

Antwerp, Flanders, Belgium

Europe's second-largest port city greets cruise passengers steps from a medieval fortress and a skyline of Gothic spires. Art, chocolate, diamonds, and some of the world's best beer — all within walking distance of the ship.

Docked (Antwerp Cruise Terminal, Steenplein) Typical call: 8-10 hrs Euro (€) Dutch (Flemish); English widely spoken

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Antwerp Cruise Terminal at Steenplein, beside Het Steen — walk straight into the historic center

Walk to center: 5 min to Grote Markt; 8 min to Cathedral of Our Lady

Best For: Art & architecture lovers, foodies (chocolate, waffles, beer), diamond district browsers

Don't Miss: Rooftop panorama from MAS museum — free, open daily, 360° views over the Scheldt

Getting around: Taxi €5–€20 · Rideshare Uber, Bolt · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Grote Markt & Cathedral Walk** — Antwerp's medieval heart — the Renaissance guild houses of Grote Markt, the Brabo Fountain, and the soaring Gothic Cathedral of Our Lady housing two...
- **Rubenshuis (Rubens House)** — The meticulously restored home and studio of Baroque master Peter Paul Rubens, filled with his paintings and period furnishings.
- **MAS Museum Rooftop & Port History** — Museum aan de Stroom tells Antwerp's story as a global trading city.
- **Chocolate Nation & Belgian Tastings** — Chocolate Nation, the world's largest Belgian chocolate museum, walks you through production history and ends with tastings.
- **Day Trip to Bruges by Train** — Antwerp's Central Station is a 15-minute walk from the pier.

BEST WALKS

- **Riverside to Grote Markt** 1.2 km · ~20 min · Flat — Leave the terminal, pass Het Steen fortress, continue along the Scheldt promenade to Steenplein, then cut inland through Suikerrui street to Grote Markt.
- **Diamond District & Central Station Loop** 3 km · ~45 min · Flat — Walk east from the old town along Meir shopping street, continue to the Diamond District around Hoveniersstraat, and end at the spectacular Antwerpen-Centraal station...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:47AM–8:38PM · Jun 5:26AM–9:59PM · Aug 6:29AM–9:03PM · Sep 7:18AM–7:56PM · Oct 8:06AM–6:48PM	
Apr	58°	42°	10d	Euro (€)	
Jun	72°	56°	11d		
Aug	73°	59°	12d		
Sep	68°	54°	11d		
Oct	60°	49°	13d		

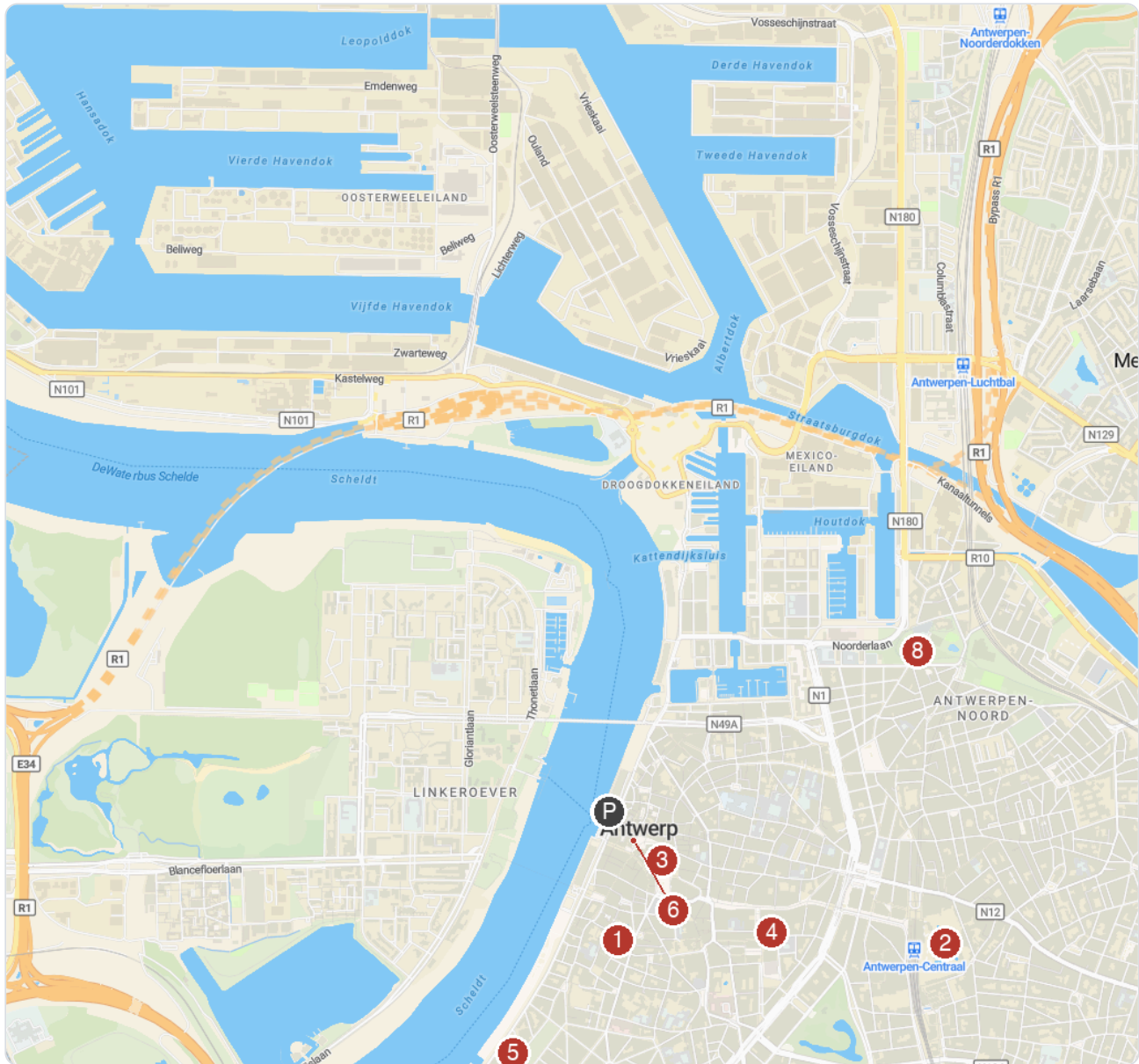
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash is less essential than elsewhere — card payments are widely accepted across Antwerp's shops, restaurants, and museums, but keep a few euros for small cafés.
- Belgian beer is serious here — look for a café serving Trappist ales (Westmalle, Rochefort) or ask for the local Bolleke, Antwerp's own amber ale.
- MAS rooftop is always free — skip the paid museum if short on time and just ride to the top for the view.
- Diamond District tip: window-shopping is free; actual purchases require research. Don't buy on impulse from street-level shops without doing homework.
- Trains to Bruges and Ghent depart frequently from Antwerpen-Centraal. Buy tickets at the station or via the NMBS app. Budget 1 hour each way to Bruges.
- Weather is changeable — pack a light waterproof layer even in summer. Rain is common in this part of Belgium year-round.

Antwerp, Flanders, Belgium — Port Map

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



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| 1 St. Andrew's Church | Historic Catholic church with Baroque art and a famous tomb. | 2 Zoo Antwerpen | Historic city zoo with diverse animals and beautiful architecture. |
| 3 Cathedral of Our Lady | Soaring Gothic cathedral housing Rubens masterpieces and stunning art. | 4 Rubenshuis | Peter Paul Rubens' former home and studio, now a museum. |
| 5 M HKA - Museum of Contemporary Art | Leading museum showcasing contemporary art from Belgium and beyond. | 6 Antwerp City Hall | Renaissance city hall, a UNESCO World Heritage site. |
| 7 Het Steen | Antwerp's oldest building, a medieval fortress by the Scheldt. | 8 Park Spoor Noord | Modern urban park with playgrounds, sports, and green spaces. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |