

Cologne, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

Germany's iconic Rhine city greets ships just steps from a Gothic cathedral that took 600 years to finish. Pair world-class Roman history with a Kölsch at a centuries-old Brauhaus — all within easy walking distance of the dock.

Docked (Rhine riverside berths)

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

Euro (€)

German

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Riverside berths on Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer; most ships dock ~500 m from the main train station and 15–20 min walk to the Cathedral

Best For: Gothic architecture, Roman history, craft beer culture, world-class museums

Walk to center: Old Town and Cathedral are 15–20 min on foot from the main dock; Rheinauhafen berths are slightly further south

Don't Miss: Climbing the Cologne Cathedral's south tower (533 steps) for a panoramic Rhine view

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✓ €10–€15 · 📱 **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Bolt · 🚏 **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Cologne Cathedral (Kölner Dom)** — A UNESCO World Heritage Site and Germany's most-visited landmark, the Dom's twin Gothic spires soar 157 m above the Rhine.
- Romano-Germanic Museum** — This museum traces Cologne's 2,000-year history from its founding as Colonia Claudia Ara Agrippinensium in 50 AD.
- Kölsch Beer & Brauhaus Culture** — Kölsch is Cologne's own protected-designation beer — light, crisp, served in slender 200 ml glasses called Stangen.
- Lindt Chocolate Museum** — Trace 5,000 years of chocolate history at this Rheinauhafen landmark, with a 3-metre chocolate fountain and hands-on praline workshops.
- Cologne Old Town (Altstadt) Guided Walk** — Explore the Alter Markt, the Fischmarkt by the river, the medieval Great St.

BEST WALKS

- Cathedral to Old Town Circuit** 2.5 km · 45–60 min · flat — The classic Cologne walk: from the dock south along the Rhine embankment to the Cathedral square, then into the Altstadt for the Alter Markt and Fischmarkt, back along...
- South to Rheinauhafen & Chocolate Museum** 3 km · 50–70 min · flat — Head south from the Cathedral along the Rhine to the converted Rheinauhafen crane-house district, a revitalized harbour with restaurants and galleries, then continue to...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		59°	41°	11d
Jun		74°	57°	11d
Aug		75°	59°	13d
Sep		69°	54°	10d
Oct		61°	48°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:37AM–8:27PM · Jun 5:17AM–9:47PM · Aug 6:19AM–8:52PM · Sep 7:07AM–7:45PM · Oct 7:55AM–6:39PM

Euro (€)

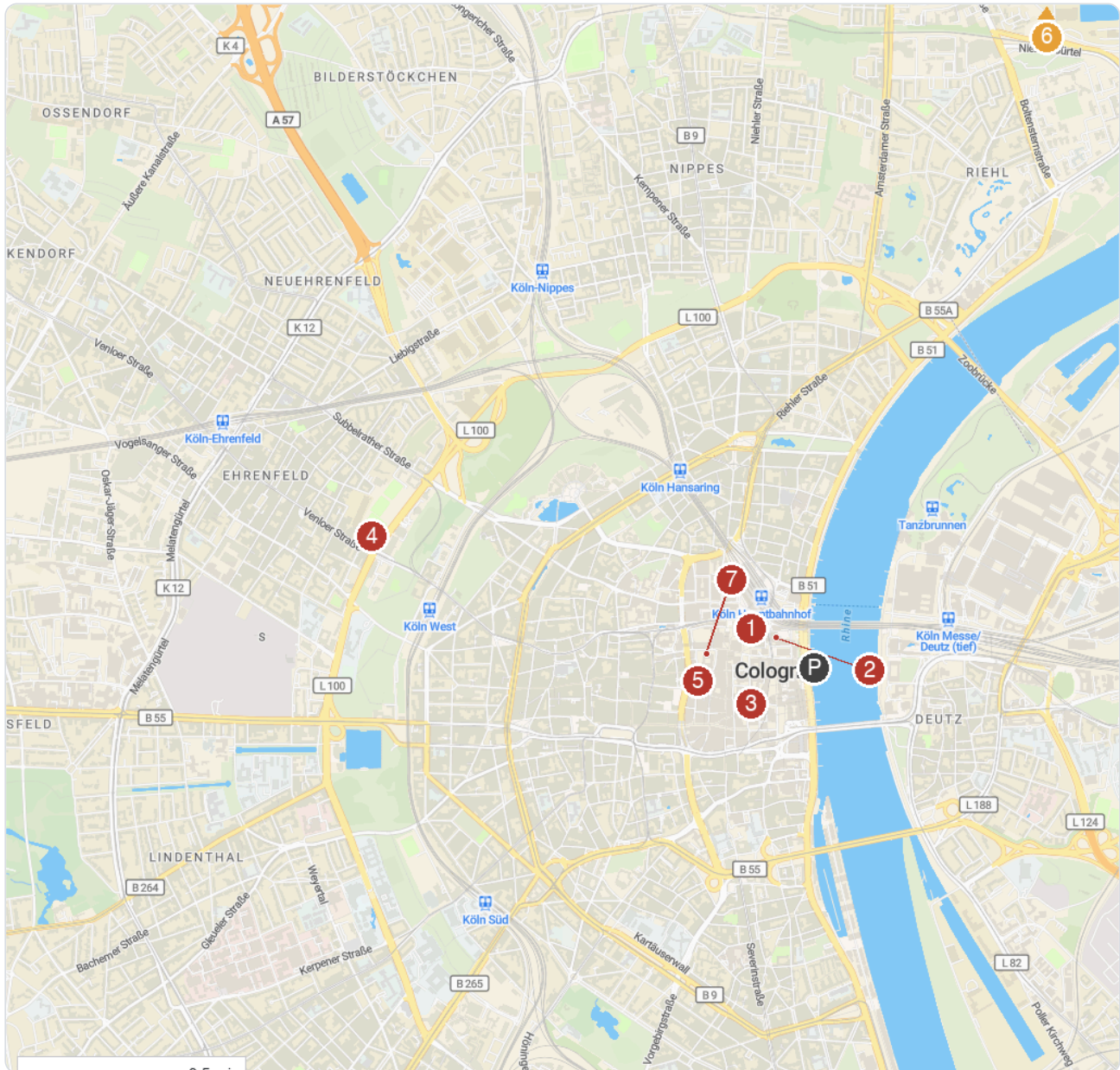
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Coaster on the glass means you're done — in Cologne brewpubs the Köbes will keep bringing Kölsch until you cover your glass. Don't set it on top by accident!
- Romano-Germanic Museum is in a temporary home: its main building by the Cathedral is closed for renovation (reopening expected 2026), so the collection is showing at the Belgisches Haus near Neumarkt — check the location and hours before going.
- Cathedral entry is free; the treasury and tower climb each have separate tickets (~€6–8). Tower closes in bad weather.
- Best Cathedral photo: cross to the east bank via the Hohenzollern Bridge for a full-façade shot with the Rhine in the foreground.
- Cards accepted everywhere in central Cologne; cash still preferred at some brewpubs. ATMs are plentiful near the train station (Köln Hbf).
- Day ticket worth it if you plan to reach the Chocolate Museum or Rheinauhafen: €9 tram/U-Bahn day pass covers all inner city zones.

Cologne, North Rhine-Westphalia, 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 Cologne Cathedral | Iconic Gothic cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site. | 2 Museum Ludwig | Modern art museum featuring Picasso, Pop Art, and more. |
| 3 Wallraf-Richartz-Museum & Fondation Corboud | Art museum showcasing medieval to 19th-century European paintings. | 4 Cologne Central Mosque | Modern, architecturally striking mosque and cultural center. |
| 5 Kolumba | Unique art museum built within ancient church ruins. | 6 Japanese Garden Leverkusen | Serene, authentic Japanese garden within Bayer Park. |
| 7 Museum of Applied Arts Cologne | Museum of design, fashion, furniture, and decorative arts. | P Cruise port / terminal | |