

Izmir, Aegean, Turkey

Turkey's most cosmopolitan city anchors an Aegean coast dripping with history — from the world-class ruins of Ephesus to the smoky lanes of Kemeralti Bazaar and the breezy Kordon promenade.

- Docked (Alsancak Pier)
- Typical call: 8–10 hrs
- Turkish Lira (TRY)
- Turkish (English widely spoken in tourist areas)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Alsancak Port — no tender required

Walk to center: 15–20 min walk along the Kordon to Konak Square; taxis plentiful

Best For: Ephesus day trip, bazaar browsing, waterfront dining

Don't Miss: Library of Celsus at Ephesus and the Kemeralti Bazaar

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ ₺150–180 (~\$3–4 USD) · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Ephesus & the Library of Celsus** — One of the best-preserved Roman cities on earth, 80 km south of Izmir.
- **Kemeralti Bazaar & Ancient Agora** — Lose yourself in Izmir's 17th-century market — a labyrinth of spice stalls, carpet shops, Ottoman caravanserais, mosques, and synagogues.
- **Kadifekale (Velvet Castle)** — Izmir's ancient hilltop citadel, built during Alexander the Great's era, offers sweeping panoramas over the Gulf of Izmir.
- **Turkish Breakfast & Local Food Walk** — Izmir has its own culinary identity.
- **Şirince Village & Wine Tasting** — Combine an Ephesus visit with a stop in Şirince, a whitewashed hilltop village famous for its fruit wines (pomegranate, peach, apple).

BEST WALKS

- **Kordon Promenade to Konak Square** 2.5 km · 30–35 min · Flat, paved — Walk south along the Kordon waterfront promenade from Alsancak Port past outdoor cafes, palm trees, and ferry piers to Konak Square and Izmir's iconic Clock Tower.
- **Kemeralti Bazaar & Ancient Agora Loop** 2 km · 2–3 hrs exploring · Cobblestones — From Konak Square, plunge into Kemeralti Bazaar along Anafartalar Caddesi.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:35AM–7:47PM · Jun 5:47AM–8:36PM · Aug 6:26AM–8:05PM · Sep 6:53AM–7:19PM · Oct 7:20AM–6:33PM	
Apr	69°	51°	7d		
Jun	86°	67°	6d		
Aug	95°	73°	2d		
Sep	87°	67°	3d		
Oct	76°	58°	4d		

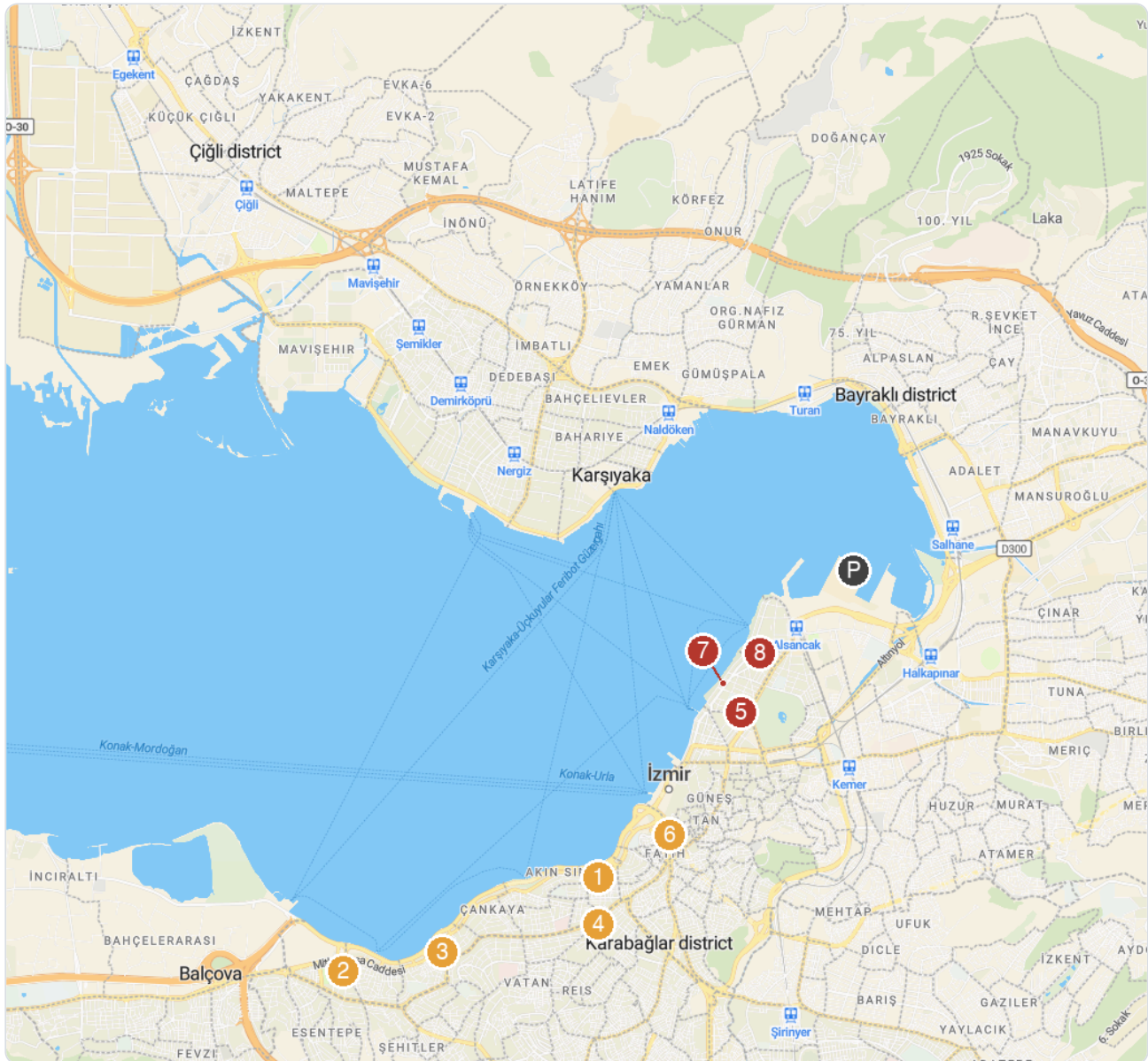
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use city-centre ATMs for Lira. Exchange desks at the terminal offer poor rates. Turkish Lira is needed for trams, buses, and market stalls, though taxis and tourist shops accept Euros/USD at a worse rate.
- Entering mosques: Shoulders and knees must be covered. Women need a head covering. This applies to Hisar Mosque in the bazaar and other mosques en route.
- Book Ephesus tours in advance. It's 80 km each way. Ship-sold excursions guarantee on-time return; independent operators are cheaper but give yourself a 1-hour buffer before all-aboard.
- Eat boyoz for breakfast. This flaky sesame-seed pastry is Izmir's signature snack — Sephardic Jewish heritage, sold fresh from bakeries near the bazaar and along the Kordon.
- Summer heat is real. June–September brings 35°C+. Start early, carry water, and wear a hat. Spring (April–May) and autumn (September–October) are far more comfortable.
- Pickpockets in the bazaar. Kemeralti is generally safe but crowded. Keep bags in front and don't flash valuables in narrow lanes near Havra Sokak.

Izmir, Aegean, Turkey — 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 İzmir Historical Elevator Building | Historic elevator offering city views and connecting streets. | 2 Ahmed Adnan Saygun Sanat Merkezi | Modern concert hall and cultural arts performance venue. |
| 3 İzmir Büyükşehir Belediyesi Susuzdede Parkı | Scenic city park with green spaces and sea views. | 4 Karabağlar Belediyesi Uğur Mumcu Parkı | Relaxing urban park dedicated to journalist Uğur Mumcu. |
| 5 St. John's Cathedral | Historic Roman Catholic cathedral in Izmir city center. | 6 İzmir Archaeological Museum | Museum showcasing ancient artifacts from Izmir and Aegean region. |
| 7 Arkas Sanat Alsancak | Contemporary art gallery featuring diverse exhibitions in Alsancak. | 8 İzmir Mask Museum | Unique museum displaying a diverse collection of masks. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |