

Karlsruhe, Baden-Württemberg, Germany

Planned from scratch in 1715 with 32 streets radiating from a baroque palace, Karlsruhe is the Rhine's geometry lesson — part royal fan city, part digital art capital, and one of Germany's warmest corners.

Docked (river pier) Typical call: 8–10 hrs Currency: Euro (€) Language: German Tram to center: ~18 min

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Rheinhafen Karlsruhe — working river port, ~7 km from city center

Walk to center: Not walkable — take Tram 5 or cruise shuttle (~18 min)

Best For: Palace & gardens, interactive digital art (ZKM), Baden cuisine

Don't Miss: Palace Tower for the fan-street panorama; Flammkuchen and local Baden wine

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ €25–€40 · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Bolt · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Citytour Karlsruhe

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Karlsruhe Palace & Tower** — The 18th-century baroque Schloss sits at the hub of the fan city.
- **ZKM — Center for Art and Media** — Housed in a converted munitions factory, ZKM is one of the world's most important digital and interactive art institutions.
- **Schlossgarten & Botanical Garden** — Behind the Palace stretch English-style gardens with ponds, sculptures, and a charming miniature steam railway (Schlossgartenbahn).
- **Durlach & the Turmberg** — Karlsruhe's historic predecessor town, Durlach, is a 15-minute tram ride away.
- **Baden Wine & Flammkuchen Tasting** — Karlsruhe sits in the heart of Baden wine country, heavily influenced by French Alsace.

BEST WALKS

- **Marktplatz to Palace & Gardens Loop** 3 km · ~1 hr · Easy · Flat — Start at Marktplatz (the central pyramid tomb), walk north up Kaiserstraße to the Palace, tour the grounds, continue into the Schlossgarten, loop through the Botanical...
- **Kaiserstraße Shopping Stroll** 1.5 km · 30 min · Easy — The main pedestrian shopping street runs straight south from the Palace.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇩🇪 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:35AM–8:18PM · Jun 5:21AM–9:32PM · Aug 6:19AM–8:41PM · Sep 7:03AM–7:38PM · Oct 7:47AM–6:36PM	
Apr	61°	42°	10d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	77°	59°	11d		
Aug	79°	61°	11d		
Sep	71°	55°	8d		
Oct	62°	48°	12d		

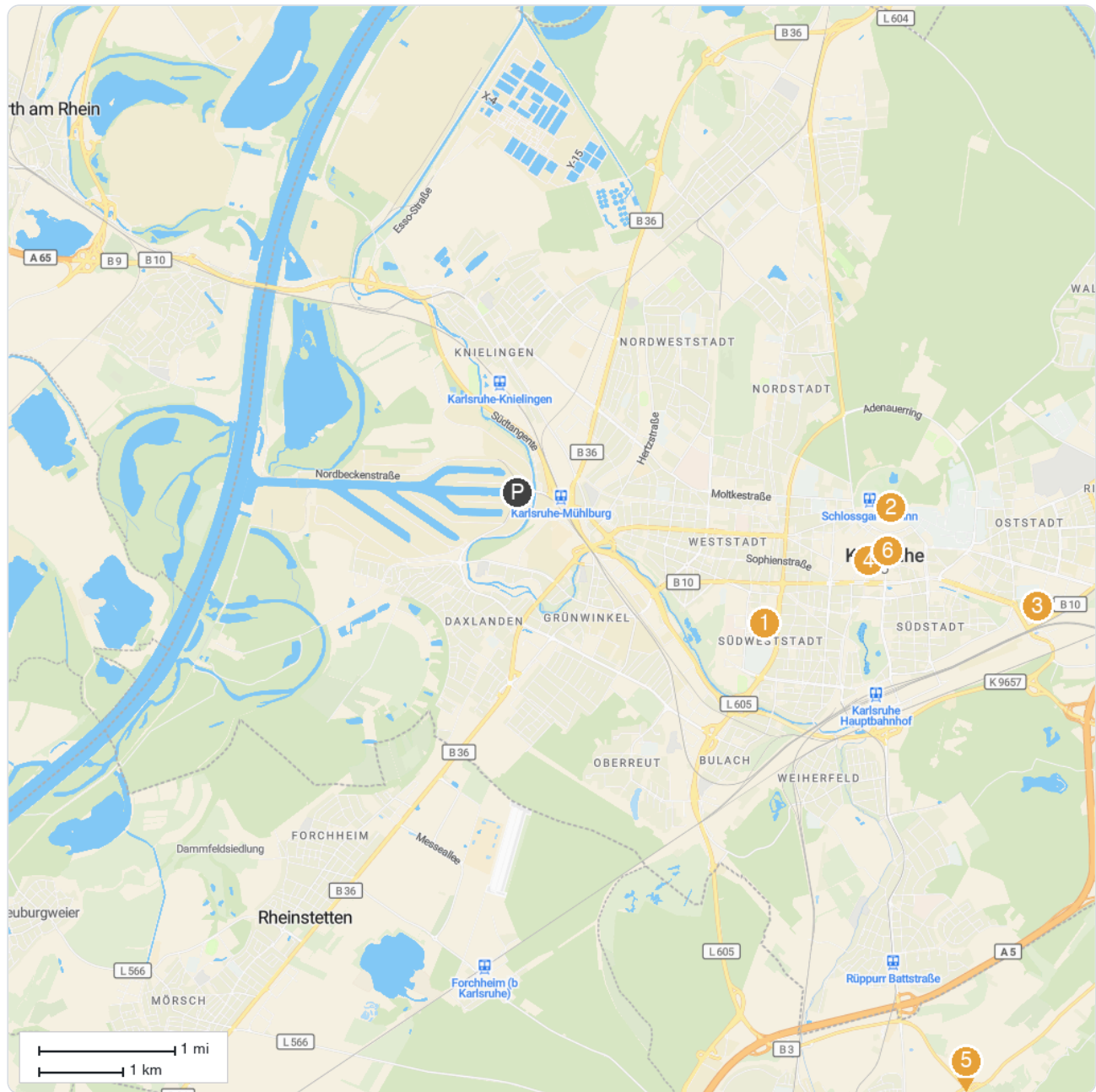
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use the tram, not your feet. The Rheinhafen is a working port 7 km from downtown — Tram 5 (stop 'Rheinhafen') runs direct to Marktplatz in ~18 min for under €3.
- Climb the Palace Tower. It's the single best thing to do in Karlsruhe — the fan-street view from the top is unique in all of Europe and worth the entry fee alone.
- Carry some cash. Germany loves cash even in a modern city. Keep €20–€30 on hand for tram tickets, bakeries, and smaller cafés.
- Sunday means no shopping. German law closes all retail on Sundays. Museums, restaurants, and the Palace are open — just don't plan a shopping day.
- Eat Flammkuchen. This region borders Alsace and does thin-crust tarte flambée better than almost anywhere. Pair it with a local Baden Grauburgunder at Ludwigsplatz.
- Strasbourg is ~40 min away by fast train. If Karlsruhe is a long port call, hop the train from Karlsruhe Hauptbahnhof for a half-day in Alsace — one of the Upper Rhine's unmissable cities.

Karlsruhe, Baden-Württemberg, 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.



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| <p>1 ZKM Center for Art and Media Karlsruhe</p> <p>3 Otto-Dullenkopf Park</p> <p>5 Watthalden Park</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Modern art and media museum in a former factory.</p> <p>Green park with playgrounds, sports, and relaxation areas.</p> <p>Scenic park with a lake, castle ruins, and gardens.</p> | <p>2 Karlsruhe Palace</p> <p>4 Friedrichsplatz</p> <p>6 Marktplatz Karlsruhe</p> | <p>Grand palace, former residence of margraves and dukes.</p> <p>Historic city square with fountains, shops, and cafes.</p> <p>Central market square with pyramid tomb and city hall.</p> |
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