

# DESTINATION SERVICES

## MESSINA, SICILY



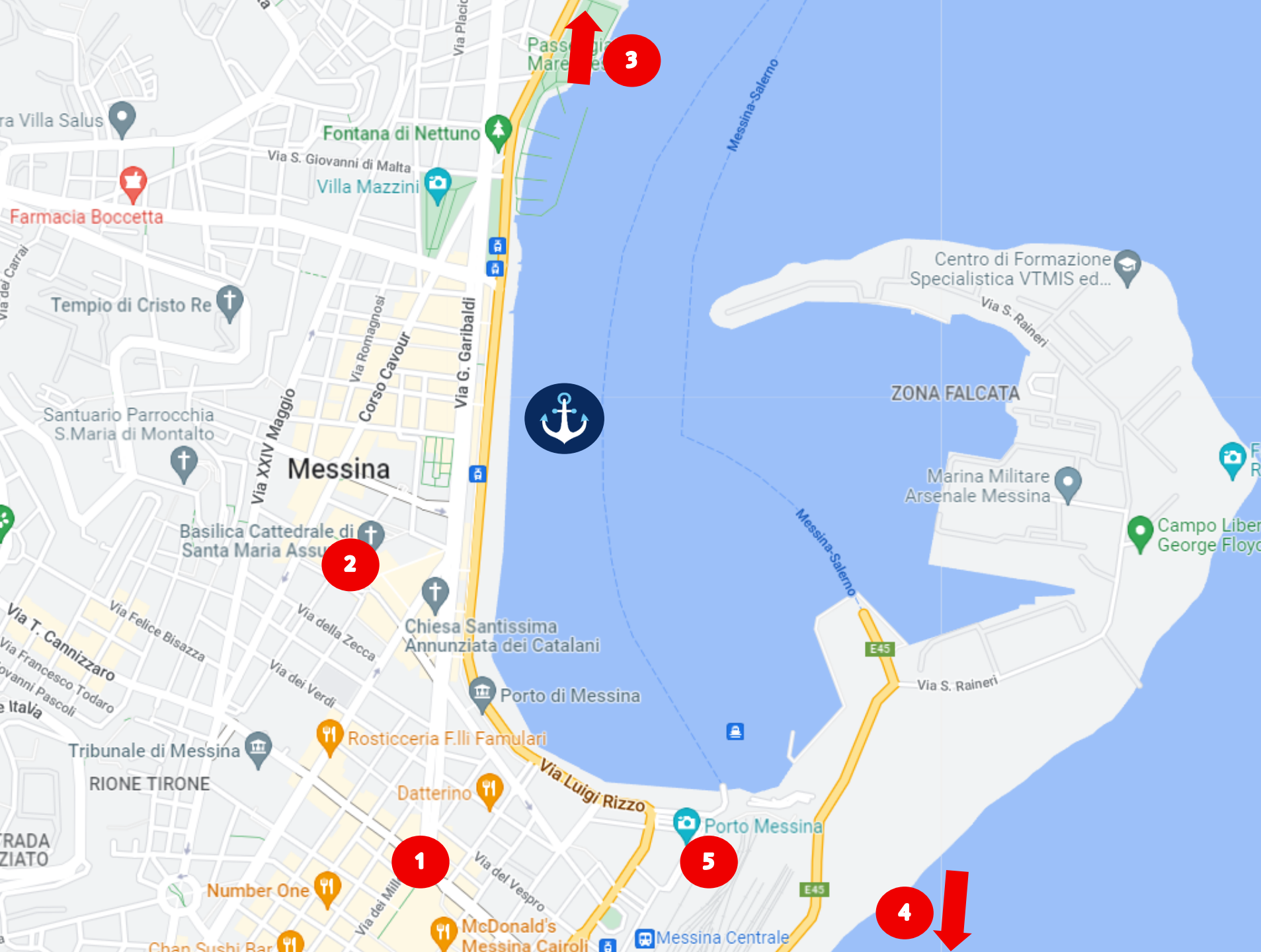
### Ship's Location

- 1. Town Centre
- 2. Astronomical Clock of the Cathedral
- 3. Regional Museum
- 4. Mount Etna
- 5. Train Station

Distance to the town: 10 minute walk

For more information please see the team at Destination Services

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



# EXPLORE ASHORE MESSINA



**LOCAL CURRENCY:**  
EURO



**LANGUAGE SPOKEN:**  
SICILIAN



**PHOTO ID:**  
PASSPORT  
REQUIRED



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## AT A GLANCE

From the tangle of timeworn streets to the sickle-shaped harbour dotted with rustic trattorias, it's easy to see why Shakespeare chose Messina as the setting of his romantic play *Much Ado About Nothing*.

The ship docks on the edge of the town so you can easily walk into the centre. There are taxis available as you come out of the port. They will have signs with prices but you can negotiate to try and get a better deal.

You can find the train station approx. 1.5km away with connections to Taormina. Train services are cheap, but you must remember to get your ticket validated.

The tram tracks are on the street in front of the terminal. Trams run along the coastline and are a great way to visit the Regional Museum.

## DON'T MISS OUT ON

**Messina Astronomical Clock:** Located in Piazza del Duorno, a Norman citadel houses the world's largest mechanical clock. At 12.00, figures emerge from the clock to re-enact the city's history. Approx. a 10 minute walk.

**Mount Etna:** Mount Etna is Sicily's most popular natural attraction. See slopes that soar 3,296 metres and mountains covered with cones & craters. It's the most active volcano in Europe and the oldest on the planet.

**The 'Godfather Villages':** Savoca and Forza d'Agrò are the two most famous filming locations of *The Godfather* movies in Sicily. These small medieval villages were featured in some of the most iconic scenes in the movie.

**The Regional Museum of Messina:** It hosts a number of paintings by Antonello da Messina and Caravaggio and works rescued from the ruins of palaces and churches destroyed in the 1908 earthquake and WW2.

**Beaches:** The Isola Bella is Taormina's most beautiful beach. Perched on a rocky headland high above the sea, Taormina has medieval buildings, breath-taking views and winding streets with shops, bars and restaurants. It's around a 50 minute drive away.

**Shopping: Piazza Cairoli.** Piazza Cairoli is a shopper's paradise. Wander through the main streets, meander through the alleys and stroll between the designer shops and small boutiques. It's around a 10 minute walk.

## EXCURSION OF THE DAY

**Mount Etna:** Enjoy a scenic drive to Europe's largest active volcano, the famous Mount Etna. Upon arrival at the Crateri Silvestri, around 1,950 metres above sea level, you'll see slopes that soar up to 3,296 metres and mountains covered with cones and craters. From the top of the Silvestri crater, enjoy great views over the Gulf of Catania. However, the real attraction here is the crater itself and the remnants of awe-inspiring lava streams. Etna's known to have erupted regularly during antiquity. The black lava around the crater dates from recent eruptions, while the grey lava is much older. Don't miss your chance to see one of the most impressive volcanoes in the world.

Just so you know...It's about a 2-hour drive to Mount Etna. Be sure to take a jacket and wear closed shoes, as it can be chilly high up on Mt Etna. There'll be around 1 hour of free time at Mount Etna.



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## BIKE TOUR?

Our guided bike tours are a great way to explore the ports of call we visit on two wheels. Visit our friendly **Bike Guides** on Deck 5 for more information.

## JUST SO YOU KNOW

As with all tourist cities, pick-pockets can operate in crowded areas so please be mindful of your possessions. If you are visiting religious sites in Messina shoulders and knees need to be covered.