

Katakolon, Elis, Greece

A tiny fishing village on the Ionian Sea, Katakolon is the jumping-off point for one of the ancient world's most sacred sites — Olympia, where the Olympic Games were born 3,000 years ago.

Docked (pier at village)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: Greek

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alongside at the Katakolon cruise pier — village shops are steps away

Walk to center: 2 min from ship to the waterfront promenade

Best For: Ancient Olympia, history lovers, easy village strolls

Don't Miss: The Temple of Zeus and the original Olympic Stadium at Ancient Olympia

Getting around: **Taxi** €80–€150 per vehicle (round trip) · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Ancient Olympia & the Archaeological Museum** — Walk the original Olympic Stadium, see the ruins of the Temple of Zeus and the Altis sanctuary, then explore the museum housing the stunning Hermes...
 - Museum of the History of the Olympic Games in Antiquity** — Smaller and less crowded than the main archaeological museum, this museum in Olympia village focuses specifically on the ancient Games — the events...
- Agios Andreas Beach** — A sandy beach a few kilometres outside Katakolon village.
 - Waterfront Lunch in Katakolon** — Katakolon's promenade has a handful of tavernas serving fresh seafood, Greek salads, and local wine.
 - Ancient Olympia & Foloi Oak Forest Combo** — Some excursions pair Olympia with a stop at the Foloi oak forest, one of Europe's largest and oldest oak forests — mythological home of the Centaurs...

BEST WALKS

- Katakolon Waterfront Promenade** 30 min · Flat · Scenic — Walk the entire length of the Katakolon waterfront from the cruise pier to the old lighthouse.
- Village Center & Market Street** 20 min · Flat · Shopping — Katakolon's main street behind the waterfront has a cluster of Greek jewelry boutiques (the town is known for gold and silver work), along with small cafes and bakeries.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		67°	53°	7d
Jun		83°	67°	5d
Aug		91°	73°	3d
Sep		83°	68°	6d
Oct		75°	61°	9d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:59AM–8:10PM · Jun 6:12AM–8:57PM · Aug 6:50AM–8:27PM · Sep 7:16AM–7:42PM · Oct 7:43AM–6:57PM

Currency: Euro (€)

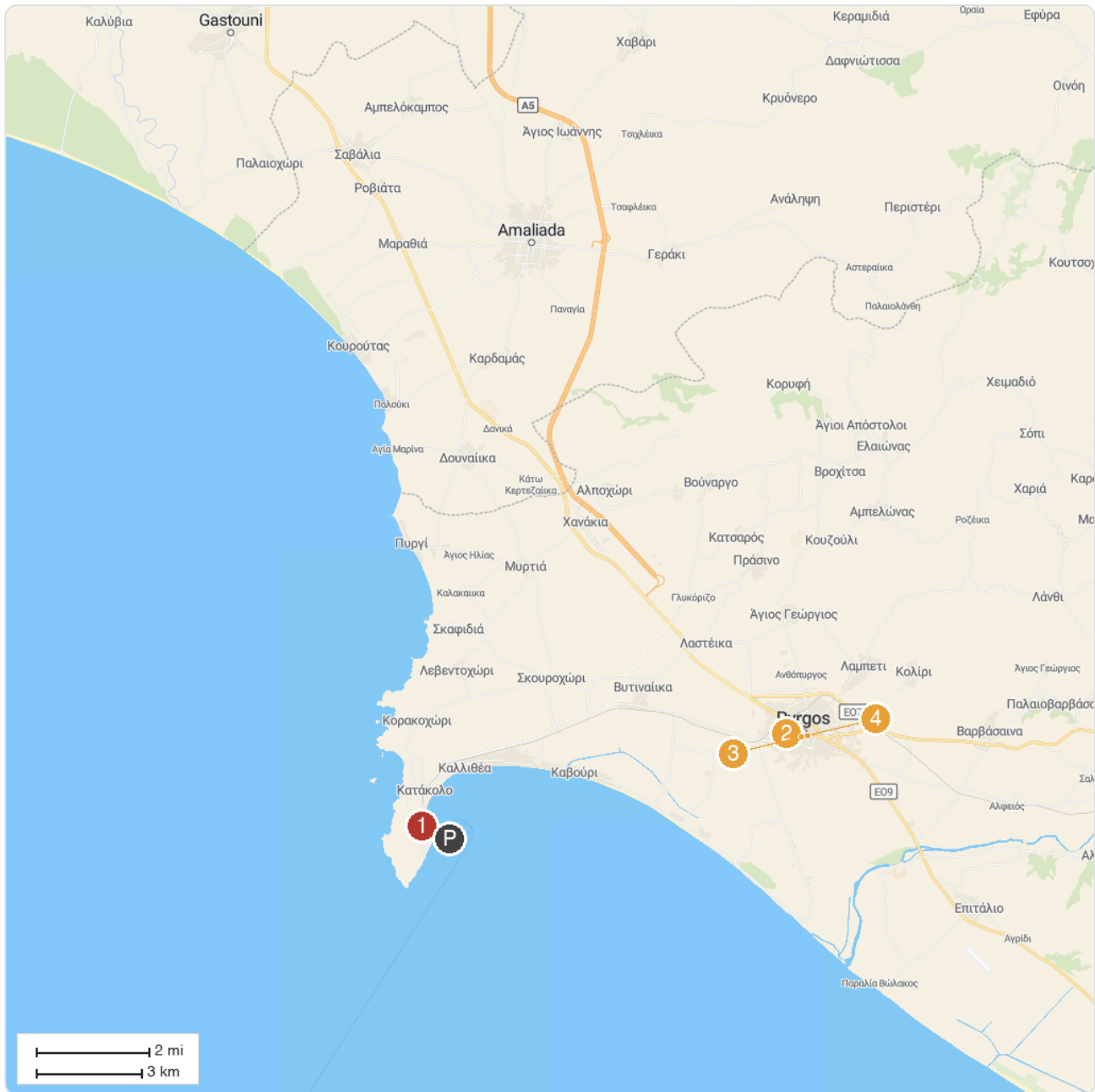
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Olympia transport early. On busy cruise days, taxis fill up quickly outside the port. If going independently, agree a round-trip price and confirm a pickup time — drivers often serve multiple ships.
- Bring sun protection to Olympia. The archaeological site has very little shade. Hat, sunscreen, and water are essential, especially June–September when temperatures easily hit 35 °C (95 °F).
- Cash is helpful. Katakolon shops and tavernas mostly accept cards, but independent taxis and some Olympia vendors prefer cash. There's an ATM near the port.
- Allow enough time at Olympia. The site and the Archaeological Museum together need at least 2.5–3 hours. Factor in travel time — don't cut it short for the last ship shuttle.
- Wear good walking shoes. The Olympia site is on uneven ancient stone and gravel paths — sandals or flip-flops are uncomfortable and potentially risky.
- Katakolon is known for jewelry. The town has an outsized number of gold and silver shops. Prices are competitive versus Athens. Bargaining isn't typical in fixed-price shops, but asking never hurts.

Katakolon, Elis, 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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| <p>1 "Kostas Kotsanas" Museum of Ancient Greek Technology</p> <p>3 Sakis Karagiorgas Square</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Museum of ancient Greek technological inventions and their history.</p> <p>Central public square, ideal for relaxing and people-watching.</p> | <p>2 ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΗΛΕΙΑΣ</p> <p>4 Archaeological Museum of Pyrgos</p> | <p>Main cathedral and religious center of the Elis region.</p> <p>Museum displaying archaeological finds from the Pyrgos region.</p> |
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