

# Houghton, Michigan, USA

A college town carved into copper country, Houghton sits on the Portage Waterway at the edge of the Keweenaw Peninsula — America's first great mining boom region, still wild and unhurried.

 Docked (Houghton City Pier)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  USD  English (Finnish heritage)  Upper Peninsula, Michigan

## 🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Houghton City Pier (350+ ft); larger ships may anchor off Dollar Bay and tender

**Walk to downtown:** Under 5 min from pier to Shelden Ave shops

**Best For:** Copper mining history, Keweenaw scenery, Finnish culture

**Don't Miss:** Quincy Mine tour, A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum, pasties

 Getting around:  Taxi  \$8–25+ ·  Rideshare  Uber, Lyft

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Quincy Mine Tour** — Ride a cog-rail tram down the hillside, then descend into a shaft of this historic copper mine, which operated from the 1840s into the 1940s.
- **A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum** — Michigan's official state mineral museum on the Michigan Tech campus holds one of the finest collections in the country — including a 19-ton native...
- **Keweenaw Peninsula Scenic Drive** — Head north on US-41 through Copper Harbor to Brockway Mountain Drive, with panoramic Lake Superior views from 1,300 feet.
- **Keweenaw National Historical Park** — Over 20 heritage sites spread across the peninsula tell the story of the world's greatest copper rush, which drew Finnish, Croatian, and Italian...
- **Isle Royale Ferry Day Trip** — Houghton is a main gateway to Isle Royale National Park.

## BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Downtown Houghton** 0.5 miles · Easy-moderate · 15 min — From the City Pier, walk up the hill to Shelden Avenue — the main street lined with pasty shops, local boutiques, and the historic Ambassador Restaurant.
- **Houghton Waterfront Trail** 1.5 miles · Easy · 30 min — Flat paved trail along the Keweenaw Waterway heading east from the pier.
- **Michigan Tech Campus & Mineral Museum** 1 mile · Moderate (uphill) · 20 min walk — Head uphill from downtown to the Michigan Technological University campus.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

| 🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |      |     |      | 🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY                                                                              |  |
|----------------------------------|------|-----|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Mon                              | High | Low | Rain | Apr 7:05AM–8:43PM · Jun 5:58AM–9:51PM · Aug 6:51AM–9:04PM · Sep 7:32AM–8:05PM · Oct 8:13AM–7:05PM |  |
| Apr                              | 43°  | 30° | 12d  |  USD           |  |
| Jun                              | 71°  | 54° | 10d  |                                                                                                   |  |
| Aug                              | 73°  | 60° | 11d  |                                                                                                   |  |
| Sep                              | 67°  | 55° | 12d  |                                                                                                   |  |
| Oct                              | 53°  | 43° | 13d  |                                                                                                   |  |

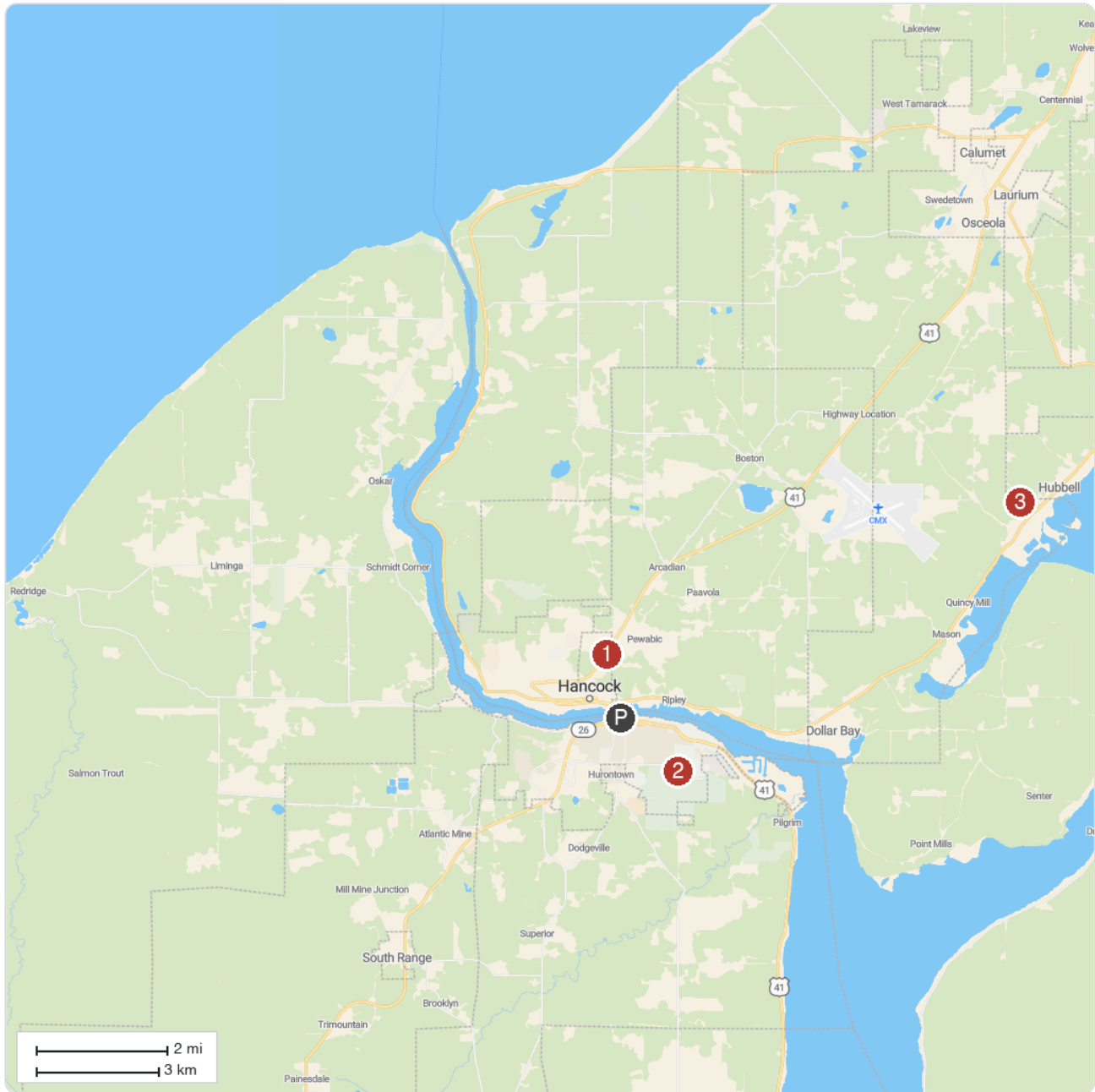
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear sturdy shoes. Houghton is built on a hillside — the walk from the waterfront to the main street and campus involves real elevation. Skip the sandals.
- Eat a pasty. Roy's Pasties & Bakery, by the waterfront on W. Lakeshore Drive, is the benchmark. The Finnish-Cornish hand pie is the Upper Peninsula's signature food — beef, potato, onion, and rutabaga in a thick crust.
- Uber barely exists here. For Quincy Mine, Calumet, or Copper Harbor, book Copper Country Limo & Taxi in advance or reserve a cruise excursion. Don't count on app-based rides.
- Layer up. Lake Superior controls Houghton's weather. A sunny 70°F morning can turn to 50°F and windy by afternoon. Bring a windbreaker even in summer.
- Isle Royale is an overnight trip, not a shore excursion. The Ranger III leaves from the Houghton dock and takes about 6 hours each way — not doable on a cruise call. The faster Queen IV departs from Copper Harbor, an hour's drive north.
- Keweenaw Brewing Company on Shelden Ave is the local institution — huge taproom, no kitchen (bring your own food), excellent cheap craft beer. Try the Widowmaker Black Ale.

# Houghton, Michigan, USA — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

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



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| <b>1 Quincy Mine</b>     | Historic copper mine and hoist house offering underground tram tours into one of the deepest mines in the world. | <b>2 A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum</b> | Michigan Tech's mineral museum, home to one of the finest copper and native-mineral collections in the country. |
| <b>3 Hungarian Falls</b> | Multi-tiered waterfall reached via a short hike through second-growth forest above Torch Lake.                   | <b>P Cruise port / terminal</b>     |                                                                                                                 |