

Naxos Island, Cyclades, Greece

The Cyclades' best-kept secret: a lush, self-sufficient island with a 2,500-year-old marble gateway, a medieval Venetian castle, golden sand beaches, and food so good it puts Mykonos to shame.

 Dockside berth (small ships)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Euro (€)  Greek

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Dockside — small cruise ships berth at the Chora port quay; larger ships may anchor and tender

Best For: History, beaches, Greek food, unhurried exploration

Walk to center: 1 min to promenade; 10–12 min to Portara; 15 min to Kastro

Don't Miss: The Portara at sunset, Kastro alleys, Naxian Graviera cheese

 Getting around:  Taxi  €2–€6 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **The Portara & Palatia Islet** — Walk the breakwater causeway to the islet of Palatia and stand beneath the massive marble gate of an unfinished Temple...
- **Venetian Kastro & Old Town** — Climb into the 13th-century Venetian citadel through the historic Trani Porta (Great Gate).
- **Agios Prokopios & Agia Anna Beaches** — Voted among Greece's best beaches, Agios Prokopios boasts thick golden rice-grain sand and shallow turquoise water.
- **Mountain Villages & Vallindras Distillery** — Take a guided tour or hire a taxi to the marble villages of Chalki and Filoti in the Tragaea valley.
- **Temple of Demeter at Gyroulas** — A beautifully restored 530 BC marble temple near the village of Sangri — predating the Parthenon.

BEST WALKS

- **Portara Causeway Walk** 1.2 km round-trip · 25 min · Flat · Free — From the port quay, walk north along the harbor promenade to the causeway leading to Palatia islet.
- **Chora to Venetian Kastro** 1 km · 20–30 min · Moderate uphill · Cobblestones — From the harbor head inland through the old market district, past boutiques and cafés, up the stepped alleys to the Trani Porta (Great...
- **Town to Agios Georgios Beach** 1.5 km · 20 min · Flat · Sandy finish — Head south from the port quay along the waterfront road past the town's restaurants and shops to Agios Georgios (St.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain		
Apr	66°	56°	4d		
Jun	80°	70°	2d		
Aug	84°	75°	1d		
Sep	80°	71°	2d		
Oct	72°	65°	3d		
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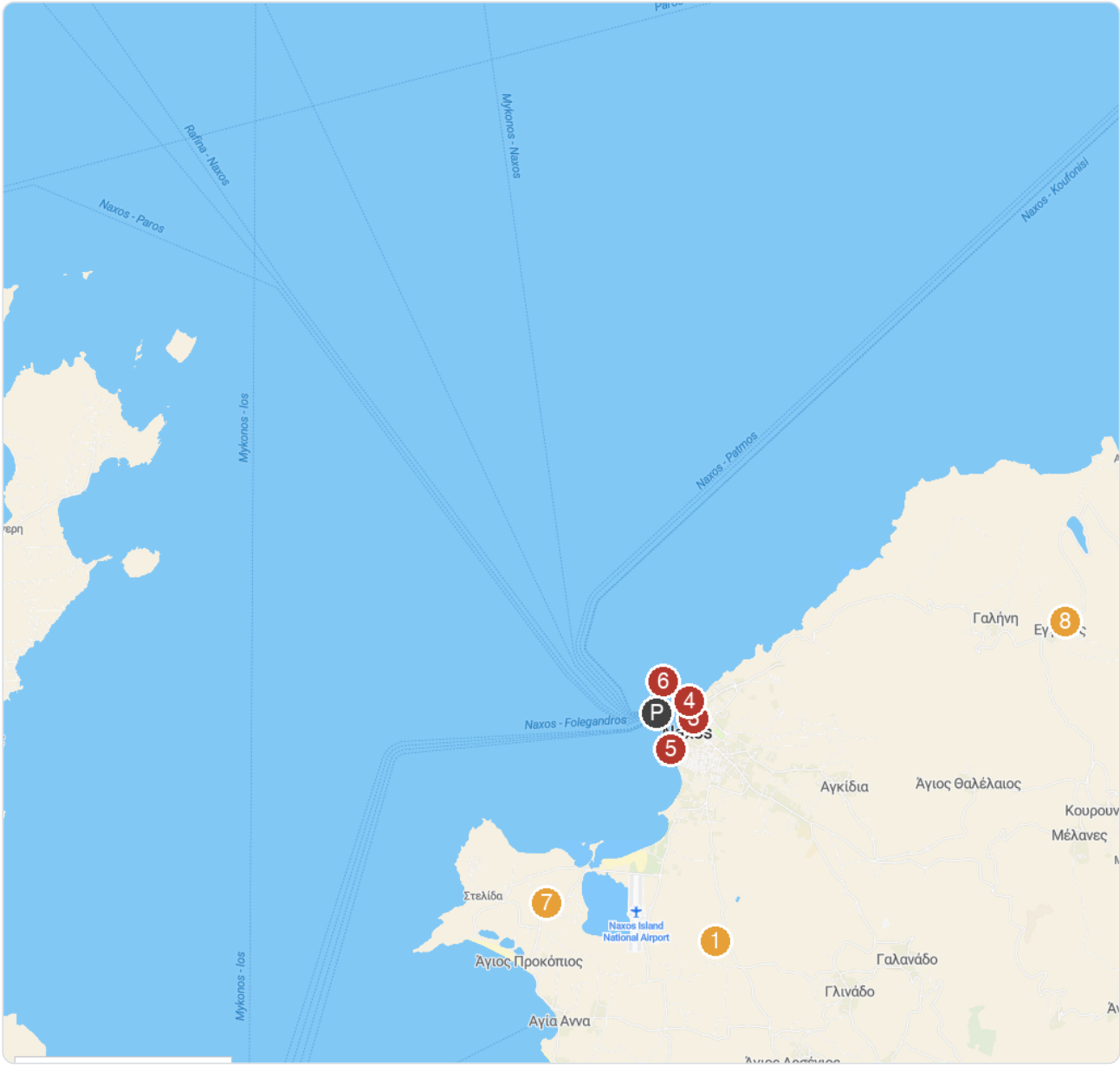
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- **Meltemi winds & tendering:** July–August Meltemi winds (strong northerly gusts) can make tender crossings rough. Allow extra time

Naxos Island, Cyclades, 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 Archaeological Site of Yria Naxos | Ancient sanctuary of Dionysus, a significant archaeological site. | 2 Ancient Temple of Demeter | Restored ancient temple dedicated to Demeter and Persephone. |
| 3 Archaeological Museum of Naxos | Museum displaying artifacts from Naxos's prehistoric to early Christian eras. | 4 Mitropolis On-site Museum | Museum built over ancient ruins beneath the Orthodox Cathedral. |
| 5 Σφίγγα των Ναξίων | Replica of the Naxian Sphinx, originally at Delphi. | 6 Temple of Apollo | Unfinished ancient temple, famous for its iconic Portara gate. |
| 7 Aqua Fun | Family-friendly water park with slides and pools. | 8 Eggares Olive Oil Museum | Museum showcasing traditional olive oil production and history. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |