

Kalymnos Island, Dodecanese, Greece

The rugged Dodecanese island that built its wealth on deep-sea sponge diving and reinvented itself as one of the world's great rock-climbing destinations — all wrapped around a vibrant harbor town with excellent seafood.

 Tender (large ships) / Docked (small ships)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: Greek (English widely spoken)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Small/expedition ships dock at Pothia quay; large cruise ships tender to the main harbor

Best For: Sponge diving history, rock climbing, authentic Greek island atmosphere, beaches

Walk to center: You step ashore directly into Pothia — town center is immediate

Don't Miss: Lady of Kalymnos bronze statue at the Archaeological Museum and a sponge-factory tour on the waterfront

 Getting around:  Taxi  €5–€15

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Pothia Sponge Diving Walking Tour** — Trace Kalymnos's seafaring past through the neoclassical mansions built on sponge wealth, a waterfront sponge workshop demonstration, and the...
- **Rock Climbing at Massouri & Grande Grotta** — Kalymnos has over 4,000 sport climbing routes on solid limestone cliffs above the west-coast villages.
- **Massouri & Telendos Island Beach Day** — Kalymnos's best beaches line the west coast near Massouri and Myrties, with clear turquoise water and dramatic cliff backdrops.
- **Vathy Fjord Village** — On Kalymnos's east coast, a dramatic gorge opens onto the tiny fishing village of Vathy, sitting at the head of a narrow fjord.
- **Agios Savvas Monastery & Castle Views** — The stone monastery of Agios Savvas clings above Pothia and delivers the best panoramic shot of the harbor, your ship, and the surrounding islands.

BEST WALKS

- **Pothia Harbourfront & Old Town** 1–2 hrs · Easy · All on foot — From the quay, follow the waterfront road past sponge workshops and tavernas, then duck into the backstreets to find the neoclassical merchants' mansions.
- **Castle of Chrysocheria & Windmills** 1.5 hrs · Moderate · Uphill walk — A 20-minute uphill walk from the port brings you to the ruined Knights of St.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:38AM–7:46PM · Jun 5:52AM–8:33PM · Aug 6:29AM–8:03PM · Sep 6:54AM–7:19PM · Oct 7:19AM–6:35PM	
Apr	67°	59°	5d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	80°	72°	2d		
Aug	85°	77°	0d		
Sep	81°	73°	2d		
Oct	74°	67°	3d		

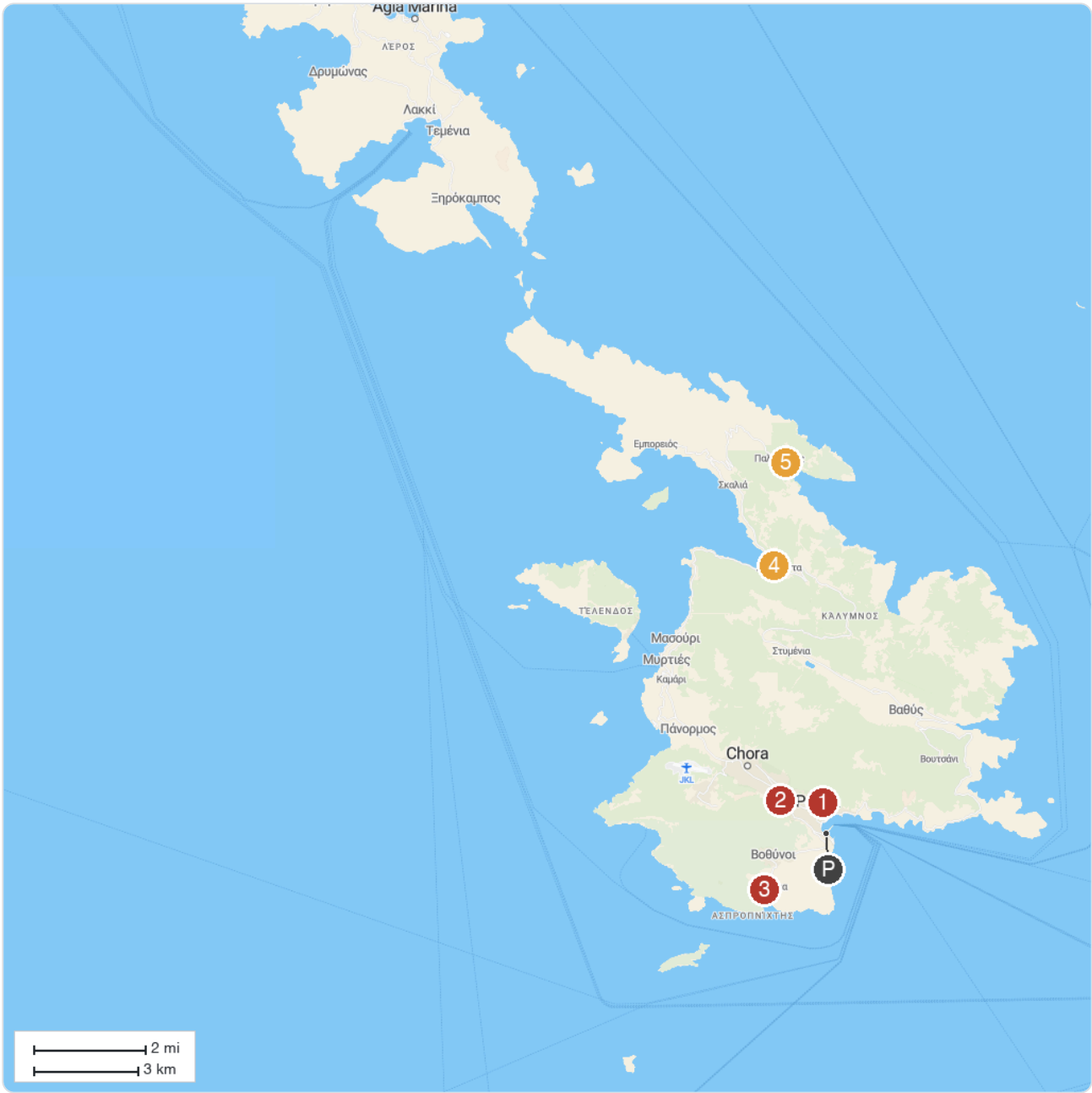
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timings matter: Tender queues on large ships can be long. Head down early to secure a spot, especially if you have a west-coast beach or climbing excursion planned.
- Taxis are unmetered — agree on the fare before you get in. Pothia to Massouri/Myrties runs about €15–20 one-way. Drivers are generally reliable.
- Carry cash for taxis, buses, and small beach bars. Cards are accepted at most restaurants and shops in Pothia, but less reliably at small stands and on the bus.
- Buy sponges at the source. Natural Kalymnian sea sponges sold on the waterfront are the real thing — sustainably harvested and far better quality than tourist-market imports.
- Local specialties to try: Kalymnian thyme honey is exceptional. Also look for mermizeli (barley-rusk salad with local goat cheese) and fresh grilled octopus at waterfront tavernas.
- Best beach for a short call: Kantouni Beach (15 min taxi, golden sand, clear water, beach bars) is the easiest organized beach for a quick swim without going all the way to Massouri.

Kalymnos Island, Dodecanese, 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 Kalymnos Archaeological Museum | Museum showcasing ancient Kalymnian artifacts and history. | 2 Chrysocheria Castle | Medieval Knights Hospitaller castle ruins with panoramic views. |
| 3 Vlychadia Beach | Secluded pebble beach with clear waters and a small cave. | 4 Arginonta Beach | Quiet, scenic pebble beach perfect for swimming and relaxation. |
| 5 Palionisos Kalimnou | Remote, stunning bay with crystal-clear waters, accessible by boat. | P Cruise port / terminal | |