

GYTHION

We would like to apologise for the quality of the map for the port of Gythion - this is all that the tourist information could provide. Local maps may be available from shops ashore.



Gythion, Greece

Bank Holiday Monday (Greek Labour Day)

Port information

Currency	The local currency is the Euro. Foreign exchange is available from Reception, Deck 4. Major credit cards are accepted in most shops, cafes and restaurants.	Language	The language spoken is Greek. English is understood but not always spoken.
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Getting around

Distance to town centre	We will be operating a tender service in to Gythion and the town is a short walking distance from where the tender boats drop off. Please note: There is not a great amount to see within the town area which mainly consists of a promenade and a few shops. We recommend taking advantage of a Shore Excursion in order to make the most of your time ashore.		Main highlights	Sparta lies about half an hour's drive from Gythion. A city that was famed for its military and fighting men, there is a large army base nearby. Sparta's Archaeological Museum contains mosaics and statues from the 6 th and 4 th centuries B. C. Mystras about forty minutes drive from Gythion is set at the top of a steep hill and is ideal for history lovers with its spectacular architecture. Built by the Franks in 1249 and fell into the hands of the Byzantines a decade later, it was transformed into the fabulous city that ruled the Peloponnese for the next two centuries. Captured in the 15 th century by the Turks and later the Venetians, it is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site and definitely worth a visit.															
Taxis	Taxis are available near to the tender drop-off point, although will be limited. Most fares are set, however if a ride is not metered, we suggest that you agree a price with the driver before entering the taxi. Fares are usually charged at one euro per kilometre.																		
Local buses	Public transport can be unreliable in Gythion and taxis or organised excursions are recommended to explore the area.			As we are calling to Gythion on Labour Day, unfortunately the site of Mystras will not be open.															
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Essential information

Tourist information	There isn't a tourist information centre within Gythion itself, however, there are plenty of tourist maps available from the nearby shops.	Shopping	There are no big shopping centres in Gythion and most of the stores are family run. Popular local products include virgin olive oil, oranges, figs, lemon trees and mulberries. There are many shops selling local souvenirs.
Internet access	There are many cafés and bars in the main town centre offering Wi-Fi.	PLEASE NOTE: As with all tourist destinations, always keep a close eye on valuables.	Due to our call falling on Greek Labour Day (Bank Holiday), some if not all the shops will open with reduced hours.
Nearest beaches	Visit Mavrovouni Beach around 2km from the port, with its combination of sand and pebbles along with a handful of beach bars and watersport facilities. Alternatively, for a quieter setting Selinitsa Beach is around 2km from the port and is famous for the rusty ship that lies ashore.		

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Gythion

There can be last minute changes. Please check *Cruise News* for the latest information before you go ashore.