

Kavala, Macedonia, Greece

Where Roman history meets Ottoman grandeur on the Aegean. Kavala stacks a Byzantine castle, a 16th-century aqueduct, and the UNESCO site of Ancient Philippi into a single, very walkable city call.

 Pier port (docked)  Typical call: 7–10 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: Greek  UNESCO site nearby: Ancient Philippi

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Apostolos Pavlos terminal, central waterfront

Best For: History buffs, walkers, day-trippers to Philippi

Walk to Old Town: 10 min to Panagia; 25 min to the castle (steep)

Don't Miss: The Kamares aqueduct and the view from the Byzantine fortress

 Getting around:  Taxi  €6–10

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Ancient Philippi (UNESCO)** — Just 15 km away, Philippi is where Julius Caesar's assassins met their end and where St.
- **Panagia Old Town & Byzantine Castle** — Wander Ottoman-era alleyways, the birthplace of Egypt's founder Mehmet Ali, and climb to the Byzantine fortress for 360° views over the Aegean and...
- **Tobacco Museum & Kapnapothikes** — Kavala was once the world's top tobacco exporter.
- **Kalamitsa Beach** — A wide sandy free beach 3 km west of the port — the best quick beach option for cruise passengers.
- **Kamares Aqueduct Walk** — The 280-meter double-tiered Ottoman aqueduct built by Suleiman the Magnificent is Kavala's most photographed monument.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Castle Loop** 2–3 km · 1.5–2 hrs · Moderate (steep finish) — Walk east along the promenade past the Apostle Paul mosaic monument, enter Panagia at the aqueduct, climb cobblestone lanes past Mehmet Ali's house and the mosque to the...
- **Harbor Promenade Stroll** 1 km · 20–30 min · Easy, flat — Head west from the port along the palm-lined waterfront to the Archaeological Museum and Rapsani Beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:43AM–8:01PM · Jun 5:50AM–8:55PM · Aug 6:32AM–8:20PM · Sep 7:03AM–7:31PM · Oct 7:34AM–6:41PM	
Apr	62°	49°	10d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	79°	65°	9d		
Aug	86°	71°	3d		
Sep	78°	64°	5d		
Oct	68°	55°	6d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear real shoes. The Panagia cobblestones are smooth stone, steep, and treacherous in sandals. Closed-toe shoes with grip are essential for the castle climb.
- Free tourist train to the castle. If walking up isn't an option, the red municipal 'Trenakin' train departs from Plateia Eleftherias and runs up to the fortress — free and handy.
- Philippi needs 3+ hrs in port. Budget transit time both ways plus 1.5 hrs at the site. Best arranged as a cruise excursion or pre-negotiated taxi round-trip (~€50–60).
- Buy kourabiedes. These crescent-shaped almond shortbread cookies are Kavala's signature sweet — pick some up from a local bakery near the port before you reboard.
- Euro cash for small things. Cards work everywhere but carry a few euros for castle entry, bus fare, or street snacks.
- Sunday shops close, sights stay open. Retail closes on Sundays, but cafés, restaurants, the castle, Philippi, and the Tobacco Museum all remain open.

Kavala, Macedonia, 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 Kavala Fortress | Historic Byzantine fortress with panoramic city and sea views. | 2 Great Club Kavala | Historic neoclassical building, now a cultural and event center. |
| 3 Kavala Archaeological Museum | Museum displaying artifacts from ancient Philippi and the Kavala region. | 4 Faliro | Lively coastal promenade and beach area for relaxation and strolls. |
| 5 Kamares | Iconic Roman aqueduct, a prominent historic landmark of Kavala. | P Cruise port / terminal | |