

Kalamata, Peloponnese, Greece

Capital of Messinia and birthplace of the world's most famous olive, Kalamata blends Byzantine churches, a hilltop Frankish fortress, and easy access to some of the Peloponnese's finest ancient sites.

 Pier (docked)  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  Euro (€)  Greek

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock at the main quay

Best For: Ancient ruins, olive culture, Peloponnese day trips

Walk to center: 15-20 min along the waterfront promenade

Don't Miss: Ancient Messene — one of Greece's best-preserved ancient cities

 Getting around:  Taxi  €5–€10

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Ancient Messene** — One of Greece's most remarkably preserved Hellenistic cities, just 40 minutes from port.
- **Mystras & Sparta** — Drive through the scenic Langada Pass to visit legendary Ancient Sparta and the nearby Byzantine ruins of Mystras — a UNESCO World Heritage site of...
- **Methoni Venetian Castle** — A dramatic Venetian sea fortress at the tip of the Messinian peninsula, connected to a tiny island by a causeway.
- **Kalamata Olive & Food Tour** — Kalamata olives are arguably the world's most famous variety — visit an olive grove and mill, learn the production process, and taste olive oil...
- **Voidokilia Beach & Gialova Lagoon** — A perfectly circular sandy bay framed by dunes — one of Greece's most photogenic beaches — paired with the Gialova Lagoon, the largest wetland in the...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Old Town & Castle** 4 km round trip · 1.5-2 hrs · Easy-moderate — From the pier, walk the Navarinou promenade past cafés and the beach to the city centre.
- **Market & Archaeological Museum Loop** 2 km · 45 min · Easy — A flat city walk taking in the Municipal Market — heaving with olives, olive oil, fresh produce, and local specialties — then a short detour to the Archaeological Museum...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:57AM–8:06PM · Jun 6:11AM–8:52PM · Aug 6:48AM–8:22PM · Sep 7:13AM–7:38PM · Oct 7:39AM–6:54PM Euro (€)	
Apr	68°	51°	5d		
Jun	85°	66°	5d		
Aug	91°	72°	2d		
Sep	84°	67°	5d		
Oct	75°	60°	6d		

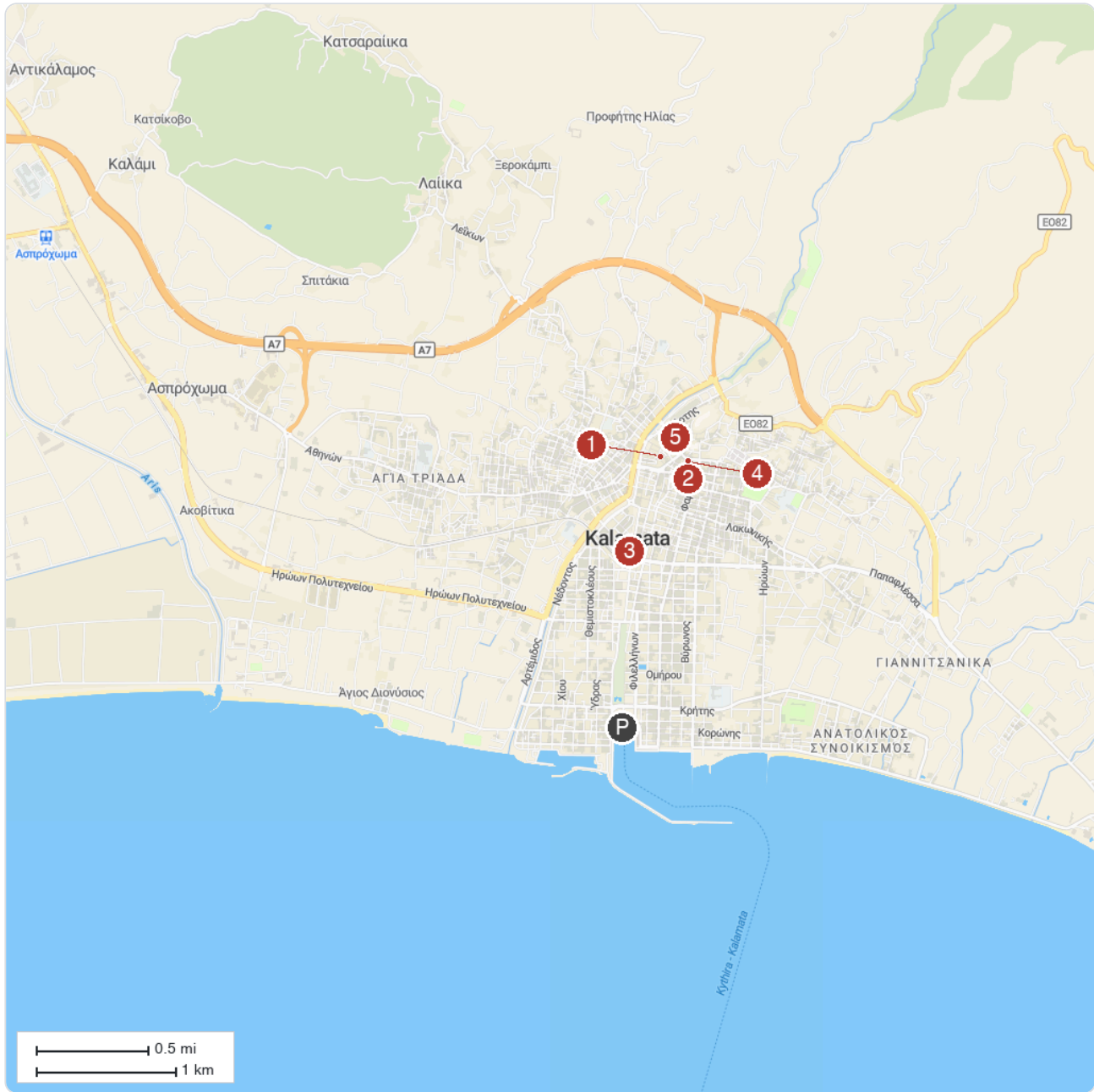
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Buy olives at the market, not the port. The Central Municipal Market has the best prices and selection — vacuum-packed Kalamata olives and quality olive oil make ideal gifts.
- Ancient Messene is unmissable if your ship gives you 7+ hours. It's on par with Olympia or Delphi but far less crowded — a rewarding taxi or tour day trip.
- Summers are hot and dry. Bring a hat and water for any castle or ruins visit. Early-morning departures are cooler and beat the midday heat.
- ATMs are plentiful in the city centre and on the waterfront. Most restaurants and shops accept cards, but carry some cash for the market and taxis.
- Taxis are good value for day trips — negotiate a flat return price at the pier. A return to Ancient Messene for 1-4 people typically runs €70-90, far cheaper than ship excursions.
- No tendering needed. Ships dock directly at the quay — skip the tender queue worry and plan your time ashore with confidence.

Kalamata, Peloponnese, 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 Archaeological Museum of Messinia | Ancient artifacts from Messinia's history, housed in a former market. | 2 Victoria Karelias Collection of Traditional Greek Costumes | Exquisite collection of authentic traditional Greek costumes and jewelry. |
| 3 Central Square of Kalamata | Lively main square with cafes, shops, and local activity. | 4 Πολεμικό Μουσείο Καλαμάτας | Exhibits on Greece's military history, focusing on local conflicts. |
| 5 Historical and Folklore Museum of Kalamata | Local history and traditional life exhibits in a historic mansion. | P Cruise port / terminal | |