

Bad Schandau, Saxony, Germany

Perched on the Elbe in the heart of Saxon Switzerland National Park, Bad Schandau pairs a charming spa-town center with breathtaking sandstone landscapes just minutes from the dock.

Docked (riverside quay)

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: German

National park gateway

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Riverside quay in town center; ships dock directly — no tender

Best For: Hiking, dramatic scenery, Bastei Bridge day trip, wellness

Walk to center: Under 5 min — town is right at the dock

Don't Miss: Bastei Bridge rock formation and Königstein Fortress

Getting around: Taxi €9–15 short trips

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Bastei Bridge & Rock Formations** — The region's star attraction — a 19th-century stone bridge spanning dramatic sandstone pillars 194 m above the Elbe Valley.
- Königstein Fortress** — One of Europe's largest hilltop fortresses, perched on a flat-topped sandstone mesa above the Elbe.
- Kirnitzschtal Tram & Lichtenhain Waterfall** — Board the historic narrow-gauge tram (since 1898) from town and ride through the wooded Kirnitzsch Valley to the Lichtenhain Waterfall — a relaxed...
- Malerweg Hiking Trail** — Section of the famous 'Painter's Way' long-distance route that inspired Romantic-era artists.
- Toskana Therme Spa** — Bad Schandau's modern wellness center features thermal pools, a liquid-sound pool with underwater music and light, sauna worlds, and treatments...

BEST WALKS

- Elbe Promenade & Town Stroll** 1–2 km · Flat · 30–45 min — Walk the riverside promenade from the dock past the ferry landing, through the Marktplatz, and up to the historic Personenaufzug (open-air elevator) for views over town.
- Ostrauer Scheibe Viewpoint via Personenaufzug** 2–3 km · Moderate · 1.5–2 hrs — Ride the historic iron elevator up to the Ostrau plateau, then walk the short trail to the Ostrauer Scheibe viewpoint for panoramic views of the Elbe Valley and Saxon...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	58°	41°	11d
Jun	75°	58°	12d
Aug	77°	60°	12d
Sep	69°	54°	11d
Oct	59°	47°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:08AM–7:58PM · Jun 4:49AM–9:18PM · Aug 5:51AM–8:23PM · Sep 6:39AM–7:16PM · Oct 7:26AM–6:10PM

Currency: Euro (€)

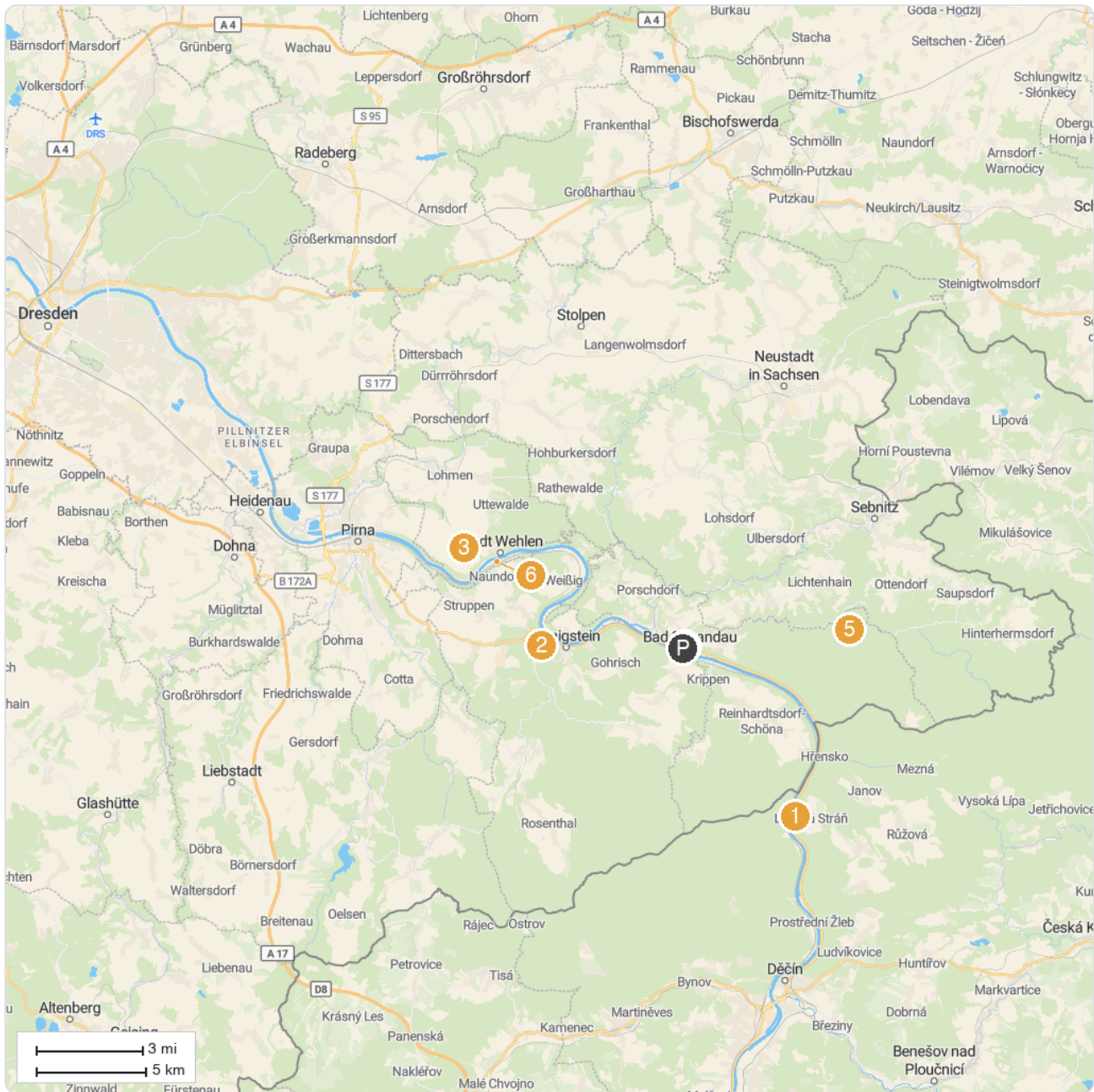
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book excursions early. Bastei Bridge and Königstein get crowded — ship's tours or pre-booked taxis ensure a spot and save time.
- Wear sturdy shoes. Trails and sandstone paths around Bastei and Schrammsteine are uneven; flip-flops won't cut it.
- Cash useful but not essential. Euro accepted everywhere; smaller cafés and tram tickets may prefer cash. ATMs available in town.
- The Kirnitzschtalbahn is a DIY gem. The historic tram departs near the dock, runs all day, and costs just a few euros — a great independent option for light hikers.
- Pack a layer. The Elbe Valley can be cooler and wetter than Dresden; rain showers are common even in summer.
- Don't try to do it all. Bastei Bridge OR Königstein makes a satisfying full half-day — attempting both plus town is rushed and tiring.

Bad Schandau, Saxony, 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 Belvedere Viewpoint</p> <p>3 Kleine Sächsische Schweiz</p> <p>5 Felsentor 'Kuhstall'</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Belvedere Viewpoint offers panoramic views of the Elbe River valley.</p> <p>Kleine Sächsische Schweiz is a miniature park of local landmarks.</p> <p>Felsentor 'Kuhstall' is a massive natural rock arch and cave.</p> | <p>2 Königstein Fortress</p> <p>4 National Park Center Saxon Switzerland</p> <p>6 Freibad Stadt Wehlen</p> | <p>Königstein Fortress is an impressive historic hilltop military fortress.</p> <p>National Park Center is an interactive visitor center for the national park.</p> <p>Freibad Stadt Wehlen is a public outdoor swimming pool.</p> |
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