

Alken, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany

One of the Moselle's oldest settlements, Alken rewards walkers with a medieval double-castle above terraced vineyards, a Romanesque church with rare 14th-century frescoes, and the quiet charm of a village little changed in centuries.

🚢 River quay (docked) ⌚ Typical call: 4–6 hrs 💱 Currency: Euro (€) 🗣️ Language: German 🍷 Moselle Riesling country

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River quay along Moselstraße; gangway direct to shore

Walk to center: Steps from the quay into the historic village core

Best For: Castle hikes, wine tasting, Moselle scenery, medieval history

Don't Miss: Thurant Castle panorama and Old St. Michael's frescoes

🚗 Getting around: 🚖 Taxi ✅ €30–€50 to Cochem; €25–€40 to Koblenz

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Thurant Castle Hike** — Burg Thurant is a rare surviving medieval 'double castle', co-owned by the archbishoprics of Cologne and Trier.
- **Old St. Michael's Church** — First documented in 1015, this Romanesque church holds rare Gothic frescoes from around 1350 in the choir and nave paintings from 1500.
- **Moselle Wine Tasting** — Alken sits in the heart of the Moselle Riesling belt.
- **Day Trip to Cochem** — About 25 km up the Moselle, Cochem is a postcard-perfect river town crowned by the spectacularly restored Reichsburg castle.
- **Moselle Promenade & Vineyard Walk** — A level stroll along the embankment offers classic Moselle scenery — river traffic, terraced Riesling vineyards climbing the slopes, and traditional...

BEST WALKS

- **Village to Thurant Castle Loop** 2.5–3 km | 1.5–2 hrs | Moderate (steep ascent) — From the riverside quay, walk through the village centre past the Fallertor (1256 city gate) and Malteserhaus, then follow the marked trail steeply up to Burg Thurant.
- **Moselle Promenade Stroll** 1–2 km | 30–45 min | Easy — A flat riverside walk along the Moselstraße embankment in both directions from the ship, with views of the river, opposite vineyards, and the half-timbered village...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌦️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇪🇺 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:44AM–8:34PM · Jun 5:24AM–9:54PM · Aug 6:26AM–8:58PM · Sep 7:14AM–7:52PM · Oct 8:02AM–6:45PM	
Apr	58°	41°	10d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	72°	56°	12d		
Aug	74°	58°	14d		
Sep	68°	53°	10d		
Oct	60°	49°	13d		

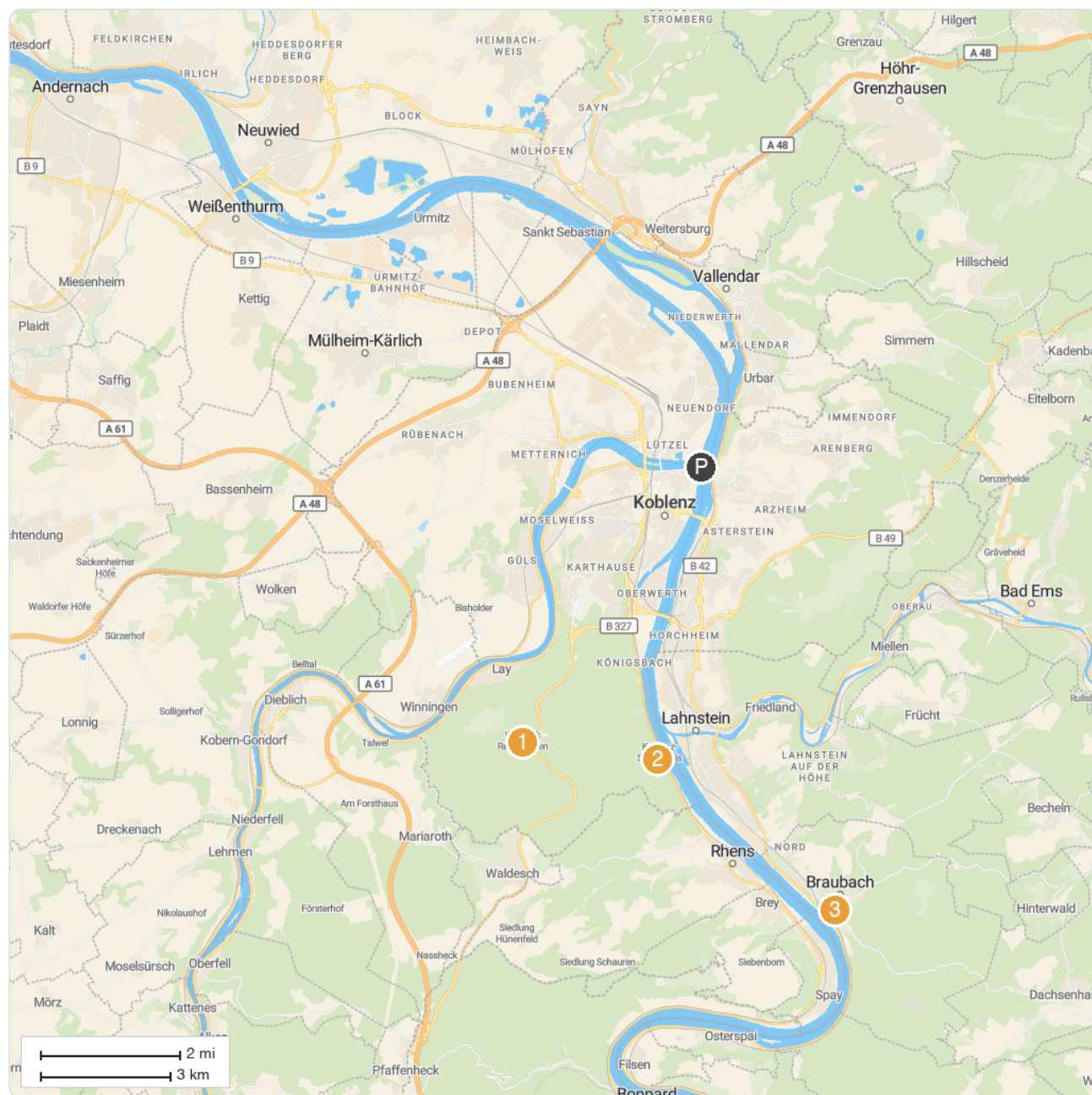
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring cash. Alken is tiny and card acceptance is limited. The nearest ATM is in Brodenbach or Hatzenport — get euros before you arrive or at your last port.
- Wear walking shoes. The path to Thurant Castle is steep and unpaved in sections. Sandals or city flats will make it miserable.
- Castle season: Burg Thurant is open March to mid-November. Entry fee applies. If your call is in winter, the castle exterior and views from the path are still worth the climb.
- Short call? Prioritize the castle hike first — it's the unmissable sight. Wine tasting and the church fit easily into any remaining time.
- Moselle Riesling here tends to be steelier and drier than Rhine styles. Ask for Spätlese trocken if you prefer dry whites, or Kabinett for the classic off-dry style.
- No tourist office in Alken. Download offline maps (maps.me or Google Maps) before leaving the ship — mobile data can be patchy in the valley.

Alken, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Remstecken** Remstecken is a wildlife park with deer, wild boar, and nature trails.
- 3 Marksburg** Marksburg is the only never-destroyed medieval castle on the Middle Rhine.

- 2 Stolzenfels Castle** Stolzenfels Castle is a beautiful 19th-century Rhine castle near Koblenz.
- P Cruise port / terminal**