

Brandenburg, Kentucky, USA

A quiet Kentucky river town where American history runs deep. From Lincoln's log-cabin birthplace to the legendary vaults of Fort Knox, Brandenburg is a shore-day that rewards curious travelers.

Docked (Riverfront Park pier)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

US Dollar

English

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock at Brandenburg Riverfront Park; gangway to shore, no tender

Best For: Lincoln history, Fort Knox bus tour, Ohio River scenery

Walk to town: Downtown Brandenburg is a short 5-min walk from the pier

Don't Miss: Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHP in Hodgenville (~50 min by bus)

🚗 Getting around: 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Abraham Lincoln Birthplace** — Visit the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park in Hodgenville (~50 min / 42 mi from Brandenburg).
- **Fort Knox & Patton Museum** — A rare chance to enter a working U.S.
- **Buttermilk Falls Trail** — A wide, paved trail (about 2.5 miles one-way, ~5 miles round trip) leading to a pretty waterfall fed by year-round hillside springs.
- **Meade County History Museum** — A small but rewarding local museum covering Civil War crossings (General John Hunt Morgan's 1863 Ohio crossing), the legend of the Battletown Witch...
- **Jailhouse Pizza** — Lunch in a genuine 19th-century jailhouse — now on the National Register of Historic Places.

BEST WALKS

- **Riverfront to Downtown Stroll** ~1 mile | 20-30 min | Flat & easy — Walk along the Ohio River at Riverfront Park, then head up into the small downtown grid.
- **Buttermilk Falls Walk** ~5 miles rt | 2-2.5 hrs | Paved — A pleasant out-and-back paved trail to the historic Buttermilk Falls (about 2.5 miles each way from Riverfront Park).

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		66°	46°	12d
Jun		84°	66°	12d
Aug		85°	68°	12d
Sep		81°	63°	7d
Oct		69°	52°	9d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:09AM–8:20PM · Jun 6:21AM–9:08PM · Aug 7:00AM–8:37PM · Sep 7:26AM–7:51PM · Oct 7:53AM–7:06PM

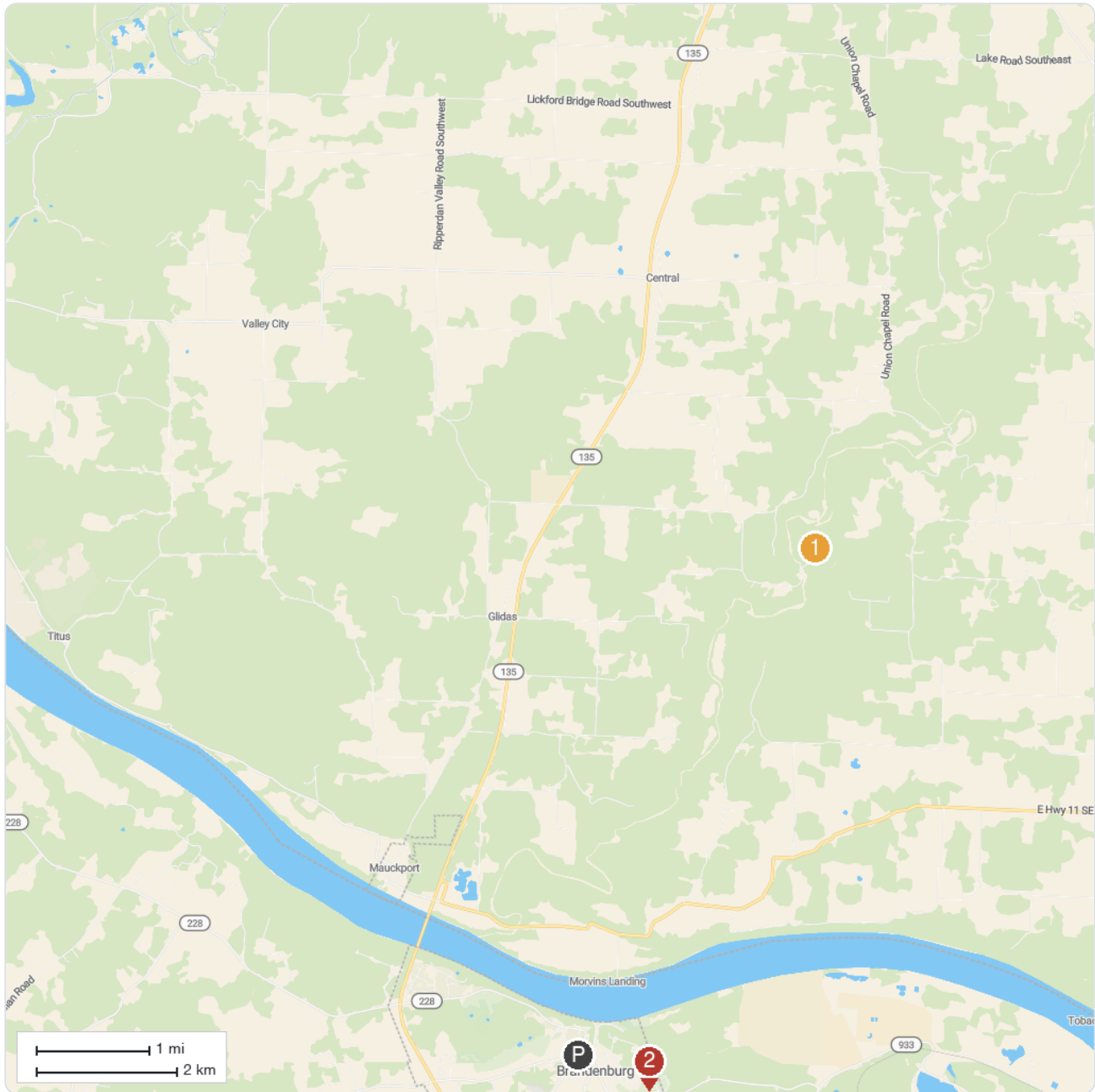
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book excursions early. The Lincoln Birthplace and Fort Knox tours fill fast — they're the main draws at this port and often complimentary through American Queen Voyages.
- Downtown is very walkable. The pier is literally in Riverfront Park, and the town center is a flat 5-minute walk. No shuttle needed if you just want to stretch your legs.
- Cash and cards both work. Small-town Kentucky — bring a little cash for the museum admission and local spots, though most places take cards.
- Ohio River summers are hot and humid. May through September calls can reach the 80s°F with high humidity. Light layers and water are essential for outdoor excursions.
- Check your all-aboard time carefully. Excursions to Hodgenville (Lincoln) take most of the day. If you're doing a self-guided downtown walk, you'll be back with time to spare.

Brandenburg, Kentucky, USA — Port Map

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



- 1 Squire Boone Caverns** Explore underground caves discovered by Daniel Boone's brother.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Meade Olin Park** Relax at this local park with playgrounds and picnic areas.