

Alghero, Sardinia, Italy

Sardinia's most charming port town wraps Catalan Gothic towers, honey-coloured sea walls, and crystal-clear coves into a single shore day that feels twice as long as it is.

Mostly tender port

Typical call: 6–9 hrs

Euro (€)

Italian / Algherese Catalan

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender for most ships; small vessels may dock at Banchina Dogana

Best For: Medieval old town, Neptune's Grotto, red coral shopping, beaches

Walk to centre: Tender drops at Old Town edge — 0 min walk

Don't Miss: Bastioni sea walls at golden hour & aragosta alla Catalana

Getting around: **Taxi** €13–€15 (short city trip) · **Rideshare** Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Neptune's Grotto (Grotta di Nettuno)** — Sardinia's most spectacular sea cave sits inside the limestone cliffs of Capo Caccia.
 - Old Town & Sea Walls Walk** — Alghero's walled centro storico is one of the best-preserved in Sardinia.
 - Nuraghe Palmavera Archaeological Site** — A ~15-min taxi ride northwest toward Porto Conte brings you to one of Sardinia's best-
- preserved Bronze Age nuragic complexes — a central body with...
 - Spiaggia del Lido & San Giovanni Beach** — Alghero's main city beaches begin just a 15-min walk north of the old town along the promenade.
 - Riviera del Corallo Boat Tour** — Catamaran or sailing-boat trips cruise the Coral Riviera coastline, including swimming stops in rocky coves, snorkelling over red-coral beds, and an...

BEST WALKS

- Sea Walls & Old Town Loop** 2–3 km · 1–1.5 hrs · Easy — From the tender landing at Molo Dogana, climb to the Bastioni Marco Polo sea walls and follow them along the waterfront past Torre di San Giacomo down to Piazza Sulis at...
- Promenade to Lido Beach** 3 km one-way · 45 min · Flat — Head north from the old town along Lungomare Dante and the coastal promenade to Spiaggia del Lido and Spiaggia di San Giovanni.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		65°	53°	8d
Jun		81°	67°	3d
Aug		86°	72°	3d
Sep		80°	68°	6d
Oct		73°	62°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:48AM–8:05PM · Jun 5:55AM–8:58PM · Aug 6:37AM–8:24PM · Sep 7:07AM–7:35PM · Oct 7:38AM–6:46PM

Euro (€)

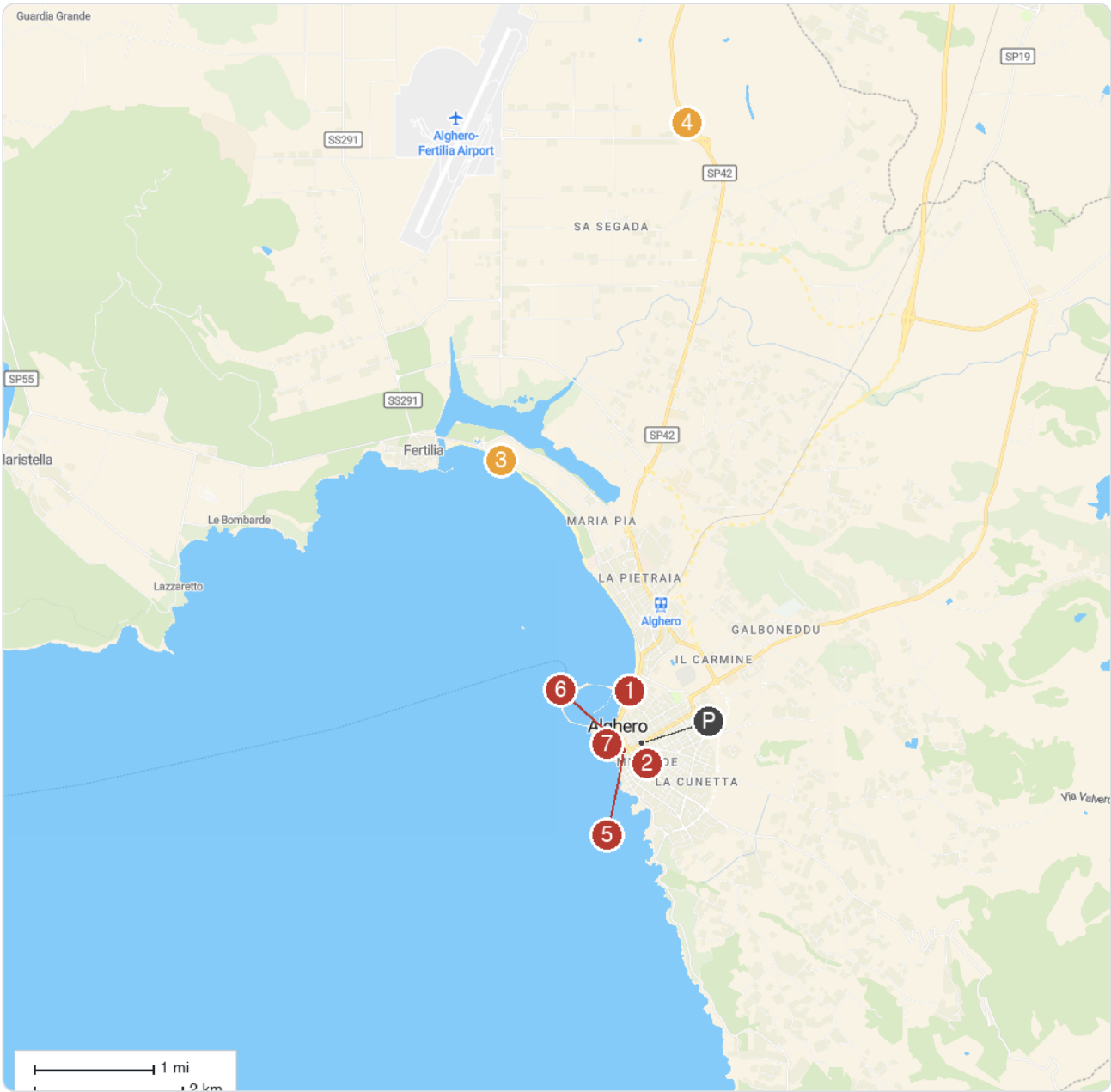
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender early or late. Mid-morning tenders from a full ship can queue 20–30 min; head ashore at opening or after the rush, and return at least 1 hr before all-aboard.
- Book Neptune's Grotto first. Boat trips sell out quickly on busy ship days — buy a ticket at the harbour kiosk as soon as you step ashore. Skip it if weather is rough; the cave is closed in strong swells.
- Lunch budget tip. Aragosta alla Catalana is pricey (€30–50 per portion) but worth it once. Set-menu lunches (€15–20) in the old town are an excellent alternative.
- Red coral is the souvenir. Alghero is Italy's red-coral capital. Buy from reputable old-town jewellers — avoid cheap street stalls which often sell dyed fakes.
- Summer heat. July–August calls can top 35 °C. The old-town lanes are shaded but beaches are exposed — bring water and sunscreen.
- Catalan curiosity. Alghero's dialect is an endangered branch of Catalan; street signs are bilingual Italian/Algherese. Locals are proud of it — a simple gràcies (Catalan 'thank you') gets a warm reaction.

Alghero, Sardinia, Italy — 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 Progetto Natura | Progetto Natura: Wildlife park with local flora and fauna. | 2 Parco Tarragona | Tarragona Park: Relaxing city park with playgrounds and green space. |
| 3 Splash Aquapark | Splash Aquapark: Fun water slides and pools for all ages. | 4 Necropolis of Anghelu Ruju | Anghelu Ruju Necropolis: Prehistoric rock-cut tombs, an ancient burial site. |
| 5 Alghero | Alghero: Historic walled city with Catalan Gothic architecture. | 6 Church of Saint Michael | Saint Michael's Church: Iconic dome, a beautiful Baroque church. |
| 7 Church of San Francesco | San Francesco Church: Historic Gothic church with a beautiful cloister. | P Cruise port / terminal | |