

# Ancona, Italy

**Distance to Town:** Around a 15 minute walk to town

**Shopping:** Head to the town centre

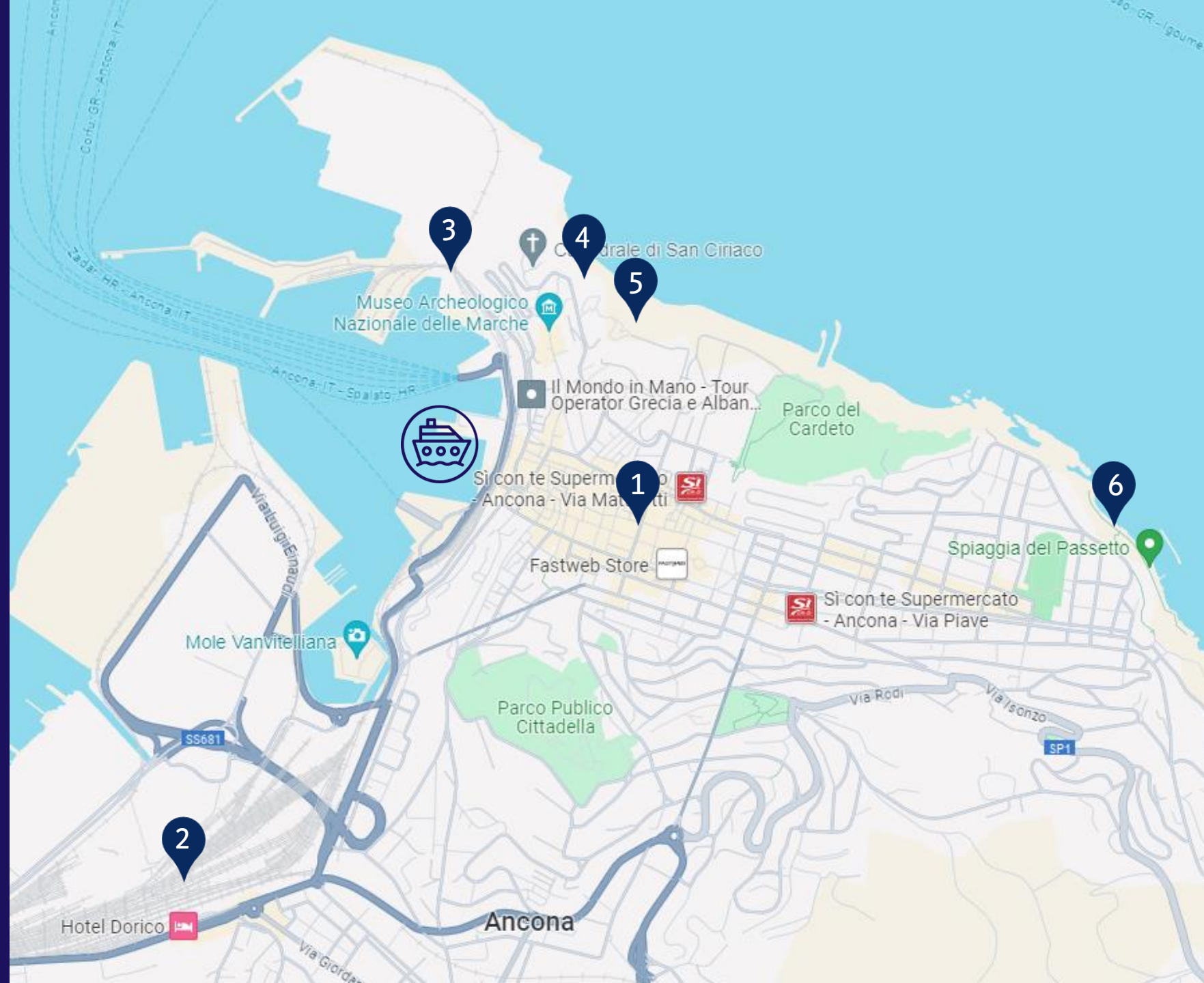


**Docking Location**

## Top Sights:

- 1 Town Centre
- 2 Train Station
- 3 Arch of Trajan
- 4 Cattedrale di San Ciriaco
- 5 Roman Amphitheatre
- 6 Passetto Beach

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## ANCONA

### USEFUL INFORMATION



**CURRENCY**  
EURO



**LANGUAGE**  
ITALIAN



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### AT A GLANCE

As you drift into Ancona's bustling harbour, you'll have front-row views of the town's historic landmarks. The waterfront's backed by crumbling defensive fortifications, and if you scan the horizon, you'll see an ancient domed cathedral perched on the hill. In the terracotta-topped town, Gothic architecture jostles for space with Roman and Greek buildings, while pavement cafés and museums are shoulder-to-shoulder with more modern additions.

Exploring Ancona is simple, with the city centre conveniently located just across the street from the port terminal. From the port, it's about a 15 minute walk to reach the heart of the city's bars and restaurants. While some parts of Ancona can be quite steep, the area closer to the start of town remains fairly flat, making it easily accessible for a leisurely stroll.

Alternatively, taxis are available both within the port area and just outside of it. It's always best to confirm the fare before setting.

### OUT AND ABOUT

**Arch of Trajan:** This historic attraction is one of Ancona's oldest landmarks. The ancient marble monument was built between 114 and 117 AD to honour the Roman Emperor.

**Cattedrale di San Ciriaco:** The 13th-century cliff-top Cathedral was built on the site of a Greek temple dedicated to Aphrodite. It's been reused several times over the years, contributing to its rich history.

**Roman Amphitheatre:** This historic landmark is located between Guasco Hill and Cappuccini Hill, offering views over the port and the old town. According to archaeologists, it was constructed in the 1st century during the reign of Emperor Augustus on foundations of a pre-existing Greek theatre.

### BEST BEACHES

Passetto Beach is the only town beach in Ancona, making it very popular for those looking to take a quick dip after exploring the town. Unique to this beach are the several grottos lining the waterfront which were historically used to house fishing boats. Passetto Beach is a pebble beach with a rocky seafloor, so water shoes are recommended. It's approximately a 15 minute drive from port.

### SHOPPING

Head to the centre of Ancona to find a range of local boutiques and shops. You may even spot some familiar high street names such as Zara and H&M. It's only a 15 minute walk from the ship.

### DO IT LIKE THE LOCALS

If you want to dive into the local delicacies, Ancona is well known for its seafood, especially their locally caught mussels. If seafood isn't your preference, you might enjoy a bowl of 'Gnocchi Con Sugo di Papera,' also known as potato dumplings in a herb sauce. When you're out on your travels, you'll find many of the locals tucking into these local dishes and we're sure you'll love it too.

### JUST SO YOU KNOW

Whilst the summer months are becoming very hot, we always advise to take plenty of water and sunscreen when you're out and about. Pick-pockets can operate in crowded areas, so please be mindful of your possessions.

As we are docked in Ancona on a Sunday, you may find that some shops and restaurants will be closed.

**For more information on what to do ashore, speak to the Destination Services team on Deck 5**