

Heligoland, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

A car-free North Sea island with duty-free prices, fiery red cliffs, seabird colonies by the millions, and a wartime past blasted into its bedrock.

-  Tender (no cruise pier)
-  Typical call: 6–8 hrs
-  Euro (duty-free island)
-  German / English widely spoken
-  EU duty-free zone

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore, tenders bring you to the inner harbour

Best For: Duty-free spirits & perfumes, birdwatching, cliffside walks, North Sea seafood

Walk to centre: 5 min from tender landing to Hummerbuden & duty-free shops

Don't Miss: Lange Anna sea stack, Lummenfelsen gannet colony, Düne Island seals

 Getting around:  Taxi  Varies ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Lummenfelsen Gannet & Seabird Colony** — The Lummenfelsen cliff on the Oberland hosts one of Germany's largest seabird colonies — thousands of Northern Gannets, guillemots, and razorbills...
- Lange Anna Sea Stack** — The island's most photographed landmark — a 47-metre freestanding red sandstone pinnacle on the northwest tip.
- Düne Island Seals & Beaches** — A short harbour ferry hop to Heligoland's sandy satellite island.
- WWII Bunker Tour** — Heligoland was a massive German naval base; after WWII the British detonated one of history's largest non-nuclear explosions here.
- Duty-Free Shopping & Hummerbuden** — Heligoland sits outside EU VAT and customs, making spirits, tobacco, perfume, and optics 20–40% cheaper than the mainland.

BEST WALKS

- Oberland Cliff Trail to Lange Anna** 2.5 km loop · 45–60 min · Easy–Moderate — Take the lift or steps from Unterland to the Oberland plateau.
- Harbour & Hummerbuden Stroll** 0.5 km · 15 min · Easy — A flat walk from the tender landing along the inner harbour promenade past the colourful Hummerbuden shacks — ideal for grabbing a fish roll and browsing duty-free shops...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	47°	43°	9d
Jun	60°	56°	9d
Aug	66°	62°	14d
Sep	63°	59°	14d
Oct	57°	54°	17d

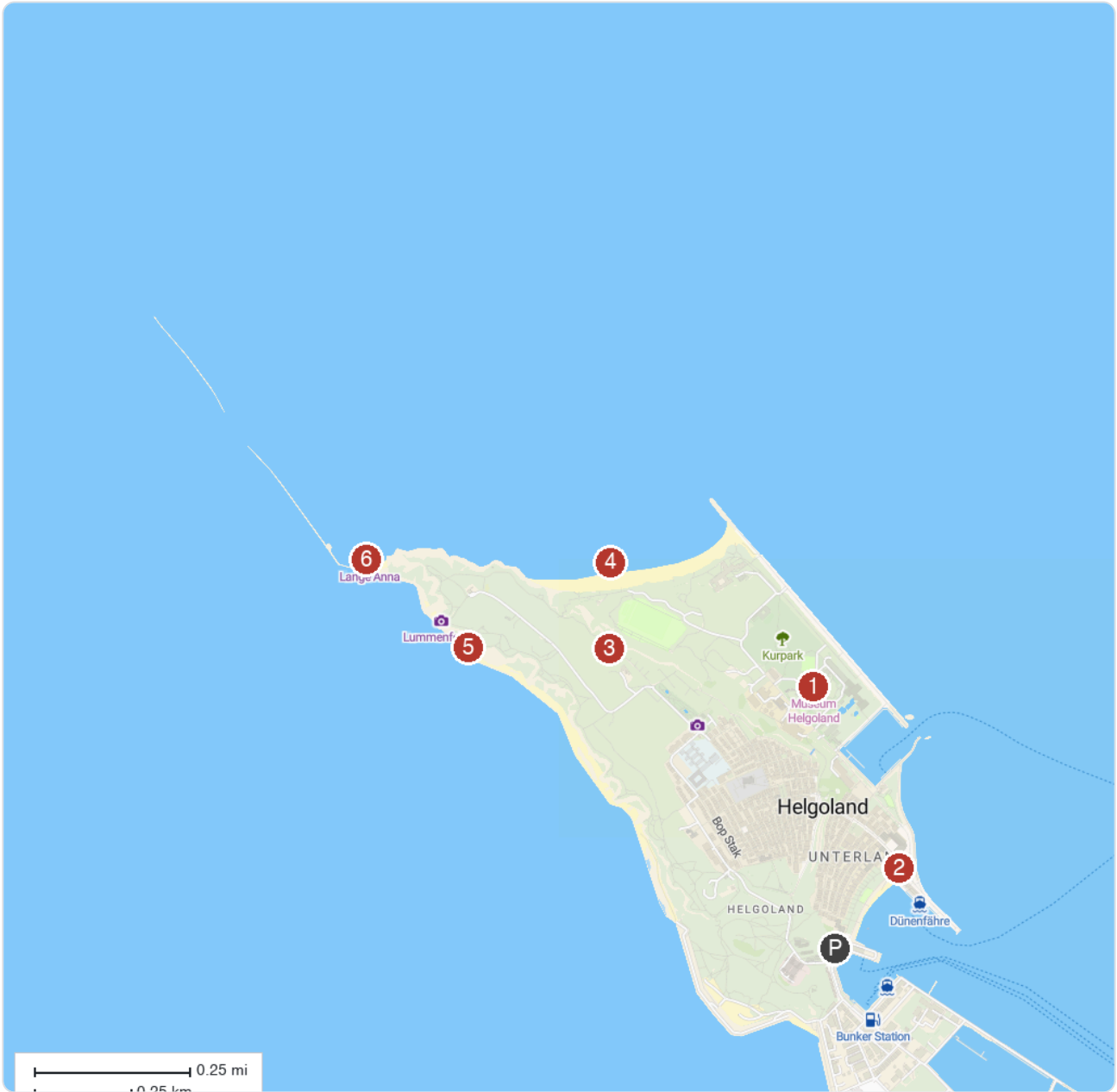
🇪🇺 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Apr 6:27AM–8:30PM · Jun 4:54AM–10:03PM · Aug 6:06AM–8:58PM · Sep 7:02AM–7:44PM · Oct 7:57AM–6:30PM	
Euro (duty-free island)	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Know your duty-free limits. German customs may check purchases when you re-board, and excess goods must be declared at the Heligoland customs office before departure. Stick to 1L spirits, 200 cigarettes, or €430 in other goods per adult — keep your receipts.
- Düne ferry timing is critical. The last Düne ferry back runs well before the typical ship all-aboard. Check times at the harbour kiosk the moment you arrive.
- Dress for the North Sea. Even in summer it's windy and cool on the Oberland cliffs. A windproof layer is essential; rain is always possible.
- Carry cash. The Düne ferry, the harbour lift, and fish stalls are cash-preferred. ATMs are available near the harbour.
- No cars, no bikes (daytime). Cycling is restricted during the day to protect pedestrians. Everything is within easy walking distance anyway.
- Eat at the Hummerbuden. The colourful harbourside shacks serve fresh Bismarck herring rolls and North Sea crab at low prices — don't leave without trying one.

Heligoland, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Heligoland Museum | Museum showcasing Heligoland's history, culture, and maritime life. | 2 Inselbahn Rundfahrten Heligoland | Scenic island train tour offering panoramic views of Heligoland. |
| 3 Crater of a 5000 kg bomb | Historic crater from a massive 1945 British bomb explosion. | 4 Helgoländer Felssockel | The island's distinctive red sandstone rock base and cliffs. |
| 5 Lummenfelsen der Insel Heligoland | Germany's only seabird cliff, home to thousands of guillemots. | 6 Lange Anna (Nathurn Stak) | Iconic red sandstone sea stack, Heligoland's most famous landmark. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |