

Santander, Cantabria, Spain

Santander ships dock steps from the old city — stroll to Renzo Piano's Centro Botín, catch a bus to the royal Magdalena Palace, or keep walking all the way to the grand sweep of El Sardinero beach.

Pier (docked)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Euro (€)

Spanish

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Maritime Station, central waterfront

Best for: Beaches, modern art, tapas, bay ferry hop

Walk to centre: 5 min on foot from gangway

Don't miss: Centro Botín & a plate of rabas (fried squid)

Getting around: **Taxi** ✅ €10–€13 · **Rideshare** ✅ Uber · **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ City Sightseeing Santander

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Bilbao & the Guggenheim** — Ride 1 hr east to Bilbao's titanium Guggenheim Museum — one of the most spectacular buildings on Earth — plus the...
 - **Altamira Cave Replica & Santillana del Mar** — The Altamira 'Sistine Chapel of prehistory' is now preserved behind glass; the museum's replica lets you walk among...
- **Centro Botín Art Walk** — Renzo Piano's striking cultural centre floats over the bay on stilts just 8 min from the ship.
 - **Magdalena Peninsula Walk** — A 30-min walk or quick bus ride brings you to the Magdalena Palace grounds — a former royal summer residence with free...
 - **El Sardinero Beach** — Santander's grand 19th-century casino overlooks Primera and Segunda beaches at El Sardinero — 2.5 km of fine sand...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Magdalena Peninsula** 3.5 km · ~45 min · easy coastal path — From the Maritime Station, walk east along Paseo de Pereda past Centro Botín, up through Jardines de Piquío, and onto the Magdalena...
- **Old Town & Cathedral Loop** 1.5 km · ~25 min · easy — Head uphill from the Botín to the twin-naved Catedral de Santander, then wander the pedestrian lanes of Calle Juan de Herrera and...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	62°	49°	13d
Jun	70°	59°	13d
Aug	75°	63°	11d
Sep	73°	60°	12d
Oct	69°	56°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:32AM–8:58PM · Jun 6:34AM–9:57PM · Aug 7:20AM–9:17PM · Sep 7:55AM–8:24PM · Oct 8:29AM–7:31PM

Euro (€)

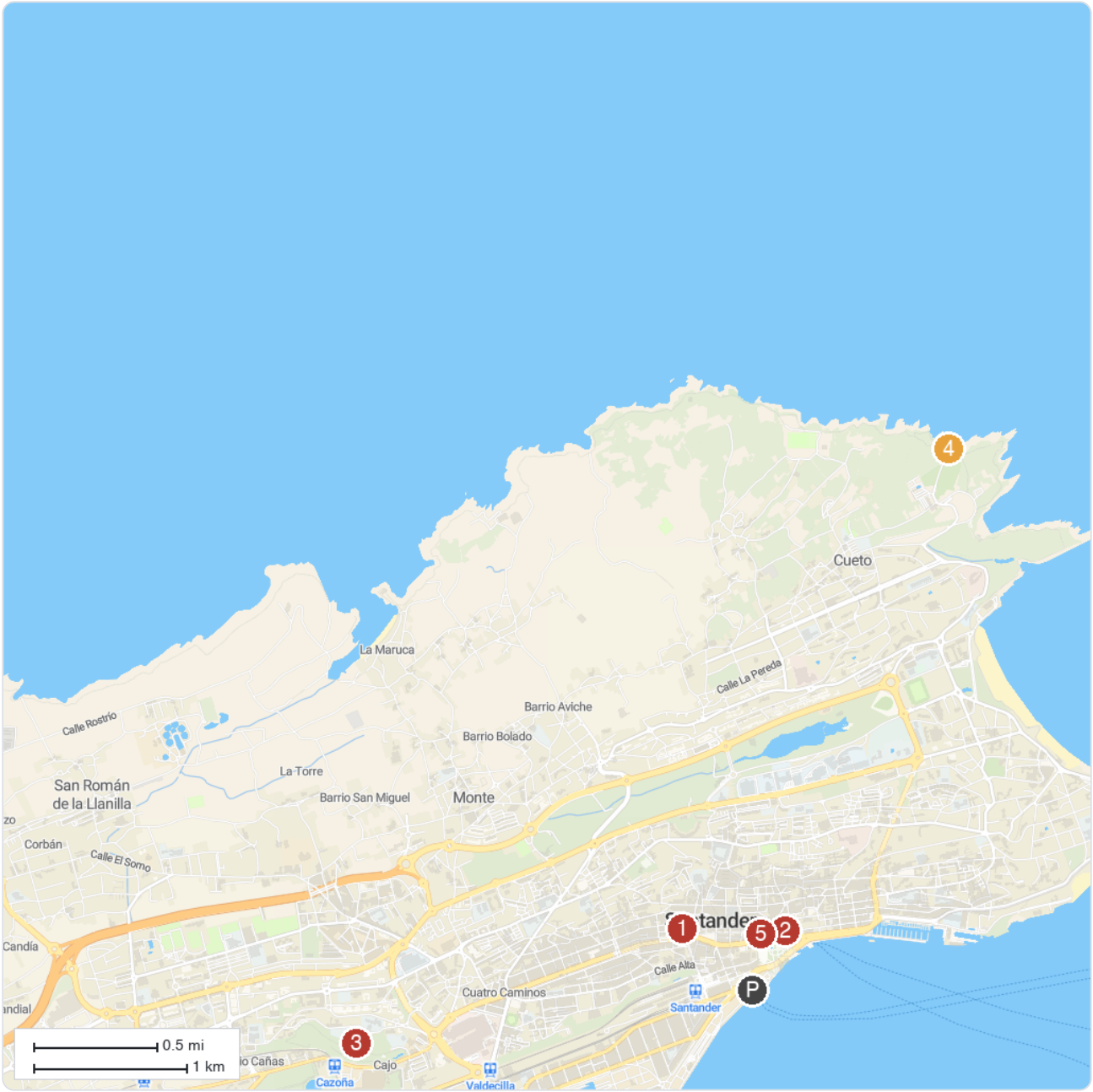
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pack a rain layer. Santander is in 'Green Spain' — showers arrive with little warning even in summer. A light jacket or compact umbrella is essential.
- Eat rabas. Cantabria's signature dish is battered fried squid rings, served in every bar near the port for a few euros. Don't leave without trying them.

Santander, Cantabria, Spain — 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 Museo de Arte Moderno y Contemporáneo de Santander y Cantabria | Museum showcasing modern and contemporary art from Santander. | 2 Museum of Prehistory and Archaeology of Cantabria | Museum displaying Cantabria's prehistoric and archaeological heritage. |
| 3 Doctor Morales Park | Urban park offering green spaces and city views. | 4 Centro de Arte Faro Cabo Mayor (FCM) | Art center located inside a historic lighthouse. |
| 5 Muralla de Santander | Remains of Santander's ancient city walls. | P Cruise port / terminal | |