

Eckernförde, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

A Baltic gem that big ports overshadow — cobblestone lanes, a sweeping sandy beach, and the best smoked sprats you'll ever eat, all steps from the tender dock.

- Tender port
- Typical call: 6-8 hrs
- Euro (cash handy)
- German (English widely spoken)
- Beach in town

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in Eckernförder Bucht; tenders dock at Stadthafen (Town Harbor)

Best For: Quiet authentic German Baltic atmosphere, beach, local seafood, historic Old Town

Walk to center: 1-2 min from tender dock to Old Town; 5-8 min to beach

Don't Miss: Fresh Fischbrötchen at the harbor and the candy-pulling show at Bonbonkocherei

Getting around: Taxi €5–€12

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Viking Museum Haithabu (UNESCO), Schleswig** — Take the hourly Line 720 bus about 38 minutes northwest to Schleswig, then connect to Busdorf, and visit the Hedeby (Haithabu) UNESCO World Heritage...
- Eckernförde Old Town Walk & Candy Factory** — Wander the cobblestone Altstadt, visit St.
- Baltic Beach Day at Kurstrand** — Eckernförde's 4 km of fine sand beach runs alongside the town center.
- Harbor Food Tour — Fischbrötchen & Kieler Sprotten** — Eckernförde is the true birthplace of Kieler Sprotte (smoked sprats).
- Kiel City & Maritime Museum** — Hop the direct regional train about 30 minutes southeast to Schleswig-Holstein's capital.

BEST WALKS

- Harbor to Old Town & St. Nicolai Church** 1.5 km · 30-45 min · Easy — From the tender dock at Stadthafen, walk into the Altstadt's cobblestone lanes.
- Holzbrücke to Kurstrand Beach** 2 km · 40-60 min · Easy — Cross the historic Holzbrücke wooden bascule bridge for great harbor photo views, then follow the promenade south to the Kurstrand beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:18AM–8:23PM · Jun 4:45AM–9:57PM · Aug 5:57AM–8:51PM · Sep 6:53AM–7:36PM · Oct 7:49AM–6:21PM	
Apr	53°	39°	10d	Euro (cash handy)	
Jun	69°	54°	11d		
Aug	71°	57°	14d		
Sep	65°	53°	11d		
Oct	57°	48°	14d		

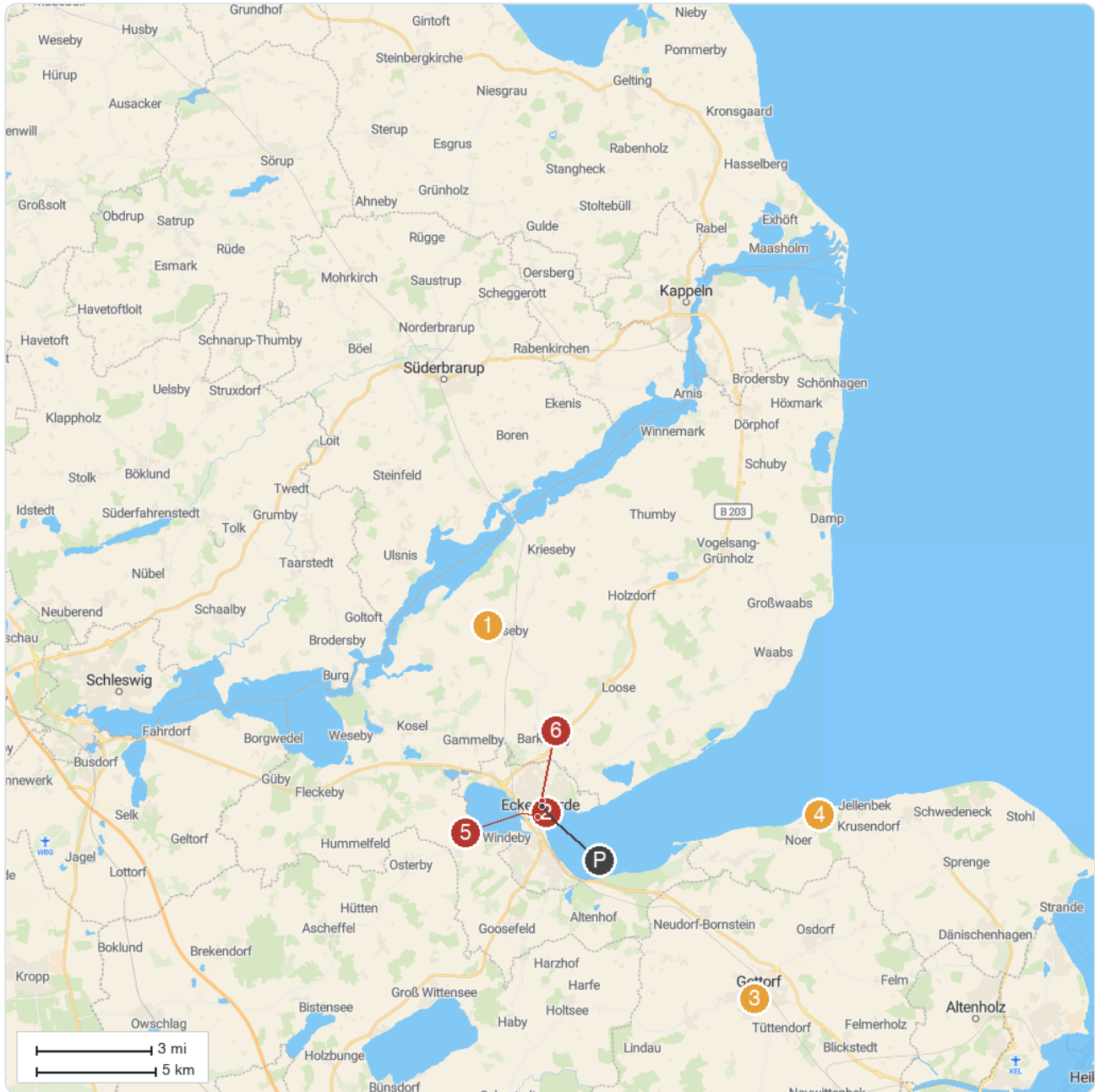
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry some cash. Fish stalls at the harbor, the Bonbonkocherei, and small beach kiosks are cash-only or strongly prefer it.
- Try a Fischbrötchen. The fish roll stands at the harbor (look for Fischdeel or similar) serve the best Northern German street food — pickled herring (Matjes) or smoked salmon on crusty bread.
- Sunday closures: Most retail shops are closed Sundays. However, summer tourist-zone exceptions apply — harbor stalls, bakeries, cafes, and beach businesses typically stay open.
- Baltic weather is unpredictable. Even in summer, pack a windproof jacket. Mornings can be cool and breezy before clearing.
- Day-trip from the station. Eckernförde Bahnhof is 12-15 min on foot from the harbor. A direct regional train reaches Kiel (about 30 min) for a city day; for the UNESCO Viking museum, take the hourly Line 720 bus to Schleswig (about 38 min).
- Rent a Strandkorb. These hooded wicker beach chairs are unique to Germany's Baltic and North Sea coasts — a quintessential local beach experience worth the €8-12 rental.

Eckernförde, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany — 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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| <p>1 Mühle Anna</p> <p>3 Gettorf Zoo</p> <p>5 Museum Eckernförde</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Historic windmill offering panoramic views of the town.</p> <p>A family-friendly zoo with diverse animals and attractions.</p> <p>Local history museum showcasing Eckernförde's past and culture.</p> | <p>2 Aquarium im Ostsee-Info-Center Eckernförde</p> <p>4 Bewaldete Düne bei Noer</p> <p>6 Borbyer Kirche</p> | <p>See local Baltic Sea marine life up close.</p> <p>A scenic forested dune perfect for nature walks.</p> <p>Historic church in Borby district, known for its architecture.</p> |
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