

Patras, Peloponnese, Greece

Greece's gateway to the Ionian Sea, Patras packs a Byzantine castle, the country's grandest church, a celebrated winery, and the closest pier to Ancient Olympia into one lively port call.

 Pier (always docked)  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: Greek  Gateway to Ancient Olympia

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Always pier — no tendering. Larger ships use the South Port (3.5 km from center); smaller ships may dock at the Old Port (Molos), steps from the city.

Best For: History, culture, Greek city life, day trip to Ancient Olympia

Walk to Center: Old Port: 5-10 min on foot. South Port: take the ship shuttle, a taxi (€8-12), or City Bus 18.

Don't Miss: St. Andrew's Basilica (Greece's largest church) and the panoramic view from Patras Castle

 Getting around:  Taxi  €9–€12

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Ancient Olympia Day Trip** — The birthplace of the Olympic Games sits 100 km south of Patras — the closest major port to this UNESCO World Heritage...
- **Patras Castle & Upper Town Walk** — The 6th-century Byzantine castle built by Emperor Justinian crowns the hill above the city, offering sweeping views of...
- **Achaia Clauss Winery Tour** — Founded in 1861, this iconic hillside winery is one of Greece's oldest — and still makes Mavrodaphne, the sweet...
- **St. Andrew's Basilica & Rio Bridge** — The largest church in Greece houses the relics of St.
- **Rio Beach & Bridge Views** — A pebbly Ionian beach 8 km north of the port, right under the spectacular Rio-Antirrio Bridge.

BEST WALKS

- **Lower Town: Waterfront to Georgiou Square** 1.5 km · 25 min · Flat · Free — Start at the Old Port, walk along the promenade to the Cathedral of St.
- **Upper Town: Stone Stairways & Patras Castle** 2 km · 45-60 min · Hilly · Low cost — Take the iconic Patreos Steps from the lower town up through the historic Upper Town (Ano Poli) to Patras Castle.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇬🇷 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:58AM–8:09PM · Jun 6:09AM–8:58PM · Aug 6:47AM–8:27PM · Sep 7:14AM–7:42PM · Oct 7:41AM–6:56PM	
Apr	69°	51°	9d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	85°	63°	2d		
Aug	93°	69°	0d		
Sep	84°	64°	4d		
Oct	75°	59°	7d		

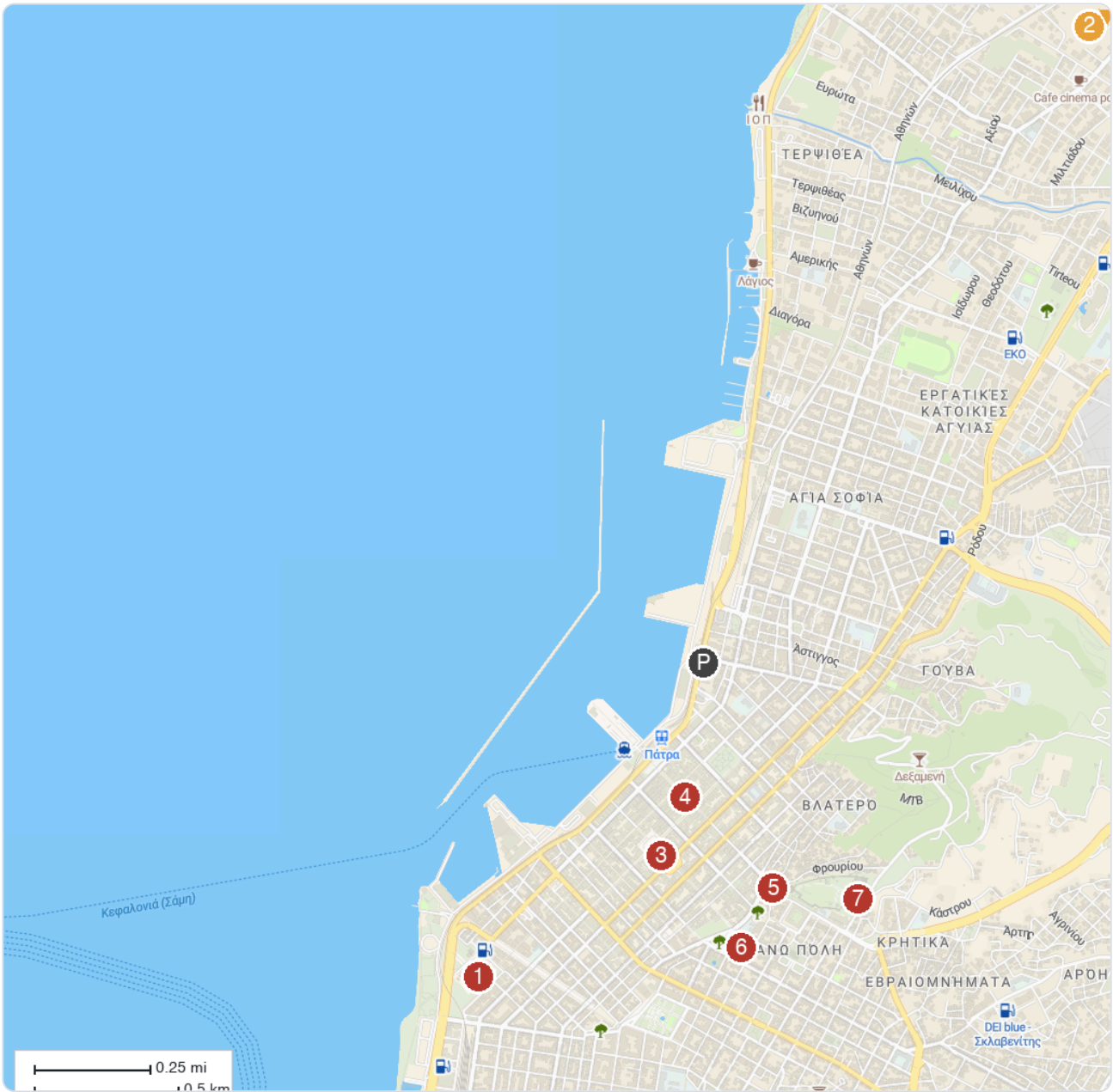
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Olympia requires planning. The birthplace of the Olympic Games is 100 km south — a genuine highlight, but book a ship excursion or agree on a fixed taxi fare from the pier before

Patras, Peloponnese, 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.



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| 1 Church of Saint Andrew | Largest church in Greece, housing Saint Andrew's relics. | 2 Museum of Science and Technology | University museum showcasing science and technology exhibits. |
| 3 King George I Square | Patras' central square with fountains and neoclassical buildings. | 4 Πεζόδρομος Αγίου Νικολάου | Lively pedestrian street for shopping and cafes. |
| 5 St. Nicholas Stairway | Historic stairway connecting upper and lower Patras. | 6 Roman Odeon | Ancient Roman theater for performances and events. |
| 7 Patras Castle | Medieval fortress offering panoramic city and sea views. | P Cruise port / terminal | |