

Karpathos, Dodecanese, Greece

One of Greece's last unspoiled islands, Karpathos rewards curious cruisers with world-class beaches, a medieval mountain village where women still wear traditional embroidered dress daily, and the kind of taverna seafood that belongs on a postcard.

-  Pier (small ships) / Tender (large ships)
-  Typical call: 6-8 hrs
-  Euro (€)
-  Greek (English spoken in town)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Small/mid ships dock at Pigadia pier; large ships anchor and tender ashore

Walk to center: 2-5 min flat walk from pier to Pigadia harbor promenade

Best For: Authentic Greek culture, dramatic beaches, village exploration

Don't Miss: Olympos village (1 hr north) and a plate of local makarounes pasta

 Getting around:  Taxi  €7–€15

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Olympos Living Village** — Drive 43 km north on scenic mountain roads to Olympos, a village that time forgot.
- Apella Beach** — Consistently rated one of the best beaches in Europe.
- Kyra Panagia Beach** — A stunning cove of fine pebbles and emerald water flanked by steep cliffs, crowned by the iconic red-domed church of Kyra Panagia.
- Menetes Village & Acropolis** — The whitewashed medieval village of Menetes clings dramatically to a clifftop just 15 minutes from port.
- Pigadia Harbor Lunch** — The harbor promenade is lined with traditional tavernas serving Karpathos specialties: makarounes (handmade pasta with caramelized onions and local...

BEST WALKS

- Harbor Promenade Stroll** 30-45 min · Flat · Walkable from pier — Exit the port and walk the pedestrian harbor front lined with cafes, tavernas, and souvenir shops.
- Pigadia Beach Walk** 20 min walk · Flat · Free beach — Turn right out of the port and follow the coastal path 15-20 minutes to Pigadia Town Beach — a long stretch of sand and shingle with sunbeds, umbrellas, and beachfront...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌡️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇬🇷 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:59AM–8:13PM · Jun 6:08AM–9:04PM · Aug 6:49AM–8:31PM · Sep 7:17AM–7:44PM · Oct 7:46AM–6:56PM	
Apr	61°	41°	13d	Euro (€)	
Jun	77°	55°	11d		
Aug	84°	60°	6d		
Sep	75°	54°	9d		
Oct	67°	47°	9d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Rent a car at the port. Rental offices are steps from the gangway. Without wheels, you're limited to Pigadia town and the beach — a car unlocks Olympos, Apella, and Kyra Panagia.
- Meltemi wind in summer. July–August winds can be fierce on exposed beaches. If it's blowing, head to sheltered Amoopi Bay (15 min drive south) instead of northern beaches.
- Order makarounes. This handmade pasta with caramelized onions and local myzithra cheese is the island's signature dish — you won't find it anywhere else.
- Olympos takes a half-day. Allow at least 1 hour each way plus 1-2 hours in the village. Don't attempt it if your port call is under 6 hours.
- Bring some cash. Cards are accepted in Pigadia and Olympos, but small beach tavernas and local craft sellers often prefer euros.
- Tender buffer time. If your ship anchors, check the last tender time carefully — mid-afternoon queues can be long, especially in summer.

Karpathos, 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.



- 1

Chapel Of Agia Fotini A small, picturesque chapel by the sea.
- 2

Poseidon's Temple Ancient ruins of a temple dedicated to Poseidon.
- 3

Παραλία Μεγάλη Αμμουπη Megali Ammopi Beach: A large sandy beach with clear waters.
- 4

Kastelia Beach A quiet pebble beach with stunning views.
- P

Cruise port / terminal