

Kelheim, Bavaria, Germany

Kelheim sits where the Altmühl, Danube, and Main-Danube Canal meet, making it a natural hinge point for European river cruises. The best shore day pairs a riverside old-town walk with the Danube Gorge boat ride to Weltenburg Abbey or the hilltop Liberation Hall.

River quay (docked) Typical call: 4–7 hrs Currency: Euro (€) Language: German Abbey brewery country

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River berth in Kelheim; river ships dock rather than tender

Walk to center: Usually 5–10 minutes to Ludwigsplatz and the old town

Best For: Danube Gorge scenery, Bavarian beer gardens, hilltop views

Don't Miss: Weltenburg Abbey by boat through the Danube Gorge

Getting around: Taxi €5–€8

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Danube Gorge Boat Ride** — Board a local excursion boat from Kelheim for the dramatic run through the Donaudurchbruch, where the Danube narrows between limestone cliffs on the...
- **Weltenburg Abbey** — The Benedictine abbey at Weltenburg sits beside the river at the upstream end of the gorge.
- **Liberation Hall** — Befreiungshalle crowns Michelsberg above Kelheim, a monumental 19th-century rotunda commissioned by King Ludwig I.
- **Kelheim Old Town** — Stay close to the ship for Ludwigsplatz, pastel Bavarian facades, medieval town gates, small shops, and cafes.
- **Bavarian Beer Garden Lunch** — Pair the shore day with pretzels, Obatzda, sausages, pork roast, or local wheat beer.

BEST WALKS

- **Old Town and River Gates** 1.5–2 km | 45–75 min | Easy — From the river landing, walk into the old town for Ludwigsplatz and Kelheim's surviving gates, then loop back along the riverside.
- **Liberation Hall View Walk** 3–4 km round trip | 1.5–2 hrs | Moderate uphill — Climb from the old town toward Befreiungshalle for the classic panorama over Kelheim and the rivers.
- **Weltenburg Abbey Arrival Stroll** Under 1 km | 30–45 min | Easy — After the gorge boat lands at Weltenburg, walk from the landing area to the abbey church, courtyard, and riverside gravel bank.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇩🇪 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:21AM–8:04PM · Jun 5:08AM–9:17PM · Aug 6:05AM–8:27PM · Sep 6:49AM–7:24PM · Oct 7:33AM–6:22PM	
Apr	58°	40°	9d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	74°	57°	12d		
Aug	76°	59°	12d		
Sep	68°	52°	10d		
Oct	59°	44°	11d		

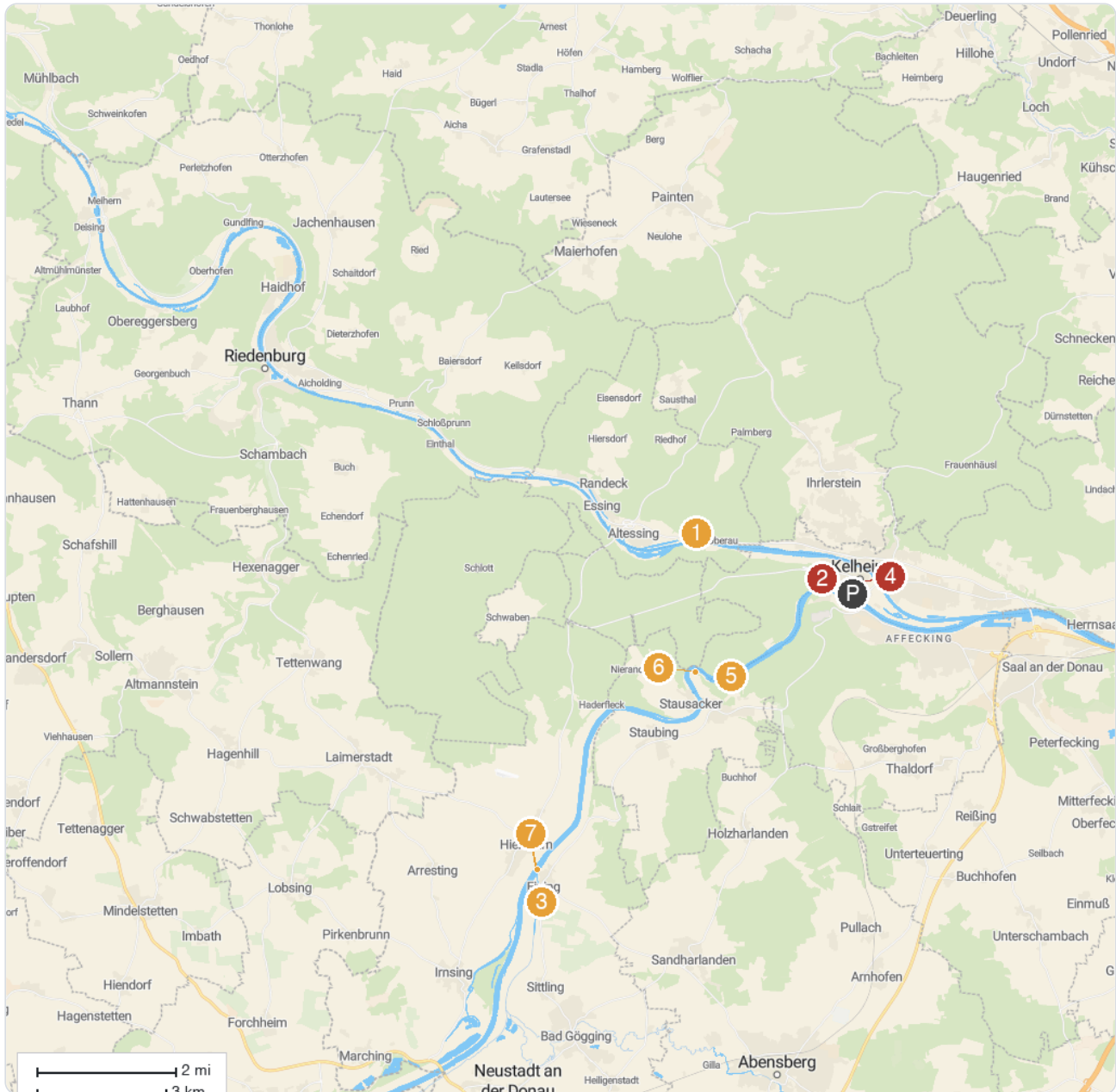
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Mind the gorge boat schedule. Independent trips to Weltenburg are straightforward, but return sailings are seasonal and timed. Confirm the last practical return before boarding.
- Wear real walking shoes. Kelheim's center is easy, but the Liberation Hall climb and riverside paths can be steep, gravelly, or slick after rain.
- Carry small euros. Cards are common in town, but small boats, kiosks, toilets, and beer gardens may be faster or cash-only.
- Dock assignments can move. River ships shift berths with water levels and traffic. Photograph the gangway sign or note your ship's return time before leaving.
- Weltenburg is the classic splurge. If your call allows only one paid outing, the abbey-and-gorge combination is more distinctive than a generic coach tour.
- No beach day here. You may see gravel banks along the Danube, but currents are strong and this is a scenery-and-history port, not a swimming stop.

Kelheim, Bavaria, 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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| 1 Flowstone cave
Schulerloch | Explore a natural cave with stunning flowstone formations. | 2 Liberation Hall | Visit a grand monument celebrating German liberation history. |
| 3 Römerkastell
Abusina | Discover ancient Roman fort ruins along the Danube. | 4 Archaeological Museum Kelheim | See local archaeological finds and regional history exhibits. |
| 5 Danube Gorge | Experience a dramatic, scenic river gorge on the Danube. | 6 Weltenburg Abbey | Tour a historic Benedictine monastery with Germany's oldest brewery. |
| 7 Fähr Eining-Hienheim | Take a small car ferry across the Danube River. | P Cruise port / terminal | |