

Edam-Volendam, North Holland, Netherlands

Old Holland at its most vivid: fishermen's painted houses lining a harbor promenade, the scent of smoked eel and fresh stroopwafels, and medieval Edam sleeping quietly 3 km away.

River cruise: direct dock; Ocean cruise: excursion from Amsterdam/IJmuiden

Typical call: 4–6 hrs

Euro (€) — Netherlands is nearly cashless

Dutch; English widely spoken

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River cruise ships dock at Volendam harbor pier. Ocean cruise passengers arrive via bus excursion from Amsterdam (PTA) or IJmuiden — ~30 min drive.

Best For: Dutch culture, cheese, traditional costumes, seafood, canal strolls

Walk to Center: Steps from the pier into Volendam's De Dijk promenade. Edam is 3 km away (35–40 min walk, 5 min by bus, 10 min by bike).

Don't Miss: Kibbeling fish at a harbor stall, a photo in traditional Volendam costume, and peaceful Edam's floating-cellar museum

Getting around: Taxi €60–€80 one-way · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Volendam Harbor & De Dijk Promenade** — Stroll the iconic harbor front lined with traditional wooden houses, active fishing boats, fish stalls, and souvenir shops.
- Edam Historic Center** — The quieter, more elegant sibling: 17th-century canal houses, the Kwakelbrug drawbridge, Grote Kerk with stunning stained glass, and the Edam Museum...
- Cheese & Seafood Tasting** — Sample young Edam cheese at Henri Willig or a local cheese farm, then head back to Volendam for smoked eel from Smit Bokkum (in operation since 1856)...
- Volendam–Marken Ferry** — A 30-minute ferry ride across the Markermeer to Marken, a peninsula village of green-painted wooden houses on stilts — one of the most unusual...
- Zaanse Schans Windmills** — An open-air museum village 25 km from Volendam with working 18th-century windmills, clog-making demos, and cheese farms.

BEST WALKS

- Volendam Harbor Loop** 1.5 km · 25 min · Easy — Start at the harbor pier, walk De Dijk promenade east past fish stalls and painted houses, then duck into the Doolhof — a maze of narrow alleyways and tiny brick...
- Dike Path to Edam** 3 km one-way · 35–40 min · Easy — A flat, scenic cycling and walking path along the top of the dike connects the two villages.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		55°	43°	11d
Jun		68°	56°	11d
Aug		71°	59°	15d
Sep		66°	55°	11d
Oct		59°	50°	14d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:42AM–8:38PM · Jun 5:16AM–10:04PM · Aug 6:22AM–9:04PM · Sep 7:14AM–7:54PM · Oct 8:05AM–6:44PM

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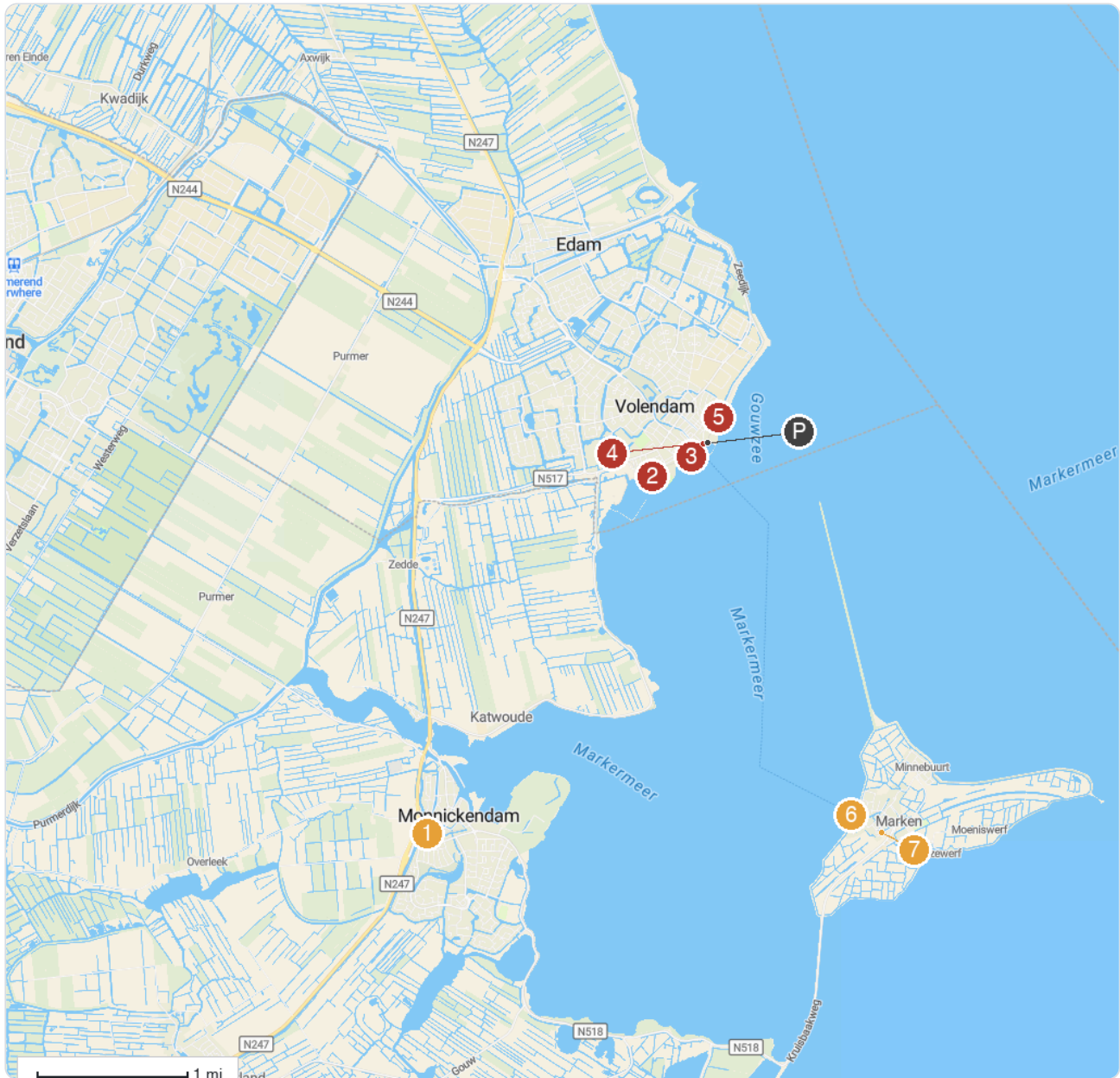
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Rent a bike. The Netherlands is flat and perfectly bikeable. A bike from Volendam harbor to Edam takes 10 minutes and is pure Dutch joy — far quicker than the bus.
- Leave cash at home. The Netherlands is nearly 100% card-only. Visa and Mastercard with PIN are accepted almost everywhere. Coins only really needed for public restrooms (€0.50–1).
- Eat at the fish stalls, not the tourist restaurants. Kibbeling and smoked eel from the harbor stalls on De Dijk are fresher and cheaper than sit-down spots targeting tour groups.
- Beat the tour bus rush. Volendam crowds peak 11:00 AM–3:00 PM. Arrive early or escape into the Doolhof neighborhood and the quieter western end of De Dijk.
- Edam cheese is sweeter than Gouda. The young variety has a mild, creamy flavor — very different from aged versions. Try it fresh at a local shop, not a tourist superstore.
- Ocean cruise passengers: Book ship excursions early — Volendam–Marken and Volendam–Zaanse Schans combos sell out.

Edam-Volendam, North Holland, Netherlands — 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 The Great Church | Historic church with beautiful architecture. | 2 Slobbeland | Recreational park with playgrounds and green spaces. |
| 3 Experience Volendam: Historical Museum and Photography studio | Museum and photo studio for traditional Volendam experience. | 4 Fotograaf Volendam | Studio for traditional Volendam costume photos. |
| 5 De Dijk van Volendam | Scenic dike offering harbor views and strolls. | 6 Monument Watersnood 1916 | Monument commemorating the devastating 1916 flood. |
| 7 Stoom Klompenmakerij Marken - NL Online.NL | Traditional steam-powered clog factory with demonstrations. | P Cruise port / terminal | |