

Taranto, Puglia, Italy

Founded by Spartan settlers in the 8th century BC, Taranto guards two seas with an atmospheric island old town, towering Aragonese castle, and one of the most dazzling Greek-era gold collections on earth.

 Pier (Molo San Cataldo)

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 Currency: Euro

 Language: Italian

 Famous for mussels

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Molo San Cataldo cruise terminal; free shuttle to city gate

Best For: Greek history, archaeology, authentic Puglia street food, day trips to Alberobello or Matera

Walk to center: ~5 min by free port shuttle to Piazza Castello; all sights then walkable

Don't Miss: MArTA museum's Ori di Taranto gold collection and fresh mussels alla tarantina

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €9–€12 · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **MArTA Museum & Gold of Taranto** — The National Archaeological Museum of Taranto houses the world-renowned Ori di Taranto — breathtaking Hellenistic gold...
 - **Old Town Island & Castello Aragonese** — Cross the swing bridge onto the island Borgo Antico, explore the 10th-century Cathedral of San Cataldo, and take a free...
 - **Doric Temple Columns & Ipogei Underground** — Visit the 6th-century BC Doric columns of the Temple of Poseidon in
- Piazza Castello — the oldest Magna Graecia ruins in...

 - **Dolphin Watching in the Gulf of Taranto** — The Gulf of Taranto hosts a large resident population of striped and Risso's dolphins.
 - **Day Trip to Alberobello Trulli** — About an hour's drive north, Alberobello's UNESCO-listed Rione Monti district is packed with hundreds of conical-roofed...

BEST WALKS

- **Old Town to New Town Loop** 2.5 km | 45-60 min | Easy | Flat — Start at Piazza Castello, see the Doric columns and castle exterior, walk down Via Duomo to the Cathedral, cross the Ponte Girevole...
- **New Town Stroll to MArTA** 1.5 km | 20 min | Easy — From the swing bridge, follow Corso Umberto I through the 19th-century grid into the New Town to the MArTA museum.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		68°	50°	1d
Jun		86°	65°	0d
Aug		91°	71°	0d
Sep		84°	65°	0d
Oct		74°	58°	1d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:12AM–7:29PM · Jun 5:20AM–8:22PM · Aug 6:02AM–7:48PM · Sep 6:32AM–6:59PM · Oct 7:02AM–6:10PM

Currency: Euro

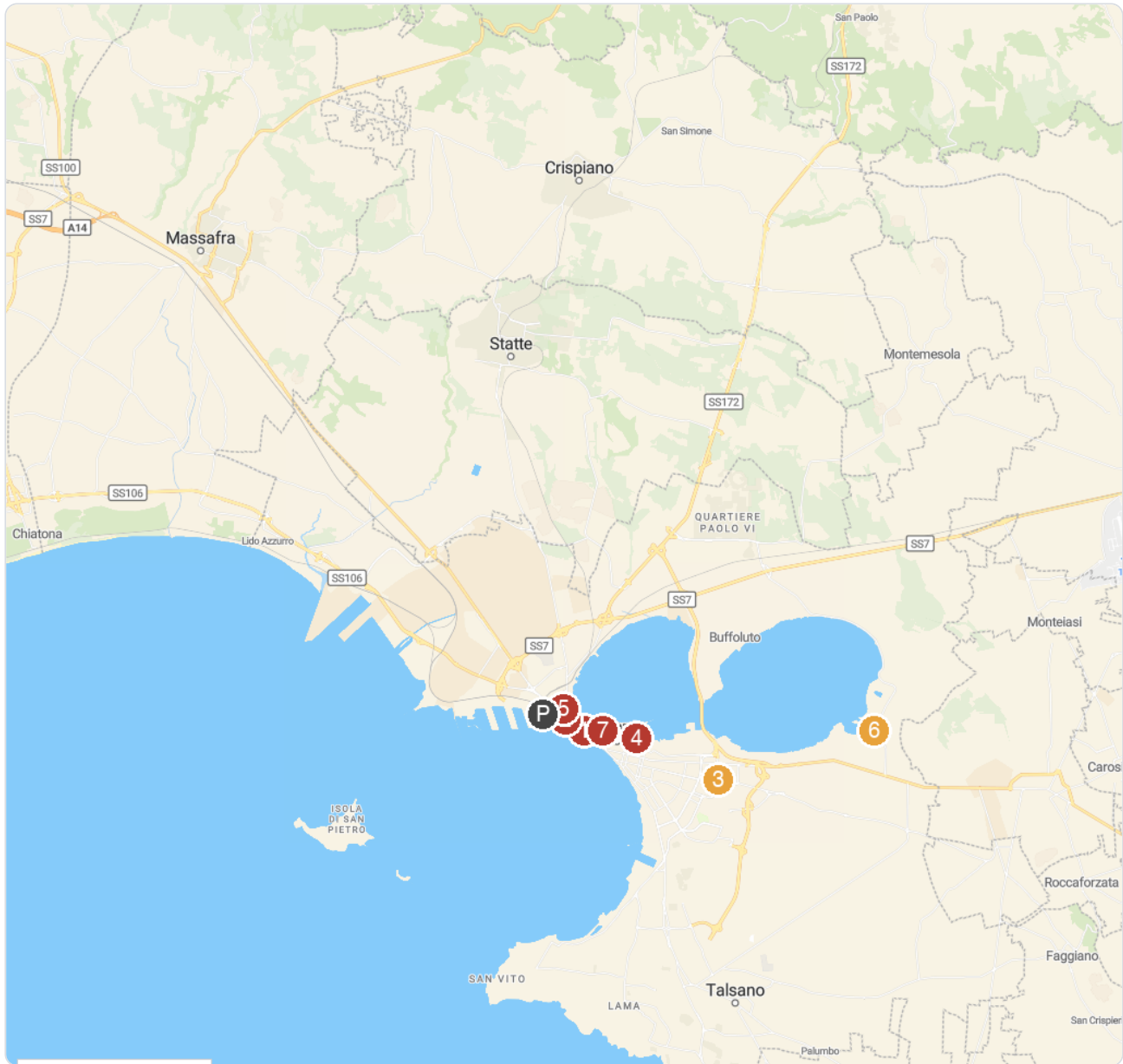
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Order the mussels. Cozze tarantine are legendary across Italy — grown in the Mar Piccolo's brackish waters, they're sweeter than any you've had. Try them alla tarantina (tomato...

Taranto, Puglia, 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 Tempio Dorico | Ancient Greek Doric temple ruins in the city center. | 2 Palazzo Amati | Historic palace showcasing Taranto's noble past. |
| 3 Ancient Greek Walls Archaeological Park | Explore remnants of Taranto's ancient Greek defensive walls. | 4 Ancient Athletes Tomb | Discover a unique tomb dedicated to ancient athletes. |
| 5 Jonian Dolphin Conservation | Join a boat trip for dolphin research and conservation. | 6 Ecomuseo Palude La Vela e Mar Piccolo | Ecomuseum exploring the La Vela marsh and Mar Piccolo lagoon. |
| 7 Archaeological Museum of Taranto | Major museum displaying Taranto's rich archaeological treasures. | 8 Saturo Archaeological Park | Coastal archaeological park with ancient ruins and a tower. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |