

Cape Girardeau, Missouri, USA

A quintessential Mississippi River town where sweeping floodwall murals tell the river's story — and Civil War earthworks, historic mansions, and a walkable downtown are all steps from the dock.

Docked at Riverfront Park

Typical call: 7-10 hrs

US Dollar

English

Mississippi River cruise port

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships tie up directly at Riverfront Park — no tender, walk straight off

Best For: History buffs, mural lovers, easy walking, American river culture

Walk to center: Downtown & floodwall murals are 2-5 min on foot from the dock

Don't Miss: Mississippi River Tales floodwall murals & Fort D Civil War earthworks

Getting around: Taxi Varies · Rideshare Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Mississippi River Tales Floodwall Murals** — Walk along the iconic painted floodwall — a series of large-scale murals depicting the Mississippi's history from Lewis & Clark to modern river...
- Fort D Civil War Historic Site** — One of four Union earthwork fortifications built in 1861 to defend Cape Girardeau, Fort D is well-preserved and free to visit.
- Glenn House Victorian Mansion** — A beautifully preserved 1883 Victorian home open for guided tours.
- Trail of Tears State Park** — About a 20-minute drive north of port, this state park commemorates the forced relocation of the Cherokee Nation in 1838-39 — several detachments...
- Red House Interpretive Center & Downtown Walk** — A faithful replica of city founder Louis Lorimier's 1797 home and trading post, where Meriwether Lewis met Lorimier during the 1803 expedition.

BEST WALKS

- Riverfront & Floodwall Murals Walk** 1.5 miles · Easy · 45-60 min — Start at Riverfront Park where your ship docks, then walk south along the Mississippi River Tales murals on the floodwall.
- Historic Homes & Museums Loop** 1 mile · Easy · 1-2 hrs — From the pier, walk to the Red House Interpretive Center, then on to the Glenn House Victorian mansion.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		67°	48°	12d
Jun		85°	68°	10d
Aug		86°	70°	10d
Sep		82°	65°	6d
Oct		70°	53°	9d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:23AM–7:33PM · Jun 5:37AM–8:20PM · Aug 6:14AM–7:49PM · Sep 6:40AM–7:05PM · Oct 7:06AM–6:20PM

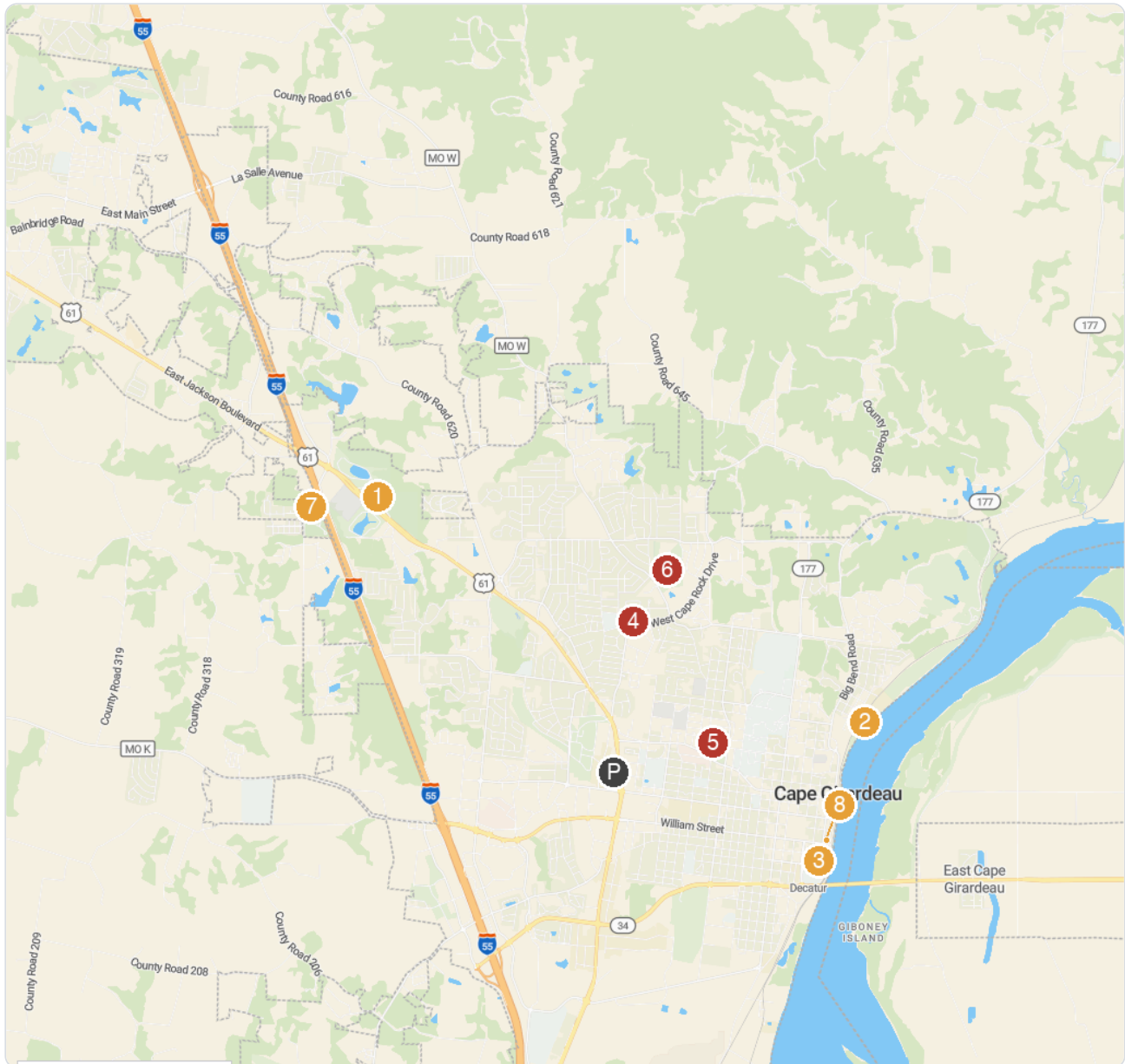
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Extremely walkable port. Downtown, murals, museums, and the historic district are all within a 10-15 min walk of the pier — no shuttle or cab required for most sights.
- Missouri summers are hot and humid. Calls often run May–October; bring water, sunscreen, and light clothing. The floodwall offers no shade.
- Don't rush the murals. The Mississippi River Tales floodwall paintings are genuinely impressive up close — budget at least 45 minutes to walk the full stretch and read the story panels.
- Cards accepted everywhere. Downtown Cape Girardeau is fully modern — all restaurants, shops, and museums accept credit cards. No need for cash.
- Try the catfish. Cape Girardeau is Mississippi River country — fried catfish is a local staple. Several downtown restaurants are steps from the pier.
- Fort D requires a car or ship excursion. It's about 1.5 miles from the waterfront — walkable for the fit, but most passengers take a ship tour or rideshare to reach it comfortably.

Cape Girardeau, Missouri, 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 Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center** Explore local wildlife exhibits and nature trails.
- 3 The Glenn House** Tour a beautifully preserved Victorian historic house museum.
- 5 Capaha Park** Large park with a lake, rose garden, and aquatic center.
- 7 Klaus Park** A quiet neighborhood park with green space and play equipment.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Red Star Access** Mississippi River access for boating and fishing.
- 4 Dennis Scivally Park** A community park with playgrounds and sports fields.
- 6 Kiwanis Park** Neighborhood park offering playgrounds and picnic areas.
- 8 Old St Vincent's Catholic Church** Visit a historic, architecturally significant Catholic church.