

Florence, Alabama, USA

Where the Tennessee River bends through the Shoals, Florence delivers an outsized dose of American music history, Native heritage, and architectural surprise — all within easy reach of the dock.

Docked (riverfront pier)

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

USD

English

Blues & soul music heritage

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Ships tie up at the Florence riverfront / Wilson Lake area on the Tennessee River
- Best For:** Music history, Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, Native American heritage
- Walk to center:** ~10 min walk to downtown Florence from the riverfront
- Don't Miss:** W.C. Handy Home & Museum and Rosenbaum House

Getting around: Taxi Varies · Rideshare Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- W.C. Handy Home & Museum** — The restored log cabin birthplace of W.C.
 - Rosenbaum House (Frank Lloyd Wright)** — The only Frank Lloyd Wright–designed home in Alabama, built in 1939 (and expanded by Wright in 1948) and still largely original.
 - Indian Mound & Museum** — A large Mississippian-era burial mound right in downtown Florence, dating to around 1200 CE.
- Muscle Shoals Music Heritage** — A short drive takes you to nearby Muscle Shoals, where FAME Studios and Muscle Shoals Sound Studio recorded hits for Aretha Franklin, the Rolling...
 - Pope's Tavern Museum** — A stagecoach inn from the early 1800s that served as a hospital for both Union and Confederate soldiers during the Civil War.

BEST WALKS

- Downtown Florence Heritage Walk** 1.5 miles · Easy · 45–60 min — From the riverfront, walk north on Court Street into downtown.
- Rosenbaum House & Back** Drive or rideshare · 1–1.5 hrs total — Take a quick rideshare or taxi 5 minutes west to the Rosenbaum House on Riverview Drive.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		66°	46°	10d
Jun		83°	62°	8d
Aug		88°	66°	7d
Sep		79°	60°	9d
Oct		70°	53°	11d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:18AM–7:23PM · Jun 5:37AM–8:05PM · Aug 6:11AM–7:38PM · Sep 6:34AM–6:56PM · Oct 6:56AM–6:15PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (America/Chicago). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

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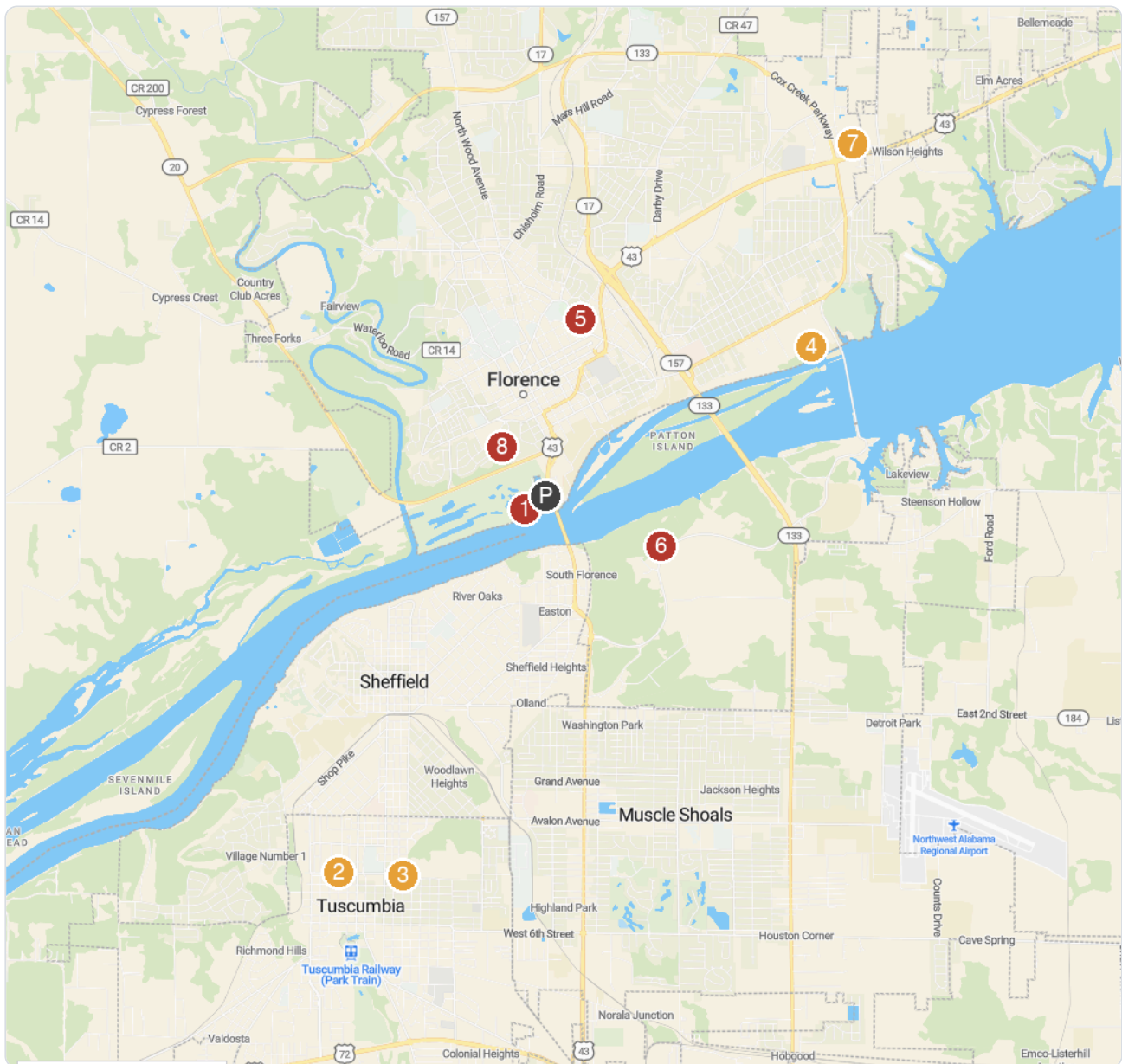
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book FAME Studios in advance. Tours of FAME Studios in nearby Muscle Shoals fill up — reserve online before your cruise if this is a priority.
- Rosenbaum House has limited hours. Confirm tour times before heading over; it's closed Mondays and hours vary by season.
- A car or rideshare opens everything up. Florence's top draws are spread across a few miles — Uber/Lyft coverage is solid for a city this size.
- Eat downtown. The Court Street corridor and the Shoals area have solid Southern cooking — don't miss a chance to try local catfish or barbecue.
- Summer heat is real. Florence summers are hot and humid (90°F+). Start early, carry water, and plan indoor sites for midday.

Florence, Alabama, 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 McFarland Park | Riverside park with boat launch, fishing, and walking trails. | 2 Helen Keller Birthplace | Historic home where Helen Keller was born and lived. |
| 3 Tuscumbia Parks and Recreation | Provides parks and recreation facilities in nearby Tuscumbia. | 4 Interactive Play Fountain At River Heritage Park | Children's interactive water fountain for summer play. |
| 5 Martin Park | Community park with playgrounds, sports fields, and picnic areas. | 6 TVA Muscle Shoals Trails Complex | Network of scenic trails for hiking and biking. |
| 7 Sky Zone Trampoline Park | Indoor trampoline park for jumping and active fun. | 8 Frank Lloyd Wright - Rosenbaum House Museum | Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Usonian house museum. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |