

Borkum Island, Lower Saxony, Germany

Germany's westernmost East Frisian island greets cruise visitors with windswept North Sea beaches, a UNESCO Wadden Sea, and a charming narrow-gauge railway trundling from the ferry harbor straight to town.

Docked at Borkum Reede pier Typical call: 6–8 hrs Euro (EUR) German

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth at Borkum Reede harbor — same pier used by the Emden/Eemshaven ferries

Best For: Beach walks, Wadden Sea mudflat hikes, lighthouse views, seal watching

Walk to center: ~15 min by Borkumer Kleinbahn narrow-gauge railway (7.5 km line); tickets sold at the pier

Don't Miss: New Lighthouse (1879, 60 m, 308 steps) and a guided Wadden Sea mudflat walk

Getting around: **Taxi** €6 base + €2.30/km (day rate) · **Rideshare** not available · **Hop-on hop-off** Borkumer Kleinbahn (Inselbusrundfahrt)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Guided Wadden Sea Mudflat Walk** — Step out onto the exposed seabed at low tide with a licensed Wadden Sea guide.
- **New Lighthouse Climb** — Borkum's working New Lighthouse (Neuer Leuchtturm, 1879) rises 60 metres above the island.
- **Seal Watching at Borkumriff** — Harbour seals and grey seals haul out on the Borkumriff sandbank off the island's north coast.
- **Heimatmuseum Dykhus** — Borkum's local history museum east of the Old Lighthouse covers five centuries of whaling, seafaring, and island life.
- **Nordbad Beach & Strandkorb** — Borkum's main North Beach boulevard (Nordbad) is lined with Strandkörbe — the iconic hooded wicker beach chairs of the German North Sea coast.

BEST WALKS

- **Harbor to New Lighthouse & North Beach** 4 km one-way | Easy | ~1 hr — Ride or walk from Borkum Bahnhof west along Bismarckstraße to the New Lighthouse, then continue north to Nordbad beach boulevard for a coffee or a Strandkorb break...
- **Town & Old Lighthouse Loop** 2 km loop | Easy | ~45 mins — A compact stroll through Borkum town, past the Kurpark bandstand, east to the Old Lighthouse (Alter Leuchtturm, 1576), and back through the shopping streets to the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:33AM–8:34PM · Jun 5:03AM–10:04PM · Aug 6:13AM–9:01PM · Sep 7:07AM–7:48PM · Oct 8:00AM–6:36PM	
Apr	49°	44°	11d	Euro (EUR)	
Jun	62°	58°	11d		
Aug	67°	62°	15d		
Sep	64°	59°	12d		
Oct	57°	53°	15d		

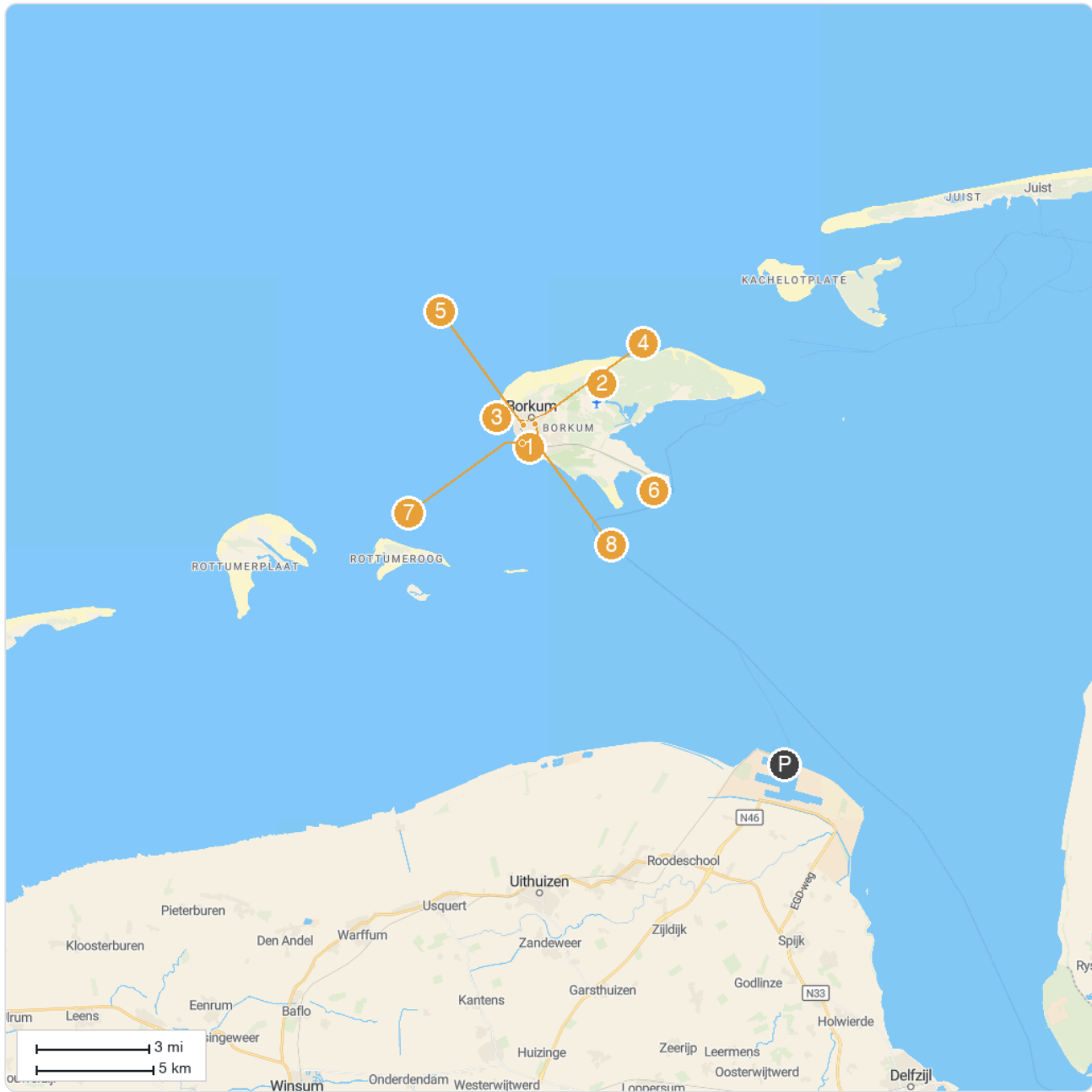
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Take the Kleinbahn: The narrow-gauge railway from the pier to town costs just a few euros and is essential — the harbor sits about 7 km from the town center, far too long to walk.
- Wadden Sea timing: Guided mudflat walks only run at low tide. Check the tide table and book a licensed guide before arrival — solo walking on the tidal flats can be dangerous.
- Cash still king: Many beach chair rentals, small cafés, and market stalls on Borkum are cash-only. Bring euros.
- Dress for the North Sea: Even in summer, Borkum's wind can make temperatures feel 5–8°C colder than the thermometer reads. Pack a windproof layer.
- Seal season peaks: Harbour seals pup in June–July; grey seals in December–January. Both species are visible year-round but numbers are highest in season.
- Bikes trump taxis: Borkum's town core restricts cars in summer. Bike rental (€10–15/day) near the station lets you cover the whole island on your own schedule.

Borkum Island, Lower 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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