

Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands

Amsterdam without the crowds — Groningen's golden-brick canals, 500-year-old tower, and student-fuelled café scene reward any cruiser who makes the journey inland.

Docked — Eemshaven or Delfzijl pier

~40 min coach to city center

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Currency: Euro (€) — card-only common

Language: Dutch (English spoken universally)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Deep-water pier at Eemshaven (~40 km north) or Delfzijl (~30 km east); coach transfer to city center

Best For: History, architecture, Dutch food culture, canal strolls, the Groninger Museum

Walk to Center: Not walkable from port — shuttle or taxi required; once in Groningen, everything is on foot or by bike

Don't Miss: Climbing the Martinitoren for panoramic views, and tasting a Groninger Eierbal at a local snack bar

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ €85–€150 · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Martinitoren Tower Climb** — Ascend 251 steps inside "d'Olle Grieze" — Groningen's beloved 97-meter medieval tower — for sweeping views over the city rooftops and surrounding...
- Groninger Museum** — Designed by Alessandro Mendini, the museum itself is a modernist landmark sitting on its own island opposite the train station.
- Northern Maritime Museum** — Tucked inside two medieval buildings in the old city, this museum traces northern Dutch seafaring and Hanseatic trade history — fitting context for...
- Prinsentuin (Prince's Garden) & Canal Walk** — Groningen's hidden Renaissance garden behind the Prinsenhof hotel is a quiet escape — manicured roses, herb beds, and leafy tunnels.
- Groningen Food & Market Walk** — Try the Groninger Eierbal (a whole hard-boiled egg encased in curried meat ragout, breaded and deep-fried — listed on the Dutch National Inventory of...

BEST WALKS

- Old City Circuit** 2.5 km · ~45 min · Easy · Flat — Start at Groningen Centraal station and cross to the Groninger Museum on its canal island.
- Prinsentuin & Dijksteeg** 1.5 km · ~30 min · Easy — A quieter loop through the south end of the old city.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	55°	41°	11d	
Jun	68°	54°	12d	
Aug	71°	57°	15d	
Sep	66°	53°	11d	
Oct	58°	48°	14d	

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:34AM–8:34PM · Jun 5:06AM–10:02PM · Aug 6:14AM–9:00PM · Sep 7:08AM–7:48PM · Oct 8:00AM–6:37PM

Currency: Euro (€) — card-only common

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Respect the bike lanes. Red-paved paths are for cyclists only — they move fast and have priority. Never walk in them or stand at the kerb edge. This is the number-one rule for surviving a visit to any Dutch city.
- Go cashless. The Netherlands is nearly fully card-based; many cafes and shops refuse cash entirely. Visa/Mastercard work everywhere. Carry a contactless card, not coins.
- Climb the Martinitoren early. It opens at 10:00 AM; queues build by midday. Buy your ticket at the base — it's one of the best €6 views in the Netherlands.
- Know your last shuttle. Transfer from the pier to city takes 30–40 min each way. Confirm the last return shuttle time before going independent — missing it is an expensive taxi ride.
- Find a snack bar for the Eierbal. Groningen's famous deep-fried egg snack is sold at local frietkot (chip shops). It's genuinely unique and has earned a place on the Dutch National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage — don't leave without trying one.
- Layer up. Northern Netherlands is notoriously changeable — bring a light rain jacket even in summer. The Forum Groningen rooftop is best on a clear day; check the forecast before committing the climb.

Groningen, Groningen, 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 Groninger Museum | Modern art and design museum on an island. | 2 Museum De Buitenplaats Eelde | Art museum with sculpture garden in a historic country estate. |
| 3 Martini Church | Historic church in the city center, known for its frescoes. | 4 University Museum | Explore the history and collections of Groningen University. |
| 5 Kloostermuseum St. Bernardushof | Discover monastic life and history in this former monastery. | 6 Park Groenestein | Historic park with gardens, ponds, and a manor house. |
| 7 Noordlaarderbos | Ancient forest for walking, cycling, and nature exploration. | P Cruise port / terminal | |