

Hiddensee Island, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Germany

Germany's car-free island retreat in the Baltic — where bicycles rule, sea buckthorn grows wild on the dunes, and 17 km of white-sand beaches stretch along an impossibly peaceful coast.

 Pier (small vessels & riverboats only)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Currency: Euro (cash preferred)  Language: German  Car-free island

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Kloster or Vitte (riverboats & small coastal ships only; large ocean ships use Sassnitz on Rügen, then ferry from Schaprode)

Best For: Cycling, beaches, Baltic nature walks, German island culture

Walk to Centre: Steps from the pier into Kloster or Vitte village

Don't Miss: Dornbusch Lighthouse views and a Sanddorn (sea buckthorn) treat

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €18.60/adult (day tariff) ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Dornbusch Lighthouse & Highland Walk** — Hike or cycle to the 1888 Dornbusch Lighthouse on the island's dramatic northern cliffs.
- **Bike the Full Island** — Cycle from Kloster south through Vitte to quiet Neuendorf, passing heath, dunes, and sheep.
- **Gerhart Hauptmann House Museum** — Visit the preserved 1930s summer home of German Nobel Prize-winning novelist Gerhart Hauptmann in Kloster.
- **Baltic Beach Day at Vitte** — Hiddensee's western coast is one long white-sand beach.
- **Hiddensee Viking Gold & Local History Museum** — The island's small Heimatmuseum in Kloster houses a replica of the famous Hiddensee Viking gold jewellery (10th century; original in Stralsund), plus...

BEST WALKS

- **Kloster to Dornbusch Lighthouse** 2.5 km each way | ~40 min | Moderate uphill — From Kloster harbour, walk north through beech forest up to the Dornbusch cliff top and lighthouse.
- **Vitte to Neuendorf Heath Walk** 6.5 km | ~1 hr 30 min | Easy (flat) — Walk or cycle south from Vitte through the Dünenheide coastal heath — one of Central Europe's last large coastal heathlands.

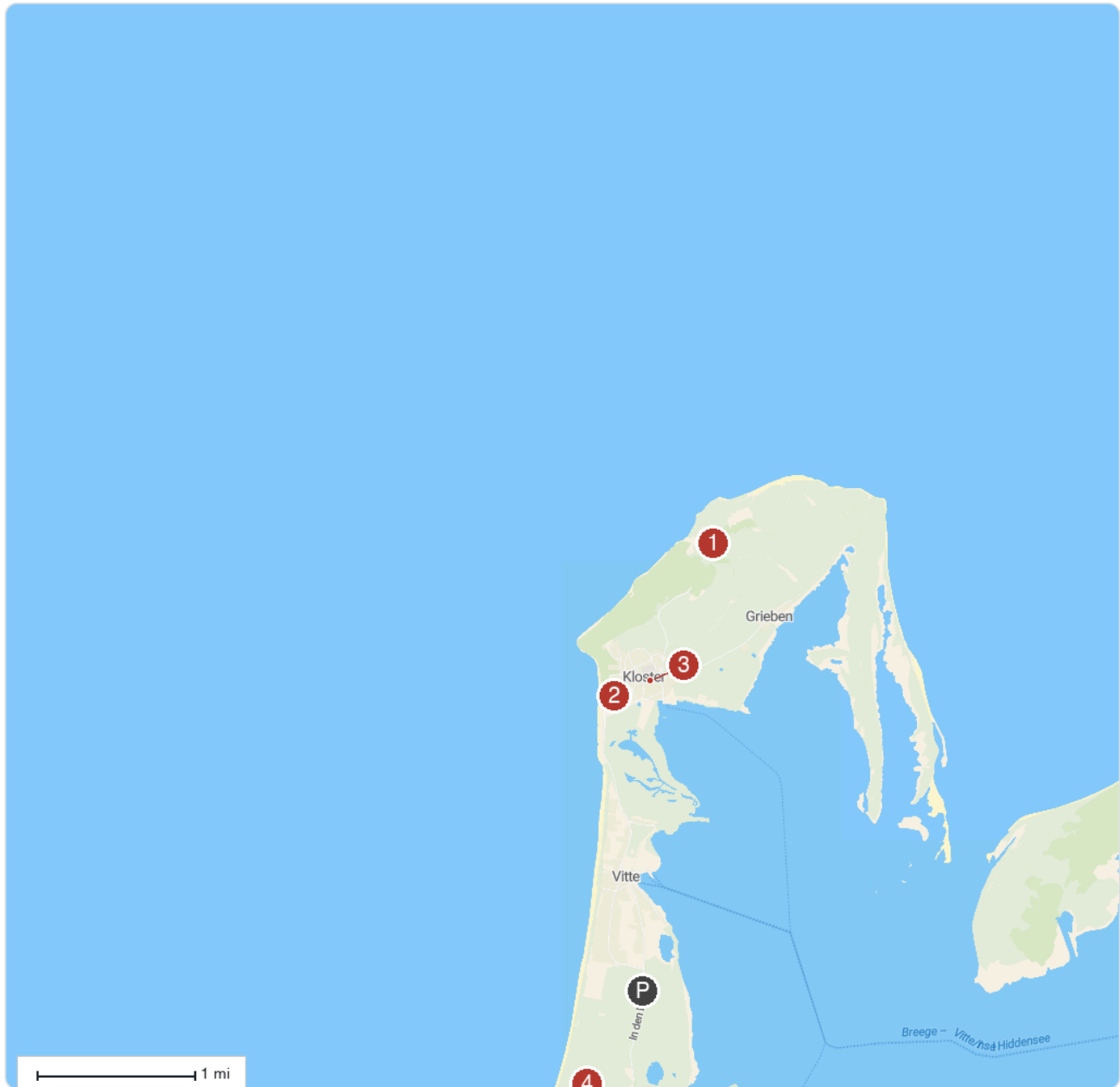
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring cash. Many island vendors — bike hire, fish stalls, carriage rides — don't accept cards. ATMs are limited and often busy in peak season.
- Rent a bike immediately. Hire shops at Kloster and Vitte harbour fill up fast on busy days. E-bikes are available if you want an easier ride against the Baltic headwind.
- Dress for wind. The Baltic is breezy year-round. Even in summer, a windproof layer is essential — especially on the Dornbusch cliffs.
- Try Sanddorn (sea buckthorn). This tangy orange berry grows wild on the dunes and is turned into cakes, ice cream, liqueur, and grog at every café and stall. It's the island's signature flavour.
- Plan your return leg. If cycling, the headwind going back to the pier can be brutal. Allow 20–30 extra minutes, or catch the electric bus back from Vitte or Neuendorf.
- Hunt for amber. After any storm, the beaches around Kloster are excellent for finding Baltic amber washed ashore — a free and uniquely local souvenir.

Hiddensee Island, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, 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.



1 Leuchtturm Dornbusch An 1888 lighthouse atop Hiddensee's highest hill, offering panoramic views over the Baltic and the island's dune landscape.

3 Inselkirche Hiddensee A 13th-century fieldstone church in Kloster, the island's oldest surviving building, with a maritime memorial cemetery.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Gerhart-Hauptmann-Haus The former summer home of Nobel Prize-winning playwright Gerhart Hauptmann in Kloster, now a literary museum.

4 Dünenheide A protected coastal dune and heathland reserve on the island's northern spit, part of the Vorpommern Lagoon Area National Park.