

We are in port with Celestyal Olympia (7am-1pm), which is on a 3-night cruise (1450 people) [departs for Patmos]

Kuşadası is a lively harbour and a prime place to shop, cool off with a drink, and grab a bite.

There is about a couple minute walk from your ship dock to the terminal building and another few minutes through the Kusadasi harbour shopping village Scala Nuova until you reach the main road of the town.

Easy to meet local taxis and tours outside port. In the years up to 2020 Kuşadası received 600 cruise boats annually.



Hamam



General Info

10 lira ~\$1.16

Cruise ship passengers are permitted to come ashore without a **visa** for day visits by special arrangements.

English is **NOT** widely spoken in Turkey—but more likely in tourist areas.

Because bank card fraud is a big problem in Turkey, there is a chance that your home bank may limit or deny use of your ATM/cash/debit card in Turkey. Some travelers report that after one use in Turkey, their cards were ineffective.

Credit cards are widely accepted in major areas but you will need to carry change for taxi fares, public bathrooms and tips for waiters (so that it goes to them directly).

Taxis in Turkey are notorious for scamming. They will turn the meter off quickly so you don't see the final price. **always carry small bills for taxi rides and** turn on your GPS so they know that you know where you are going.

Uber is available and they enter the final meter number into the Uber app, so take a picture of the meter and let them see you taking that picture. They may ask you to pay in cash, but they get paid by Uber.

Most public places in the country are equipped with free internet and WiFi. The most traditional way of avoiding roaming charges is to get a prepaid Turkish simcard. In Turkey, there are 3 cellular providers: Turkcell, Vodafone and Avea.

Many wifi spots require a European or Turkish number to get the passcode to access the free wifi.

Some Websites Are Banned in Turkey (booking.com, Wikipedia, paypal...).

IN Kusadasi, taxis are cheap, and the fares are regulated. They are easy to find. For long journeys, however, drivers can charge more than the meter reads. So negotiate the fare in advance.





General Info

Turkey is still very strict about drug use. There is no leniency when it comes to using or selling drugs within the country. Smoking cigarettes and drinking alcohol are acceptable.

Tea is a sign of hospitality and shopkeepers will interrupt your shopping spree by offering tea. [Ramadan]

You're likely to find yourself in an unexpected squat challenge in public toilets.

Public display of affection is frowned upon, especially during Ramadan.

The quality of tap water varies from region to region but it is not used for drinking purposes in any part of the country.

The pedestrian crossing doesn't mean much so don't expect any car to stop for you when you're walking to the other side.

Free-roaming cats/dogs are found everywhere and mostly taken care of by the locals and are quite friendly so there is no need to fear them.



General Info

Arabic Numbers				
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What to do

Historical

Ephesus/Ephesus Archaeological Museum

11 miles north of **Kusadasi**. It takes 25 minutes drive from **Kusadasi Port**

Meryemana (House of the Virgin Mary)

Basilica of Saint John

Beaches: Ladies Beach & Uzun Plaj (Long Beach)

Waterparks: Adaland or Tortuga Pirate Island

Other towns: Şirince

Kusadasi:

Güvercinada (Pigeon Island)/Kusadasi Fortress

Boat tours from the harbor

- Kusadasi Ephesus Taxi Service
- Ephesus, House Of Mother Mary, İsa Bey Mosque and Temple of Artemis RT
- Kusadasi History , All Beach And All Landmarks Full Day RT
- Kusadasi Port Tours <https://www.ephesusporttours.com/>

Ephesus



Meryemana



Tortuga



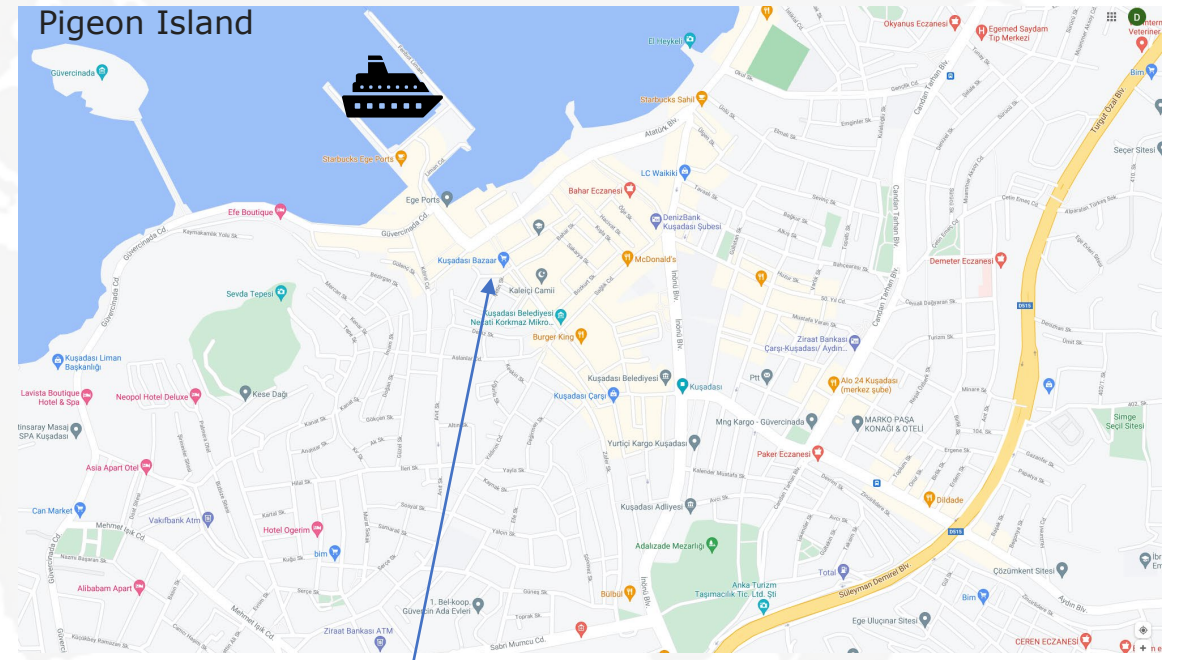
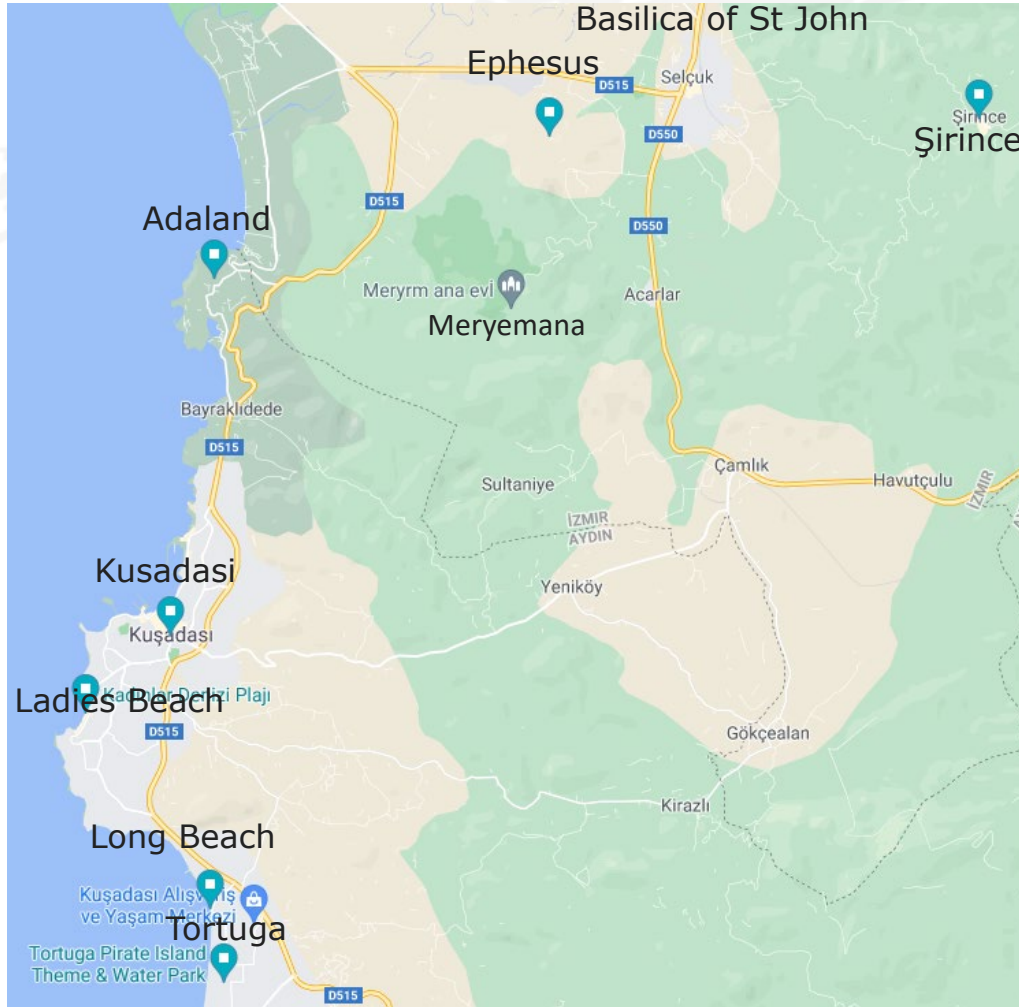
Şirince



Pigeon Island



What to do



Grand Bazaar

For scale: Ladies Beach 2.8km/1.73mi from cruise port



What to do – Hamman (Turkish Bath)

What is it Like?

The hammam ritual is rather simple, but it does involve several steps – all aimed at cleansing and relaxing – which many modern-day hammams still utilize.

Typically, the treatment lasted a set period of time, but visitors were free to lounge in the cooling areas for as long as they liked.

1. Relax and Prepare

As you enter the *camekan*, or entrance room, there are areas for changing and a place to have a cup of tea or a cold drink before or after the bath.

2. Adjust to the Warmth

Before you encounter water, the *tellak* (staff member) will bring you to a transition area, the *iliklik*, or intermediate room, where you receive your towels and adjust to the heat.

3. Full Body Scrub and Soaking

From there you enter the *hararet*, or hot room, which houses the large marble belly or navel stone. Bathers, arranged on marble slabs around the fountain, alternate basking in the high humidity and being vigorously—and thoroughly—scrubbed by an attendant. Following the scrubbing, there is application of special soap (including shampoo, if requested).

4. Rinse and Massage

After the scrubbing, usually there is a designated area for a rinse and then you can also choose to have a massage to top off the experience.

Level of Comfort

While a hammam treatment is best described as “full body,” neither men nor women are scrubbed in any of their private areas. Privacy was typically discarded in favor of efficiency and cost, although there are now more separate rooms available for men and women.



HAL Excursions

<u>A Taste of Kusadasi: The Village of Sirince</u>	\$114.95	6 hrs	(M)
<u>Amazing Ephesus, Sirince Village & Lunch</u>	\$129.95	6.5 hrs	(S)
<u>Amazing Ephesus, Turkish Vineyard & Wine Tasting</u>	\$ 99.95	4.25 hrs	(M)
<u>Ancient Ephesus & the Virgin Mary's House</u>	\$ 99.95	4 hrs	(S)
<u>Archeological Ephesus & Museum</u>	\$ 89.95	4.5 hrs	(M)
<u>Ephesus</u>	\$ 69.95	3.5 hrs	(S)
<u>Ephesus & Leather Factory</u>	\$ 69.95	3 hrs	(M)
<u>Ephesus & the Terrace Houses</u>	\$129.95	4 hrs	(S)
<u>Family Fun: Ephesus & Sirince Village</u>	\$169.95	6 hrs	(S)
<u>Kusadasi Deluxe Part III</u>	\$119.95	5 hrs	(S)
<u>Magnificent Miletus & the Temple of Apollo</u>	\$ 79.95	5.25 hrs	(S)
<u>Mass, the Virgin Mary Shrine & Biblical Ephesus</u>	\$ 99.95	5.5 hrs	(M)
<u>Panoramic Kusadasi</u>	\$ 69.95	4 hrs	(E)
<u>The Best of Ephesus</u>	\$169.95	7 hrs	(S)

Dutch/German/Spanish



What to eat:

- Manti: Mini Ravioli.
- Köfte: Turk's Meatballs.
- Lahmacun: Turkish Style Pizza.
- Menemen: Turkish Egg Delicacy.
- Şiş Kebap: Turkish Seekh Kebab.
- Döner: Turkish Sub.
- İskender Kebab: Strips Of Lamb.
- Corba: Turkish Soup.
- Kuzu Tandir: Lamb Delicacy
- Pide: Turkish Patty
- Meze: Dish With A Fish
- Çiğ Köfte: Spicy Balls
- Pilav (Pilaf): Turkish Pulao
- Yaprak Sarma: A Healthy Snack
- Dolma: Vegetarian Delicacy
- İmam Bayıldı: A Spicy Delight
- Borek: Spinach Or Meat Puffs
- Durum: Non-Veg Wrap
- Kumpir: Must-Have Snack
- Balik Ekmek: Fish Sandwich
- Simit: Turkish Pretzel
- Kunefe: Most Famous Dessert
- Baklava: Pastries

Yaprak Sarma



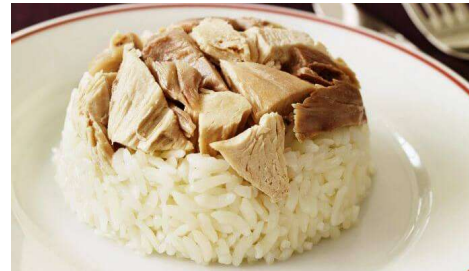
Şiş Kebap



Döner



Pilav



Yaprak Sarma



Simit



Borek



Durum



- Lokum: Turkish Delight
- Halva: Unique Halwa
- Mozzaik Pasta: Chocolate Cake
- Gülleç: Traditional Dessert
- Turkish Tea & Coffee: A Delightful Beverage
- Kayısı Tatlısı: Dried Apricots
- Mercimek Köftesi: Delicious Koftas
- Haydari: Turkish Dip
- Tursu Suyu: Refreshing Juice
- Kahvalti: Turkish Breakfast
- Kazan Dibi: Burnt Dessert
- Hunkar Begendi: Dish Of The Royals
- Islak Burgers: Wet Hamburgers
- Salep: An Orchid Drink
- Yogurtlu Kebab: Tomatoes, Herbs & Yogurt!



Turkish Souvenirs to Buy in Kusadasi – Haggling at markets expected

- Turkish Kilim Rugs.
- Turkish leather.
- Turkish Spices.
- Turkish Ceramics.
- Turkish cotton: towels, sheets, etc
- Turkish souvenirs: Turkish Delight.
- Turkish Souvenirs: Turkish Apple Tea.
- Turkish Evil Eye Beads.
- Turkish Coffee - Not your everyday coffee.



Turkish Delight



Turkish Kilim

- Turkey ranks among the top five countries in the world in gold production--mostly in yellow 22 and 24kt gold



Turkish Ceramics



To thwart the **evil eye**, the **Turkish** people created the Nazar Boncuk charm, also known as the **Turkish evil eye**. The point of the amulet is to repel **evil** spirits and keep you safe from harm. So, it is not to have good luck; it is all about protection.

Typically, shops open from 9.30h - 19.00h.

