

Königswinter, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

Where Rhine Romanticism was born — Königswinter packs a fairy-tale castle, a medieval hilltop ruin, and Germany's oldest rack railway into one compact, walkable river town.

Docked (riverside pier)

Typical call: 4–6 hrs

Euro (€)

German (English widely spoken)

Best: Drachenfels hike or railway

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tied up at floating pontoons on the Rheinallee; step straight ashore

Best For: History lovers, walkers, Rhine scenery, fairy-tale architecture

Walk to Center: 2–5 min to Altstadt; 10–12 min to rack-railway station

Don't Miss: Schloss Drachenburg & the panoramic summit ruins at Drachenfels

Getting around: Taxi €8–€15 (local trips) · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Drachenfelsbahn & Drachenfels Summit** — Board Germany's oldest surviving rack railway (1883) for the roughly 8-minute ride up the Drachenfels.
 - Schloss Drachenburg** — This turret-spired neo-Gothic villa (1882–84) sits halfway up the Drachenfels hill.
 - Siebengebirge Nature Park Hike** — Germany's oldest nature reserve fans out behind Königswinter.
- Altstadt & Rheinallee Stroll** — Königswinter's compact old town rewards a slow wander: half-timbered houses, the Baroque Rathaus, St.
 - Drachenblut Wine & Rhineland Lunch** — Try 'Dragon's Blood' — the local dry red wine grown on the Drachenfels vineyards — paired with Sauerbraten or Himmel un Äd (mashed potato and...

BEST WALKS

- Rheinallee Promenade to Old Town** 0.5 km · 10 min · flat · free — A gentle waterfront walk from the ship along the tree-lined Rheinallee into the Altstadt, then duck into Hauptstraße for half-timbered facades and the Baroque Rathaus.
- Old Town to Drachenfelsbahn & Up the Eselsweg** 1.5 km to summit · 45 min uphill · paved but steep — Walk from the Altstadt south along Drachenfelsstraße to the rack-railway station, then take the paved Eselsweg (Donkey Path) uphill past Schloss Drachenburg to the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		58°	41°	10d
Jun		73°	57°	11d
Aug		75°	59°	13d
Sep		69°	53°	10d
Oct		60°	48°	14d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:37AM–8:26PM · Jun 5:18AM–9:45PM · Aug 6:19AM–8:50PM · Sep 7:07AM–7:44PM · Oct 7:54AM–6:38PM

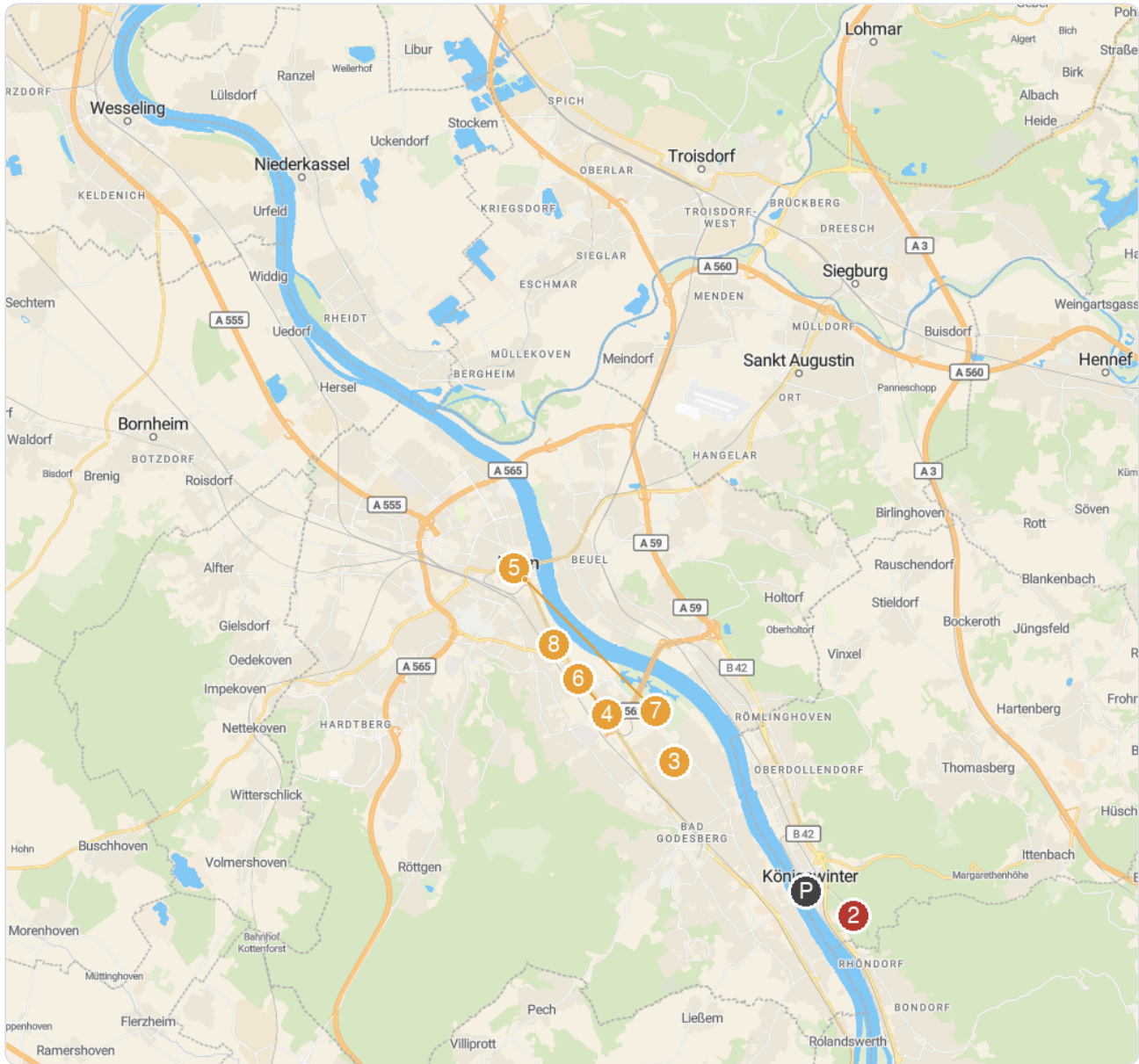
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Time the railway carefully. Trains run roughly every 30 min; check the posted timetable at the valley station and allow buffer time to get back to the pier.
- Wear proper shoes. The path from the midway station to the summit ruins involves cobblestones and steep inclines — sandals or dress shoes are a bad idea.
- Carry cash. Germany leans cash-heavy; smaller cafes, bakeries, and market stalls near the old town may not accept cards.
- Taste Drachenblut. 'Dragon's Blood' Pinot Noir is hyper-local — you won't find it easily elsewhere. Grab a glass at the summit Biergarten or a riverfront Gasthaus.
- Rainy day backup: The Siebengebirgsmuseum in town (€5) is a good wet-weather option, with cafes and the Drachenfels railway's enclosed cars also keeping you out of the rain.

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Burg Odenhausen This is a picturesque medieval castle ruin.

3 German Museum Bonn Explore science and technology at this fascinating museum.

5 Beethoven-Haus Bonn Visit Beethoven's birthplace and a museum dedicated to him.

7 StadtMuseum Bonn Learn about Bonn's city history at this museum.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Schloss Drachenburg Visit this stunning 19th-century historic castle and villa.

4 House of the History of the Federal Republic of Germany Discover post-war German history at this national museum.

6 Art museum See modern and contemporary art at Kunstmuseum Bonn.

8 Museum Koenig Bonn Explore natural history and biodiversity at this renowned museum.