

Dresden, Saxony, Germany

Florence of the Elbe. River cruise ships moor right below Brühl's Terrace, putting Dresden's reconstructed Baroque masterpieces — and the world's oldest paddle-steamer fleet — within a five-minute walk.

 Docked (river pier)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Euro (€)  German  UNESCO-level Baroque architecture

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River pier at Terrassenufer — no tender required

Best For: Art, history, architecture, Saxon cuisine

Walk to Frauenkirche: ~5 min from gangway

Don't Miss: Green Vault (pre-book!), Fürstenzug mural, Canaletto viewpoint

 Getting around:  Taxi  €10–20 ·  Rideshare  Bolt, Free Now ·  Hop-on hop-off  Stadtrundfahrt Dresden

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Royal Palace & the Green Vault** — The former residence of the Saxon kings houses the most dazzling treasury in Europe.
- **Zwinger Palace & Old Masters Gallery** — Wander the free Baroque courtyards of the Zwinger, then pay to enter the Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister — home to Raphael's Sistine Madonna and...
- **Frauenkirche Dome Climb** — The interior of the reconstructed Church of Our Lady is free; pay ~€10 to ride the elevator and climb the dome spiral for panoramic views of the city...
- **Meissen — Porcelain Capital** — A 30-minute drive or scenic river cruise upstream to the medieval hilltop town where European hard-paste porcelain was invented.
- **Saxon Switzerland National Park** — Dramatic Elbe sandstone pillars and pine gorges 40 km southeast of Dresden.

BEST WALKS

- **Altstadt Highlights Loop** 2.5 km · ~60-75 min · flat cobblestones — Climb Brühl's Terrace from the pier, follow the promenade to the Frauenkirche, detour to the Fürstenzug mural, loop through the Zwinger courtyard, and return along the...
- **Canaletto Viewpoint & Neustadt Stroll** 3 km · ~60 min · one river crossing — Walk across the Augustus Bridge to the Neustadt bank, find the Canaletto viewpoint looking back at the Old Town skyline (unchanged since the 18th-century painting), then...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:10AM–8:00PM · Jun 4:50AM–9:21PM · Aug 5:52AM–8:25PM · Sep 6:40AM–7:18PM · Oct 7:28AM–6:11PM	
Apr	57°	40°	10d	Euro (€)	
Jun	74°	57°	11d		
Aug	77°	60°	11d		
Sep	69°	53°	11d		
Oct	59°	47°	12d		

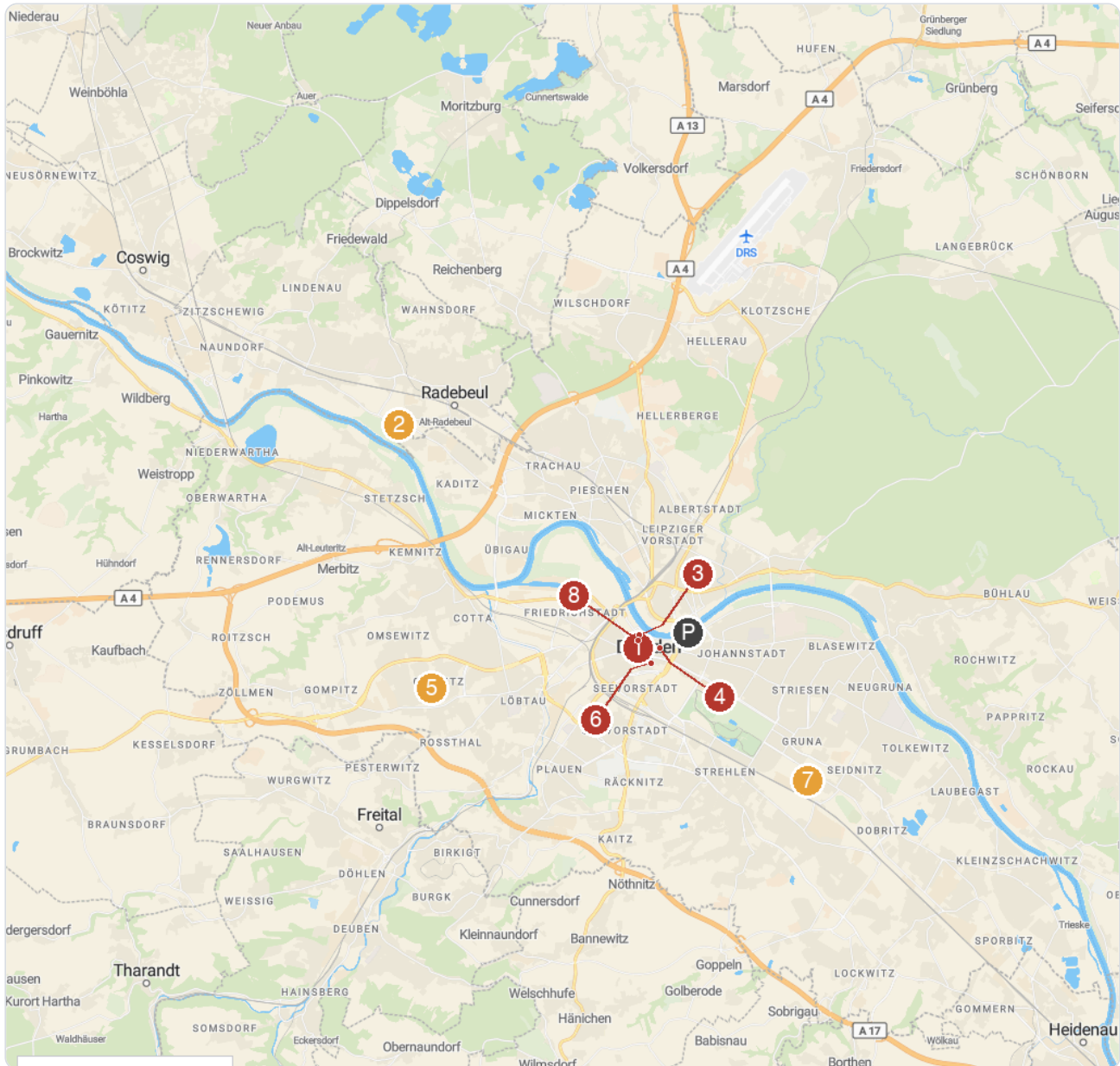
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book the Green Vault well in advance. The Historic Green Vault uses timed-entry tickets that sell out weeks ahead. If sold out, the New Green Vault upstairs is walk-in and nearly as impressive.
- Check water levels before you sail. The Elbe is prone to summer drought. Your ship may substitute a bus transfer from Meissen or Magdeburg if Dresden is unreachable by water.
- Carry cash. Most museums and restaurants accept cards, but bakeries, souvenir stalls, and public restrooms (€0.50–€1.00) are cash-only.
- Canaletto view from the Augustus Bridge. Cross to the Neustadt side and look back — this is the exact vantage point the painter used in 1748 and it still looks the same.
- Try Dresdner Eierschecke. This three-layer custard-cheesecake hybrid is unique to Saxony and rarely found outside Dresden. Coselpalais café next to the Frauenkirche does an excellent version.
- Beat the tour buses. Dresden is a major land-tour destination. Head out early — the Frauenkirche and Fürstenzug are far less crowded before 9:30 AM.

Dresden, Saxony, Germany — Port Map

cruiseports.org

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



1 Cholerabrunnen

A historic fountain commemorating the 1832 cholera epidemic.

3 Semperoper Dresden

Dresden's magnificent opera house, renowned for its architecture and performances.

5 Elbamare Erlebnisbad

An indoor water park with pools, slides, and a sauna.

7 Dresden Panometer

Experience massive 360-degree panoramic artworks depicting Dresden's history.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Lügenmuseum

A quirky museum of art and imagination, challenging perceptions.

4 Frauenkirche Dresden

Iconic Baroque church, a symbol of peace and reconciliation.

6 Holy Cross Church

Dresden's main Protestant church, famous for its boys' choir.

8 SKD | Old Masters Picture Gallery

World-class art gallery featuring masterpieces by Old Masters like Raphael.