

Kos, Dodecanese, Greece

Birthplace of Hippocrates and one of the Mediterranean's most walkable cruise ports, Kos offers ancient ruins, a medieval castle, and bike lanes leading straight to the beach — all without leaving town.

Pier (docked)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Euro (€)

Greek / English widely spoken

Cycling island

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock at Kos Town cruise terminal, steps from the Castle of the Knights

Best For: Ancient history, cycling, beaches, Ottoman-Greek architecture

Walk to center: 5-10 min flat walk to the ancient Agora and Eleftherias Square

Don't Miss: The Asklepieion — Hippocrates' healing temple with sweeping views to Turkey

Getting around: Taxi €3–€5 · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- The Asklepieion** — The ancient world's most celebrated healing temple, where Hippocrates reportedly taught.
 - Kos Town Walking Tour** — In one short walk you'll pass a 14th-century crusader castle, a 2nd-century Roman odeon, a Hellenistic-era agora, an Ottoman mosque, and a 1930s...
- Tigaki Beach** — A 10 km stretch of powdery white sand and shallow turquoise water, 11 km west of the port.
 - Therma Volcanic Hot Springs** — At Empros Therme beach, hot sulfurous spring water bubbles up through the sand and mixes with the sea in a natural rock pool — a genuinely unusual...
 - Cycling the Coast** — Kos is one of the rare Greek islands where cycling is genuinely practical.

BEST WALKS

- Ancient Kos Town Loop** 1.5 km · 30-45 min · easy · free — From the pier, walk past the Castle of Neratzia to the Tree of Hippocrates and the ancient Agora, then continue to the Roman Odeon.
- Waterfront to Lambi Beach by Bike** 3 km one way · 15 min by bike · flat · free — Follow the dedicated red bike lane north from the port along the seafront to Lambi Beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		66°	58°	5d
Jun		80°	71°	1d
Aug		85°	76°	0d
Sep		81°	73°	2d
Oct		74°	67°	4d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:38AM–7:45PM · Jun 5:51AM–8:32PM · Aug 6:27AM–8:03PM · Sep 6:53AM–7:19PM · Oct 7:18AM–6:35PM

Euro (€)

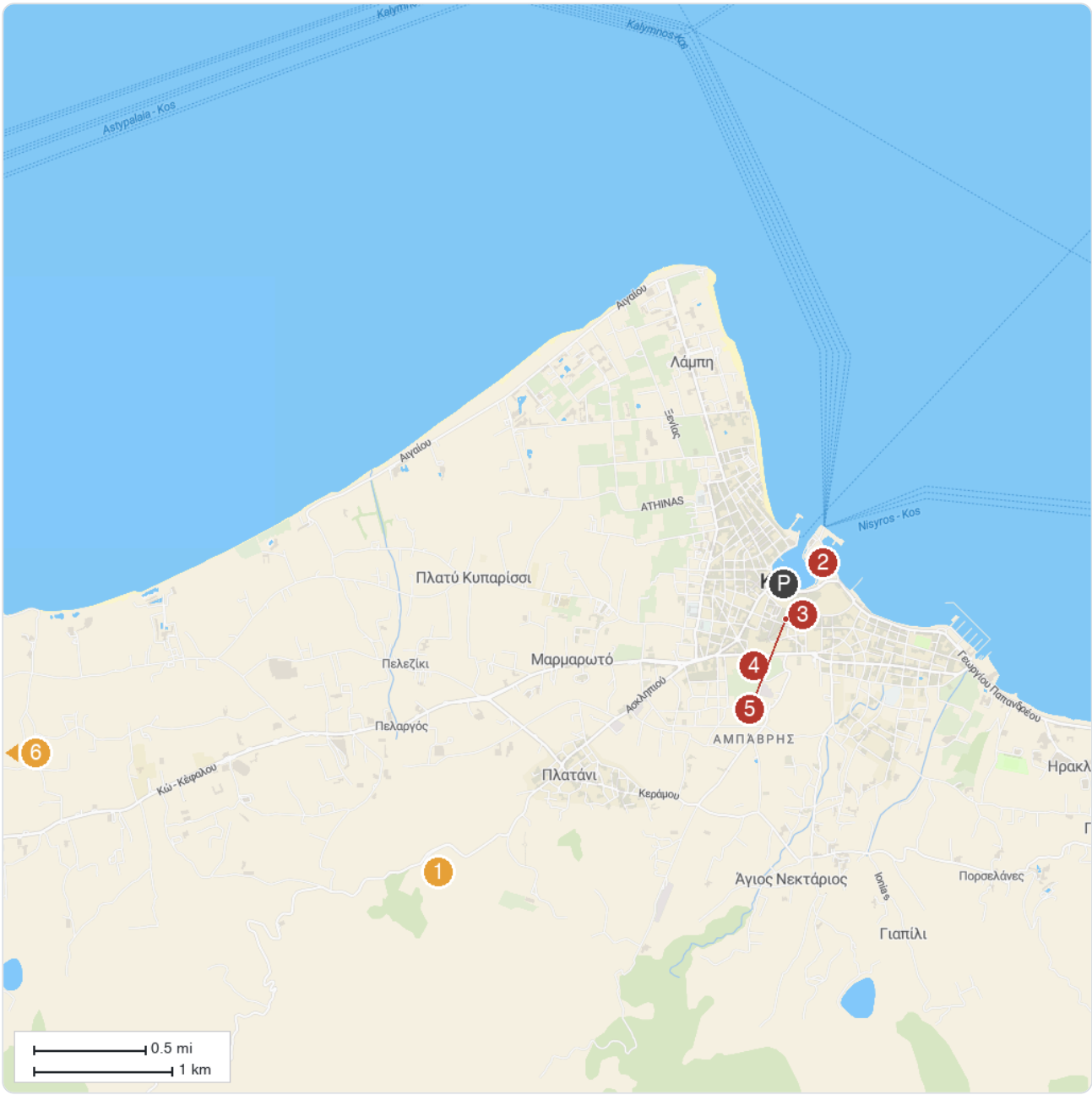
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Rent a bike first. Bike shops are 2 minutes from the gangway. The island has proper dedicated lanes, it's pancake flat, and it's the single best way to see the coast and town on a cruise day.
- Combine the Asklepieion with Kos Town. The tourist train runs every 30 min from the harbor (€10 round-trip). Go early, then walk the ancient town ruins on your return.
- Zia village sunsets are a trap for cruisers. Zia, the famous sunset village in the hills, is lovely — but ships depart before dusk. Visit during the day by taxi if you want the views, not the sunset.
- Try the Turkish quarter of Platani. Just 2.5 km from the port, this small village has an 18th-century mosque and excellent Greek-Turkish fusion tavernas that most day-trippers skip.
- Cash useful, not essential. Cards are accepted nearly everywhere in Kos Town. Carry €20-30 for buses, the tourist train, or market purchases.
- Best beach without a taxi: Lambi. A 15-20 min walk (or 10 min by bike) north of the pier along the coast, with sunbeds, beach bars, and shallow clear water.

Kos, 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 Asclepieion at Kos | Ancient healing center and temple complex dedicated to Asclepius. | 2 Nerantzia Castle | Medieval fortress guarding Kos harbor entrance, built by Knights. |
| 3 Kos Municipal Market | Bustling market for local produce, spices, and souvenirs. | 4 Roman Odeon of Kos | Ancient Roman small theater for music and performances. |
| 5 Kos Old Town | Historic district with narrow streets, shops, and restaurants. | 6 Salt Lake Stables Horse Riding Kos | Horse riding center offering scenic rides near a salt lake. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |