

Methoni, Peloponnese, Greece

A Venetian fortress at the edge of the ancient world. Methoni's sea-girt castle, octagonal Bourtzi tower, and uncrowded beaches make it the Peloponnese's best-kept cruise secret.

- Tender (no cruise pier)
- Typical call: 6-8 hrs
- Currency: Euro
- Language: Greek (English widely spoken)
- History-rich destination

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore; small boats ferry passengers to the village harbour

Best For: Medieval history, unspoiled beaches, authentic Greek village life

Walk to Castle: ~5 min from the harbour landing to the castle entrance

Don't Miss: Methoni Castle and the Bourtzi octagonal tower on its sea islet

Getting around: Taxi €8–€15

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Methoni Castle & Bourtzi Tower** — Explore one of Europe's best-preserved Venetian coastal fortresses.
- Voidokilia Beach Day Trip** — Often called Greece's most beautiful beach, Voidokilia is a perfect semicircle of golden sand enclosing a turquoise...
- Pylos & Niokastro Fortress** — The charming town of Pylos sits 10 km north of Methoni around a sweeping natural harbour.
- Methoni Beach & Seafood Lunch** — Methoni's own 2-km sandy beach is just a short walk from the village, with calm clear water backed by pine trees.
- Koroni Village & Castle** — Methoni's twin Venetian fortress town, Koroni sits about 28 km to the north-east on the next peninsula.

BEST WALKS

- Harbour to Castle Loop** 1.5 km | 30–60 min | Easy (flat, then uneven cobble inside castle) — From the fishing quay walk south along the waterfront to the castle entrance, cross the 14-arch moat bridge, and explore the ruins at...
- Village Square & Beach Stroll** 2 km one-way | 25 min | Very easy (flat) — Wander through the village square past traditional tile-roofed houses and tavernas, then continue north along the beach road to...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain		
Apr	66°	56°	5d	Apr 6:59AM–8:07PM · Jun 6:13AM–8:53PM · Aug 6:50AM–8:24PM · Sep 7:15AM–7:40PM · Oct 7:40AM–6:56PM	
Jun	81°	69°	4d	Currency: Euro	
Aug	87°	75°	2d		
Sep	81°	71°	5d		
Oct	74°	65°	7d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear sturdy shoes. The castle interior is all rough gravel and polished medieval stone — flip-flops or heels are a bad idea and potentially dangerous.

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