

Erie, Pennsylvania, USA

Pennsylvania's only Great Lakes port pairs a stunning sandy peninsula with a pivotal naval history — Presque Isle's seven miles of beach and the replica flagship that won the Battle of Lake Erie are both within easy reach of the dock.

Docked (pier) Typical call: 6-8 hrs USD English Beach day possible

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Dobbins Landing, 1 Holland St

Walk to center: Steps from dock; downtown Erie is walkable

Best For: Beaches, War of 1812 history, lakefront dining

Don't Miss: US Brig Niagara & Presque Isle State Park

Getting around: **Taxi** \$10–\$20 · **Rideshare** Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Presque Isle State Park** — A 3,200-acre sandy peninsula with seven miles of Lake Erie beach, hiking and biking trails, lagoons, and the iconic Sunset Point.
- **Erie Maritime Museum & US Brig Niagara** — The museum covers Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's decisive 1813 Battle of Lake Erie.
- **Bicentennial Tower & Bayfront** — Climb the 187-foot Bicentennial Tower at Dobbins Landing — its upper observation deck sits 138 feet above the bay — for panoramic views of Presque...
- **Lady Kate Boat Tour** — A 90-minute fully narrated cruise across Presque Isle Bay and Lake Erie, passing lighthouses and the Erie skyline.
- **Tom Ridge Environmental Center** — At the entrance to Presque Isle, TREC has interactive exhibits on the peninsula's unique ecosystem plus a 75-foot observation tower with sweeping...

BEST WALKS

- **Bayfront Promenade to Downtown** 1.5 miles one-way · Flat · 30 min — Follow the paved promenade from Dobbins Landing west past Liberty Park and the Erie maritime waterfront into the heart of downtown.
- **Presque Isle Beach Walk** Variable · Flat · Requires transport — Ride to the park entrance (~10 miles by road) and walk or bike the Karl Boyes Multi-Purpose Trail, or simply pick a beach and stroll the Lake Erie shore.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:39AM–8:01PM · Jun 5:44AM–8:58PM · Aug 6:28AM–8:20PM · Sep 7:00AM–7:29PM · Oct 7:33AM–6:37PM	
Apr	53°	39°	15d	USD	
Jun	73°	61°	13d		
Aug	77°	66°	14d		
Sep	72°	61°	12d		
Oct	61°	50°	16d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Presque Isle needs wheels. The park entrance is about 10 miles from the dock by road (the route wraps around the bay) — grab a rideshare or taxi. Uber and Lyft both operate in Erie.
- Lake Erie swims are real. The water is fresh and swimmable in summer, though Lake Erie's shallowness means it can warm or cool quickly. Check beach flags before swimming.
- Pack layers. Lake Erie creates its own microclimate — even warm-day breezes off the water can be chilly. A light windbreaker goes a long way.
- No tax on clothes. Pennsylvania exempts clothing and apparel from sales tax, making downtown boutique shopping a genuine bargain compared to most US ports.
- Use the promenade, not the parkway. Bayfront Parkway is a fast multi-lane road. The paved Bayfront Promenade trail runs parallel and is the safe pedestrian route between the dock and downtown.
- Check the Niagara's schedule. The US Brig Niagara sometimes departs on sailing expeditions — verify it's in port before making it your top priority. The Erie Maritime Museum is always open regardless.

Erie, Pennsylvania, USA — 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 Splash Lagoon | It's a large indoor water park with slides and pools. | 2 Asbury Park | A local city park with playgrounds and green space. |
| 3 Presque Isle State Park | A beautiful peninsula with beaches, trails, and wildlife. | 4 Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier Park | Explore diverse trees and plants within Frontier Park. |
| 5 Roma Park | A small neighborhood park with green space and recreation. | 6 Presque Isle Lighthouse | Visit a historic lighthouse offering scenic lake views. |
| 7 Presque Isle Beach | Enjoy sandy beaches for swimming, sunbathing, and relaxation. | 8 Tom Ridge Environmental Center at Presque Isle State Park | Learn about Presque Isle's ecology at this visitor center. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |