

Hannover, Lower Saxony, Germany

A canal city of royal pedigree — Baroque gardens rivaling Versailles, a painted red line guiding you through half-timbered streets, and a dome elevator that bends the rules of physics.

 Pier (Mittellandkanal dock)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: German (English widely spoken)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier on Mittellandkanal — no tendering

Walk to centre: ~6–8 km from canal dock; U-Bahn ~20 min

Best For: History, gardens, easy city walking

Don't Miss: Herrenhausen Gardens & the Red Thread route

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €10–€25 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Bolt ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Hop-on hop-off · from €24

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Herrenhausen Baroque Gardens** — One of Europe's finest Baroque garden complexes, laid out in the 17th century and inspired by Versailles.
- **The Red Thread Walking Route** — A 4.2 km red line painted on the city pavements links 36 historic sights — Old Town, the Nanas sculptures, Market Church, and more.
- **New Town Hall & Dome Elevator** — The 1913 Neues Rathaus houses four scale models showing Hannover from medieval times to WWII rubble to modern city.
- **Eilenriede Urban Forest** — Germany's largest urban forest and one of the largest in Europe — nearly twice the size of New York's Central Park — lies just east of the city centre.
- **Hannover Markthalle (Market Hall)** — The city's historic indoor market — 'the Belly of Hannover' — is packed with stalls selling local sausages, fresh cheeses, seafood, baked goods, and...

BEST WALKS

- **The Red Thread City Loop** 4.2 km • ~2–3 hrs • Easy — Follow the red line painted on the pavement from Hannover Hauptbahnhof through the Altstadt, past the Nanas sculptures on the Leine riverbank, to the Marktkirche and...
- **Maschsee Lakeside Stroll** 3 km loop • ~1 hr • Easy — The Maschsee is a large man-made lake south of the city centre, ringed by a paved promenade.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇩🇪 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:23AM–8:19PM · Jun 4:58AM–9:44PM · Aug 6:04AM–8:45PM · Sep 6:55AM–7:35PM · Oct 7:46AM–6:25PM Currency: Euro (€)	
Apr	57°	40°	10d		
Jun	73°	56°	10d		
Aug	75°	59°	12d		
Sep	68°	53°	10d		
Oct	59°	48°	13d		

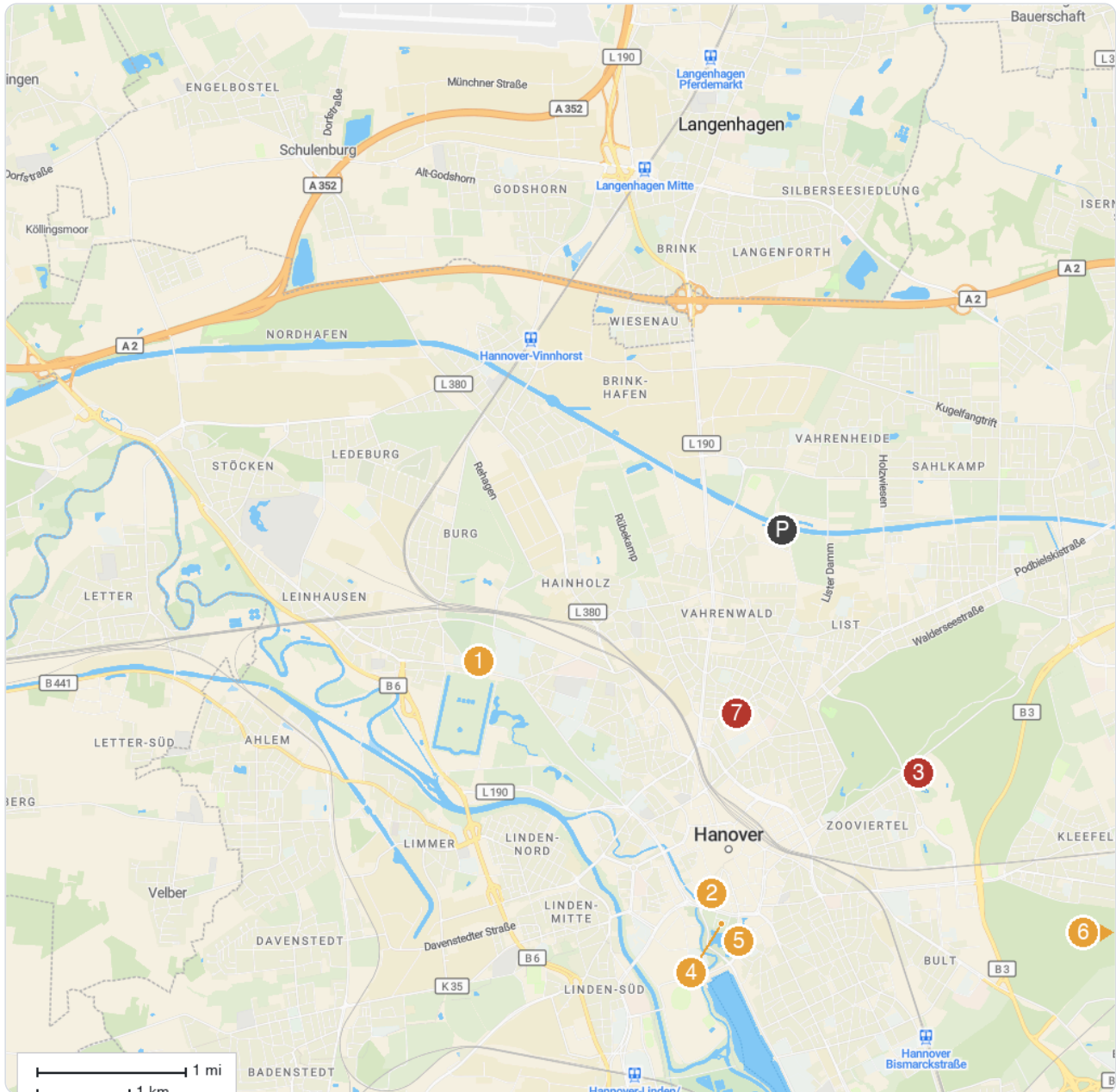
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Buy a GVH day pass first thing. The canal dock is not walkable to the centre — grab an unlimited TagesTicket (~€5) at any U-Bahn platform machine before leaving the dock area.
- Get the Red Thread booklet. The €3 guide from the Tourist Info office opposite the Hauptbahnhof turns a 4.2 km painted line into a full narrated city tour. Don't skip it.
- Herrenhausen is worth the tram ride. The Baroque gardens are a 15-minute tram ride from the city centre. Buy a combined ticket (~€8) for the full experience including Niki de Saint Phalle's mosaic Grotto.
- Try a Lüttje Lage. Hannover's signature drink — a beer and corn schnapps drunk simultaneously from two glasses held in one hand. Order it at any traditional pub; locals will appreciate the effort.
- Shops close Sundays. German retail shops are closed on Sundays. Museums, restaurants, the Markthalle (check hours), and Herrenhausen remain open.
- Carry some cash. Cards are widely accepted, but smaller bakeries, market stalls, and public restrooms often require exact coins. €15–20 in cash covers incidentals.

Hannover, 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.



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| 1 SEA LIFE Hannover | SEA LIFE Hannover is an interactive aquarium. | 2 Markthalle Hannover | Markthalle Hannover is a historic indoor food market. |
| 3 Erlebnis-Zoo Hannover | Erlebnis-Zoo Hannover is an adventure zoo with themed worlds. | 4 New Town Hall | New Town Hall is Hannover's impressive, historic city hall. |
| 5 Landesmuseum Hannover | Landesmuseum Hannover is a state museum of art and natural history. | 6 Tiergarten Hannover | Tiergarten Hannover is a large deer park and forest. |
| 7 World of Kitchen Exhibition | World of Kitchen is a unique museum about kitchen history. | P Cruise port / terminal | |