

Porto Empedocle, Sicily, Italy

Gateway to one of the ancient world's greatest temple complexes, Porto Empedocle is a workaday Sicilian port town that also claims fame as the real-life inspiration for Andrea Camilleri's beloved Inspector Montalbano stories.

 Pier (Banchina Todaro)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Euro (€)  Italian  UNESCO World Heritage nearby

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Banchina Todaro (T1/T2), no tender required

Walk to center: ~10 min (1–1.5 km along the seafront)

Best For: Valley of the Temples, Greek history, Sicilian food

Don't Miss: Temple of Concordia at the Valley of the Temples

 Getting around:  Taxi  €20–€25 one way ·  Rideshare  Uber Black

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Valley of the Temples** — A UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the best-preserved Greek temple complexes outside Greece.
- **Scala dei Turchi** — A stunning white marl cliff sculpted by wind and sea into natural staircases, about 11 km west of Porto Empedocle near...
- **Agrigento Old Town & Montalbano Trail** — Agrigento's medieval hilltop centro storico has a striking Norman cathedral, the Via Atenea market street, and several...
- **Sicilian Food & Market Walk** — Porto Empedocle's waterfront trattorias serve fresh-caught fish, pasta con le sarde, and Sicilian cannoli at local...
- **Full-Day Combo: Temples + Scala dei Turchi** — Hire a driver or join a combo tour that hits the Valley of the Temples in the morning, then heads to Scala dei Turchi...

BEST WALKS

- **Seafront Promenade to Town Center** 1.2 km · 15 min · Easy · Flat — From the cruise pier, follow the waterfront promenade west into the heart of Porto Empedocle.
- **Vigàta Trail: Montalbano Landmarks** 2 km · 30 min · Easy · Flat — Follow the self-guided trail through town spotting locations from Camilleri's Montalbano novels and the RAI TV series.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:31AM–7:40PM · Jun 5:45AM–8:27PM · Aug 6:22AM–7:57PM · Sep 6:48AM–7:13PM · Oct 7:14AM–6:28PM	
Apr	67°	51°	7d	Euro (€)	
Jun	84°	65°	2d		
Aug	89°	71°	3d		
Sep	83°	67°	5d		
Oct	76°	61°	9d		

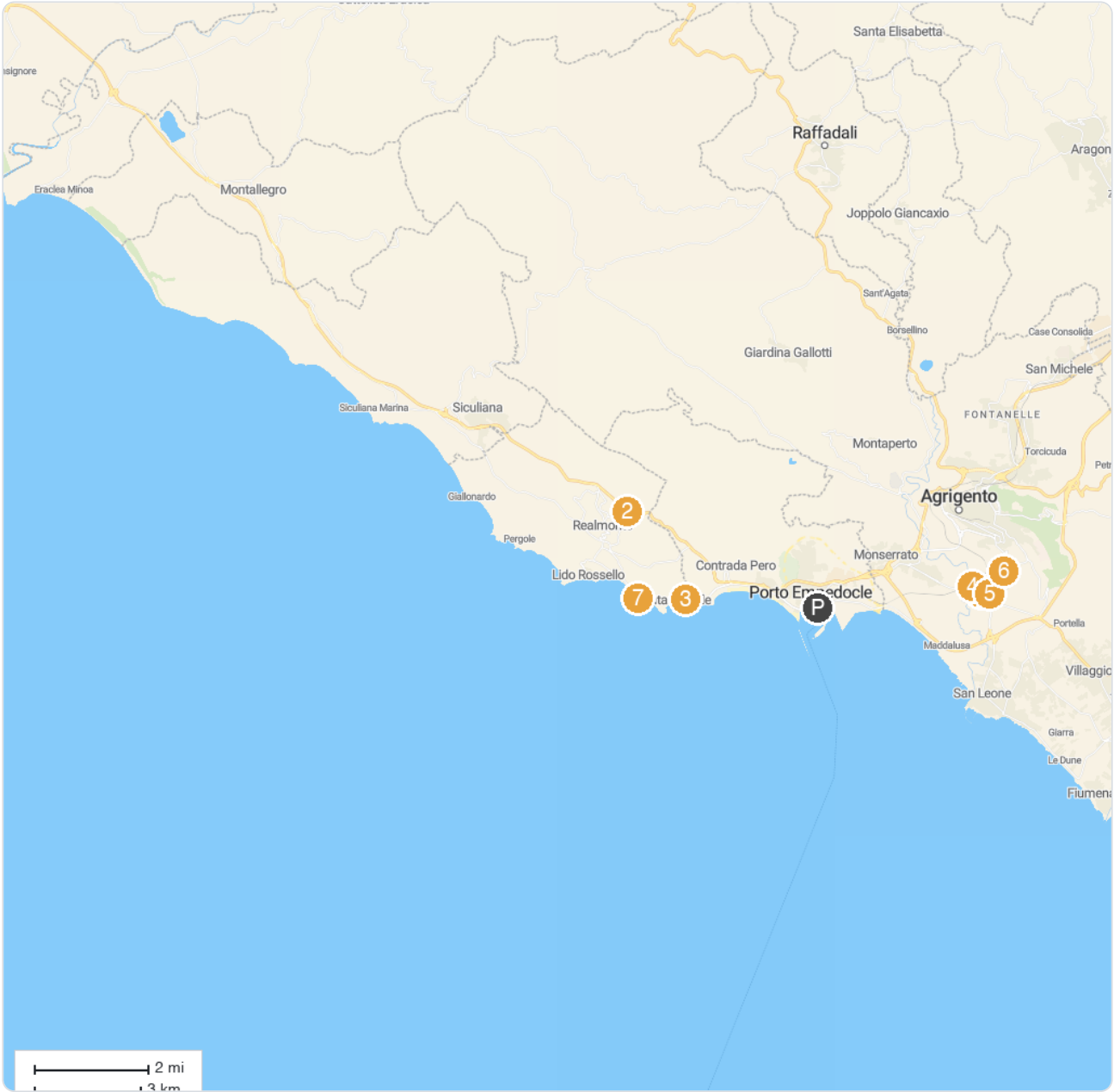
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Don't skip the Valley of the Temples. It's one of the best ancient Greek sites in the world — far better preserved than most of Greece itself. Budget at least 2 hours on site.
- Siesta is real. Shops in Porto Empedocle close 1–4:30 PM. Plan your town walk for the morning or after 5 PM.
- Carry cash. Street vendors, small cafes, and some taxis won't take cards. An ATM is available near the main piazza in town.

Porto Empedocle, 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.



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| 1 | Temple of the Dioscuri | Ancient Greek temple ruins, iconic symbol of Agrigento. | 2 | B&B Zu Tanu e Za Carmela | A local bed and breakfast for overnight stays. |
| 3 | Villa Romana | Ancient Roman villa ruins with mosaics. | 4 | Temple of Vulcano (Hefestos) | Ruins of an ancient Greek temple dedicated to Hephaestus. |
| 5 | Temple of Olympian Zeus | Remains of a colossal ancient Greek temple dedicated to Zeus. | 6 | Archaeological Museum "Pietro Griffo" of Agrigento | Museum displaying artifacts from the Valley of the Temples. |
| 7 | Scala dei Turchi | Stunning white marl cliff formation on the coast. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |