

Bacharach, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany

One of the Rhine Gorge's most photogenic stops, Bacharach packs a medieval castle, Gothic chapel ruins, half-timbered lanes, and legendary Riesling into a compact old town you can explore entirely on foot.

Docked (riverside quay)

Typical call: 4–7 hrs

Euro (€)

German

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: KD landing stage on the Rhine riverfront, Leinpfad — steps from the old town gate

Walk to center: 2 min on foot from the pier to the Marktplatz

Best For: Medieval architecture, Riesling wine tasting, Rhine scenery, castle hikes

Don't Miss: Burg Stahleck for panoramic Rhine views and Wernerkapelle Gothic ruins

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ Minimal (short distances) · 🚲 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Burg Stahleck Castle** — The 12th-century castle above town offers sweeping Rhine Valley views.
- **Wernerkapelle Gothic Ruins** — The roofless 13th-century Werner Chapel sits on the hillside above town.
- **Riesling Wine Tasting** — The Bacharacher Riesling is world-class.
- **Rhine Gorge River Cruise** — Board a KD or Bingen-Rüdesheimer day boat for a scenic stretch of the Rhine Gorge toward the Loreley Rock and St.
- **Vineyard & Town Wall Walk** — The Stadtmauer-Rundweg follows Bacharach's intact medieval walls and towers (Marktturm, Postenturm) through the surrounding vineyards.

BEST WALKS

- **Old Town & Town Walls Loop** 1 hr | Easy–Moderate | Medieval streets and ramparts — Start at the KD quay and walk through the Markttor (beneath the Marktturm) into the old town.
- **Castle & Chapel Hike** 1.5–2 hrs | Moderate | Castle ruins and panoramic Rhine views — From Marktplatz, follow vineyard paths uphill to the Wernerkapelle Gothic ruins, then continue to Burg Stahleck castle for sweeping views over the Rhine bend.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		60°	43°	10d
Jun		75°	59°	10d
Aug		77°	61°	12d
Sep		70°	55°	8d
Oct		60°	48°	12d

DAYLIGHT & 🌳 MONEY

Apr 6:35AM–8:22PM · Jun 5:19AM–9:39PM · Aug 6:18AM–8:46PM · Sep 7:05AM–7:41PM · Oct 7:51AM–6:37PM

Euro (€)

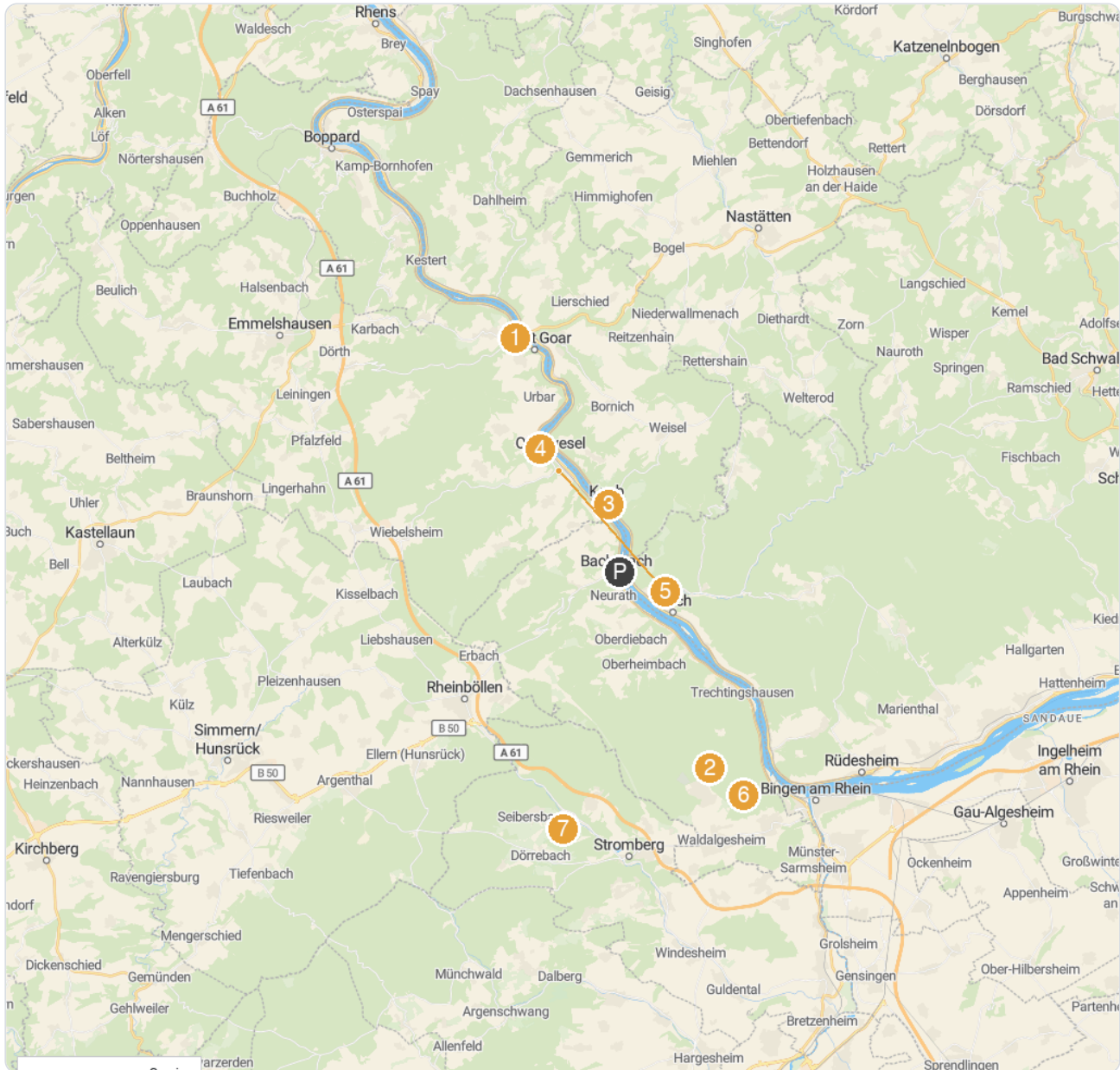
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Compact and walkable: The entire old town fits within a 10-minute stroll. You can see the main sights and still have time for a wine tasting — no transport needed.
- Castle hike is worth it: The 20–30 min uphill walk to Burg Stahleck gives the best views on the Middle Rhine. Wear comfortable shoes; the path is well-marked but steep in spots.
- Try the Riesling: Bacharacher Riesling is among Germany's best. Even a short cellar stop or glass at the Altes Haus is worth your time.
- Cash is handy: Most shops and smaller wine estates prefer euros in cash, though cards are accepted at larger restaurants.
- Best photo spot: The Postenturm vineyard tower (on the town wall walk) frames the castle, chapel ruins, and Rhine in one shot — especially good in late afternoon light.
- Check departure time: Rhine river cruise calls can be shorter than ocean ports. Confirm your all-aboard time before heading up to the castle — the walk back down takes 20 min.

Bacharach, 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.



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| <p>1 Rheinfels Castle</p> <p>3 Blüchermuseum Kaub</p> <p>5 Turmmuseum auf Schönburg (Tower Museum)</p> <p>7 Hunsrück llamas llama trekking in the Hunsrück</p> | <p>Germany's largest ruined castle, offering stunning Rhine views.</p> <p>Museum dedicated to Prussian General Blücher's history.</p> <p>Castle tower museum showcasing local history and artifacts.</p> <p>Experience unique llama trekking through the Hunsrück landscape.</p> | <p>2 Steckeschläfer-Klamm</p> <p>4 St. Martinskirche</p> <p>6 Hängebrücke im Binger Wald</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Scenic gorge with waterfalls, perfect for a nature walk.</p> <p>Historic church with beautiful stained glass windows.</p> <p>Long suspension bridge offering thrilling forest views.</p> |
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