

Cuxhaven, Lower Saxony, Germany

Where the Elbe surrenders to the North Sea, Cuxhaven offers wild tidal flats, a landmark wooden beacon, and Germany's second-largest city just 90 minutes away by train.

 Pier (docked)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Currency: Euro (EUR)  Language: German  UNESCO Wadden Sea

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Europe Quay or Humber Quay; no tender

Walk to Center: 10-15 min on foot from the cruise quay to Alte Liebe / town center

Best For: Wadden Sea mudflat walks, ship-spotting, Hamburg day trip

Don't Miss: Standing at the Kugelbake where the Elbe officially ends

 Getting around:  Taxi  €10–€20 ·  Rideshare  not available ·  Hop-on hop-off  Cuxliner

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Wadden Sea Mudflat Walk** — At low tide, a guided Wattwanderung takes you across the seabed of the UNESCO World Heritage Wadden Sea — Europe's largest tidal flat system.
- **Hamburg City Day** — Hop a direct train to Hamburg Hauptbahnhof (~90 min) and spend the day exploring the Speicherstadt warehouse district, HafenCity, Reeperbahn, and the...
- **Neuwerk Island Horse-Cart Crossing** — When the tide allows, traditional Wattwagens (horse-drawn carts) ferry visitors 10 km across the seabed to the medieval lighthouse island of Neuwerk...
- **Steubenhöft Emigrant Hall & Exhibition** — This historic Hapag departure hall sent hundreds of thousands of emigrants off to America from the 'Quay of Tears.' Today the 'Abschied nach Amerika'...
- **Windstärke 10 Shipwreck & Fishery Museum** — Cuxhaven's standout indoor attraction covers 100 years of fishing history and the dangers of North Sea seafaring, with dramatic shipwreck exhibits...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront Promenade: Quay to Kugelbake** 3 km one-way | Flat | 45-60 min — Walk west from the cruise quay along the Elbe waterfront, passing the Semaphor signal tower, the Alte Liebe platform (great for ship-spotting), the Hapag Halls, and...
- **Old Town & Ritzbüttel Castle** 1.5 km loop | Easy | 30-40 min — From the town center, stroll to Schloss Ritzbüttel — a 14th-century castle that served as the seat of Hamburg bailiffs for centuries — then wander the pedestrian...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:24AM–8:26PM · Jun 4:53AM–9:58PM · Aug 6:04AM–8:54PM · Sep 6:59AM–7:40PM · Oct 7:53AM–6:27PM	
Apr	53°	42°	11d	Currency: Euro (EUR)	
Jun	67°	56°	13d		
Aug	70°	60°	16d		
Sep	65°	56°	13d		
Oct	57°	50°	15d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Hamburg is very doable. Direct trains run hourly from Cuxhaven Bahnhof; the journey takes roughly 90 minutes each way. Allow at least 4 hours in Hamburg to make it worthwhile.
- Mudflat walks require a guide. The Wadden Sea tidal flats are vast and the tide comes in fast — always book a certified Wattführer (guide) rather than venturing out alone.
- Strandkörbe cost extra. The iconic wicker beach chairs at Duhnen and Sahlenburg are rented by the hour or half-day — budget €5-12 and bring your swimming gear.
- Neuwerk timing is tide-dependent. The horse-cart crossing to Neuwerk Island only runs when tides permit. Check before booking and confirm your cruise ship's departure time allows sufficient return time.
- Kugelbake is a photo must. The wooden landmark marks the official Elbe-North Sea boundary — it's on Cuxhaven's coat of arms and one of the most photographed spots on Germany's North Sea coast.
- Cards widely accepted in restaurants and shops, but beach chair rentals, market stalls, and smaller cafés may prefer cash. ATMs are available near the town center.

Cuxhaven, 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.



- 1** Windstärke 10 - Wrack- und Fischereimuseum Cuxhaven Cuxhaven's museum of shipwrecks and fishing history.
- 3** Hermine Historic sailing ship offering harbor tours.
- 5** Alte Liebe in Cuxhaven Historic wooden pier and viewing platform for ships.
- 7** Schloss Ritzebüttel Historic castle, once a ducal residence.

- 2** Filialkirche Herz Jesu A beautiful Catholic church, Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- 4** Kugelbake Iconic wooden navigation beacon at the Elbe's mouth.
- 6** Lotsenviertel Cuxhaven Charming historic district, once home to maritime pilots.
- P** Cruise port / terminal