

Aliağa, İzmir Province, Turkey

A port where ships come to die — and history stretches back 2,500 years. The rusting hulks of former cruise giants line a 10-kilometre beach, while ancient Aeolian cities crumble quietly in the hills above.

⚓ Industrial berth (no passenger terminal)

🕒 Typical call: transit / viewing

💰 Currency: Turkish Lira (TRY)

🗣️ Language: Turkish

🚢 Ship-breaking capital of Europe

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Industrial commercial berths; no dedicated cruise terminal

Best For: Industrial heritage enthusiasts, photography, maritime history

Ship-breaking yard: ~10 km of coastline, 132 plots — Europe's largest

Don't Miss: Foça (ancient Phocaea), ~40 km, and ruins of Kyme within Aliağa itself

🚗 Getting around: 🚕 **Taxi** ✅ ₺150–300 (~\$5–10 USD) · 🚲 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Ship-Breaking Beach Panorama** — Drive the coastal road alongside the 10-kilometre breaking beach.
- **Foça (Ancient Phocaea)** — About 40 km south by road, the charming harbour town of Foça sits atop the ruins of ancient Phocaea — the Ionian city...
- **Ancient Kyme & Aigai Ruins** — Kyme — the largest of the twelve Aeolian cities — lies within Aliağa itself near Çakmaklı neighbourhood.
- **Pergamon (Bergama)** — Turkey's most dramatic acropolis rises above Bergama, about 46 km north.
- **Aliağa Bird Sanctuary & Güzelhisar Delta** — The Güzelhisar Delta wetland north of town hosts a wide range of bird species.

BEST WALKS

- **Breaking Beach Coastal Road Walk** 2 km one-way · Easy · Best light: morning or evening — Ask your taxi to drop you at the northern end of the Aliağa industrial shore road.
- **Aliağa Town Centre & Waterfront** 2 km loop · Easy · Cafes along the waterfront — From the port gate, take a taxi to Aliağa town centre.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	60°	39°	11d
Jun	77°	54°	9d
Aug	84°	59°	5d
Sep	74°	52°	7d
Oct	67°	46°	6d

🇹🇷 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY

Apr 7:24AM–8:42PM · Jun 6:31AM–9:35PM · Aug 7:13AM–9:00PM ·
Sep 7:43AM–8:11PM · Oct 8:14AM–7:22PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Best ship-yard photos come from the coastal road or from the water — the yards are fenced private industrial sites. A drone permit would be needed for aerial shots and is unlikely...

Aliğa, İzmir Province, 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.



- 1** Aliğa Kuş Cenneti A protected wetland and sanctuary for various bird species.
- 2** Uğur Mumcu Parkı A public park named after a prominent Turkish journalist.
- 3** Atatürk Parkı A central public park honoring Turkey's founder Atatürk.
- P** Cruise port / terminal