

Kampen, Overijssel, Netherlands

One of the best-preserved Hanseatic cities in the Netherlands, Kampen packs medieval gates, a soaring Gothic church, and centuries of IJssel River heritage into a compact, walkable old town — all just steps from the quay.

 Pier dock (IJsselkade quay)

 Typical call: 6–8 hrs

 Euro (€)

 Dutch (English widely spoken)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock directly on the IJsselkade riverfront quay

Walk to center: 2 minutes — old town begins immediately behind the quay

Best For: Medieval architecture, Hanseatic history, Gothic churches, leisurely cycling

Don't Miss: Koornmarktspoort gate, Bovenkerk organ, the Kamper Kogge cog ship replica

Getting around:  Taxi  €5–€15 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Medieval Gates & Hanseatic Old Town Walk** — Kampen once had twenty city gates; three magnificent ones survive.
- Bovenkerk — Gothic Cathedral & Hinsz Organ** — The massive 14th-century St.
- Koggewerf — Hanseatic Cog Ship Yard** — On the riverbank, the Koggewerf is a working historic shipyard where craftspeople build and maintain the Kamper Kogge — a full-scale reconstruction...
- Ikonenmuseum — Orthodox Icon Collection** — Housed in a former monastery, this is one of Western Europe's most prestigious collections of Eastern Orthodox Christian art.
- Cycling the IJssel Dikes** — Kampen's flat river landscape is ideal for cycling.

BEST WALKS

- IJsselkade to the Three City Gates** 2.5 km loop · 45–60 min · Easy — Start on the IJsselkade promenade, walk to the Koornmarktspoort gate on the waterfront, head into Oudestraat to Broederpoort, loop back via Cellebroederspoort, and...
- Stadsbrug Panorama Stroll** 1 km out-and-back · 20 min · Easy — Walk from the quay to the Stadsbrug (city bridge) for the classic Kampen skyline photo with the gold-leaf pulley wheels in the foreground.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		56°	41°	11d
Jun		70°	55°	12d
Aug		72°	58°	14d
Sep		67°	54°	11d
Oct		59°	49°	14d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:38AM–8:35PM · Jun 5:12AM–10:01PM · Aug 6:19AM–9:01PM · Sep 7:11AM–7:50PM · Oct 8:02AM–6:40PM

Euro (€)

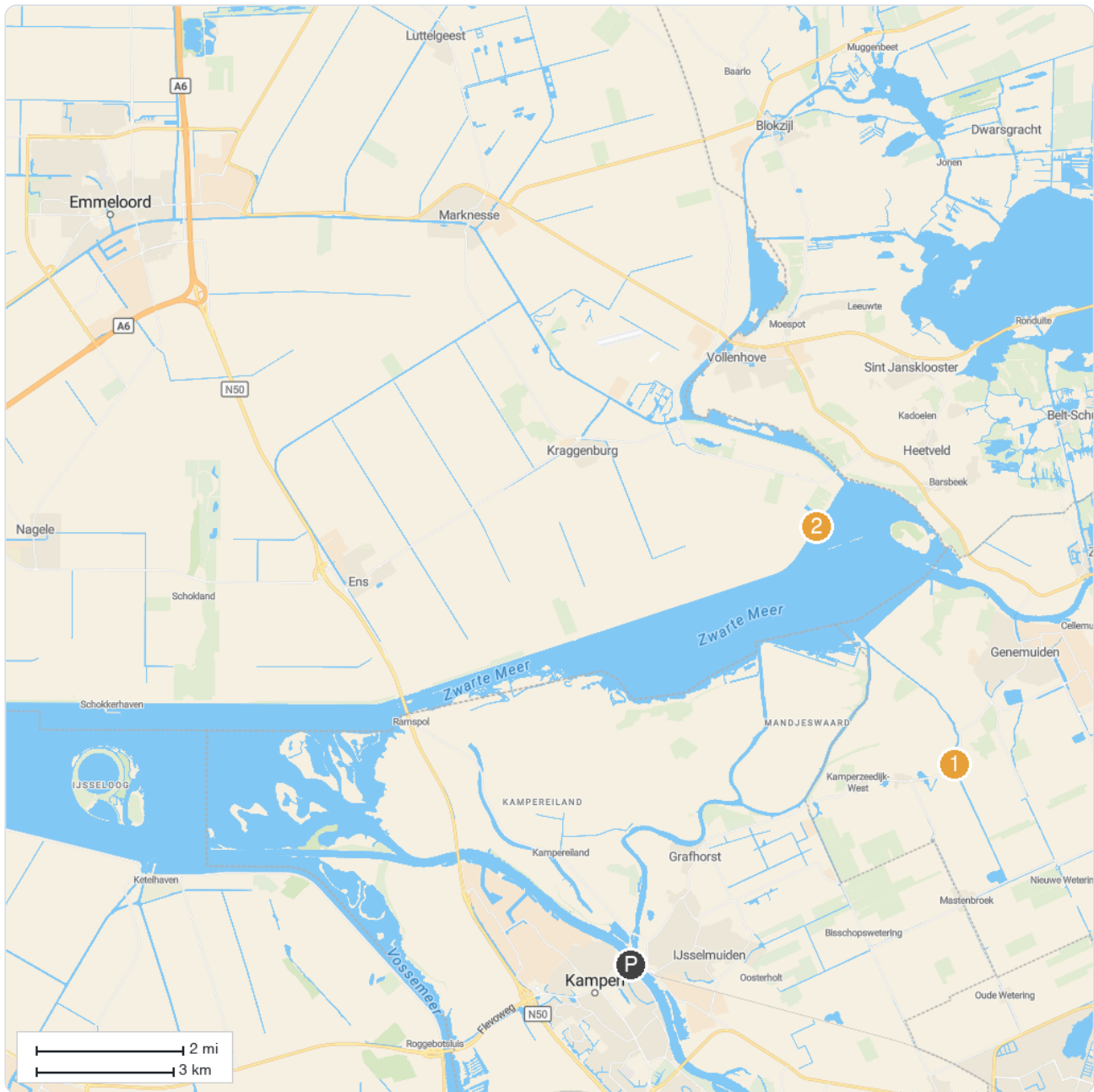
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Avoid Sundays if possible. Kampen is in the Dutch Bible Belt — most shops, supermarkets, and many museums are closed on Sundays. Plan for a scenic walking day if your ship calls on a Sunday.
- Stedelijk Museum is under renovation through late 2026. Check in advance whether it has reopened before building your itinerary around it.
- Cards are widely accepted but small market stalls and some bakeries prefer Dutch debit (PIN). Keep a few Euros in cash for street food and market stalls.
- Ask about the cow. Kampen is famous for its Kamper Uien — absurdist folk tales about its citizens. The most beloved involves hoisting a cow up the Nieuwe Toren (the city's tower) to eat the grass growing on top. Look for the bronze cow statue on the Oude Raadhuisplein, gazing up at the tower.
- Take the bikes if your ship offers them. The IJssel dike roads are flat, well-marked, and beautiful — easily the best way to see the countryside around Kampen.
- Find a Kamper Slof before you leave — the local almond-and-butter pastry is unique to this city and worth hunting down at a bakery on Oudestraat.

Kampen, Overijssel, Netherlands — 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 Stoomgemaal Mastenbroek

A historic steam pumping station for water management.

2 PIER+HORIZON - Paul de Kort

A unique land art installation by artist Paul de Kort.

P Cruise port / terminal