

Chios Island, Aegean Islands, Greece

A quieter corner of the Aegean where medieval fortress villages sport black-and-white geometric facades, mastic trees drip their rare resin, and an 11th-century monastery glows with gold Byzantine mosaics.

 Docked (Chios Town harbor)

 Typical call: 7–9 hrs

 Euro (€)

 Greek

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Quay berths at Chios Town harbor, 5-min walk to town center

Best For: Mastic villages, Byzantine art, authentic island culture

Don't Miss: Pyrgi's xysta facades and Nea Moni UNESCO monastery

Getting Around: Car hire or taxi essential — villages are 25–35 km from port

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €3–€10

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Pyrgi & the Painted Village** — Pyrgi is the largest mastic village and the most visually arresting — every building facade is etched in intricate...
- Mesta — Medieval Fortress Village** — Mesta is the best-preserved of the mastic villages, its stone houses locked together in a single defensive mass against...
- Nea Moni UNESCO Monastery** — Built by Byzantine Emperor Constantine IX in 1042, this hilltop monastery is one of Greece's three UNESCO-listed...
- Chios Mastic Museum & Groves** — Chios is the world's only source of natural mastic gum — a resin unique to this corner of the island, where it has been...
- Chios Castle & Old Town Walk** — The Byzantine-era castle that towers over the port is free to enter and offers sweeping harbor views.

BEST WALKS

- Chios Town Waterfront & Castle Walk** 1.5 km · 30–45 min · Easy — From the cruise pier, stroll north along the harbor promenade to the main square, then turn inland toward the Byzantine castle.
- Kampos Citrus Estate Walk** Easy walk around estate roads · 45 min · Flat — The Kampos district, 4 km south of the port by taxi, is a grid of quiet lanes running between centuries-old Genoese mansions and...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	68°	55°	6d
Jun	85°	70°	3d
Aug	92°	76°	1d
Sep	84°	70°	2d
Oct	74°	63°	4d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:39AM–7:51PM · Jun 5:51AM–8:40PM · Aug 6:30AM–8:08PM · Sep 6:57AM–7:23PM · Oct 7:24AM–6:37PM

Euro (€)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Rent a car early. The mastic villages and Nea Moni are spread across the island — a rental car is by far the most flexible option and lets you combine all three in one day.

Chios Island, Aegean Islands, Greece — 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 Byzantine Museum of Chios (Mecidiye Mosque) | Byzantine museum housed in a former Ottoman mosque. | 2 Castle of Chios | Explore a medieval castle with Venetian and Ottoman history. |
| 3 Chios Port | Main port of Chios, bustling with ferries and life. | 4 Ottoman Bath in the Castle of Chios | Ancient Ottoman bathhouse ruins within the castle walls. |
| 5 Windmill of Chios | Iconic traditional windmill offering scenic coastal views. | 6 Filoproodos Omilos Vrontados (F.O.V.) | Local cultural association promoting Vrontados traditions and events. |
| 7 Kampos | Historic area with unique mansions, gardens, and citrus groves. | P Cruise port / terminal | |