

Kortrijk, Flanders, Belgium

Where medieval guildsmen defeated French knights in 1302, Kortrijk still wears its history lightly — cobbled beguinage lanes, twin Leie towers, and some of Belgium's finest local beer steps from the dock.

Docked (river pier) Typical call: 6–8 hrs Euro (€) Dutch (Flemish) / English widely spoken

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River ships dock at Handelskaai or near Budabrug on the Leie — right in the city

Best For: Medieval history, Flemish heritage, craft beer, UNESCO sites

Walk to center: 5–10 min to Grote Markt; nearly everything within 15 min on foot

Don't Miss: The Sint-Elisabethbegijnhof (UNESCO) and a Omer Vander Ghinste blond at the Grote Markt

Getting around: Taxi €9–€13 · Rideshare Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Battle of the Golden Spurs — Kortrijk 1302 Experience** — Inside the Church of Our Lady, an immersive multimedia experience recreates the 1302 battle where Flemish guildsmen routed French cavalry.
- **UNESCO Beguinage — Sint-Elisabethbegijnhof** — One of Flanders' most enchanting beguinages: 40 whitewashed 17th-century houses on cobbled lanes, frozen in time.
- **Texture Museum — Flax & Linen Heritage** — Housed in an authentic flax depot, this interactive museum explains how the Leie Valley became the linen capital of Europe — from golden river...
- **Day Trip to Ypres (Ieper) — WWI Battlefields** — Take a 30-minute train to Ypres for the Menin Gate Last Post ceremony, In Flanders Fields Museum, and the preserved WWI trenches at Sanctuary Wood.
- **Broel Towers & Medieval Waterfront Walk** — The twin Broeltorens are Kortrijk's signature sight — the last surviving towers of the medieval city walls, flanking the Leie.

BEST WALKS

- **River to Grote Markt Historic Loop** 1.5 km · ~45 min · flat cobblestones — From the dock, stroll the Leieboorden promenade past the Broel Towers, cross the Broelbrug, continue to the Sint-Elisabethbegijnhof, then loop back to the Grote Markt...
- **Buda Island Art & Design Walk** 1 km · 30 min · flat — Cross to Buda Island via the Budabrug and explore the creative quarter — art studios, design workshops, community gardens, and riverside terraces in a relaxed, car-free...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:52AM–8:42PM · Jun 5:33AM–10:01PM · Aug 6:34AM–9:06PM · Sep 7:22AM–8:00PM · Oct 8:10AM–6:53PM	
Apr	58°	41°	10d	Euro (€)	
Jun	71°	55°	10d		
Aug	73°	58°	13d		
Sep	68°	54°	9d		
Oct	61°	49°	12d		

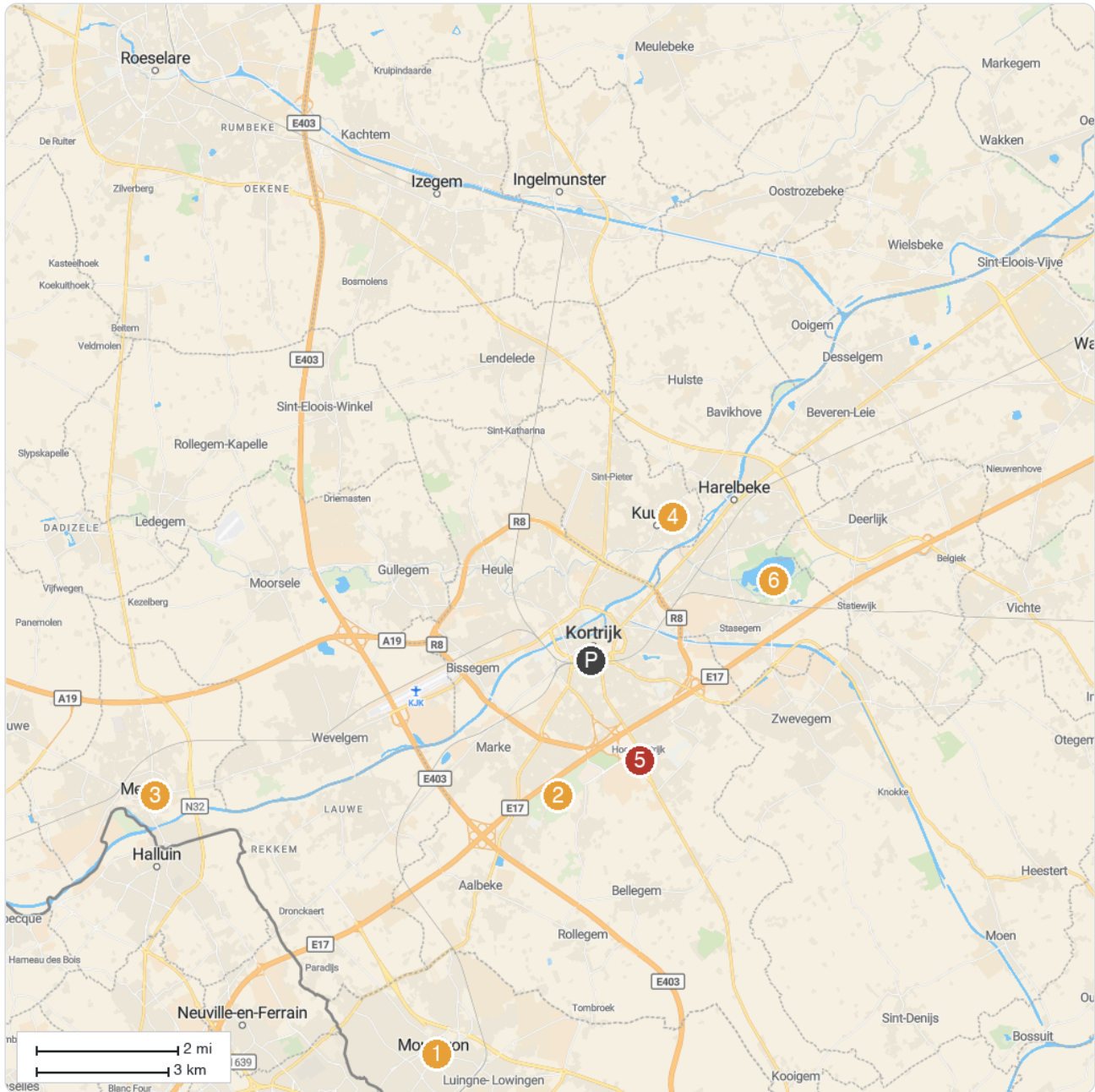
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Try Omer. Brewery Omer Vander Ghinste in Bellegem (part of Kortrijk) produces the award-winning Omer Traditional Blond — order it at any café on the Grote Markt.
- Everything is walkable. The entire historic center is flat and car-free. Skip taxis and enjoy the riverbank promenade from the dock.
- UNESCO double. Both the Beguinage and the Belfry are UNESCO-listed. The Beguinage is free; the Belfry charges a small fee to climb when open.
- Day trips are easy. Kortrijk station is 10 min from Grote Markt. Ghent is 25 min by train, Ypres (WWI Menin Gate) is 30 min — both doable if your ship allows enough time.
- Cards accepted everywhere. Belgium is extremely card-friendly, even for a €2 coffee. But carry a few euros for market stalls or public WCs.
- Sunday closures. Most retail shops close Sunday. Museums, cafes, restaurants, and the Beguinage remain open — a great day to visit.

Kortrijk, Flanders, Belgium — 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 Église catholique Saint-Barthélémy à Mouscron | Historic Catholic church in Mouscron. | 2 Dragonfly | Popular brasserie and restaurant in Kortrijk. |
| 3 Brouwerspark | Relaxing urban park with green spaces. | 4 Groene Long | Expansive green park for recreation and nature. |
| 5 International Rose Garden Courtrai | Beautiful international rose garden in Kortrijk. | 6 Zwemzone Provinciedomein De Gavers Harelbeke | Swimming zone within De Gavers provincial park. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |