

Messina, Sicily, Italy

Gateway to Sicily, Messina docks you in the heart of the city — the cathedral's giant astronomical clock performs at noon, and Taormina and Etna are an hour away.

Docked (pier) Typical call: 8-10 hrs Currency: Euro (€) Language: Italian

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: All ships dock at Molo Marconi / Terminal Crociere — no tender

Walk to center: ~500 m, 5-10 min to Piazza del Duomo

Best For: Day trips to Taormina, Mount Etna, and Godfather villages

Don't Miss: The Duomo astronomical clock show at noon

Getting around: Taxi €8–12 · Rideshare Uber · Hop-on hop-off City Sightseeing Messina

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Taormina & the Greek Theatre** — Sicily's most photogenic hilltop town sits about 50 km south, its ancient Greek-Roman theatre framing a postcard view of Etna.
- **Mount Etna Craters** — Europe's tallest active volcano dominates the skyline.
- **Godfather Villages — Savoca & Forza d'Agrò** — The Bar Vitelli in Savoca and the hilltop streets of Forza d'Agrò stood in for Corleone in Francis Ford Coppola's trilogy.
- **Duomo & Astronomical Clock** — Messina's rebuilt Norman cathedral houses one of the world's largest and most complex mechanical clocks.
- **Alcantara Gorges** — The Gole dell'Alcantara cut through lava rock to form a dramatic canyon you can wade through in summer.

BEST WALKS

- **Cathedral & Waterfront Loop** 1.5 km • ~45 min • Easy — Walk inland from the port along Via I Settembre to Piazza del Duomo for the cathedral and Orion Fountain.
- **Art & Architecture Walk** 2 km • ~1 hr • Easy — From the Duomo head north-west to the Church of Santissima Annunziata dei Catalani (a rare Norman survivor of the 1908 earthquake), then east to the Regional Museum of...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:22AM–7:33PM · Jun 5:34AM–8:22PM · Aug 6:12AM–7:50PM · Sep 6:39AM–7:05PM · Oct 7:06AM–6:19PM	
Apr	64°	53°	10d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	80°	66°	6d		
Aug	86°	72°	6d		
Sep	80°	68°	11d		
Oct	73°	63°	12d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Time the clock show. The Duomo's astronomical clock performs every day at noon — only 12 minutes. If your call allows, plan to be in Piazza del Duomo by 11:50.
- Agree taxi fares upfront. Fares to Taormina run €80-120 one-way. Negotiate before you get in — meters are not always used.
- Try granita for breakfast. Sicilian granita with a brioche is the local morning ritual — cafés along Via Garibaldi and Pasticceria Irrera on Piazza Cairoli are classic spots.
- Etna needs a full day. The round trip alone is 3.5 hrs by car. Book a guided tour and only attempt it if your port call is at least 9-10 hours.
- Cash handy for small vendors. Cards are widely accepted at restaurants and shops, but street markets and small bars prefer cash. ATMs are plentiful near Piazza del Duomo.
- No tender — walk straight off. All ships dock pier-side in central Messina. You need no shuttle or tender ticket; just follow signs from the terminal exit.

Messina, Sicily, Italy — 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 Palazzo del Monte di Pietà | 2 Museo Regionale Interdisciplinare di Messina |
| 3 Museo Archeologico Nazionale di Reggio Calabria | 4 Forte Gonzaga |
| 5 Chiesa di San Camillo | 6 Sanctuary of Saint Francis of Paola |
| 7 Tempio di Cristo Re | 8 Stele della Madonna della Lettera |
| P Cruise port / terminal | |