

Monopoli, Puglia, Italy

Less famous than its neighbors but more genuine — Monopoli is Puglia at its most unhurried, with postcard harbors, candy-colored fishing boats, and beach coves you can walk to straight off the tender.

- Tender (most ships anchor offshore)
- Typical call: 7–10 hrs
- Currency: Euro
- Language: Italian
- Walkable beaches

🚤 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender for most ships; small luxury vessels may dock at Molo Margherita

Best For: Authentic Italian atmosphere, beaches, Baroque architecture, Pugliese food

Walk to center: 2–5 min from tender pier to Old Town entrance

Don't Miss: Porto Vecchio fishing harbor, Cathedral of the Madonna della Madia, Cala Porta Vecchia beach

Getting around: **Taxi** €10–€20

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Monopoli Old Town Walk** — Wander the whitewashed lanes of the Centro Storico, visit the Baroque cathedral and its Roman crypt, and admire the...
- **Polignano a Mare** — Just ~9 km north by train or taxi, this dramatic cliff-top village with houses hanging over the Adriatic is one of the...
- **Alberobello Trulli** — UNESCO-listed stone cone houses unique to Puglia, located about 22 km inland.
- **Pugliese Food & Market Tour** — Sample orecchiette con cime di rapa, fresh focaccia barese, burrata, and crudo di mare at the local fish market and...
- **Cala Porta Vecchia Beach** — A free sandy cove tucked between the old town walls and the sea — turquoise, shallow, and walkable from the tender pier...

BEST WALKS

- **Porto Vecchio to Cathedral Loop** 1.5 km · 30–40 min · Easy — Start at the old harbor, walk along the sea walls past Castello Carlo V, cut into the alley network to Piazza Garibaldi, visit the...
- **Coastal Path to Cala Porta Vecchia** 1 km · 20 min · Easy — Follow the seafront promenade south from the tender pier along the old town walls to reach the sandy beach cove at Cala Porta Vecchia...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		65°	52°	10d
Jun		82°	68°	6d
Aug		87°	73°	6d
Sep		80°	67°	7d
Oct		72°	60°	9d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:11AM–7:30PM · Jun 5:18AM–8:24PM · Aug 6:01AM–7:48PM · Sep 6:31AM–6:59PM · Oct 7:02AM–6:09PM

Currency: Euro

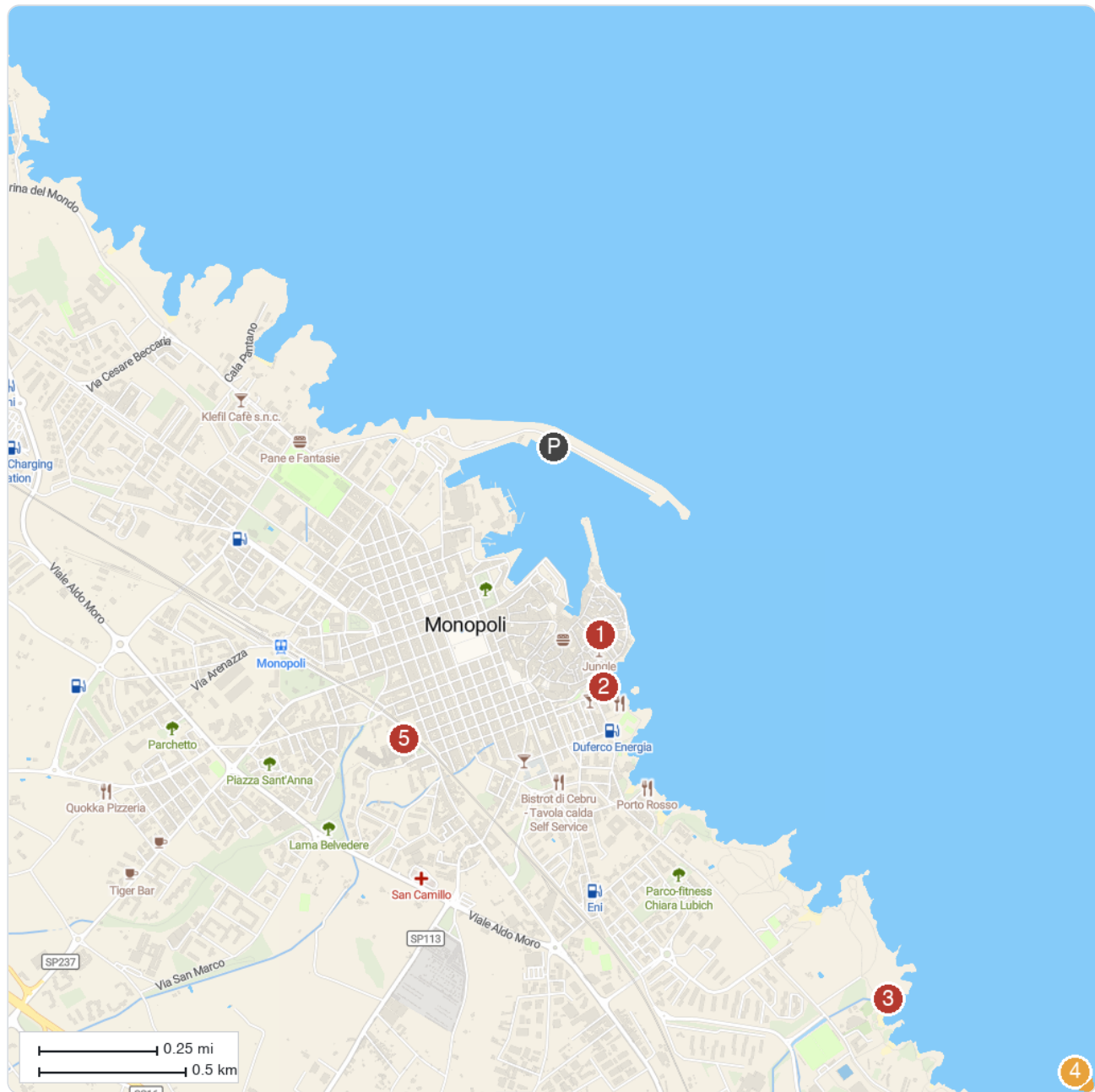
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Siesta is real here. Shops, the Cathedral, and many restaurants close 13:30–16:30. Do the old town in the morning; beach or lunch in early afternoon.
- Polignano a Mare by train: Transitalia regional trains run frequently; the ride is about 5 minutes and costs roughly €2. Buy tickets at

Monopoli, Puglia, 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 Palmieri | Historic palace, once a noble residence. | 2 Cala Porta Vecchia | Sandy city beach next to Monopoli's old town. |
| 3 Grotta della Cala Tre Buchi | Scenic sea cave accessible by boat or kayak. | 4 Lido Le Macchie | Organized beach club with sunbeds and amenities. |
| 5 Church of Saint Mary of the Carmel | Baroque church with beautiful art and architecture. | P Cruise port / terminal | |