

Dürnstein, Wachau Valley, Austria

A UNESCO-listed village of 800 souls where Richard the Lionheart was once imprisoned — now best known for cobblestone lanes, a blue Baroque spire, and apricot everything.

Docked (riverside pontoon) Typical call: 5-7 hrs Euro German

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Direct riverside pontoon — no tender

Walk to center: 2–5 min from ship to Hauptstraße

Best For: History, wine tasting, apricot sweets, hilltop views

Don't Miss: Hike to the 12th-century castle ruins above town

Getting around: **Taxi** €29–€35 to Krems; ~€129 to Vienna Airport · **Rideshare** Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Castle Ruins Hike** — Climb to the 12th-century Burgruine Dürnstein where King Richard the Lionheart was held for ransom in 1192–93.
- **Stift Dürnstein Abbey** — The famous blue-and-white Baroque tower belongs to a former Augustinian monastery.
- **Wachau Wine & Apricot Tasting** — The Wachau is famous for Grüner Veltliner and Riesling.
- **Danube Cycle Path Ride** — The flat, dedicated Danube Cycle Path runs directly past the ship.
- **Hauptstraße Stroll & Café Stop** — Wander the medieval main street, browse apricot liqueurs and Wachauer Laberl bread rolls at Bäckerei Schmidl, and settle into a Heuriger wine tavern...

BEST WALKS

- **Town Gate to Castle Ruins** 1.5 km round trip · 20–30 min up · Moderate (steep, rocky) — From the ship, pass through the medieval Kremser Tor gate and follow the signed castle trail uphill through the vineyards to the Burgruine.
- **Riverside Promenade & Abbey** 1 km loop · 30–45 min · Easy (flat, paved) — Walk the flat riverside promenade from the ship toward the blue abbey tower, enter the monastery courtyard, then loop back along Hauptstraße to explore shops and...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:07AM–7:48PM · Jun 4:56AM–9:00PM · Aug 5:52AM–8:11PM · Sep 6:35AM–7:10PM · Oct 7:18AM–6:08PM Euro	
Apr	60°	42°	12d		
Jun	77°	60°	13d		
Aug	78°	62°	13d		
Sep	70°	55°	10d		
Oct	61°	47°	9d		

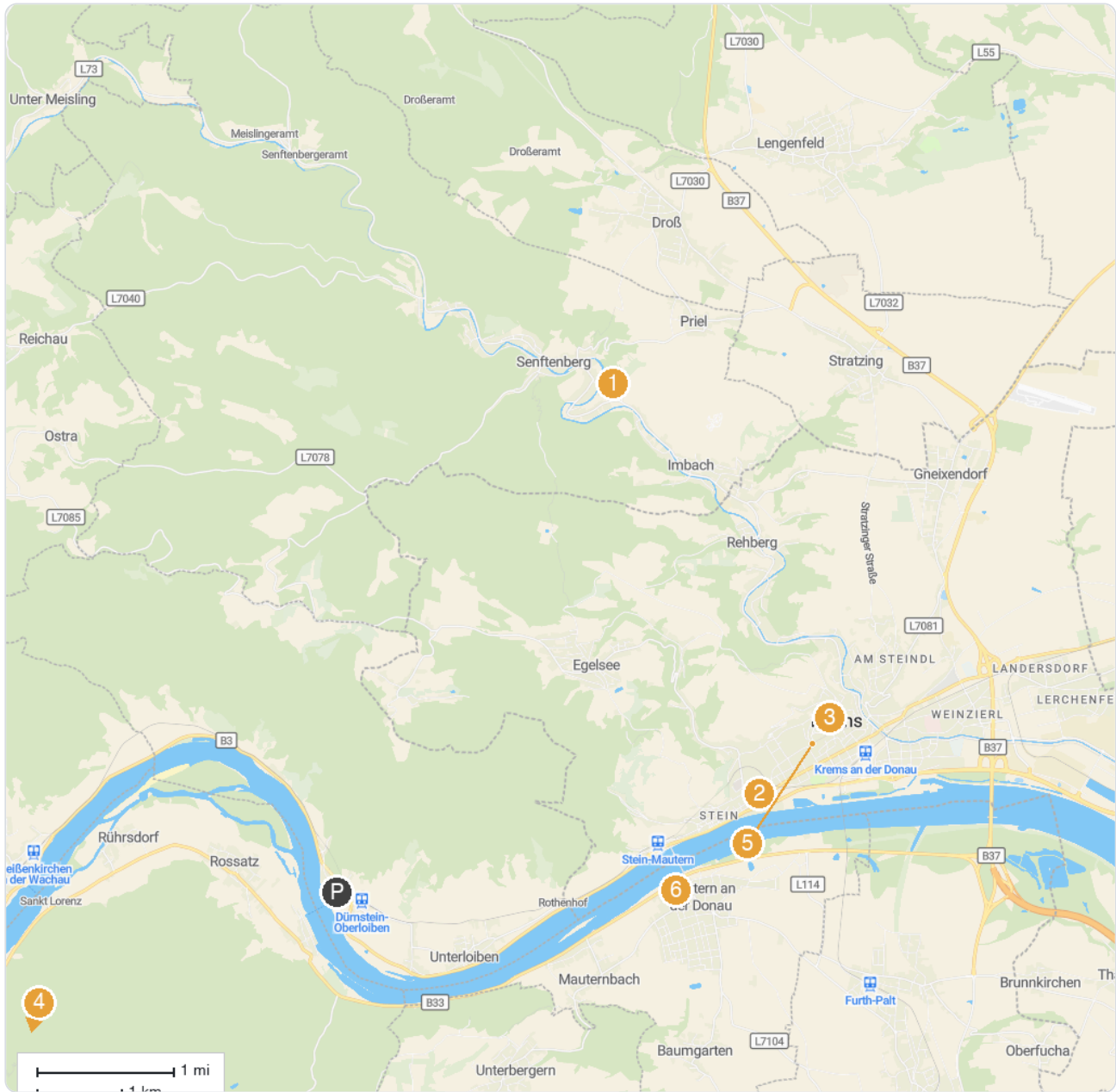
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear sturdy shoes. Cobblestones cover the whole town and the castle trail is rocky — heels or flip-flops will ruin your day.
- Try everything apricot. The Wachau Marille is a protected regional variety — sweeter than anything you'll find at home. Schnapps, jam, chocolate, and dumplings are all worth a taste.
- Beat the day-tripper rush. Tour buses arrive mid-morning. If you can get ashore before 9 AM or after 5 PM, you'll have the medieval streets to yourself.
- Carry a few coins. Most shops take cards, but public toilets and some small bakery items still need €1–2 coins.
- Grab a ship bike if offered. The Danube Cycle Path is flat, paved, and gorgeous — riding to Weißenkirchen and back is one of the best free activities in the Wachau.
- Ask for Grüner Veltliner. This is Austria's signature white wine — crisp, peppery, and best enjoyed chilled at a riverside Heuriger with a cold-cut platter.

Dürnstein, Wachau Valley, Austria — 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 Burgruine Senftenberg | Medieval castle ruin offering panoramic views. | 2 Karikaturmuseum Krets | Austria's only museum dedicated to caricatures and cartoons. |
| 3 Pfarr- und Wallfahrtskirche Mariae Geburt | Historic Baroque church with impressive frescoes and architecture. | 4 Steinertor | Krets' last preserved medieval city gate and landmark. |
| 5 Römermuseum Mautern/Favianis | Museum showcasing Roman history and artifacts from Favianis. | 6 Cruise port / terminal | |