

Holland, Michigan, USA

One of America's most Dutch cities sits where Lake Macatawa meets Lake Michigan — small ships glide in past the Big Red lighthouse to a port full of windmills, white-sand beaches, and craft beer.

 Pier (ships dock on Lake Macatawa)  Typical call: 7–9 hrs  USD  English  Best May–September

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock on Lake Macatawa (not Lake Michigan); pier berthing, no tendering

Best For: Dutch heritage, fresh-water beaches, craft breweries, quiet Midwest charm

Walk to center: Shuttle required — dock is ~1.5–2.5 mi from 8th Street downtown

Don't Miss: De Zwaan windmill at Windmill Island — the oldest authentic working Dutch windmill in the US

 Getting around:  Taxi  \$20–\$30 ·  Rideshare  Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Windmill Island Gardens & De Zwaan** — The undisputed highlight of Holland.
- **Holland State Park & Big Red Lighthouse** — Holland's most photographed spot — the square, bright-red 'Big Red' lighthouse sits at the mouth of the Lake Macatawa channel.
- **Mt. Pisgah Dune Climb & Lake Michigan Views** — Climb 239 steps up a boardwalk staircase to 157 feet above sea level for panoramic views of Lake Michigan, Lake Macatawa, and the Big Red lighthouse.
- **Nelis' Dutch Village** — A nostalgic family-friendly park styled after a 19th-century Dutch village.
- **Downtown Craft Beer & Dutch Pastry Walk** — New Holland Brewing (home of the famous Dragon's Milk bourbon-barrel stout) anchors 8th Street's craft scene.

BEST WALKS

- **8th Street Downtown Stroll** 1.2 mi loop • Easy • 30–45 min — Walk 8th Street from River Ave to College Ave and back — 100+ locally owned shops, deBoer Bakkerij for Dutch pastries, New Holland Brewing, and Dutch-themed architecture.
- **Kollen Park Waterfront Walk** 0.8 mi • Easy • 20–30 min — Stroll Kollen Park on the south shore of Lake Macatawa — boardwalk, manicured gardens, and a fountain from Holland's Mexican sister city.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:03AM–8:26PM · Jun 6:05AM–9:24PM · Aug 6:50AM–8:47PM · Sep 7:24AM–7:55PM · Oct 7:57AM–7:02PM	
Apr	56°	41°	11d	 USD	
Jun	71°	55°	11d		
Aug	72°	58°	14d		
Sep	67°	53°	11d		
Oct	59°	49°	14d		

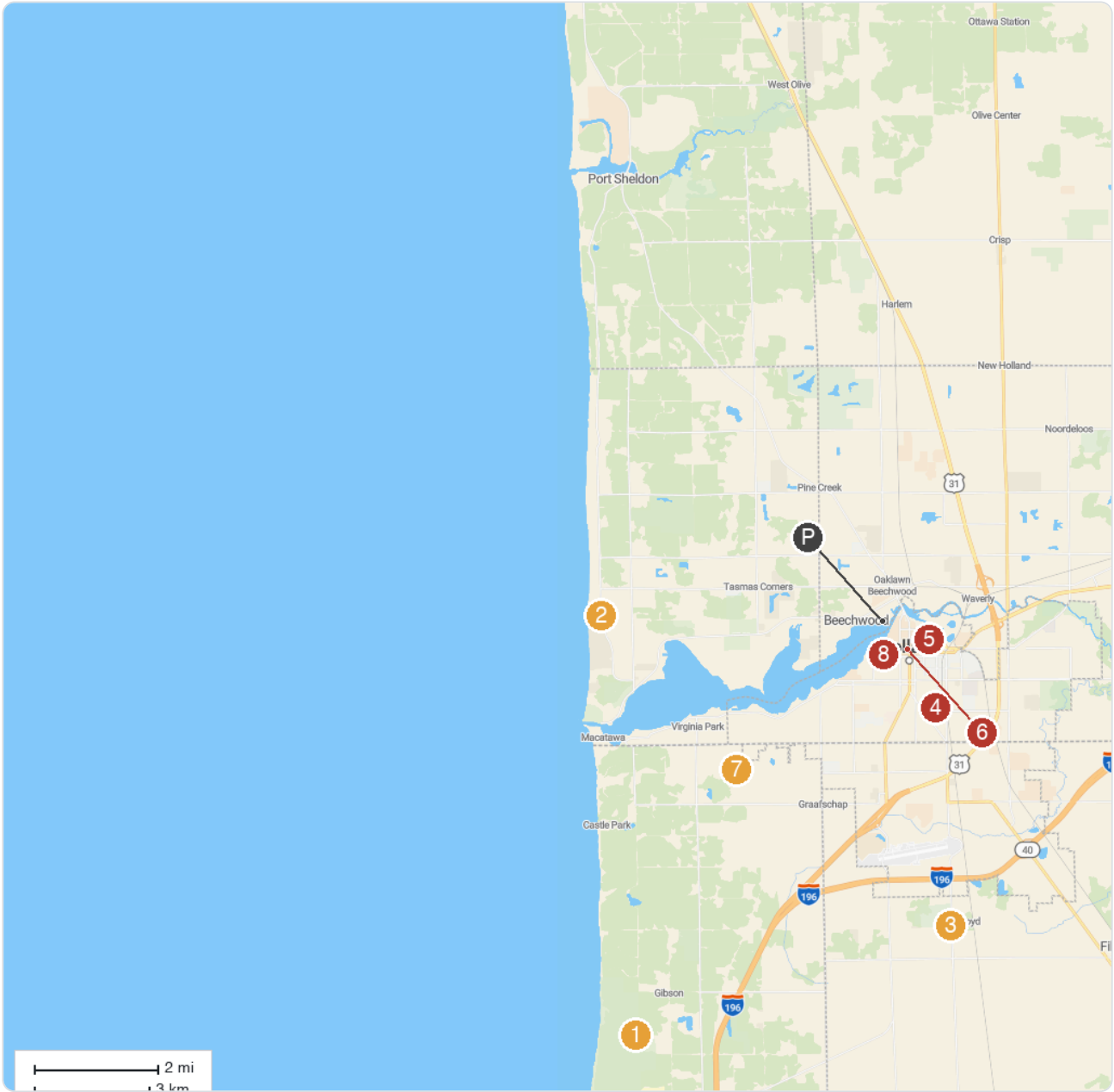
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Take the ship shuttle. The dock is 1.5–2.5 miles from downtown on an industrial waterfront — not safely walkable. Use the complimentary shuttle; Uber/Lyft are available but limited.
- Tulip Time Festival (early May) is Holland's peak event — the entire city erupts in tulips. Crowds are large; ships visiting then should book excursions early.
- Try Dragon's Milk at New Holland Brewing on 8th Street — it's a nationally acclaimed bourbon-barrel-aged stout brewed right here. The pub also does wood-fired pizza.
- Buy a wooden shoe or Delftware souvenir — Holland's Dutch shops sell authentic hand-carved clogs and blue-and-white Delft pottery. Windmill Island's gift shop carries flour ground by De Zwaan.
- Beach requires a rideshare. Holland State Park beach and Big Red lighthouse are ~5 miles from downtown. Factor in a taxi or rideshare cost if you want to swim or photograph the lighthouse up close.
- Dress in layers. Lake Michigan creates unpredictable lake-effect weather even in summer. Mornings can be chilly with an onshore breeze even when the afternoon warms up.

Holland, Michigan, USA — 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	Tunnel Park	Walk through a tunnel in a dune to Lake Michigan beach.
2	Outdoor Discovery Center	A nature education center with trails, wildlife, and wetlands.
3	Prospect Park	A city park with playgrounds, sports fields, and picnic areas.
4	Window on the Waterfront	A scenic park along the waterfront with boat and lake views.
5	Tulip Time Festival Office	The administrative office for Holland's famous annual Tulip Time Festival.
6	Wolters Woods Park	A serene natural park offering hiking trails through wooded areas.
7	The Cappon House	Tour this historic 1874 Victorian home of Holland's first mayor.
P	Cruise port / terminal	