

Dalian, Liaoning, China

The 'Hong Kong of the North' delivers a rare mix: sweeping colonial squares, seaside drives, wild beaches, and one of China's most walkable city centers — all from a terminal steps from the action.

 Pier (Dalian International Cruise Terminal)

 Typical call: 8–10 hrs

 Currency: Chinese Yuan (CNY/RMB)

 Language: Mandarin Chinese

 Visa-free for approved cruise groups

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Dalian International Cruise Terminal, East Port district

Walk to center: ~20 min on foot or 10 min by taxi to Zhongshan Square

Best For: Colonial history, coastal scenery, seafood, city walks

Don't Miss: Riding the historic 201 tram through the city center

 Getting around:  **Taxi** ✓ ¥10–30 ·  **Rideshare** ✓ DiDi ·  **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Zhongshan Square & Historic Tram Ride** — The grand circular square is ringed by meticulously preserved Russian and Japanese-era buildings — a living reminder of Dalian's colonial past.
- Binhai Road Coastal Scenic Drive** — A spectacular cliff-hugging road linking beach coves, rocky headlands, and lookout points.
- Fujiazuang Beach** — One of Dalian's best sandy beaches — cleaner and less crowded than most Chinese city beaches.
- Tiger Beach Ocean Park (Laohutan)** — A large marine park on the coast featuring beluga whales, sea otters, polar bears, and a coral hall.
- Lushun (Port Arthur) Full-Day Excursion** — About 45 km from Dalian, Lushun was the site of famous Russo-Japanese War battles.

BEST WALKS

- Colonial Core Walk** 2.5 km • ~1 hr • Easy — From the cruise terminal waterfront, walk or taxi to Zhongshan Square and circle its ring of heritage buildings.
- Xinghai Square & Seaside** 3 km loop • ~1.5 hrs • Easy — Take a taxi to Xinghai Square, walk its vast promenade to the sea-view terrace, then stroll the seafont path toward the Xinghai Bay Bridge viewpoint before heading back.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		57°	45°	4d
Jun		74°	65°	9d
Aug		81°	73°	11d
Sep		75°	66°	6d
Oct		63°	53°	4d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 5:17AM–6:30PM · Jun 4:27AM–7:20PM · Aug 5:07AM–6:48PM · Sep 5:35AM–6:02PM · Oct 6:03AM–5:15PM

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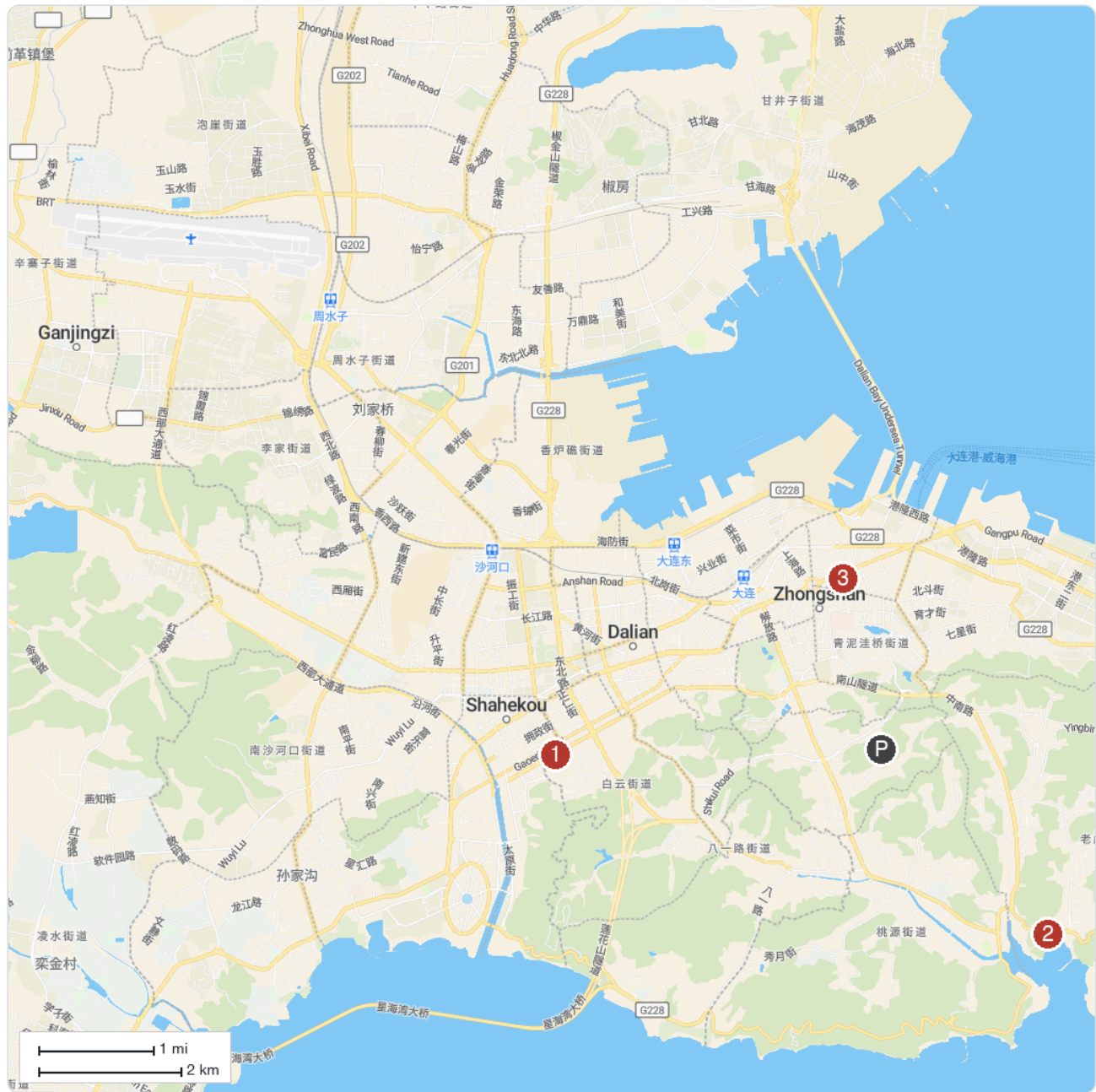
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Visa rules matter: Most Western nationalities need a Chinese visa. Cruise group shore tours may qualify for visa-free entry — confirm with your ship before planning any independent day.
- Download apps before you arrive: Google Maps is blocked in China. Use Apple Maps or offline maps (Maps.me). A roaming SIM lets you bypass the Great Firewall without a VPN.
- Go cashless: WeChat Pay and Alipay run this city. Link your international card to one before sailing; keep ¥200–300 in cash as backup for taxis and markets.
- Use metered taxis: Look for taxis with blue or white roof lights. Insist on the meter. Have your destination in Chinese characters — very few drivers speak English.
- Eat the seafood: Dalian is one of China's top seafood cities. Sea urchin (uni), Bohai razor clams, and Dalian abalone are local specialties — try Tianjin Street's restaurant strip.
- Watch your return time: Lushun (Port Arthur) is ~45 km each way (about 1 hr drive each direction) — only attempt it if you have at least 8 hours ashore. Budget traffic delays getting back to the terminal.

Dalian, Liaoning, China — 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 Xinghai Square One of the world's largest city squares, a huge seafront plaza with fountains and a landmark clock tower.

2 Dalian Laohutan Ocean Park

Coastal park and aquarium complex named 'Tiger Beach', with polar animal exhibits and seaside cliffs.

3 Dalian Zhongshan Square Historic roundabout square ringed by colonial-era European buildings from the Russian and Japanese concession eras.

P Cruise port / terminal