

Durrës, Albania

One of Europe's oldest cities, Durrës drops you at the heart of ancient Roman history, an Albanian beach strip, and a gateway to Tirana — all without ever tendering a single wave.

 Pier (docked)  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  Albanian Lek (ALL); EUR widely accepted  Albanian; Italian widely spoken

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock directly; no tender required

Walk to center: ~10-15 min (1 km) to Freedom Square

Best For: Roman history, beaches, day trip to Tirana or Krujë

Don't Miss: Roman Amphitheater — largest in the Balkans

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~800 ALL (~\$10 USD) ·  **Rideshare**  not available ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  HOBUS Albania / Durrës City Tour

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Roman Amphitheater of Durrës** — The largest Roman amphitheater in the Balkans, built under Emperor Trajan in the 2nd century AD and seating 20,000.
- **Archaeological Museum of Durrës** — Albania's largest archaeological museum, recently renovated, displaying Greek, Hellenistic, and Roman artifacts from...
- **Day Trip to Tirana** — Albania's vibrant, colorful capital is just 40 minutes away by taxi or minibus.
- **Krujë Castle & Ottoman Bazaar** — Hillside fortress of Albania's national hero Skanderbeg, 50 minutes from port.
- **Durrës Beach** — A wide sandy arc stretching south from the port, warm shallow Adriatic water, and a row of beach clubs.

BEST WALKS

- **Port Gate to Freedom Square & Amphitheater Loop** 2.5 km · ~45 min · Flat with one short hill — Walk from the port gate along the main boulevard to Freedom Square.
- **Vollga Promenade to the Sphinx** 2 km · ~30 min · Flat seafront — Head south from the port along the waterfront promenade past seafood restaurants and sculptures to the Sphinx — a modern concrete...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	64°	51°	10d
Jun	79°	67°	6d
Aug	85°	72°	4d
Sep	78°	66°	8d
Oct	71°	58°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:02AM–7:22PM · Jun 5:08AM–8:16PM · Aug 5:51AM–7:40PM · Sep 6:22AM–6:51PM · Oct 6:54AM–6:00PM

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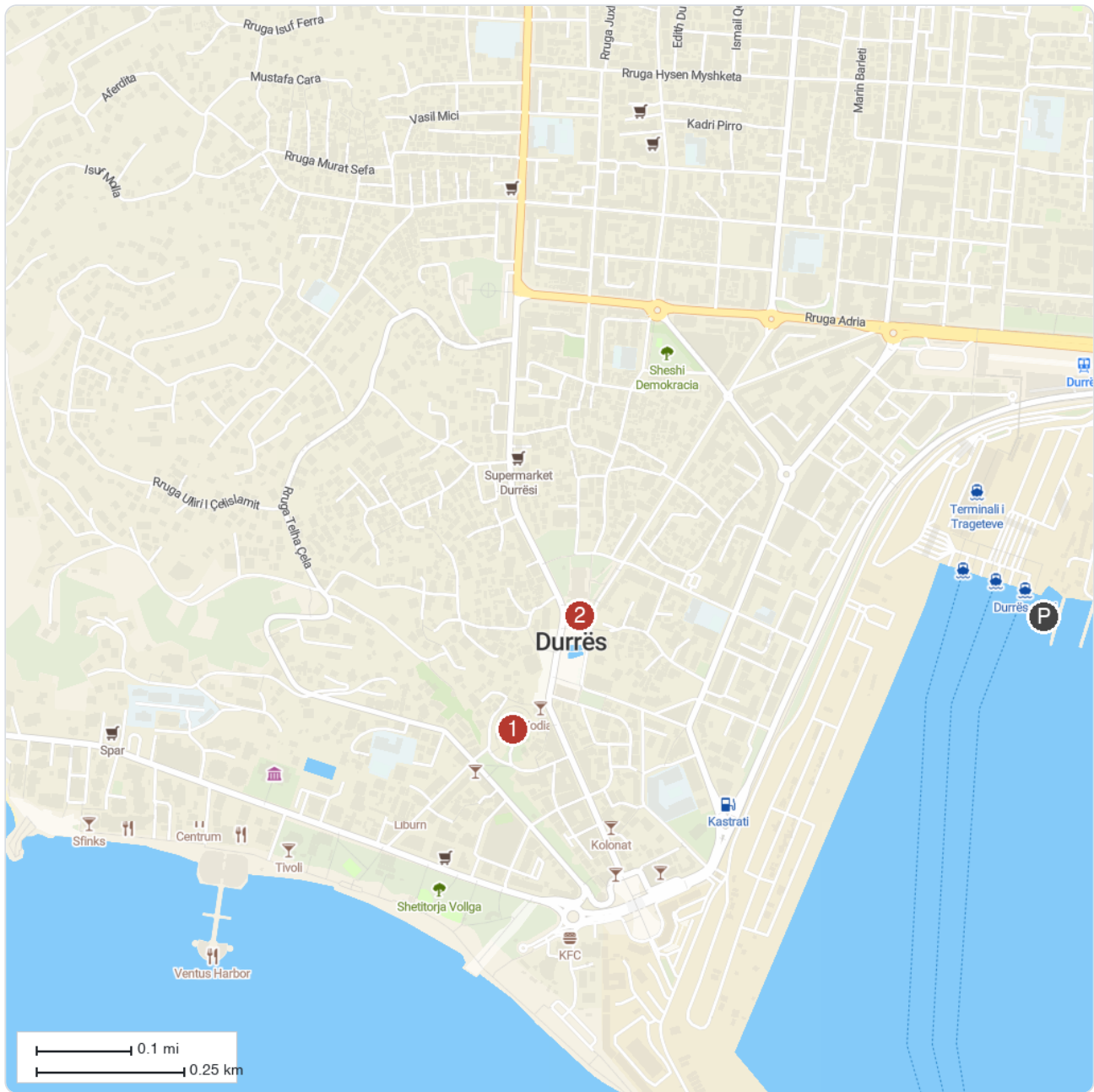
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use Lek, not just Euros. Euros are accepted everywhere but the exchange rate you get paying cash in Lek is noticeably better. Hit an ATM near Freedom Square.
- Negotiate taxi fares before you get in. Meters are rarely used. City center rides should be €3-5; to the beach €4-7; to Tirana €25-35 one-way.
- The amphitheater is worth every cent. Only ~€3 entry, and the Byzantine chapel inside is genuinely rare — one of the few

Durrës, 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.



- 1 Durrës Amphi-theatre** Explore the ancient Roman amphitheatre, the largest in the Balkans.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Town Square of Durrës - Sheshi Liria** Relax in Durrës' central public square, also known as Freedom Square.