

Sarande, Albanian Riviera, Albania

Tucked between mountains and the sparkling Ionian Sea, Sarande punches well above its weight — a UNESCO World Heritage site 18 km away, a mysterious bottomless spring inland, and postcard beaches at Ksamil, all for Albanian prices.

Pier (small ships) or Tender (large ships)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Currency: Albanian Lek (Euros widely accepted)

Language: Albanian (English & Italian spoken in tourist areas)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier for smaller ships; large ships anchor and tender in

Walk to center: 5 min from pier; 10 min from tender dock to promenade

Best For: Ancient ruins, natural wonders, Ionian beaches, budget dining

Don't Miss: Butrint National Park (UNESCO) and the Blue Eye spring

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €5–€15 · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Patoko, Clust, VrapOn

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Butrint National Park (UNESCO)** — An extraordinary archaeological park 18 km south of Sarande spanning Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Venetian ruins set in... beaches, impossibly clear water, and...
- Blue Eye Spring (Syri i Kaltër)** — A surreal karst spring 30 minutes inland whose deep sapphire center — surrounded by rings of turquoise — looks exactly...
- Ionian Speedboat Tour** — Explore hidden sea caves, wild coves, and remote beaches like Kakome inaccessible by land.
- Ksamil Beach & Islands** — Dubbed the 'Maldives of Albania', Ksamil village (14 km south) boasts white-sand
- Sarande Town Walk: Promenade & Lekursi Castle** — Stroll the palm-lined Lungomare, explore the 5th-century synagogue ruins with mosaic floors, then take a taxi up to...

BEST WALKS

- Lungomare Promenade to Synagogue Ruins** 1.5 km · 20 min · Flat & paved — Walk east along the palm-lined promenade from the pier, passing cafes and restaurants, then turn inland at the Qender district to find...
- Monastery of 40 Saints Ruins** 1 km from pier · Easy uphill · 30 min — A short walk up from the waterfront leads to the ruins of the Byzantine monastery that gives Sarande its name ('forty saints').

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	66°	50°	10d
Jun	81°	66°	6d
Aug	88°	71°	3d
Sep	80°	65°	8d
Oct	72°	58°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:02AM–7:18PM · Jun 5:11AM–8:09PM · Aug 5:52AM–7:36PM · Sep 6:21AM–6:48PM · Oct 6:50AM–6:00PM

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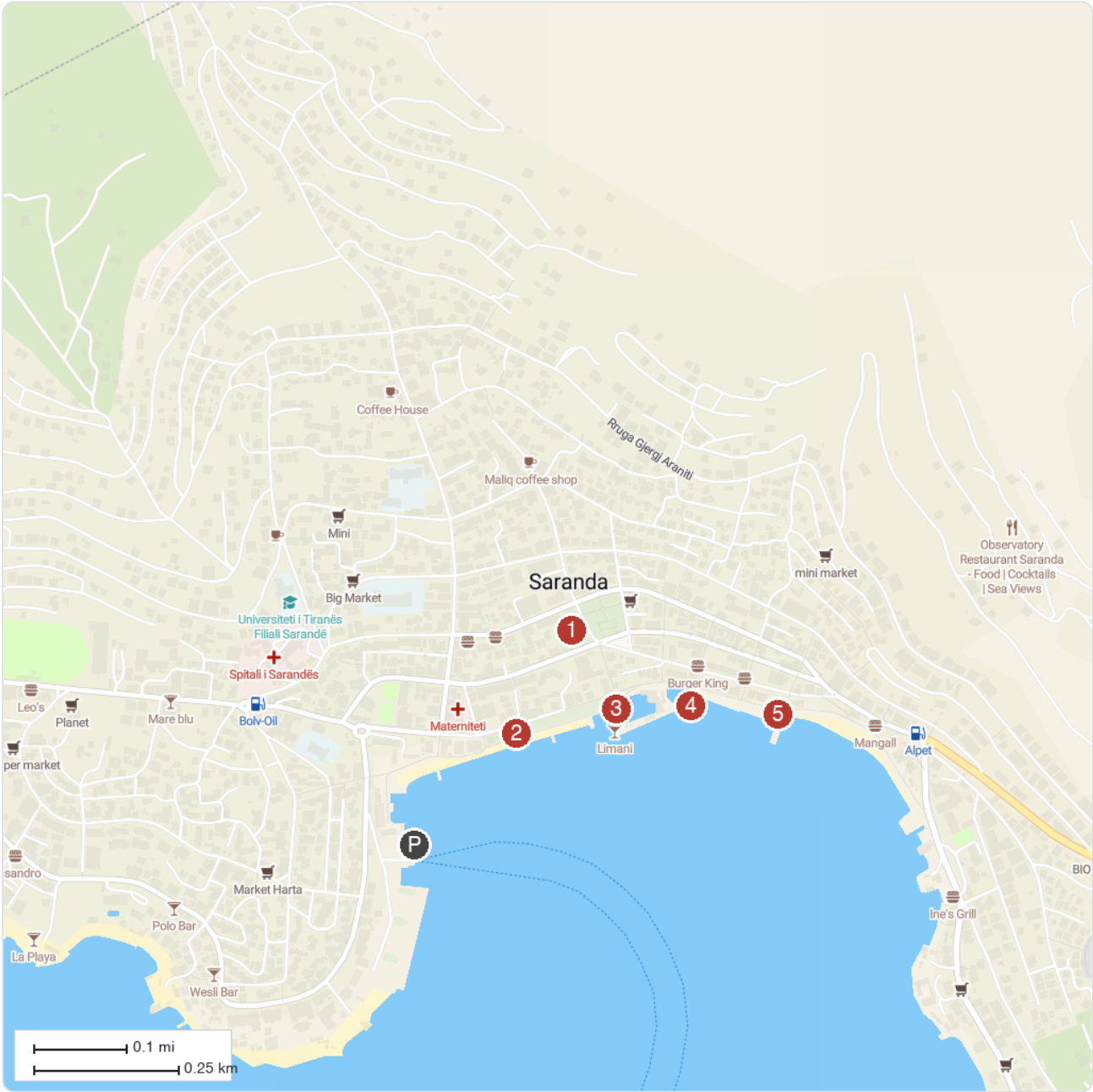
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring your passport. Albania is outside the EU/Schengen — your ship card alone won't get you through passport control. This

Sarande, Albanian Riviera, Albania — 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 Synagogue - Basilica, Archeological Remains | Ancient synagogue and basilica ruins reveal Sarande's rich history. | 2 Hasan Tahsini Monument | A monument honoring Hasan Tahsini, a prominent Albanian figure. |
| 3 Joni Tour Sarande | Local tour operator offering excursions and activities around Sarande. | 4 Prince Ennio | A popular restaurant and hotel with scenic views of Sarande. |
| 5 Jet ski place | Rent jet skis here for thrilling water sports adventures. | P Cruise port / terminal | |