

Emden, Lower Saxony, Germany

Gateway to East Frisia, Emden pairs a waterside Ratsdelft with the world's highest tea consumption per capita — and a giant cartoon elephant bursting out of a museum wall.

⚓ Central berth (no tender) ⌚ Typical call: 6-8 hrs 🇪🇺 Euro (€) 🇩🇪 German

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River-cruise berth at the Ratsdelft, in the city center

Walk to center: You arrive in the center — the Ratsdelft is the heart of the old town

Best For: Culture, quirky museums, canal strolls, East Frisian tea

Don't Miss: The East Frisian tea ceremony and the Otto-Ampeln (Otto Waalkes traffic lights)

🚗 Getting around: 🚕 Taxi ✅ €13–17

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **East Frisian Tea Ceremony** — Experience Germany's most unusual ritual: rock candy cracks as hot black tea hits it, cream clouds billow from a spoon, and you never — ever — stir.
- **Ostfriesisches Landesmuseum** — Housed in Emden's stunning Renaissance-style Rathaus right on the Ratsdelft, this regional museum holds the Rüstkammer — the most significant...
- **Kunsthalle Emden** — A world-class modern art museum founded by Henri Nannen, editor of Stern magazine.
- **Dat Otto-Huus** — Germany's most beloved comedian Otto Waalkes was born in Emden, and the city doesn't let you forget it.
- **Bunkermuseum** — Emden was almost entirely destroyed in WWII bombing raids.

BEST WALKS

- **Ratsdelft & Old Town Loop** 🕒 1.5-2 hrs · 2.5 km · Flat & easy — Start at the Ratsdelft inner harbor to admire the museum ships and the Renaissance Rathaus.
- **Kesselschleuse & Canals** 🕒 45-60 min · 1.5 km · Easy — Walk to the Kesselschleuse — a rare four-chamber water lock where four canals meet, unique in Germany.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇩🇪 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:31AM–8:31PM · Jun 5:02AM–10:00PM · Aug 6:11AM–8:58PM · Sep 7:05AM–7:46PM · Oct 7:58AM–6:34PM Euro (€)	
Apr	54°	41°	11d		
Jun	68°	55°	12d		
Aug	71°	59°	15d		
Sep	66°	55°	12d		
Oct	58°	49°	14d		

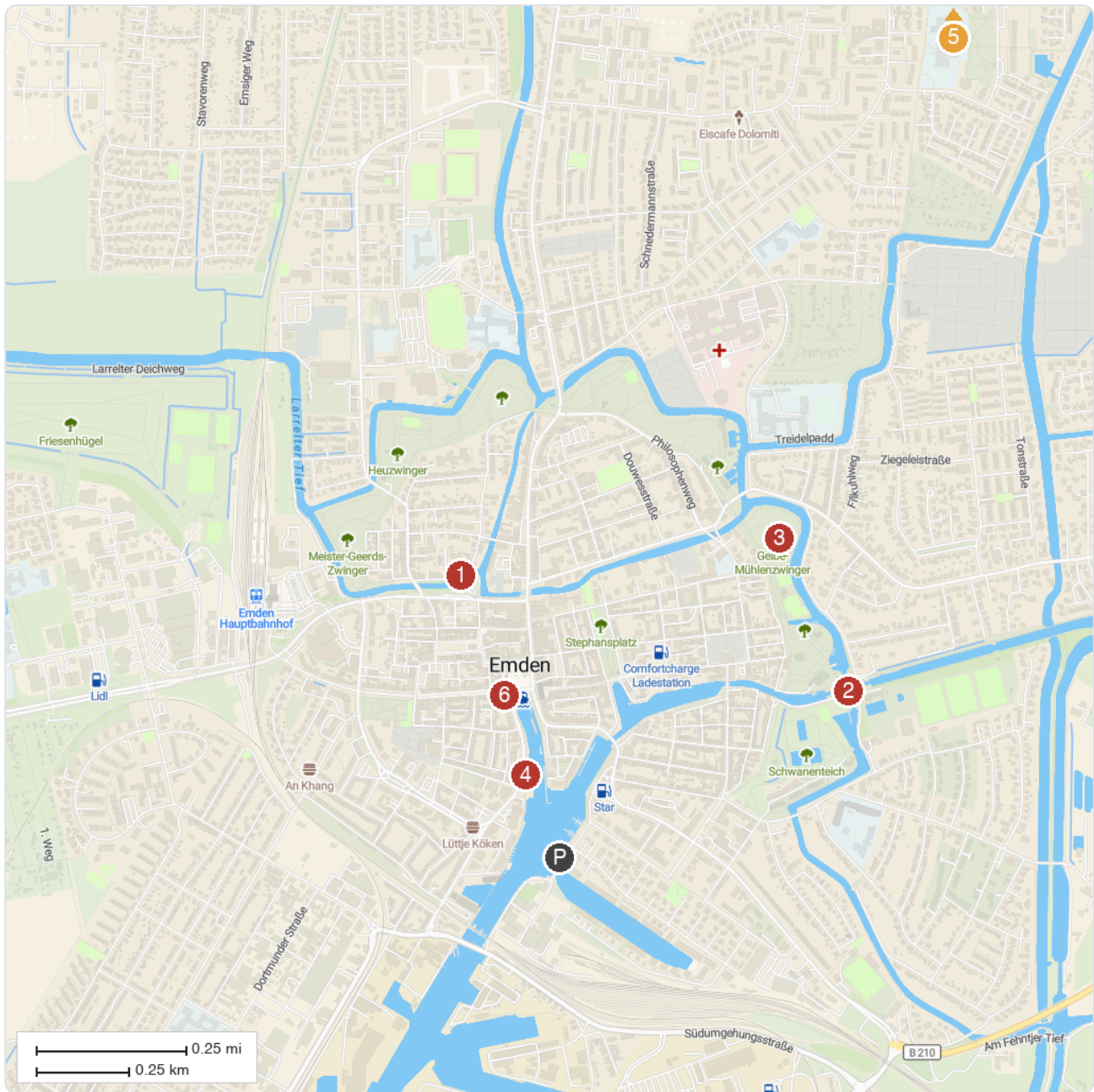
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- You dock in the center. River ships tie up right at the Ratsdelft, so there's no shuttle to wait for — just step ashore and start exploring the old town on foot.
- Never stir the tea. The East Frisian tea ceremony has strict rules: place the rock candy in first, pour the tea, add cream from a spoon — and do not stir. You drink through all three layers.
- Shops close on Sundays in Germany. Museums, restaurants, and the Ratsdelft cafés stay open, but retail is shut by law. Plan shopping for weekday calls.
- Dress for North Sea weather. Locals say there's no bad weather, only bad clothing. Bring a windproof, waterproof jacket even in summer — conditions can change fast.
- Carry some cash. Cards are widely accepted, but smaller bakeries and market stalls may be cash-only. ATMs are available near the Hauptbahnhof.
- Greet with "Moin". This single East Frisian word serves as hello at any hour of the day — morning, noon, or night. Locals will appreciate the effort.

Emden, Lower Saxony, 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.



1 Emden Art Gallery Modern and contemporary art gallery.

3 Emden Wall Historic city ramparts offering scenic walks.

5 Der schiefe Turm von Suurhusen World's most leaning church tower.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Crossed Locks in Emden Historic canal locks, a marvel of engineering.

4 Hafentor Emden Historic harbor gate, a city landmark.

6 Dat Otto Huus Museum dedicated to comedian Otto Waalkes.