

Deventer, Overijssel, Netherlands

One of the Netherlands' oldest Hanseatic cities, Deventer rewards river cruise passengers with medieval lanes, a lively market square, and a spice-cake tradition stretching back to 1593.

- River quay (docked)
- Typical call: 6–8 hrs
- Euro (€)
- Dutch (English widely spoken)

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River quayside on the IJssel — no tendering, short walk to the medieval center

Best For: Medieval architecture, Hanseatic history, local food (Deventer koek), leisurely strolls

Walk to center: 10–15 min from riverfront to De Brink market square

Don't Miss: Deventer koek spice cake from a bakery on the Brink, and the foot ferry across the IJssel

Getting around: Taxi €8–€12 · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Bergkwartier Medieval Quarter** — The old trading heart of Deventer, the Bergkwartier is a maze of narrow cobblestone streets lined with restored merchants' houses and the Romanesque...
- **Museum De Waag** — Housed in one of the Netherlands' oldest surviving weigh houses on De Brink square, this museum tells the story of Deventer's centuries as a major...
- **Speelgoedmuseum (Toy Museum)** — Two historic merchant's houses hold the Netherlands' largest toy collection, spanning over a century of Dutch and international playthings.
- **St. Lebuinus Church & Tower Climb** — The Gothic Lebuinus Church dominates the Grote Kerkhof square.
- **Deventer Koek & Brink Terrace** — Deventer has been baking its famous spice cake since 1593 — pick up a loaf at a bakery near De Brink, then settle in at an outdoor terrace for...

BEST WALKS

- **Riverfront to Brink — The Essential Deventer Loop** 2–3 km · 45–60 min · Easy, flat cobblestones — From the IJssel quay, follow the riverside promenade north past the Wilhelminabrug bridge, then turn into the old center via Polstraat or Lange Bisschopstraat.
- **Foot Ferry & Skyline View** ~1 km round trip · 20 min · Easy — Hop the Pontje foot ferry (a few euros) from the east bank quay to the Worplantsoen park on the west bank.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:38AM–8:33PM · Jun 5:13AM–9:58PM · Aug 6:19AM–8:59PM · Sep 7:10AM–7:49PM · Oct 8:00AM–6:40PM	
Apr	57°	41°	11d	Euro (€)	
Jun	71°	55°	11d		
Aug	73°	58°	14d		
Sep	67°	53°	11d		
Oct	59°	49°	13d		

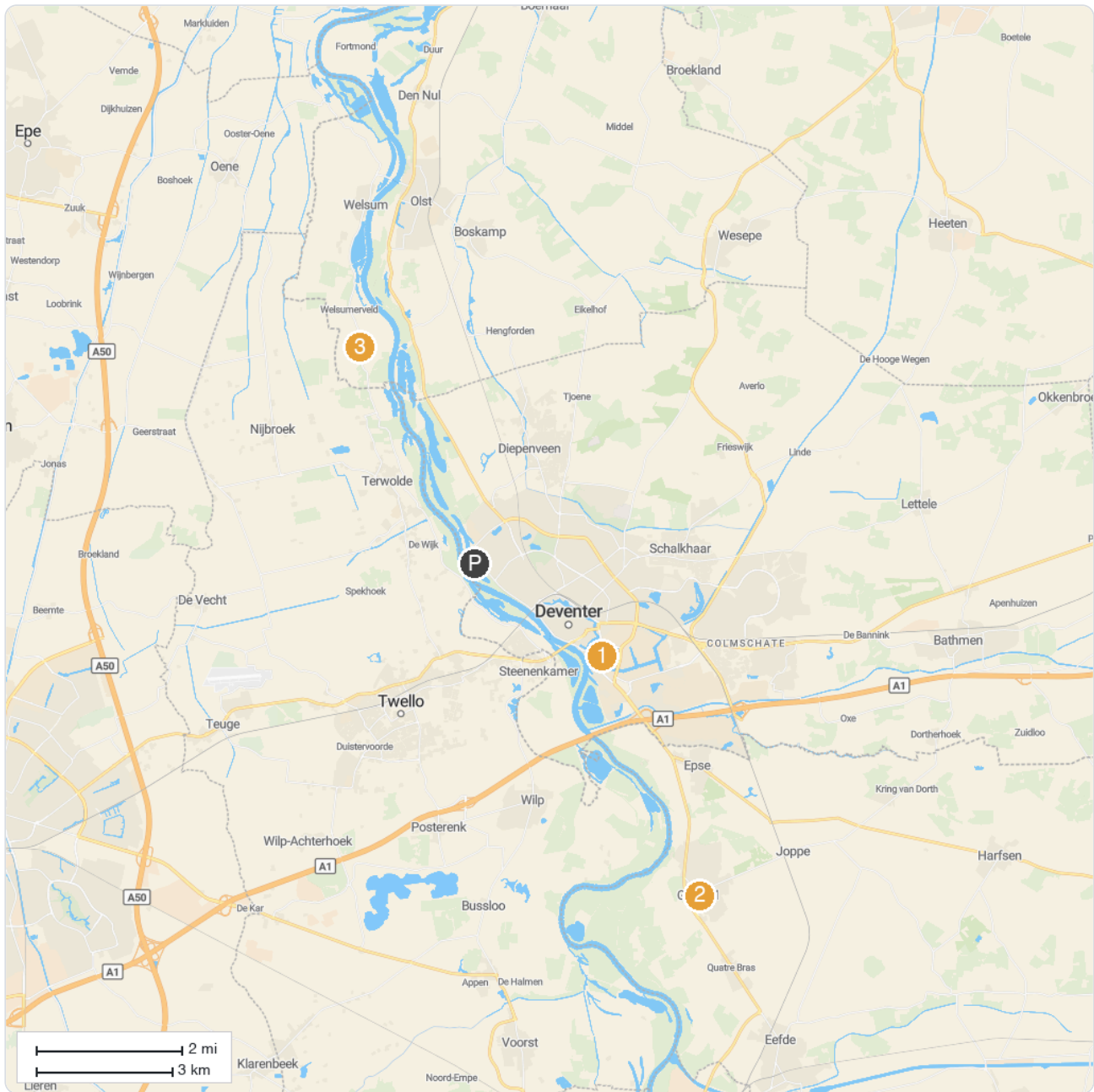
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Buy Deventer koek from a proper bakery. This dense, fragrant spice cake has been made in Deventer since 1593. Pick one up near De Brink — it's the city's edible souvenir.
- Watch for cyclists at all times. Like every Dutch city, bikes have absolute right of way. Look both ways before stepping off any kerb — even on seemingly quiet side streets.
- Cards accepted everywhere. The Netherlands is nearly cashless — Visa and Mastercard work even for a €2 coffee. You rarely need to find an ATM.
- Take the foot ferry. The Pontje costs just a couple of euros and gives you the best view of Deventer's skyline — the photo all the tourist brochures use.
- December calls = Dickens Festival bonus. If your itinerary hits Deventer in early December, the Bergkwartier is transformed into Victorian London with over 900 costumed characters — one of the Netherlands' most atmospheric winter events.
- Shops open late on Sundays. Most stores don't open until noon on Sundays, so plan morning time for churches, the riverfront walk, and the foot ferry rather than shopping.

Deventer, Overijssel, Netherlands — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Kunstenlab** Contemporary art exhibition space and creative workshop in Deventer.
- 3 LAACC-Bunker** Historic Cold War bunker offering guided tours.

- 2 MORE Museum** Modern realist art museum in Gorssel, near Deventer.
- P Cruise port / terminal**