The Gateway to Ephesus



Where is Ege Port Kuşadası?



In a Nutshell

Situated on the west coast of Turkey, the dynamic cruise port and beach resort town of Kuşadası is the gateway to Ephesus, which is among the most visited ancient cities in the Mediterranean. Ege Port, Kuşadası operates the Port of Kuşadası which is located 50 meters to the city center.

Ege Port extended its two piers in 2011 and has a total pier length of 1,297m, meaning it can welcome Oasis class ships. With its two finger piers, the port can berth up to four large vessels, or four smaller and two large vessels. It features two roll-on/roll-off ramps and a quay to service ferry traffic. Ege Port provides full terminal services, marine services and auxiliary services. The modern passenger terminal with duty free shopping areas, a first-aid care facility and a passenger and crew center equipped with internet and

other communication facilities provides utmost suitability and comfort for passengers and crew members. Besides, the completely renovated Scala Nuova Village located directly across from the Arrival Terminal, in a cozy array of an Aegean village like streets, offers exotic, colorful shops, chic cafés, bars and restaurants tailored exclusively for our cruise ship clientele.

Thanks to extensive investments, Ege Port has become the busiest cruise port in Turkey and is a major port of call in the East Mediterranean. Ege Port was the first port in Turkey to be ISPS compliant, receiving its ISPS certification in 2004. The ISO 9001-14001-18001 certificated port proudly holds a "Green Port" accreditation since 2015 as well



Must See

Ephesus The Temple of Artemis The House of Virgin Mary The Basilica of St. John Sirince Village Selcuk Museum





Port Layout





Milestones

2004

Global Ports Holding acquired the operation rights to Ege Port Kuşadası

The first port in Turkey to be ISPS compliant, receiving its ISPS certification

2005

ISO 9001-14001-18001

Disney Cruise Line first call

2011

Ege Port Kuşadası extends it two piers with finger piers

2015

Green Port Certification in recognition of the Port's environmental & corporate responsibility credentials

2016 ISO 2800 Supply Chain Security Management







Kuşadası offers a wonderful contrast between the excitement of a lively holiday destination and the serenity of ancient ruins. Situated on the west coast of Turkey, 90 km south of Izmir, Kuşadası remains one of the most appealing towns of the Aegean. Indeed, the dynamic cruise port and beach resort town of Kuşadası is the gateway to Ephesus, which is among the most visited ancient cities anywhere in the Mediterranean. It's also close to the House of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which creates further tourism appeal. With the typical Mediterranean climate of hot summers and mild winters, the region enjoys a long tourism season, and without doubt, Kuşadası is one of Turkey's most beautiful holiday destinations.



Excursions in Kuşadası

Ephesus

Distance to Port of Kusadasi: 18 minutes

Before the Second World War a visit to Ephesus was more of an adventure than an organized well oiled excursion from our port. Ephesus had a ghostly aspect and the Austrian archeologists alongside Turkish ones gave and are still giving life, breath and spirit to the antique city of Ephesus all for the pleasure of its visitors who flock here in millions.

The Temple of Artemis

Distance to Port of Kusadasi: 18 minutes

The Temple of Artemis became one of the seven wonders of the ancient world from the 6th BC. When the people wanted to have access to the city via the sea they could see the Great Theatre of Ephesus on the right and the Temple of Artemis on the left greeting them. At this sight, all knew that the town they were about to enter in was one the most magnificent one. The grandiose Temple of Artemis looked like a forest of columns with its 127 and 60 ft (approx. 20 meters) high columns.

The House of Virgin Mary

Distance to Port of Kusadasi: 30 minutes

On top of the Bülbül Dağı (Nightingale Mountain) is standing a small chapel considered to be the home of the virgin Mary and even considered by some to be the home where she spent her very last days.

The Basilica of St. John

Distance from the Port of Kusadasi: 18 minutes

The Basilica of St. John is just few minutes away from Ephesus. It has been built by the same Emperor as the one who built St. Sophia in Istanbul; Justianian. The grave of St. John the Evangelist in the apse section of the basilica is visited by thousands of people and proves one more time how this area has been a key place for the development of early Christianity.





Sirince Village

Distance from the Port of Kusadasi: 30 minutes

Ephesus on the Hills was the name originally used for the site now occupied by the village of Sirince. This place was thought to have been inhabited at the same time that the city of Ephesus existed. Today it is one of the most charming villages of the area, still keeping its Greek architectural features and offering you tasteful fruity local wine as exquisite as the atmosphere of Sirince.

Pirene

Distance from the Port of Kusadasi: 45 minutes

For the lovers of archaeology, who want to discover an almost intact ancient city, hanging in time, which has not been influenced by the Roman authority flying out from the Hellenistic period, a visit to Priene can only be perfect to discover its hidden treasures. At the highest point and in the heart of the town, you will enjoy the ruins of the Temple of Athena, also known as "Athena Polias".

Miletus

Distance from the Port of Kusadasi: 1 Hour

When the name of Miletus is mentioned the hearer thinks at once of the great maritime city of the archaic period, mistress of the Aegean and birthplace of science and philosophy; but of this city most visitors see only its theater. Discover the world of physical science and maritime excellence by sitting in the theatre of Miletus and imagine its ancient port and glory.

Didyma

Distance from the Port of Kusadasi: 1 Hour & 10 minutes

If you want to have a true sense of the vastness of architecture of the ancient time and see, step and feel a temple from the Hellenistic or Roman period, the Temple of Didyma should not be missed.

Claros

Distance from the Port of Kusadasi: 45 minutes

Claros was not a city but like Didyma, it was the home of a sanctuary and temple dedicated to Apollo. This temple in Doric order lies in the valley of a small stream called in antiquity the Ales and is said to be the coldest in Ionia.



Exotic & Trustful Shopping

Shopping cannot be put apart from a good vacation and every country or city like Kuşadası has its own magical experience– Turkey will offer you magnificent moments, which will revive you great memories of your visit to our port. No significant purchase will take place without tea, which is at the heart of Turkish culture. More than commerce, tea invitations ignite and renew the bonds of friendship. Having tea is inevitable, as is the incitement to share a glass with a total stranger. Accept the invitation: There is more in the glass than just a beverage; there is the soul of the hospitality of the Turkish people and be ready to be charmed by it. Here are some of the things that you have to bring back home; Rugs & Kilims, Turkish Delights – Lokum, Gold & Silver, Ceramic & Pottery from Iznik Town, Turkish Textile, Leather, The Evil-Eye – Nazar Boncuğu

Oriental Turkish Bath Hamam Experience

First timers or Kuşadası-Turkey addicted, one can't miss a journey within a journey with a Turkish bath or Hamam experience. A real Hamam practice includes the proper traditional ambience, a strong-handed scrub, the foam massage and a natural or an apple tea to conclude a couple of hours of pampering. A five minutes walk or 2 minutes drive away from the port, you can indulge yourself and feel simply royal.

Aromatic Turkish Coffee Tasting

Drinking Turkish coffee is a whole ceremony and its roots are coming from the marriage tradition, where a good coffee is prepared when a boy is visiting a girl's parents home to ask for her hand in marriage. Take a moment to enjoy sipping a middle sugar, sweet or plane Turkish coffee with a glass of water to feel its aroma, while looking at the gorgeous view of the Pigeon Island from the "Port Fly" café in Scala Nuova shopping center.



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