

Sinop, Black Sea Coast, Turkey

Turkey's northernmost city rewards cruise visitors with ancient walls they can touch, a prison-fortress with a dramatic past, and a harbor promenade that begins the moment you step off the gangway.

 Pier (docked)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Turkish Lira (TRY)  Turkish (English limited)  History & culture

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships berth directly at Sinop Limanı on the sheltered south side of the peninsula

Best For: History walkers, Black Sea seafood lovers, off-the-beaten-path Turkey

Walk to center: Virtually zero — the waterfront promenade begins at the port exit

Don't Miss: Sinop Fortress Prison and a bowl of local Sinop mantısı (walnut-butter dumplings)

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ₺80–₺150 (~\$2–\$3.50 USD) in-town

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Sinop Fortress Prison** — The 'Alcatraz of Anatolia' — a 13th-century Seljuk fortress that became a notorious state prison, closed 1997.
- **Old Town Walk & Pervane Medresesi** — Stroll the 13th-century Islamic seminary turned artisan bazaar, where local craftspeople sell Sinop's signature wooden...
- **Hamsilos Bay (Turkey's Only Fjord)** — A stunning narrow inlet lined with pine forest — technically a ria but Turkey's closest equivalent to a fjord.
- **Sinop Archaeological Museum & Balatlar Church** — The museum traces Sinop from the Bronze Age through the Ottoman era with a lovely garden of ancient sculptures.
- **Karakum Beach** — Sinop's famous black-sand beach, 3 km from the port.

BEST WALKS

- **Harbor to Fortress Prison Loop** 2.5 km · ~1 hr · flat · historic — From the port gate, follow the waterfront promenade north past Uğur Mumcu Parkı, then turn inland to the Sinop Fortress Prison entrance.
- **Archaeology & Byzantine Walk** 1.5 km · ~45 min · flat · cultural — From the port, head to the Sinop Archaeological Museum to see artifacts spanning 3,000 years, then walk a few minutes to the ruins of...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	58°	47°	9d
Jun	75°	64°	8d
Aug	82°	72°	6d
Sep	76°	66°	8d
Oct	67°	58°	11d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:59AM–7:20PM · Jun 5:03AM–8:16PM · Aug 5:47AM–7:39PM · Sep 6:19AM–6:48PM · Oct 6:52AM–5:57PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Taxis wait at the port gate — negotiate a price upfront for Hamsilos fjord (~₺300–400 round-trip with wait) or ask them to use the meter for shorter trips like Karakum Beach.

Eat Sinop mantısı — it's nothing like standard Turkish mantı. Try Tuzmanlı Yeri or Örnek Mantı, both a short walk from the harbor.

Sinop, Black Sea Coast, Turkey — 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 Sinop Castle | A historic fortress offering panoramic sea and city views. | 2 Arslan Torun Mansion and Ethnography Museum | A historic mansion showcasing local culture and artifacts. |
| 3 Sinope Tours | A company offering guided tours of Sinop and its surroundings. | 4 Sinop Historic Prison | A former Ottoman prison, now a museum. |
| 5 Balatlar Church | Ancient Byzantine church ruins with impressive mosaics. | 6 Statue of Diogenes | A monument honoring the famous ancient Greek philosopher. |
| 7 Sahin Hill | A scenic viewpoint offering panoramic views of Sinop. | 8 Sinop Kuzey Butik Apart | A boutique apartment hotel for comfortable stays. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |