

Dubuque, Iowa, USA

Iowa's oldest city rises dramatically above the Mississippi on limestone bluffs, offering a walkable riverfront, Smithsonian-affiliated river museum, and a funicular ride to a three-state panorama.

Docked (pier)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

USD

English

River port (Mississippi)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — docked at American Trust River's Edge Plaza / Port of Dubuque riverfront

Best For: River history, bluff scenery, Midwestern food, relaxed walkable days

Walk to center: 10-15 min to downtown Main Street; National River Museum is 3-5 min from dock

Don't Miss: National Mississippi River Museum & Fenelon Place Elevator (tri-state view)

Getting around: Taxi \$8-\$15 · Rideshare Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium** — A Smithsonian-affiliated museum and aquarium exploring the ecology and history of America's great river.
- Fenelon Place Elevator (Shortest Scenic Railway)** — Ride the world's shortest and steepest scenic funicular — a 189-foot cable car climb up a limestone bluff.
- Field of Dreams Movie Site (Dyersville)** — Thirty minutes from Dubuque in Dyersville, Iowa, the original baseball diamond from the 1989 Kevin Costner film still stands in a working cornfield.
- Hotel Julien Dubuque — Al Capone Connection** — Downtown's elegant historic hotel was a known hideaway for Al Capone, who allegedly rented the entire 8th floor when laying low.
- Eagle Point Park — Bluff Panorama** — Perched on a high bluff at the northern edge of town, this beautifully landscaped park overlooks Lock & Dam No.

BEST WALKS

- Riverfront to Downtown Stroll** 1.2 miles · ~25 min one-way · Flat — Follow the Mississippi Riverwalk north past the National River Museum, outdoor sculpture exhibits, and the historic 1856 Shot Tower, then continue along the waterfront...
- Downtown to Fenelon Place Elevator** 0.6 miles · ~15 min from downtown · Moderate uphill — Walk up from Main Street through the Cathedral District to the base of the Fenelon Place Elevator.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		57°	39°	12d
Jun		80°	62°	12d
Aug		81°	64°	10d
Sep		75°	59°	9d
Oct		60°	46°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:21AM-7:44PM · Jun 5:25AM-8:41PM · Aug 6:10AM-8:03PM · Sep 6:43AM-7:11PM · Oct 7:16AM-6:19PM

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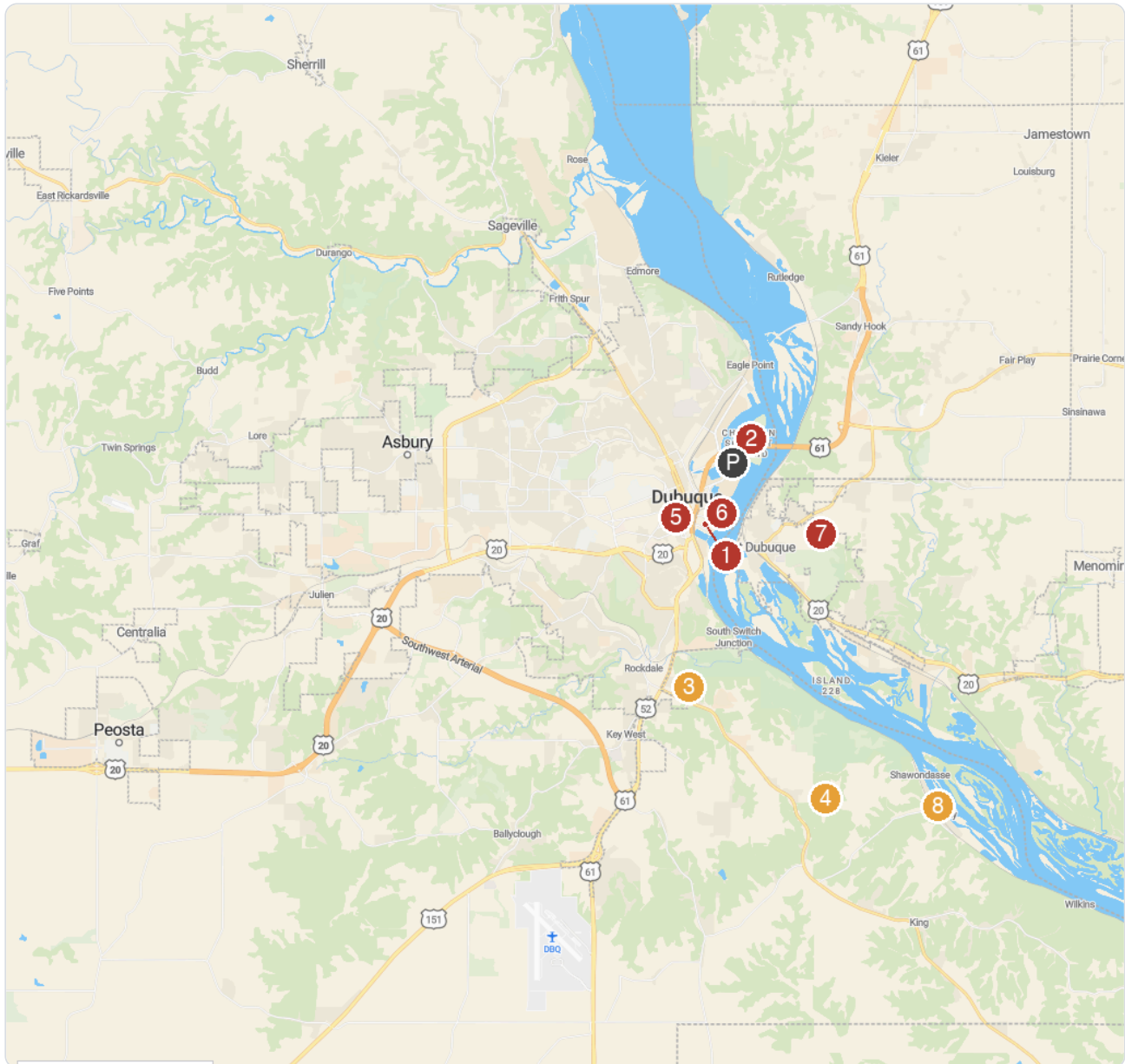
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring small cash. The Fenelon Place Elevator charges ~\$4 round trip and is cash only — ATMs are available downtown.
- Flat at the dock, steep inland. The riverfront and museum are wheelchair-friendly; if you want bluff-top views, take the elevator or a taxi rather than attempting the steep streets.
- Dress in layers. Upper Mississippi weather is unpredictable — spring and fall can be cool and breezy off the water; summer is hot and humid.
- Try the Iowa Pork Tenderloin Sandwich. Dubuque's signature Midwestern dish — a pork cutlet pounded thin, breaded, and fried; served everywhere downtown and absolutely worth it.
- Sunday hours vary. Some boutique shops in Cable Car Square may be closed or limited on Sundays; the River Museum and Fenelon Elevator remain open most days.
- Field of Dreams is 30 minutes away. If your cruise line offers this excursion, it's worth it — the actual movie baseball diamond is still in a working cornfield in Dyersville.

Dubuque, 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.



- 1 Diamond Jo Casino** Diamond Jo is a riverboat casino with gaming and entertainment.
- 3 EB Lyons Interpretive Center** EB Lyons is a nature and history interpretive center.
- 5 Washington Park** Washington Park is a historic downtown city park with a fountain.
- 7 Dunleith Park District** Dunleith Park is a scenic park overlooking the Mississippi River.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Q Casino + Resort** Q Casino is a casino, hotel, and entertainment complex.
- 4 Crystal Lake Cave** Crystal Lake Cave is a natural limestone cave for tours.
- 6 Dubuque Shot Tower** Dubuque Shot Tower is a historic tower for making lead shot.
- 8 Massey Marina and Park** Massey Marina is a public marina and park on the Mississippi.