto said to honor the poet Homer. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |