

Heidelberg, Baden-Württemberg, Germany

Perched above the Neckar River, Heidelberg is Germany's most romantic city — a perfectly preserved Baroque Old Town overlooked by a ruined sandstone castle that has inspired poets, philosophers, and travelers for three centuries.

 Docked pier (Mannheim/Speyer transfer)  Typical call: 7–9 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: German  UNESCO City of Literature

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock in Mannheim (~30 min) or Speyer (~45 min); motorcoach transfer to Heidelberg

Best For: Castle & history fans, romantic Old Town strolls, German food and wine

Walk to center: Coach drops at Marktplatz or Neckarmünzplatz — Old Town is entirely flat and walkable

Don't Miss: Heidelberg Castle terrace view, the Bronze Bridge Monkey on the Old Bridge, Student Prison

 Getting around:  Taxi  €7–€15 ·  Rideshare  Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Heidelberg Castle & Funicular** — Ride the historic Bergbahn funicular up to the sandstone ruins for panoramic views over the Neckar valley, then explore the Great Wine Vat...
- **Old Town Walking Tour** — Wander the Hauptstraße pedestrian zone, Marktplatz, and Kornmarkt — a Baroque city center that survived WWII intact.
- **Student Prison (Studentenkarzer)** — From 1778 to 1914, the university jailed students for pranks and brawls here.
- **Philosophers' Walk** — Cross the Old Bridge to the north bank, climb the steep Schlangenweg (Snake Path), and reach the hilltop promenade where 19th-century scholars once...
- **Wine & Regional Food Tasting** — Sample Palatinate wines and regional specialties — Saumagen (stuffed pig's stomach), Maultaschen ravioli, and the famous Studentenkuß chocolate...

BEST WALKS

- **Old Town Core Loop** 1.5 km · 30–45 min · Flat — Start at the Old Bridge, walk west along the Neckar bank to Neckarmünzplatz, up to Marktplatz and the Church of the Holy Spirit, through Universitätsplatz to Kornmarkt...
- **Castle Climb & Terrace View** 1 km · 20 min up · Steep cobblestones — From Kornmarkt, follow the Burgweg cobblestone path steeply up through the wooded hillside to the castle.
- **Old Bridge to Philosophers' Walk** 2 km · 45–60 min · Steep then flat — Cross the Karl-Theodor Bridge (touch the Bridge Monkey for luck), then climb the Schlangenweg path up the north hill to the Philosophenweg.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:33AM–8:17PM · Jun 5:18AM–9:33PM · Aug 6:16AM–8:41PM · Sep 7:01AM–7:37PM · Oct 7:46AM–6:34PM Currency: Euro (€)	
Apr	60°	42°	11d		
Jun	76°	58°	11d		
Aug	78°	61°	11d		
Sep	70°	54°	9d		
Oct	61°	47°	13d		

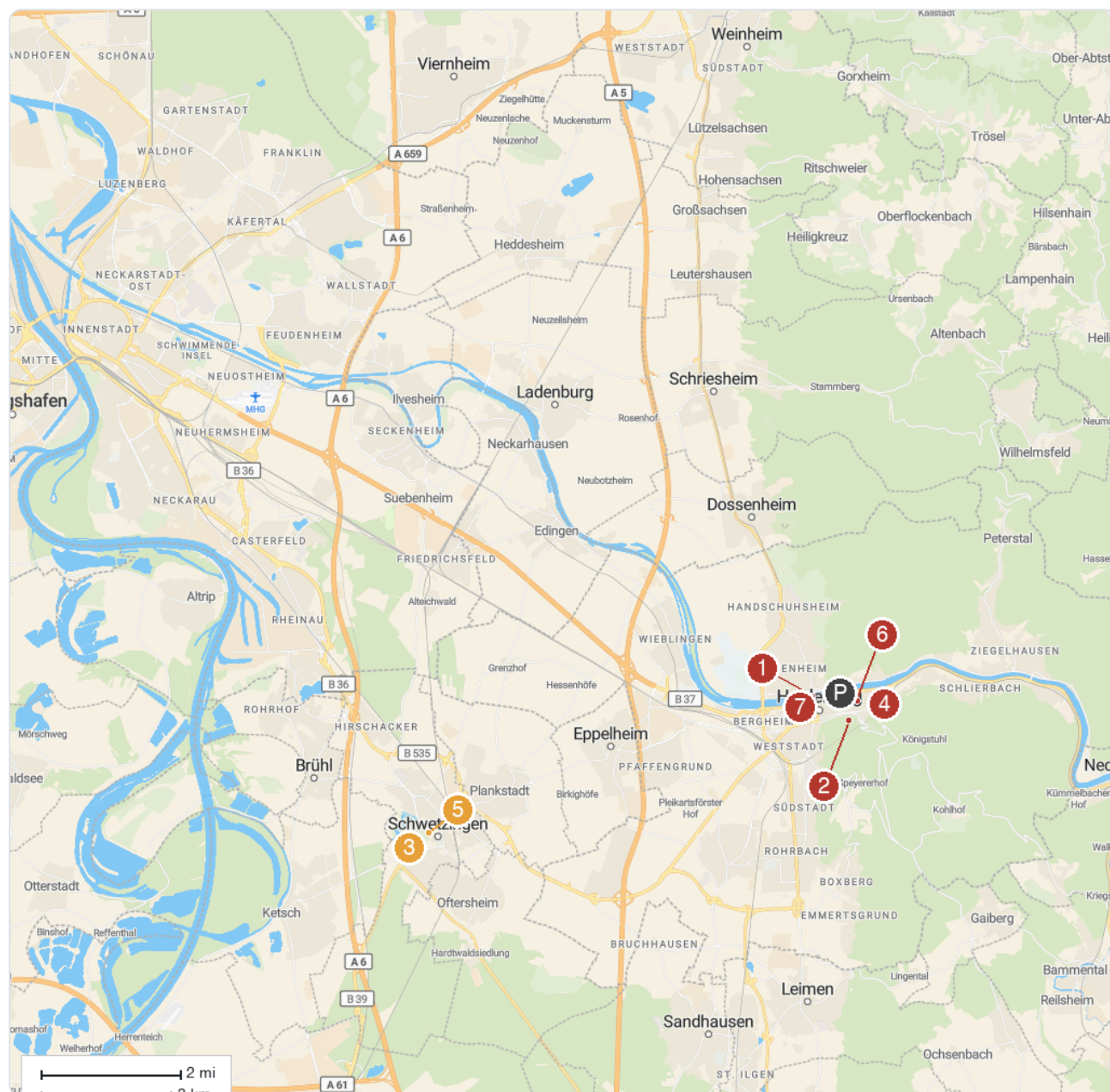
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear sturdy shoes. Heidelberg is cobblestones, steep hills, and winding stairs. Fashionable footwear will be a liability — especially on the castle climb and Philosophers' Walk.
- Carry small Euro bills and coins. Small bakeries, market stalls, and public restrooms often don't accept cards. Keep €10–€20 in change for coffee, snacks, and toilet fees.
- Track your bus departure time obsessively. If your ship is in Mannheim, afternoon B37 traffic can add 20–30 min to the return journey. Missing the bus means missing your ship.
- Buy Studentenkuß chocolates at Café Knösel. The 'Student Kiss' praline has been made here since 1863 — the original shop on Haspelgasse is the real deal, not the souvenir-shop knockoffs.
- The funicular saves your knees for later. The €11 Schlossticket includes the Bergbahn ride up AND down. If you walked up, ride down — the Old Town has plenty more walking ahead.
- Don't skip the Student Prison.

Heidelberg, Baden-Württemberg, 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 Theodor-Heuss-Brücke | Historic bridge offering scenic views of Heidelberg and the Neckar. | 2 Riesenstein | Massive sandstone rock formation with ancient legends near Heidelberg. |
| 3 Mosque in The Palace Garden | Unique 18th-century mosque, an oriental folly in a palace garden. | 4 Heidelberg Castle | Iconic ruined castle offering stunning views and rich history. |
| 5 Schwetzingen Palace | Magnificent Baroque palace with stunning gardens and a unique mosque. | 6 Studentenkarzer | Historic student prison covered in graffiti from past inmates. |
| 7 Sammlung Prinzhorn | Unique art collection by psychiatric patients, exploring outsider art. | P Cruise port / terminal | |