

Bernkastel-Kues, Moselle Valley, Germany

The 'Pearl of the Moselle' packs a medieval market square, world-class Riesling cellars, and sweeping vineyard views into a remarkably walkable town. Most ships dock steps from the Marktplatz — so you can be sipping wine within five minutes of stepping off.

Docked (riverside promenade)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Euro (€)

German

Wine country

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships moor along the Moselle promenade; town center is a 5-min walk.

Best For: Wine tasting, medieval architecture, easy walking, photography.

Walk to center: 5 min to Marktplatz; Kues side is 10 min across the bridge.

Don't Miss: The Spitzhäuschen (Pointed House) and Landshut Castle ruins.

🚗 Getting around: 🚕 **Taxi** ✅ ~€8–15 · 🚗 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Marktplatz & Old Town Walk** — Wander the UNESCO-quality market square lined with 15th–17th century half-timbered buildings.
- **Landshut Castle Ruins** — Hike 30 min up vine-covered slopes to the medieval ruins of Burg Landshut for sweeping panoramas of the Moselle valley and the town far below.
- **Moselle Riesling Wine Tasting** — Bernkastel sits at the heart of one of Germany's finest Riesling regions.
- **Cusanusstift (St. Nikolaus Hospital), Kues** — Founded in 1458 by philosopher-cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, this remarkably intact Gothic complex holds a church, medieval library of rare manuscripts...
- **Moselle River Boat Tour** — One-hour panoramic cruises depart from Bernkastel and glide past vine-clad hills toward Lieser and Mülheim, offering different perspectives on the...

BEST WALKS

- **Old Town & Market Square Loop** 1.5 km · 30–45 min · Easy — From the dock, walk inland along Gestade to the Marktplatz.
- **River Promenade to Kues & Cusanusstift** 2.5 km round-trip · 45–60 min · Easy — Walk north along the promenade, cross the Moselle bridge into Kues, and continue a few minutes to the Cusanusstift Gothic courtyard.
- **Vineyard Hike to Landshut Castle** 3 km round-trip · 1.5–2 hrs · Moderate (steep) — Follow signs from the Marktplatz up through the Doctor vineyard (one of Germany's most famous single sites) to the Landshut Castle ruins.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		59°	42°	11d
Jun		74°	57°	10d
Aug		76°	60°	13d
Sep		69°	54°	9d
Oct		60°	48°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:39AM–8:25PM · Jun 5:22AM–9:41PM · Aug 6:22AM–8:49PM · Sep 7:08AM–7:44PM · Oct 7:53AM–6:40PM

Euro (€)

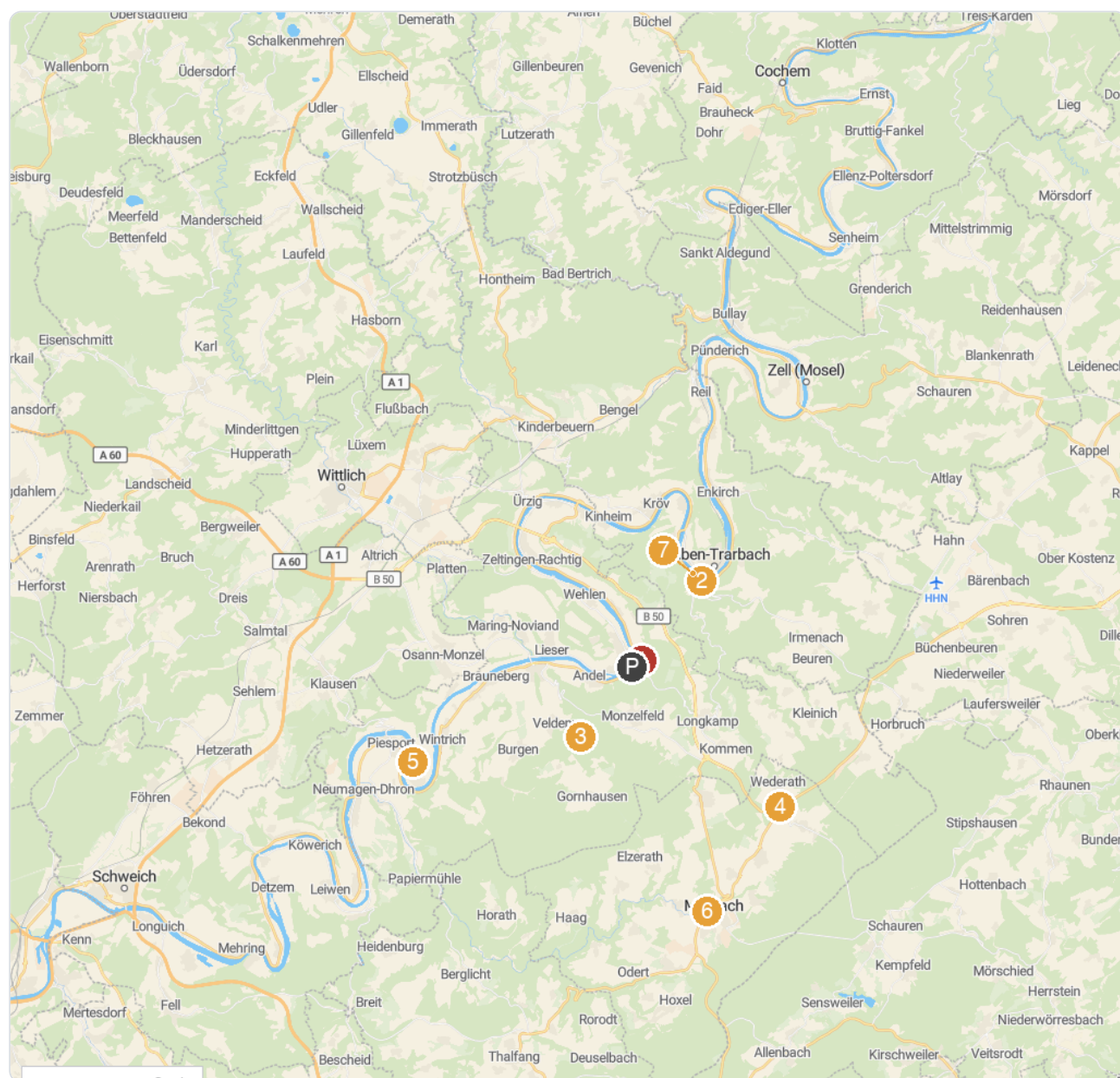
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Buy wine at the source. Riesling from the Bernkasteler Doctor or Badstube vineyards is outstanding and cheaper here than anywhere else. Most cellars let you taste before you buy.
- Wear proper shoes. The old town has cobblestones and the castle hike is steep. Sandals won't cut it if you plan to go uphill.
- Shoot the Marktplatz early. Ships often arrive in the morning; the square is quietest before the tour groups arrive mid-morning. Golden light, no crowds.
- Skip the hike if you're short on time. The seasonal tourist mini-train from near the Marktplatz takes you up to Landshut Castle in comfort — worth it if your ship call is only 6 hrs.
- Card payments widely accepted in restaurants and wine shops, but small lane vendors and wine stalls often prefer cash. Bring €20–30.
- Moselle weather is mild but variable. The valley can be warm and sunny in summer; carry a light layer if visiting spring or autumn — it can feel cooler by the river.

Bernkastel-Kues, Moselle Valley, 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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| 1 Historische Bonbonmacherei | See traditional candy making at this historic workshop. | 2 Grevenburg Castle Ruins | Explore the scenic ruins of a medieval castle. |
| 3 Schloss Velden | A privately owned, historic castle overlooking the valley. | 4 Kulturzentrum Archäologiepark BELGIUM | Roman archaeological park and cultural center with museum. |
| 5 Aussichtspunkt Pestkapelle | Scenic viewpoint with a historic plague chapel. | 6 Deutsches Telefon-Museum | Discover the history of telephones at this museum. |
| 7 Buddha-Museum | Explore a vast collection of Buddha statues and art. | P Cruise port / terminal | |