

DESTINATION SERVICES

KATAKOLON, GREECE



Ship's Location

1. Town Centre
2. Volcano place
3. Hiking trail
4. Paralia Katakolo Beach
5. Government Office
6. Pontokokastro Castle

Distance to the town: 0.5 mile

For more information please see the team at Destination Services

Source- [google.co.uk/maps](https://www.google.co.uk/maps)



EXPLORE ASHORE KATAKOLON



LOCAL CURRENCY:
EURO



LANGUAGE SPOKEN:
ENGLISH & GREEK



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AT A GLANCE

Katakolon Port serves as the main sea-gate to Olympia, one of the most important sites in Greece. With all the pine and olive groves, the imposing remains of the temples and the stunning stadium of the games. Ancient Olympia stands as one of the most important archaeological sites in the world.

Known as the birth place of the Olympic Games, Olympia hosts and receives thousands of tourists every year, tourists eager to see the actual spot where the most important games were born and held.

And still today every four years, Olympia becomes the epicentre of attention, when the Greek priestesses invoke God Apollo to send his divine light to the world – the Flame of the Olympics.

DON'T MISS OUT ON

Ancient Stadium: This is the stadium where most Olympic Games used to take place in antiquity. The racetrack is over 200 meters long and nearly 30 to 34 meters wide.

Temple of Zeus: Located close to the stadium, the Temple of Zeus was built in the 5th century BC by a local architect. The temple was made of limestone and marble. Historical records narrate that a giant golden statue of Zeus was found inside this temple.

Archaeological Museum: Considered among the best museums in Greece, the Archaeological Museum hosts findings from the ancient site and from other excavations in the area. Well labelled and with many rooms, the most famous exhibits of the museum are the statues of Hermes of Praxiteles and of Nike. You will need proof of vaccination to enter the museum.

Katakolon Beach: Is walking distance from Katakolon port, approximately 500 meters. Shallow waters and golden sand where you can relax, take a tan while having your drink and listening to pleasant music at one of the restaurant-cafes.

EXCURSION OF THE DAY

Ancient Olympia: Experience the famous site of Olympia, one of the most important sanctuaries of antiquity, dedicated to the father of the Olympian Zeus and birth-place of the Olympic Games. The sanctuary of Olympia spreads around the green wooded feet of the Kronion Hill, where the rivers Alpheios and Cladeos meet.

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Please follow any local regulations in regards to Covid-19 precaution measures. You may need to present proof of vaccination in some venues so please have it handy.

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USEFUL INFORMATION



CURRENCY
EURO



LANGUAGE
GREEK



DISTANCE TO TOWN
AROUND A 15 MINUTE WALK

AT A GLANCE

Sleepy Katakolon is little more than a tiny port with a handful of dinky shops and tavernas. But more importantly, it's your gateway to one of the most famous landmarks in Greece - Olympia. It's the birthplace of the Olympic Games and it all began in the days when the Greek God, Zeus, ruled the roost. Fast forward a few millennia though and people still flock here to see the ruined stadium and temples.

The port is a stones throw from the town, you can easily access the main street within a 10 to 15 minute walk. Head out of the port gates and take a right out of the port. If you take a stroll down the main waterfront, you'll find yourself amongst a variety of bars and restaurants. The walk remains flat throughout most of the areas, making it a nice leisurely stroll.

If you're looking to explore further afield, you'll find taxi's outside of the port, just remember to confirm a price before jumping in.

OUT AND ABOUT

Katakolon Lighthouse: The Lighthouse was built in 1865 and is dominating the southwest part of the entrance of Katakolon port. At the top of the tower there is a room with the mechanism of the lighthouse. The lighthouse is considered a historical monument of the area, accompanying the sailors to their trip and welcoming the visitors of the port.

Museum of Ancient Greek Technology: This is a small museum located at the entrance of Katakolon town next to the train station and is just a 15 minutes walk from the port. The museum offers audio-visual support as well as English labelled items.

St. Nicholas Church: St. Nicholas is the patron saint of Katakolon. This small church was built in his honour and sits between the port and the town's train station, its distinctive white and blue walls makes it stand out in the bright sun.

BEST BEACHES

Paralia and Plakes beach are the nearest beaches to the port, they are small shingle styles beaches with nice crystal clear waters and a quiet beach bar with palm like umbrellas. You can reach these beaches within a 15 minute walk from port. If you'd like to head a little bit further from the ship then Banana Beach is a 5 minute taxi ride or a 28 minute walk. You'll find facilities here along with sunbeds and umbrellas.

SHOPPING

It's an easy stroll to the main town, where you'll find many small Greek boutiques selling clothes, jewellery and Souvenirs. The shops, bars and restaurants are all within the same area, making it a nice way to browse the shops and make a pit stop to test out the local delicacies.

DO IT LIKE THE LOCALS

If there's one thing the locals like to do, it's diving into the Greek goodness within the many tavernas that Katakolon has to offer. If you like your fair share of seafood then this is defiantly the place to tickle those taste buds. If you'd like to dabble in other dishes then Katakolon is well known for cooking up popular delights such as moussaka and souvlaki. With all that taste testing, you're bound to work up a thirst, so why not freshen up the pallet with a local Mythos or an iced cold Frappe.

JUST SO YOU KNOW

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

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