

Duluth, Minnesota, USA

Perched at the western tip of Lake Superior, Duluth is an industrial port city with rugged bluffs, a booming craft-food scene, and an iconic 1929 lift bridge that towers over passing thousand-foot ore freighters.

Pier dock (DECC seawall)

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

USD

English

Freshwater sea — pack a windbreaker

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — DECC seawall, Canal Park

Best For: Maritime history, craft food, ship watching

Walk to Canal Park: Instant — you step off into it

Don't Miss: Aerial Lift Bridge lifting for a 1,000-ft freighter

Getting around: Taxi \$5–10 · Rideshare Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Aerial Lift Bridge & Canal Park** — Walk to Duluth's most photographed landmark and watch it rise for passing freighters.
- SS William A. Irvin Museum Ship** — Tour a retired 1938 Great Lakes ore freighter docked just steps from the DECC.
- Great Lakes Aquarium** — One of North America's only freshwater-focused aquariums.
- Glensheen Mansion** — A spectacular 39-room Jacobean estate built in 1908 on the Lake Superior shoreline.
- Park Point Beach & Sandbar Walk** — Cross the Aerial Lift Bridge on foot to reach a 7-mile freshwater sandbar lined with pine-backed sandy beaches.

BEST WALKS

- Canal Park & Aerial Lift Bridge Loop** 1–2 hrs • Flat • Free — Start at the DECC dock, walk east past the Great Lakes Aquarium and SS William A.
- The Duluth Lakewalk** 1.5 hrs one-way • Flat • Free — Head northeast from Canal Park on the paved Lakewalk trail hugging the Lake Superior shoreline.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		45°	31°	12d
Jun		71°	55°	11d
Aug		75°	62°	11d
Sep		68°	56°	10d
Oct		53°	43°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:20AM–7:56PM · Jun 5:14AM–9:04PM · Aug 6:06AM–8:17PM · Sep 6:46AM–7:19PM · Oct 7:26AM–6:20PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pack a windbreaker — Lake Superior keeps Canal Park 15–20°F cooler than inland. Even sunny July days can turn chilly by afternoon.
- Watch for freighters — check MarineTraffic.com or the free Harbor Look app before you go. Watching a 1,000-foot ore carrier pass under the raised Lift Bridge is a once-in-a-lifetime sight.
- Eat at Northern Waters Smokehaus — tiny deli in the DeWitt-Seitz Marketplace (Canal Park). The house-smoked salmon sandwich is legendary. Arrive early; it fills up fast.
- Hunt for Lake Superior Agates on Park Point beach — banded red semi-precious stones unique to this region. Look along the water's edge where waves sort the gravel.
- Glensheen and Enger Tower need a rideshare — both are worth it but not walkable from the dock. Rideshares are plentiful; budget 20–30 min round-trip travel.
- USD everywhere, credit cards accepted at all major stops. No currency exchange needed.

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This map of Duluth, Minnesota, illustrates the city's layout and its proximity to Lake Superior. Key features include:

- Numbered Markers:** Seven red circular markers are placed throughout the city:
 - Marker 1: Located in the northern part of the city, near Norton Road and CH 34.
 - Marker 2: Located near the Duluth Union Depot and the intersection of CH 32 and CH 34.
 - Marker 3: Located on the eastern shore, near East Superior Street and Highway 61.
 - Marker 4: Located near the Duluth Union Depot and the intersection of CH 32 and CH 34.
 - Marker 5: Located near the intersection of Highway 35 and Highway 61.
 - Marker 6: Located in the southwestern part of the city, near Grand Avenue and Highway 35.
 - Marker 7: Located near the intersection of Highway 35 and Highway 53.
- Geographic Features:** Lake Superior is visible to the east and south of the city. The Minnesota Avenue shoreline is clearly marked.
- Infrastructure:** Major roads shown include Highway 35 (Interstate 35), Highway 53 (State Route 53), Highway 61 (State Route 61), and various city streets like Norton Road, Krueger Road, CH 32, CH 34, CH 37, CH 4, CH 91, CH 56, and Grand Avenue.
- Other Landmarks:** The Duluth Union Depot is marked with a 'P' symbol. The International Airport is located to the northwest.
- Scale:** A scale bar at the bottom left indicates a distance of 1 mile (1.6 kilometers).

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