

Larnaca, Cyprus

One of the oldest continually inhabited cities in the world, Larnaca blends early Christian pilgrimage, Ottoman heritage, and some of the clearest water in the eastern Mediterranean — all within easy walking distance of the pier.

 Pier — direct docking  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Greek (English spoken widely)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Direct pier; shuttle to promenade (~1.2 km from gate)

Walk to center: 15 min from port gate to Phinikoudes Promenade

Best For: History, beaches, easy walkable day, local food

Don't Miss: Church of Saint Lazarus crypt and the Larnaca Salt Lake

 Getting around:  Taxi  €3–€5 ·  Rideshare  Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Church of Saint Lazarus & the Old Town** — Descend into the 9th-century Byzantine crypt where Lazarus is believed to be buried, admire the gilded iconostasis, then wander the Skala quarter's...
- **Larnaca Medieval Castle & Pierides Museum** — The 14th-century harbor fort offers rooftop sea views (€2.50), while the nearby Pierides Museum — Cyprus's oldest private collection — spans 4,000...
- **Larnaca Salt Lake & Hala Sultan Tekke** — Four interconnected salt lakes host thousands of pink flamingos in winter and spring; in summer the salt crust turns brilliant white.
- **Zenobia Wreck Dive or Glass-Bottom Boat** — The MS Zenobia, a ferry that sank in 1980 just offshore, is rated one of the top 10 wreck dives in the world.
- **Phinikoudes & Mackenzie Beaches** — Phinikoudes Beach runs right along the promenade — calm, shallow, and lined with sun-loungers.

BEST WALKS

- **Phinikoudes Promenade to Saint Lazarus Church** 2.5 km round trip · 45 min · Easy — Start at the palm-lined Phinikoudes seafront, walk past the cafes and the Larnaca Medieval Castle at the south end, then head inland along Zinonos Kitieos Street to the...
- **Salt Lake & Hala Sultan Tekke Loop** Best by taxi (5 km from port) · Easy walking on site · 1-2 hrs — Take a taxi to the Larnaca Salt Lake viewpoint, walk the short path along the lake edge to the Hala Sultan Tekke mosque, and return by taxi.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	74°	57°	4d
Jun	87°	71°	2d
Aug	92°	77°	0d
Sep	89°	73°	1d
Oct	82°	67°	4d

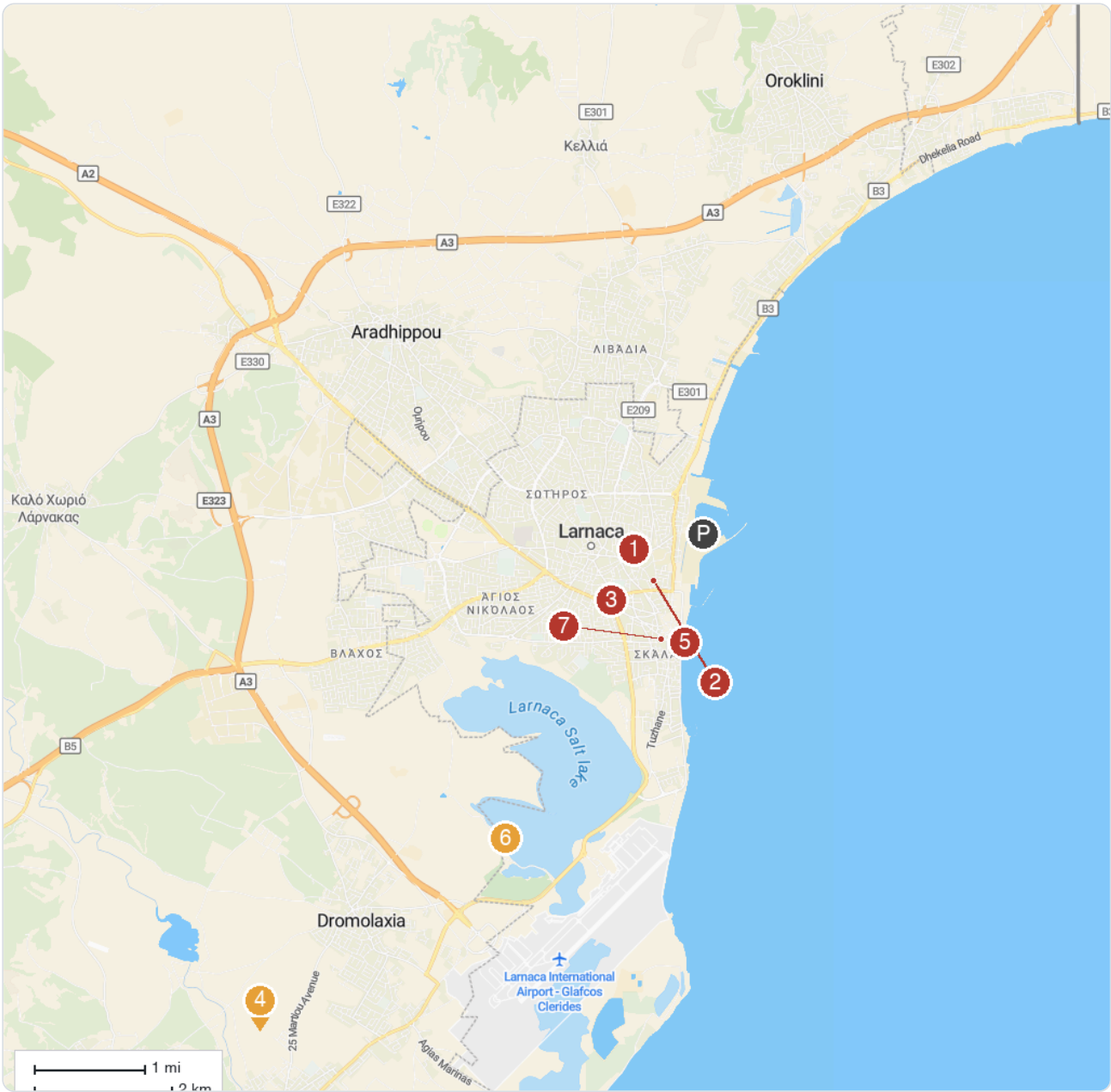
 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 6:13AM–7:17PM · Jun 5:31AM–8:00PM · Aug 6:05AM–7:33PM · Sep 6:28AM–6:52PM · Oct 6:51AM–6:10PM	
Currency: Euro (€)	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use the cruise shuttle. Walking through the industrial port area is not permitted — the free shuttle drops you right at Phinikoudes Promenade in minutes.
- Summer heat is serious. June–September temperatures regularly hit 36°C (97°F). Bring water, sunscreen (SPF 50+), and a hat. Most churches and museums are shaded and air-conditioned.
- Dress modestly at churches and the mosque. Shoulders and knees must be covered. Saint Lazarus Church provides wraps at the door; the mosque requires shoes to be removed.
- Flamingos are seasonal. The Salt Lake flamingos arrive November–March. In summer the lake is dry and white — still photogenic, but no birds.
- Taxis: agree on a price first. Official taxis are white or black Mercedes. City center from port: €8–10. Agree on a flat fare or ask for the meter before you set off.
- Eat local. Grilled halloumi, souvlaki, and loukoumades (honey doughnuts) are cheap, delicious, and everywhere on the promenade. A full Cypriot meze needs 2+ hours — only attempt it on long port calls.

Larnaca, Cyprus — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Archaeological Site of Kition | Explore ancient Phoenician city ruins and temples. | 2 Archaeological Museum of Larnaca District | See ancient artifacts from Larnaca's rich history. |
| 3 Δημοτικό Μουσείο Φυσικής Ιστορίας | Discover Cyprus's diverse flora and fauna exhibits. | 4 Holy Church of the Virgin Mary Angeloktisti at Kiti | Visit a Byzantine church with a rare 6th-century mosaic. |
| 5 Larnaca Pier | Stroll along the pier for sea views and fresh air. | 6 Hala Sultan Tekke | Visit a beautiful mosque and important Islamic shrine. |
| 7 Holy Church of Saint Lazarus | Explore a historic church, tomb of Saint Lazarus. | P Cruise port / terminal | |