

Kefalonia Island, Ionian Islands, Greece

Greece's largest Ionian island rewards cruise visitors with electric-blue cave lakes, white-pebble beaches plunging into turquoise water, and a lush, pine-forested interior unlike any other stop in the Aegean.

 Pier (occasional tender if berth occupied)

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 Euro (€)

 Greek

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Single cruise berth at Argostoli quay; most ships dock directly. If berth is occupied by a larger vessel, passengers tender to the old harbor.

Best For: Beaches, caves, scenic drives, sea turtles, Greek island dining

Walk to center: 5-10 min to harbor promenade; 15 min to Lithostroto shopping street; 20 min to Plateia Vallianou (main square)

Don't Miss: Loggerhead sea turtles at the fishing dock (morning), Melissani Cave boat tour, clifftop view over Myrtos Beach

Getting around:  Taxi  €8–€12 ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Melissani Cave & Lake** — An underground lake inside a collapsed cave near Sami, 40 minutes east of port.
- Myrtos Beach** — Consistently ranked one of the world's most beautiful beaches — sheer white limestone cliffs drop to smooth white pebbles and vivid turquoise water.
- Drogarati Cave** — A 150-million-year-old cave near Sami with towering stalactites and remarkable acoustics — opera performers have staged concerts in its main chamber.
- Assos Village & Venetian Castle** — A painterly village on a horse-shoe peninsula on the northwest coast, its pastel houses mostly rebuilt after the 1953 earthquake in traditional...
- Makris Gialos & Platis Gialos Beaches** — The most convenient beaches for cruise passengers — golden sand, calm clear water, sunbeds, beach bars, and water sports, just 10 minutes by taxi...

BEST WALKS

- Argostoli Waterfront & Sea Turtle Loop** 3 km · 45-60 min · Flat · Free — Walk the harbor promenade north from the cruise quay to the fishing dock to spot Caretta-caretta sea turtles (best 9-11 AM), then continue to the De Bosset Bridge — the...
- Fanari Lighthouse Stroll** 2.5 km one-way · 35 min · Easy · Free — Head north along the coastal path from Argostoli center to the distinctive circular Fanari (Saint Theodore) Lighthouse, ringed by Doric columns, on its rocky point at...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		65°	55°	6d
Jun		79°	69°	4d
Aug		86°	75°	2d
Sep		80°	71°	6d
Oct		73°	64°	10d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:02AM–8:14PM · Jun 6:14AM–9:02PM · Aug 6:53AM–8:31PM · Sep 7:20AM–7:45PM · Oct 7:47AM–6:59PM

Euro (€)

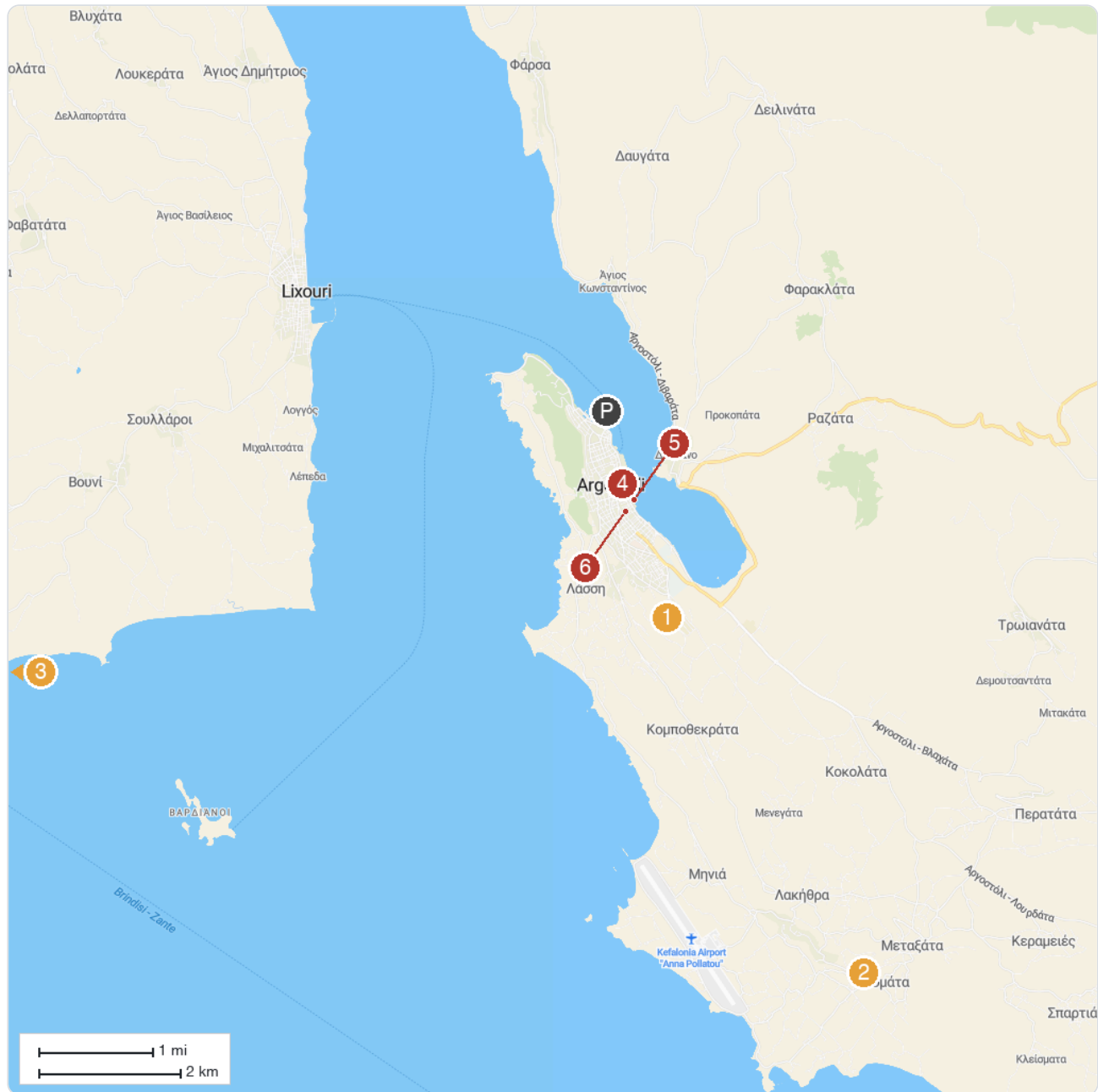
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Turtle timing: Walk to the fishing dock by 9-10 AM. Local fishermen clean their catch and throw scraps into the water — loggerhead turtles surface reliably. Free and genuinely spectacular.
- Choose one corridor: North (Myrtos, Assos) or East (Melissani, Drogarati, Antisamos). The roads are slow and winding — trying to do both risks being late back to the ship.
- Rent a car or book a taxi tour: Public buses are limited. Taxis offer fixed-rate island tours — agree the price upfront. Car rentals are available within 10 min of the pier; book in advance in summer.
- Try Robola wine: Kefalonia's signature dry white wine, grown on Mount Ainos slopes. Order a glass with grilled fish on the waterfront — it's the best souvenir you'll consume.
- Myrtos Beach warning: The water is stunning but deep and can have strong currents. Not suitable for weak swimmers or young children. The clifftop viewpoint is free and dramatic — even if you don't swim, go for the view.
- Cash for caves and cabs: Melissani (~€10) and Drogarati (~€6) charge entry. Taxis to remote spots prefer cash. ATMs are in Argostoli town center, a short walk from the pier.

Kefalonia Island, Ionian Islands, 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 Βοτανικός Κήπος Κεφαλονιάς | Kefalonia's botanical garden showcases diverse local flora. | 2 Dias Apiary Bijen Boerderij | Visit this bee farm to learn about honey production. |
| 3 Kounopetra Beach | Relax on this beach, famous for its "moving rock." | 4 I Love Kefalonia | A gallery and shop celebrating Kefalonia's beauty. |
| 5 Sea Turtle Viewpoint | Another excellent location for spotting wild sea turtles. | 6 Platia Kampanas | Historic town square featuring a prominent bell tower. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |