

Kemi, Lapland, Finland

Kemi is Finnish Lapland's sea gate: an industrial Gulf of Bothnia port with real Arctic character just beyond the gangway. The shore day works best as a shuttle-assisted mix of year-round ice, quiet waterfront cafes and low-key northern nature.

Docked at Ajos

Typical call: 6-10 hrs

Currency: Euro

Finnish; English common

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alongside at Ajos harbour

Walk to center: Not walkable; 10-12 km

Best For: Arctic ice, nature, quiet town walks

Don't Miss: SnowExperience365 or Kiikeli

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✓ €25–€40 · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✓ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **SnowCastle & SnowExperience365** — Visit Kemi's SnowCastle area and the year-round chilled SnowExperience365 room for ice sculptures, an ice slide and Arctic photos even in summer.
- **Icebreaker Sampo** — On winter and early spring calls, the famous icebreaker cruise can include a ship tour, frozen-sea scenery and floating in a survival suit.
- **Kiikeli Nature Trail** — A gentle forest-and-shore walk from the Inner Harbour leads to birdlife, sea views and a lookout tower on a small protected headland.
- **Kemi Church & Cultural Centre** — Pair the red-brick Kemi Church with the town's museum and art collections for a compact look at northern Finnish life and maritime industry.
- **Gemstone Gallery** — See gemstones, replicas of famous crowns and the unusual crown designed for Finland's short-lived 1918 monarchy plan.

BEST WALKS

- **SnowCastle to Inner Harbour** Easy, 20-40 minutes plus stops — A short waterfront stroll linking the SnowCastle area, Mansikkanokka beach and the old Inner Harbour cafe quarter.
- **Kiikeli Nature Reserve** Easy, 1-2 hours — Cross from the Inner Harbour onto Kiikeli for a peaceful forest path, Gulf of Bothnia views and a compact nature break close to town.
- **Town Center Landmarks** Easy, 45-90 minutes — Use this simple town walk for Kemi Church, the cultural center and central cafes when the weather is mixed.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	High	Low	Rain
Mon			
Apr	38°	26°	8d
Jun	61°	49°	10d
Aug	63°	54°	14d
Sep	54°	46°	12d
Oct	42°	34°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:42AM–9:02PM · Aug 5:02AM–9:47PM · Sep 6:43AM–7:48PM · Oct 8:17AM–5:55PM

Currency: Euro

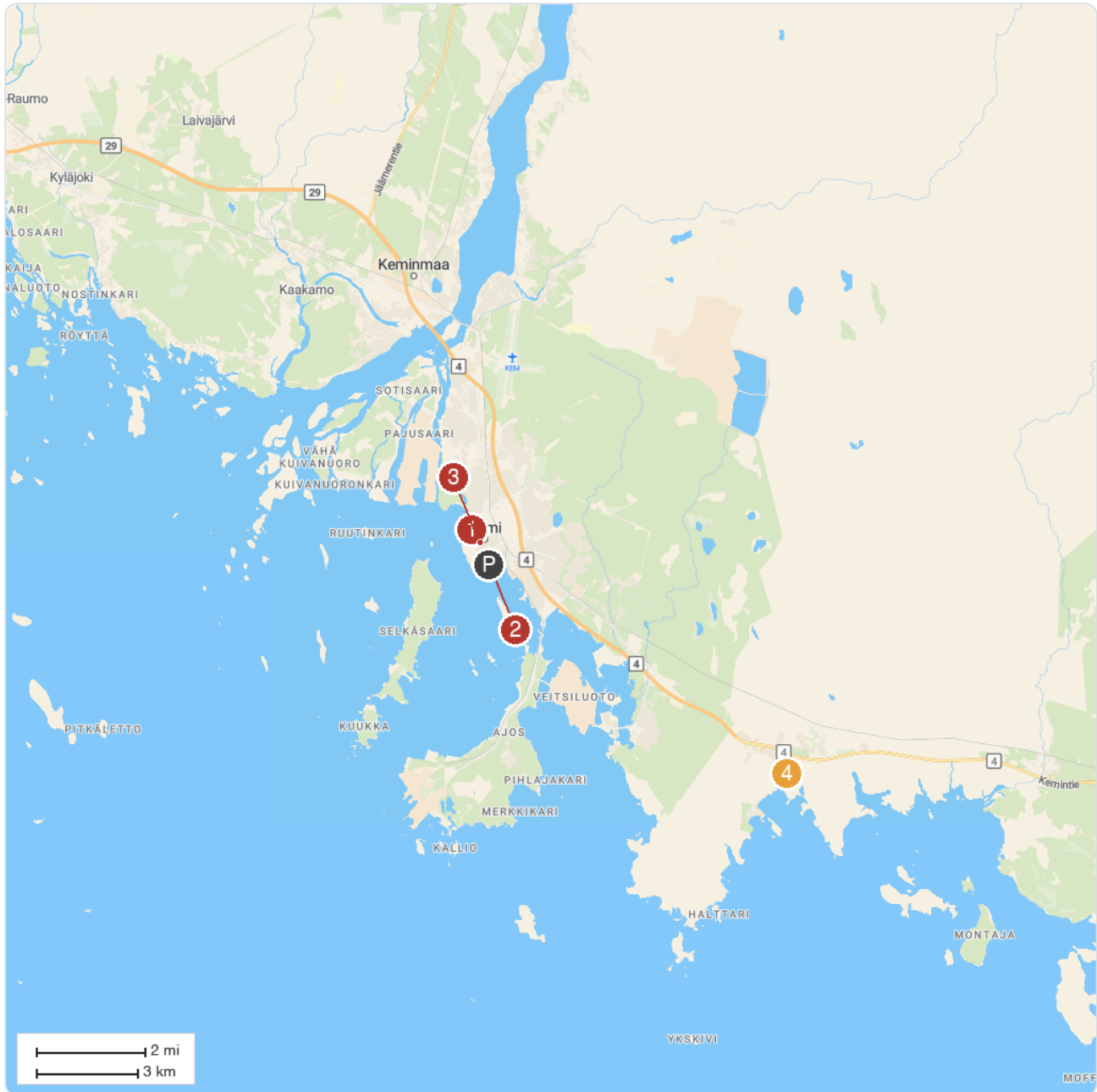
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Take the shuttle. Ajos is a working port 10-12 km from the center, so independent walking from the ship is not practical.
- Cards are normal. Finland is highly cashless; keep a card ready for cafes, taxis and admissions.
- Dress in layers. Even in summer, wind off the Gulf of Bothnia can feel cold, and SnowExperience365 is kept below freezing.
- Pre-book taxis. Kemi is small and ship calls can quickly absorb the available cars.
- Check Sampo seasonality. Icebreaker cruises are a winter and early-spring experience; summer calls usually focus on tours, exhibits and the SnowCastle area.
- Use the Inner Harbour. It is the easiest independent base for coffee, lunch, Kiikeli and a relaxed waterfront walk.

Kemi, Lapland, Finland — 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 Kemi Historical Museum | Explore Kemi's past and local heritage. | 2 The SnowCastle of Kemi | Experience a magnificent castle built entirely of snow and ice. |
| 3 Kemi Church | Admire this beautiful, historic wooden church. | 4 Arkadia Reindeerfarm | Meet friendly reindeer and learn about Sami culture. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |