

Kythnos Island, Cyclades, Greece

One of the Aegean's best-kept secrets, Kythnos rewards visitors with a world-famous double sandbar, healing thermal springs, and whitewashed villages where daily life still moves at its own unhurried pace.

Docked (small/mid ships) or Tender Typical call: 6–8 hrs Euro (€) Greek

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Merichas pier — small/mid ships dock; large ships tender

Walk to center: 0 min — port village is at the pier

Best For: Beaches, thermal springs, authentic Greek island life

Don't Miss: Kolona Beach double sandbar (water taxi from port)

Getting around: **Taxi** €4 minimum, ~€0.90/km

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Kolona Beach Water Taxi** — The island's crown jewel — a 240 m double-sided sandbar of golden sand connecting Kythnos to the islet of Agios Loukas.
- **Loutra Thermal Springs** — Natural sulfur and iron hot springs flow into the sea at the village of Loutra on the northeast coast.
- **Chora Village Walk** — The island capital (Messaria) is a postcard Cycladic village with narrow whitewashed alleys, hilltop churches, and a small archaeological museum...
- **Dryopida & Katafyki Cave** — Dryopida is an inland village with unique tiled (not flat) rooftops — a rarity in the Cyclades.
- **Apokrousi & Martinakia Beaches** — Martinakia is a short 10-min walk north of the pier — shaded, sandy, and family-friendly.

BEST WALKS

- **Merichas Harbor to Martinakia Beach** 0.8 km · 10–15 min · Easy · Flat coastal path — A gentle flat walk north along the coast from the port to the tamarisk-shaded cove of Martinakia Beach.
- **Chora Village Lanes** 1–2 km · 30–45 min · Easy–Moderate · Cobblestones — Once you've taken a taxi or bus to Chora, explore its whitewashed alleyways on foot.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:47AM–7:57PM · Jun 6:01AM–8:44PM · Aug 6:38AM–8:14PM · Sep 7:04AM–7:29PM · Oct 7:30AM–6:45PM Euro (€)	
Apr	65°	56°	4d		
Jun	80°	70°	2d		
Aug	85°	76°	1d		
Sep	80°	72°	3d		
Oct	72°	66°	4d		

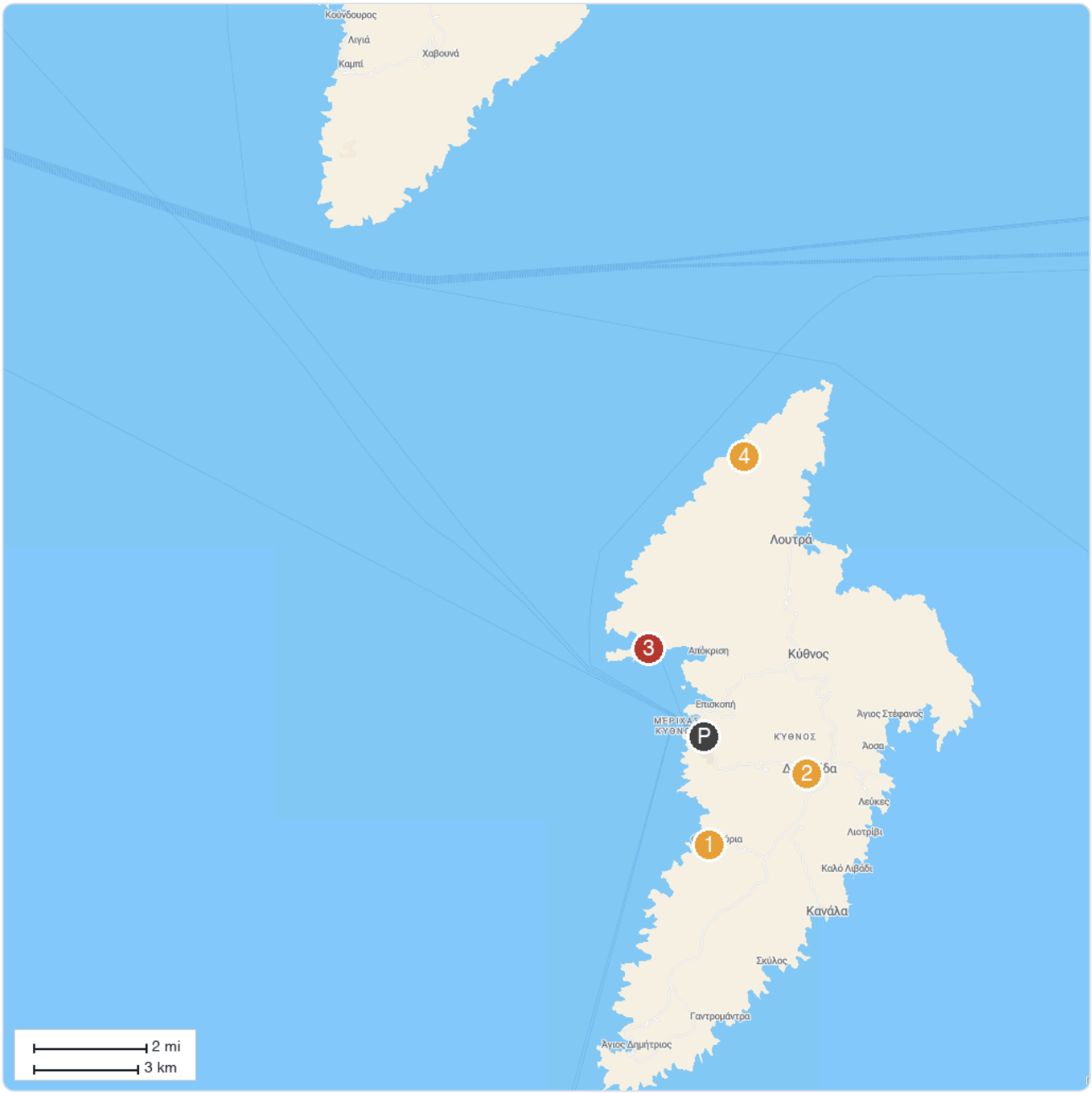
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book the water taxi to Kolona early. Boats run from Merichas pier but fill up fast on busy days. Head straight to the pier upon arrival or ask your ship's excursion desk.
- Rent an ATV or car first thing. There are fewer than 10 taxis on the island — don't count on flagging one down. Rental offices are steps from the pier and reservation isn't always needed in shoulder season.
- Bring cash. Water taxis, local buses, and small eateries often don't take cards. ATMs are in Merichas and Chora but can run low on busy days.
- Try sfougato — Kythnos's famous fried cheese croquettes made with local xinotyri cheese, egg, and dill. Found at almost every taverna in Merichas.
- Wind strategy: July–August Meltemi winds can kick up. Kolona remains swimmable but breezy; head to Apokrousi Beach for the most sheltered water on windy days.
- Siesta is real here. Most shops in Chora close 14:00–18:00. Explore the villages in the morning and save beach or taverna time for the afternoon.

Kythnos Island, Cyclades, 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 **Παναγιά Φλαμπουριανή** Historic monastery offering panoramic views of the Aegean Sea.
- 3 **Kolona Beach** Unique double-sided sandy beach connecting two beautiful bays.
- P **Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 **Σπήλαιο Καταφύκι - Katafiki cave** Large natural cave featuring impressive stalactites and stalagmites.
- 4 **Oria Castle** Ruins of a medieval castle atop a scenic hill.