

Monemvasia, Peloponnese, Greece

Called the 'Gibraltar of the East,' Monemvasia is a secret world of cobblestone alleys, Byzantine churches, and clifftop ruins hidden inside a single dramatic sea rock — entered only through one narrow gate.

 Tender port (no pier)

 Typical call: 7–9 hrs

 Currency: Euro (€)

 Language: Greek

 UNESCO-listed medieval town

🔑 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Gefyra marina — no cruise pier

Walk to castle gate: ~1 mi (1.5 km) from tender; shuttle bus ~€1.50

Best For: History lovers, photographers, medieval architecture

Don't Miss: Upper Town ruins & Church of Agia Sofia views

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €4.50–6 one-way

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Lower Town Kastro Self-Guided Walk** — Wander the labyrinth of cobblestone alleys, visit the Church of Elkomenos Christos (Christ in Chains), and browse...
- **Upper Town Ruins & Church of Agia Sofia** — A steep 15–20 minute climb from the Lower Town leads to the uninhabited Upper Town ruins and the remarkable...
- **Malvasia Wine Tasting** — Monemvasia is the birthplace of the medieval Malmsey (Malvasia) wine.
- **Portello Sea Swimming** — The Portello (Sea Gate) in the Lower Town's southern wall opens directly onto the Aegean.
- **Kakavos Beach (Gefyra)** — A pebble beach just left of the mainland bridge, a short walk from the tender pier.

BEST WALKS

- **Lower Town Loop** 45–60 min · Easy–Moderate · Cobblestone — Enter through the main gate, walk the main cobblestone street to the central square and Elkomenos Christos Church, then loop back...
- **Climb to the Upper Town** 1–1.5 hrs · Strenuous · Steep stone steps — From the main square of the Lower Town, follow the Voltes path upward through the old town wall to the ruined Upper Town.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	67°	52°	4d
Jun	84°	67°	4d
Aug	90°	74°	2d
Sep	83°	68°	4d
Oct	74°	62°	5d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:54AM–8:02PM · Jun 6:08AM–8:47PM · Aug 6:45AM–8:18PM · Sep 7:10AM–7:34PM · Oct 7:35AM–6:51PM

Currency: Euro (€)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear grippy shoes. The polished cobblestones inside the castle are slippery even when dry. Sturdy sneakers are essential; sandals and heels are a recipe for a fall.
- Take the shuttle bus. It runs frequently from the mainland bridge to the castle gate for about €1.50 each way — saves a hot 15–20 minute walk and your energy for exploring inside.
- Bring water and sun protection. There's almost no shade inside the castle, especially climbing to the Upper Town. Heat exhaustion

Monemvasia, Peloponnese, 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 Holy Church of Christ Elkomenos | Main cathedral in Monemvasia's lower town. | 2 Holy Church of the Virgin Mary Chrysaphitissa | Historic church dedicated to the Virgin Mary. |
| 3 Upper Town | Historic ruins and castle atop the rock. | 4 Holy Church of Hagia Sophia | Byzantine church in the Upper Town. |
| 5 Lighthouse of Monemvasia | Historic lighthouse offering panoramic sea views. | P Cruise port / terminal | |