

Davenport, Iowa, USA

The Quad Cities' crown jewel sits right on the Mississippi with no floodwall in the way — river cruise ships dock steps from jazz history, world-class art, and Iowa's quirkiest pizza.

Pier Dock (River Heritage Park)

Typical call: 6–9 hrs

USD

English

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — tied directly to River Heritage Park seawall, gangway to flat paved path

Best For: Jazz & arts lovers, Mississippi River history, regional food culture

Walk to center: 2–5 min to downtown Davenport; Figge Art Museum 5 min

Don't Miss: Quad Cities-style pizza (cut in strips, spicy pork sausage) and Front Street Brewery

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$10–\$20 · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Figge Art Museum** — A striking glass building by architect David Chipperfield houses Grant Wood's legacy collection (painter of American Gothic), Haitian art, and...
- Bix Beiderbecke Museum** — Honor the Davenport-born jazz pioneer at this intimate downtown archive (112 W 2nd Street) — rare instruments, photographs, and listening stations...
- Davenport Skybridge** — A 575-foot pedestrian bridge suspended 50 feet over River Drive (Highway 67), offering panoramic views of the Mississippi River, the cruise dock, and...
- German American Heritage Center** — Housed in an 1860s immigrant hotel right by the bridge, this museum chronicles the German settlers who founded Davenport and shaped the region's...
- Riverfront & LeClaire Park Walk** — Davenport's open, floodwall-free riverfront is unique on the Mississippi — stroll paved paths past the historic bandshell, watch river traffic, and...

BEST WALKS

- Riverfront to Downtown Core** 1.2 mi / ~25 min / Flat — Walk north from the dock along the paved Mississippi River Trail past LeClaire Park, the Skybridge, and the Freight House into the heart of downtown.
- East Davenport Village Stroll** Historic brick streets / Short drive or shuttle — The Village of East Davenport is a preserved 1850s logging district with brick streets, boutique shops, pubs, and Lagomarcino's legendary soda fountain — a time-capsule...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		59°	41°	11d
Jun		82°	64°	11d
Aug		82°	66°	9d
Sep		77°	61°	8d
Oct		63°	48°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:22AM–7:42PM · Jun 5:28AM–8:37PM · Aug 6:11AM–8:00PM · Sep 6:43AM–7:10PM · Oct 7:14AM–6:20PM

USD

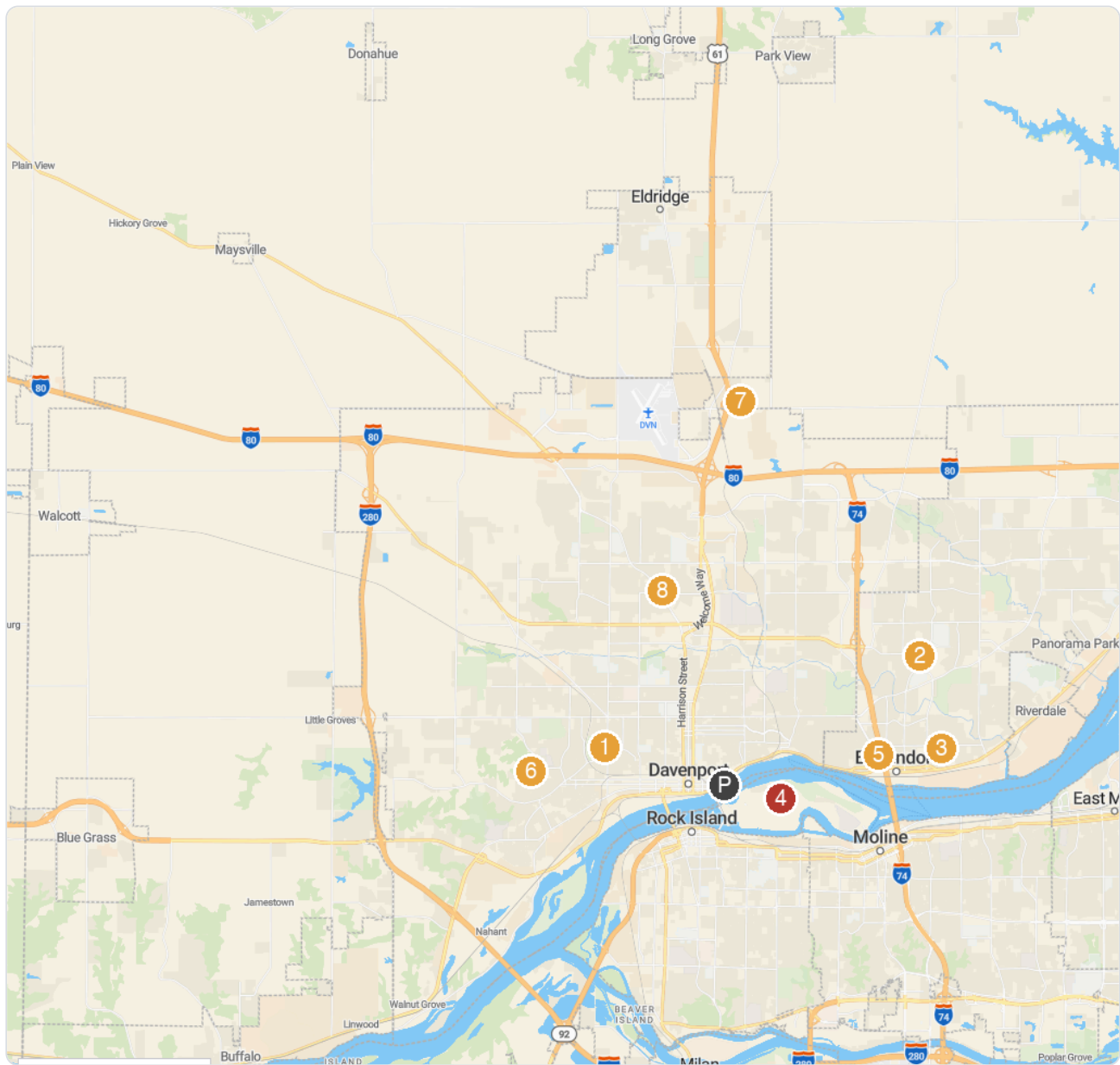
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Try the local pizza: Quad Cities-style pizza is unlike anything else — malt crust, spicy fennel-pork sausage, and cut in strips. Harris Pizza and Antonella's downtown are classics.
- No floodwall = great views: Davenport is unique on the Mississippi for preserving open river access. The waterfront parks are exactly what makes this port special.
- Use the cruise shuttle: American Cruise Lines and Viking run complimentary loops to key sights. Worth taking for the Putnam Museum or a cross-river trip to Moline's John Deere Pavilion (free, great for families).
- Check market days: The Freight House Farmers Market runs Saturdays 8 AM–1 PM and Sundays 10 AM–2 PM — local food, crafts, and live music steps from the dock.
- Bugs in summer: The Mississippi riverfront brings mayflies (locally called shadflies) and gnats in late spring/summer. Pack insect repellent if you plan to be on deck at dusk.
- Cards accepted everywhere: USD is the currency; credit cards work at all downtown restaurants and museums. No need for cash beyond small market vendors.

Davenport, Iowa, 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.



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| 1 Putnam Museum and Science Center | Museum with science, natural history, and regional exhibits. | 2 Family Museum | Interactive children's museum with hands-on exhibits for families. |
| 3 Lincoln Park | Historic city park with green space and recreational facilities. | 4 Rock Island Arsenal Museum | Military history museum on an active U.S. Army arsenal. |
| 5 McManus Park | Neighborhood park offering playgrounds, sports fields, and green space. | 6 Schuetzen Park | Historic park with trails, picnic areas, and event facilities. |
| 7 Crow Creek Wildlife Management Area | Natural area for wildlife viewing, hiking, and conservation. | 8 Slattery Park | Community park featuring playgrounds, sports courts, and open fields. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |