

Kiel, Germany

Germany's sailing capital at the head of the Kiel Fjord — a maritime city beside the world's busiest artificial waterway, and a gateway to the Hanseatic jewel of Lübeck.

Docked (city center) Typical call: 8–10 hrs Euro (EUR) German · some English

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ostseekai terminal

Walk to center: 5 min

Best For: Lübeck · Maritime

Don't Miss: Kiel Canal locks

Getting around: **Taxi** €8–€20 · **Rideshare** Uber, Bolt · **Hop-on hop-off** Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Medieval Lübeck** — The UNESCO-listed Hanseatic old town on its island — the brick Holstentor gate, marzipan shops, and seven church spires.
- **Hamburg Day Trip** — Germany's great port city — the Speicherstadt warehouse district, the Elbphilharmonie, and the Reeperbahn, ~1.25 hours away by rail.
- **Kiel Canal & Holtenau Locks** — Watch ocean ships transit the locks where the world's busiest artificial waterway meets the Baltic — a maritime engineering spectacle with a small...
- **Laboe Naval Memorial & Beach** — Across the fjord, the towering Laboe Memorial and U-995 submarine, paired with a Baltic beach — reached by a scenic fjord ferry from the city.

BEST WALKS

- **Kiellinie waterfront promenade** ~3 km · 1.5 hrs · easy — The pleasant fjord-side promenade from the city center, lined with sailing yachts, cafés, and views across the Kieler Förde.
- **Holstenstraße & old market** ~1.5 km · 1 hr · easy — Kiel's pedestrian shopping street up to the Alter Markt, the Nikolaikirche, and Barlach's 'Spirit Fighter' sculpture.
- **Schwentine fjord ferry ride** short ferry · 1–2 hrs · easy — Hop a fjord ferry from the city pier for a cheap mini-cruise across the harbour — a local's way to see Kiel from the water.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:17AM–8:22PM · Jun 4:44AM–9:55PM · Aug 5:56AM–8:49PM · Sep 6:52AM–7:35PM · Oct 7:48AM–6:21PM Euro (EUR)	
Apr	53°	39°	10d		
Jun	69°	54°	10d		
Aug	71°	57°	13d		
Sep	66°	53°	11d		
Oct	57°	48°	14d		

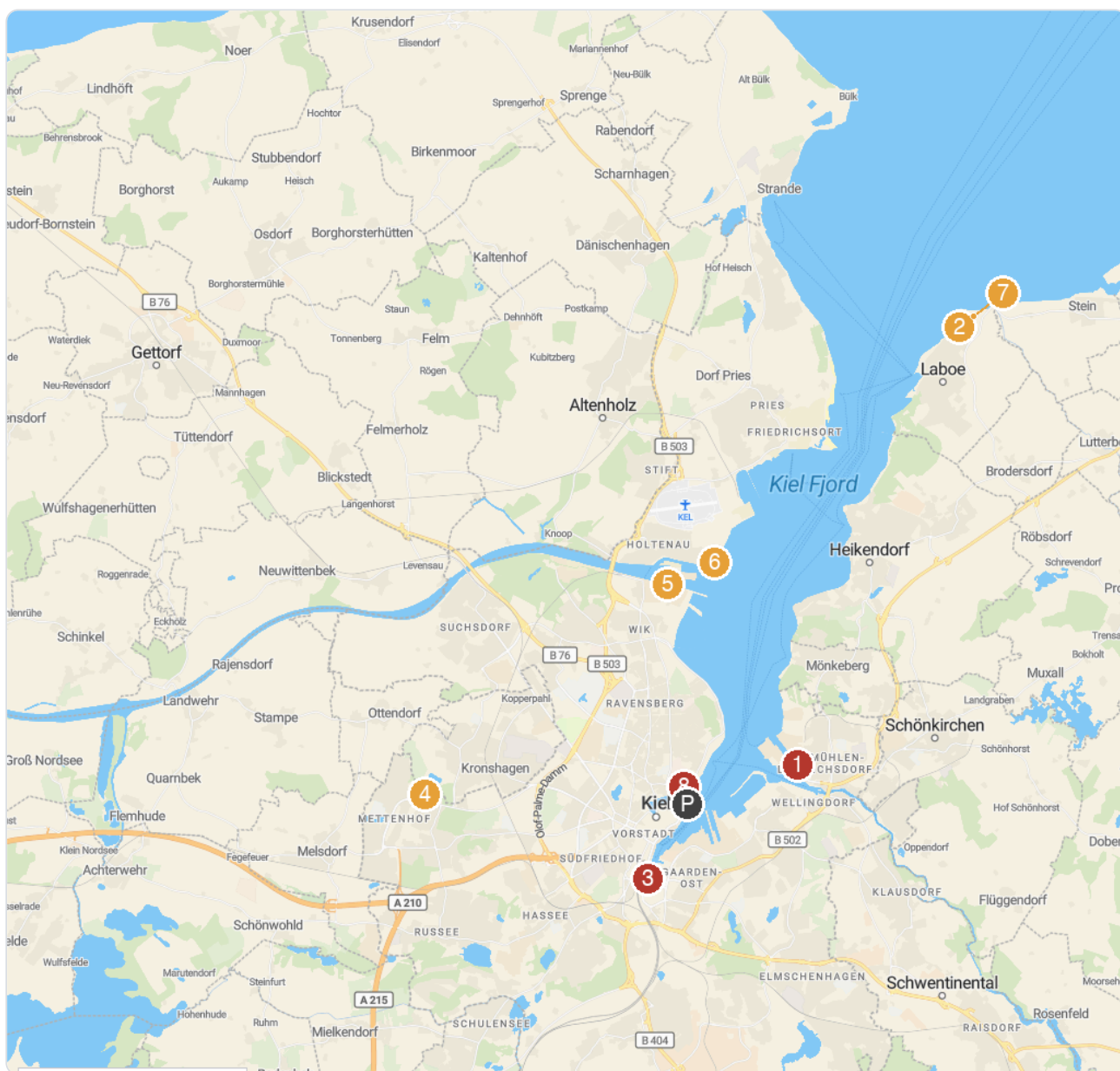
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Lübeck is the must-do. Just an hour by train, its UNESCO old town and marzipan are far more memorable than central Kiel — go independently or with a tour.
- Watch the Kiel Canal. If you love ships, the Holtenau locks where ocean vessels enter the canal are a genuinely unique spectacle.
- Bring euros. Germany still favors cash for small purchases — bakeries, markets, and snack stands may not take cards.
- Try a fjord ferry. The local harbour ferries are a cheap, scenic way to see the Kieler Förde and reach Laboe across the water.
- Pack a layer. The fjord can be breezy and showery even in summer — a light waterproof keeps a walking day comfortable.

Kiel, 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 Computermuseum der Fachhochschule Kiel | See historic computers and digital technology exhibits. | 2 Naval Memorial | Climb a tower for views; explore a WWII submarine. |
| 3 Hörn | Enjoy the inner harbor with its unique folding bridge. | 4 LaserZone LaserTag Kiel | Play exciting laser tag in a futuristic arena. |
| 5 Aussichtsplattform Schleuse | Watch ships pass through the Kiel Canal locks. | 6 Leuchtturm Kiel-Holtenau | Visit a historic lighthouse at the Kiel Canal entrance. |
| 7 Marine Biology Station Laboe | Discover marine life and ocean research exhibits. | 8 Zoological Museum of Kiel University | Explore diverse animal exhibits, including whale skeletons. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |