

Messina, Sicily, Italy

Gateway to Sicily, Messina docks you in the heart of the city — the cathedral's giant astronomical clock performs at noon, and Taormina and Etna are an hour away.

 Docked (pier)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: Italian

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: All ships dock at Molo Marconi / Terminal Crociere — no tender

Walk to center: ~500 m, 5-10 min to Piazza del Duomo

Best For: Day trips to Taormina, Mount Etna, and Godfather villages

Don't Miss: The Duomo astronomical clock show at noon

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €8–12 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  City Sightseeing Messina

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Taormina & the Greek Theatre** — Sicily's most photogenic hilltop town sits about 50 km south, its ancient Greek-Roman theatre framing a postcard view...
- **Mount Etna Craters** — Europe's tallest active volcano dominates the skyline.
- **Godfather Villages — Savoca & Forza d'Agrò** — The Bar Vitelli in Savoca and the hilltop streets of Forza d'Agrò stood in for Corleone in Francis Ford Coppola's...
- **Duomo & Astronomical Clock** — Messina's rebuilt Norman cathedral houses one of the world's largest and most complex mechanical clocks.
- **Alcantara Gorges** — The Gole dell'Alcantara cut through lava rock to form a dramatic canyon you can wade through in summer.

BEST WALKS

- **Cathedral & Waterfront Loop** 1.5 km • ~45 min • Easy — Walk inland from the port along Via I Settembre to Piazza del Duomo for the cathedral and Orion Fountain.
- **Art & Architecture Walk** 2 km • ~1 hr • Easy — From the Duomo head north-west to the Church of Santissima Annunziata dei Catalani (a rare Norman survivor of the 1908 earthquake)...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	64°	53°	10d
Jun	80°	66°	6d
Aug	86°	72°	6d
Sep	80°	68°	11d
Oct	73°	63°	12d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:22AM–7:33PM · Jun 5:34AM–8:22PM · Aug 6:12AM–7:50PM · Sep 6:39AM–7:05PM · Oct 7:06AM–6:19PM

Currency: Euro (€)

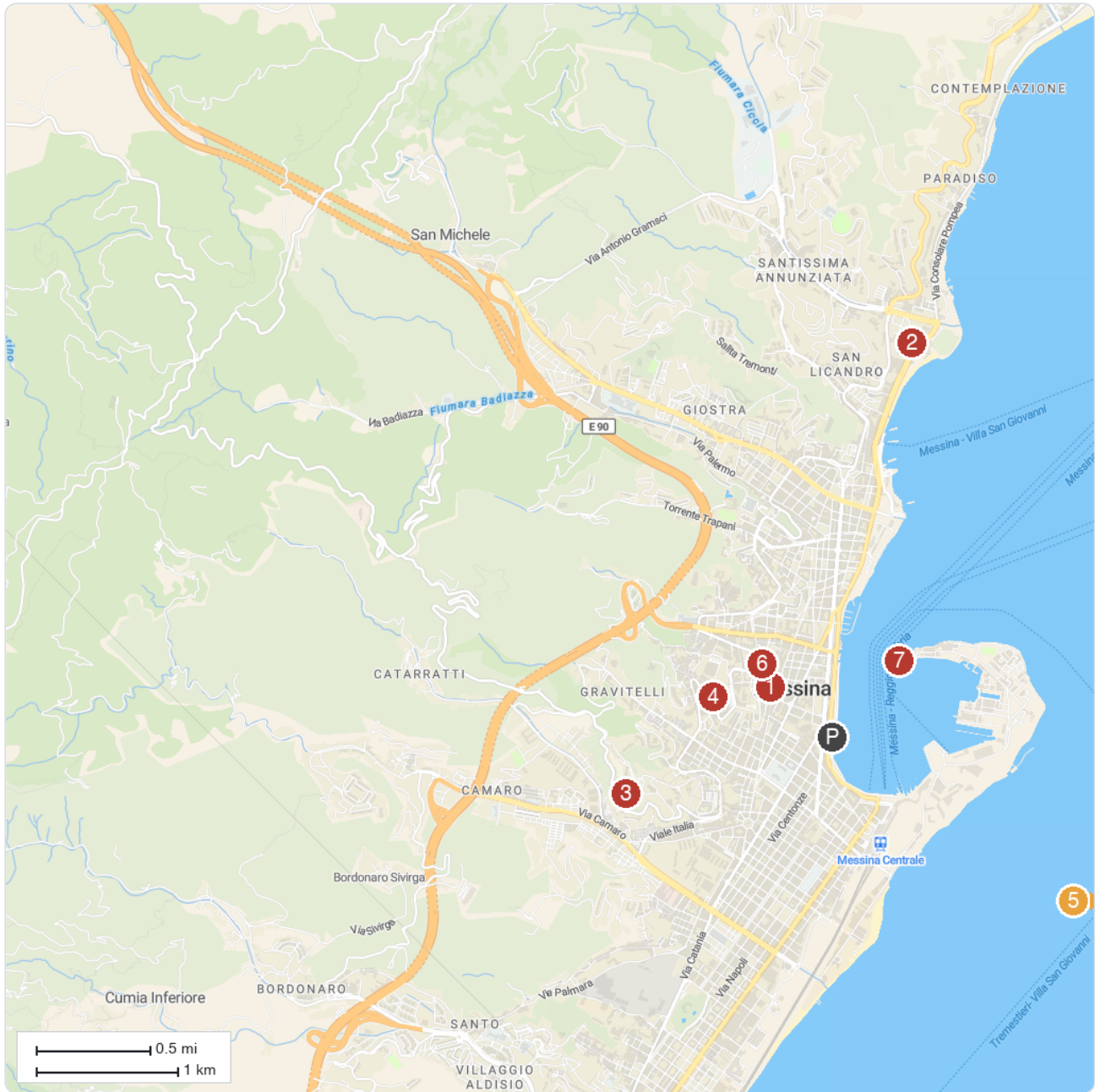
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Time the clock show. The Duomo's astronomical clock performs every day at noon — only 12 minutes. If your call allows, plan to be in Piazza del Duomo by 11:50.
- Agree taxi fares upfront. Fares to Taormina run €80-120 one-way. Negotiate before you get in — meters are not always used.

Messina, Sicily, 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.



1 Palazzo del Monte di Pietà

3 Forte Gonzaga

5 Sanctuary of Saint Francis of Paola

7 Stele della Madonna della Lettera

2 Museo Regionale Interdisciplinare di Messina

4 Chiesa di San Camillo

6 Tempio di Cristo Re

P Cruise port / terminal