

# Astrakhan, Astrakhan Oblast, Russia

Russia's ancient gateway to the Caspian Sea, Astrakhan blends Golden Horde history with Volga river culture, sturgeon caviar, and a striking white-walled Kremlin that rivals any in the country.

 Docked (river terminal)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Russian Ruble (RUB)  Russian

## MY DAY IN PORT

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

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Docked directly at Astrakhan River Passenger Terminal on the Volga

**Best For:** History, Kremlin, Volga embankment strolls, local caviar, river culture

**Walk to center:** 5–10 min walk from the passenger terminal to the Kremlin and embankment

**Don't Miss:** Astrakhan Kremlin, Trinity Cathedral, Nikolskaya Street, fresh caviar

 Getting around:  Taxi  150–600 RUB (~\$2–7 USD)

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Astrakhan Kremlin & Cathedral Tour** — The centerpiece of the city — a 16th-century white-stone fortress commissioned by Ivan the Terrible.
- **City Walk: Nikolskaya Street & Embankment** — Stroll Nikolskaya Street — Astrakhan's most handsome boulevard linking the Kremlin to the riverfront — then walk the Volga embankment for river views...
- **Volga Delta Boat Excursion** — The Volga Delta is one of Europe's largest river deltas and a UNESCO-recognized biosphere reserve.
- **Sarai Batu — Golden Horde Reconstructed City** — A remarkable open-air site reconstructing the streets and architecture of the Golden Horde capital.
- **Caviar & Local Cuisine Tasting** — Astrakhan is Russia's caviar capital — home to Beluga and Osetra sturgeon from the Volga.

## BEST WALKS

- **Kremlin to Embankment Walk** 1–2 km | Easy | ~45 min — From the passenger terminal, walk along the Volga embankment north to the Astrakhan Kremlin.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

|  CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |      |     |      |  DAYLIGHT &  MONEY |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Mon                                                                                                               | High | Low | Rain | Apr 6:01AM–7:35PM · Jun 4:55AM–8:41PM · Aug 5:46AM–7:56PM · Sep 6:26AM–6:59PM · Oct 7:05AM–6:01PM                                                                                         |  |
| Apr                                                                                                               | 64°  | 44° | 6d   |                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| Jun                                                                                                               | 89°  | 67° | 3d   |                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| Aug                                                                                                               | 92°  | 70° | 1d   |                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| Sep                                                                                                               | 77°  | 58° | 4d   |                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| Oct                                                                                                               | 61°  | 45° | 5d   |                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |

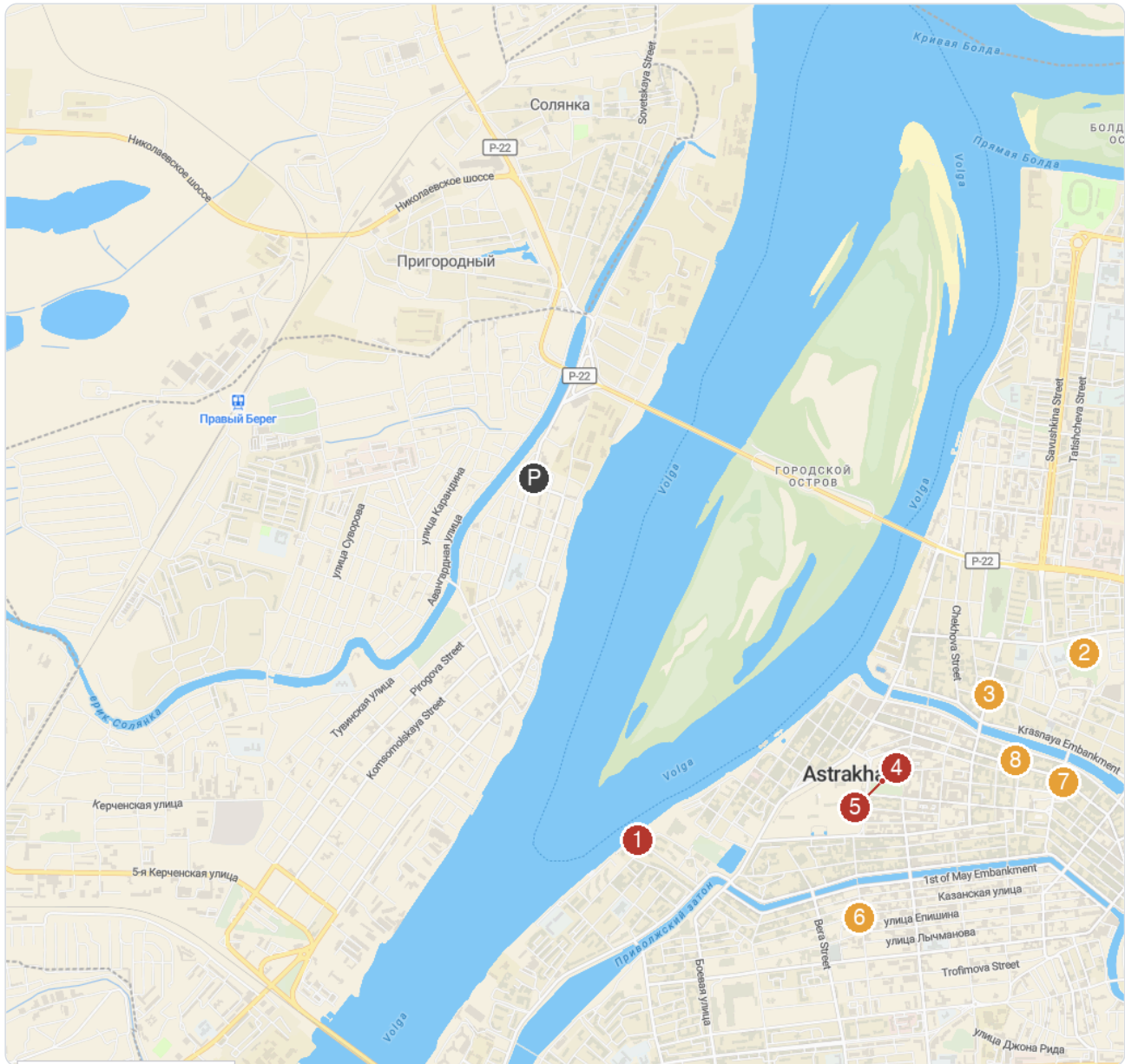
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Buy caviar carefully. Street vendors selling 'cheap' caviar often sell illegal or low-quality product. Buy from established shops or the central market (Covered Market) and keep receipts for customs.
- Summer heat is intense. July and August temperatures regularly exceed 35°C (95°F). Bring sun protection, a hat, and stay hydrated — shade is limited on the embankment.
- Mosquitoes in the delta. If doing a Volga Delta boat tour, bring strong insect repellent — the delta wetlands can have serious mosquito activity in summer.
- Cash is king. Western bank cards (Visa/Mastercard) are not accepted in Russia due to sanctions. Your ship will likely exchange currency; otherwise seek local exchange offices (обмен валют).
- Lotus season is special. If visiting late July through August, the Volga Delta lotus fields are in bloom — an extraordinary sight. Ask your ship if a delta excursion is offered.
- Diverse culture. Astrakhan has a historically significant Tatar and Central Asian Muslim community. The White Mosque and old trading quarter reflect the city's Silk Road heritage — worth a look if time allows.

# Astrakhan, Astrakhan Oblast, Russia — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

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



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|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Monument to Peter I                  | A statue of Emperor Peter the Great.                 | <b>2</b> Парк Аркадия                       | Arcadia Park is a historic urban green space.              |
| <b>3</b> "House of merchant G.V.Tetyushinova" | Merchant Tetyushinov's historic house, now a museum. | <b>4</b> Museum of Military Glory           | Museum showcasing Astrakhan's military history and heroes. |
| <b>5</b> Fraternal garden                     | A memorial park dedicated to fallen soldiers.        | <b>6</b> Kara-Mechet'                       | Historic Black Mosque, a significant religious landmark.   |
| <b>7</b> The house-museum BM Kustodiev        | Artist Boris Kustodiev's former home, now a museum.  | <b>8</b> House-Museum of Velimir Khlebnikov | Poet Velimir Khlebnikov's former home, now a museum.       |
| <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal               |                                                      |                                             |                                                            |