

Portimão, Algarve, Portugal

Portugal's sardine capital sits at the mouth of the Arade River, flanked by world-famous golden-cliff beaches and a picture-perfect fishing village just a ferry ride away.

Pier (small ships) / Tender (large ships)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Euro (€) — cards widely accepted

Portuguese / English widely spoken

Best: May–Oct

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier for ships ≤215 m; tender for larger vessels
Walk to center: 15-20 min to downtown; ~30 min to Praia da Rocha
Best For: Beaches, Benagil cave tours, seafood dining
Don't Miss: Water taxi to Ferragudo village across the river

Getting around: **Taxi** €5–€12 · **Rideshare** Bolt, Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Benagil Sea Cave RIB Tour** — The famous cathedral cave at Benagil is one of the most photographed spots in Europe.
- Praia da Rocha Beach Day** — About 2.5 km from the pier (a 30-minute walk or a short taxi/bus ride) lies one of Portugal's finest beaches: wide...
- Ferragudo Village Water-Taxi Excursion** — Hop a water taxi (€3–5, 5 minutes) from the marina to Ferragudo — a whitewashed fishing village that feels untouched by...
- Silves Moorish Castle** — Twenty minutes inland, the red sandstone castle of Silves is the best-preserved Moorish fortification in Portugal.
- Sardine Lunch on the Riverfront** — Portimão is the sardine capital of the Algarve.

BEST WALKS

- Pier to Praia da Rocha & Fort of Santa Catarina** 2.5 km · 30 min · Flat · Free — Follow the paved riverside path south from the cruise terminal toward the beach.
- Riverfront Stroll to the Old Town** 2.5 km · 30 min · Flat · Free — Head north along the Ribeirinha promenade — a palm-lined riverside walkway with benches and cafes.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	68°	55°	8d
Jun	80°	63°	2d
Aug	87°	67°	0d
Sep	80°	65°	4d
Oct	74°	62°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:59AM–8:09PM · Jun 6:13AM–8:55PM · Aug 6:51AM–8:25PM · Sep 7:16AM–7:41PM · Oct 7:42AM–6:56PM

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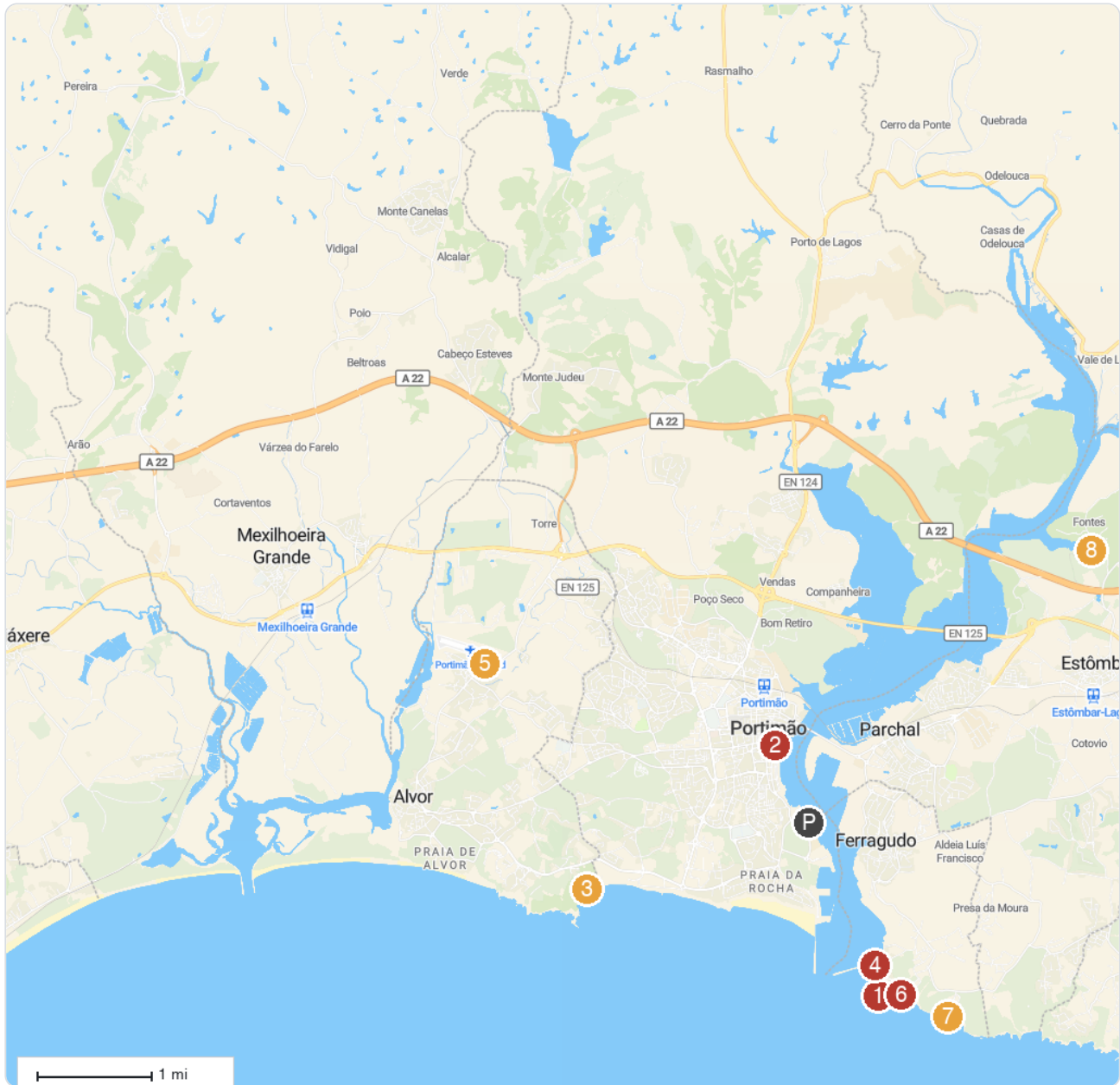
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sun protection is essential. The Algarve sun is intense even in spring. The walks to the beach and city center have minimal shade — wear sunscreen, a hat, and bring water.
- Wear sturdy shoes. The old town uses traditional Portuguese calcada cobblestones — beautiful but slippery. Skin sandals or

Portimão, Algarve, Portugal — 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 Farol da Ponta do Altar | Historic lighthouse offering panoramic ocean views. | 2 Casa Manuel Teixeira Gomes | Former president's house, now a cultural museum. |
| 3 Praia de Boião | Secluded, small beach, often accessed by boat. | 4 Praia do Molhe | Beach next to a pier, popular for fishing. |
| 5 Skydive Seven Algarve | Skydiving center for tandem jumps over the coast. | 6 Praia do Torrado | Wild, natural beach with rugged cliffs. |
| 7 Praia da Afurada | River mouth beach near a traditional fishing village. | 8 Parque Municipal do Sítio das Fontes | Municipal park with natural springs and picnic areas. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |