

Krems an der Donau, Lower Austria, Austria

Krems marks the eastern gateway to the Wachau, where Danube ships tie up beside medieval Stein, vineyard slopes, apricot shops, and a compact cluster of serious art museums. It is one of the easiest Austrian river ports to explore independently.

Docked (Danube landing stages)

Typical call: 5–8 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: German

Wachau wine country

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River ships dock at Krems/Stein Danube landing stages; no tendering

Best For: Wachau wine, art museums, abbey excursions, Danube cycling

Walk to center: 5–10 min to Stein, 20–30 min to Krems old town

Don't Miss: Steiner Tor, Kunstmeile Krems, and the hilltop Göttweig Abbey view

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✓ €7–€12 · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Göttweig Abbey** — A vast Benedictine abbey on a hill across the Danube, famous for its imperial staircase, baroque church, museum rooms, and sweeping view over Krems...
 - **Kunstmeile Krems** — A compact museum district beside the river in Stein, including Kunsthalle Krems, the twisting Landesgalerie Niederösterreich, Forum Frohner, and the...
 - **Wachau Wine & Apricot Tasting** — Taste Grüner Veltliner, Riesling, Marillenschnaps, and apricot sweets in one of Austria's most
- distinctive wine regions.

 - **Dürnstein and the Wachau Valley** — Follow the Danube west to Dürnstein, the blue-towered village below castle ruins linked to Richard the Lionheart.
 - **Krems Old Town Walk** — Enter Krems through the 15th-century Steiner Tor, then follow Obere Landstraße past painted townhouses, courtyards, churches, cafes, and local shops...

BEST WALKS

- **Stein Old Town and Kunstmeile Loop** 1–2 km | 45–90 min | Easy, cobblestones — From the landing stages, walk into Stein's old town lanes, then loop past the Minoritenkirche and the major museums of Kunstmeile Krems before returning to the...
- **Riverfront to Steiner Tor** 3–4 km round trip | 1.5–2 hrs | Mostly flat — Follow the Danube-side route and town streets from Stein toward Krems Altstadt, finishing at the medieval Steiner Tor and the pedestrian shopping street of Obere...
- **Piaristenkirche Viewpoint** 2–3 km | 1–1.5 hrs | Uphill final section — From Krems old town, climb to Piaristenkirche for one of the best close-in views over the roofs, river, and vineyard edges.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		61°	42°	11d
Jun		78°	59°	12d
Aug		79°	61°	12d
Sep		71°	54°	10d
Oct		61°	46°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:07AM–7:48PM · Jun 4:55AM–9:00PM · Aug 5:51AM–8:11PM · Sep 6:34AM–7:09PM · Oct 7:17AM–6:08PM

Currency: Euro (€)

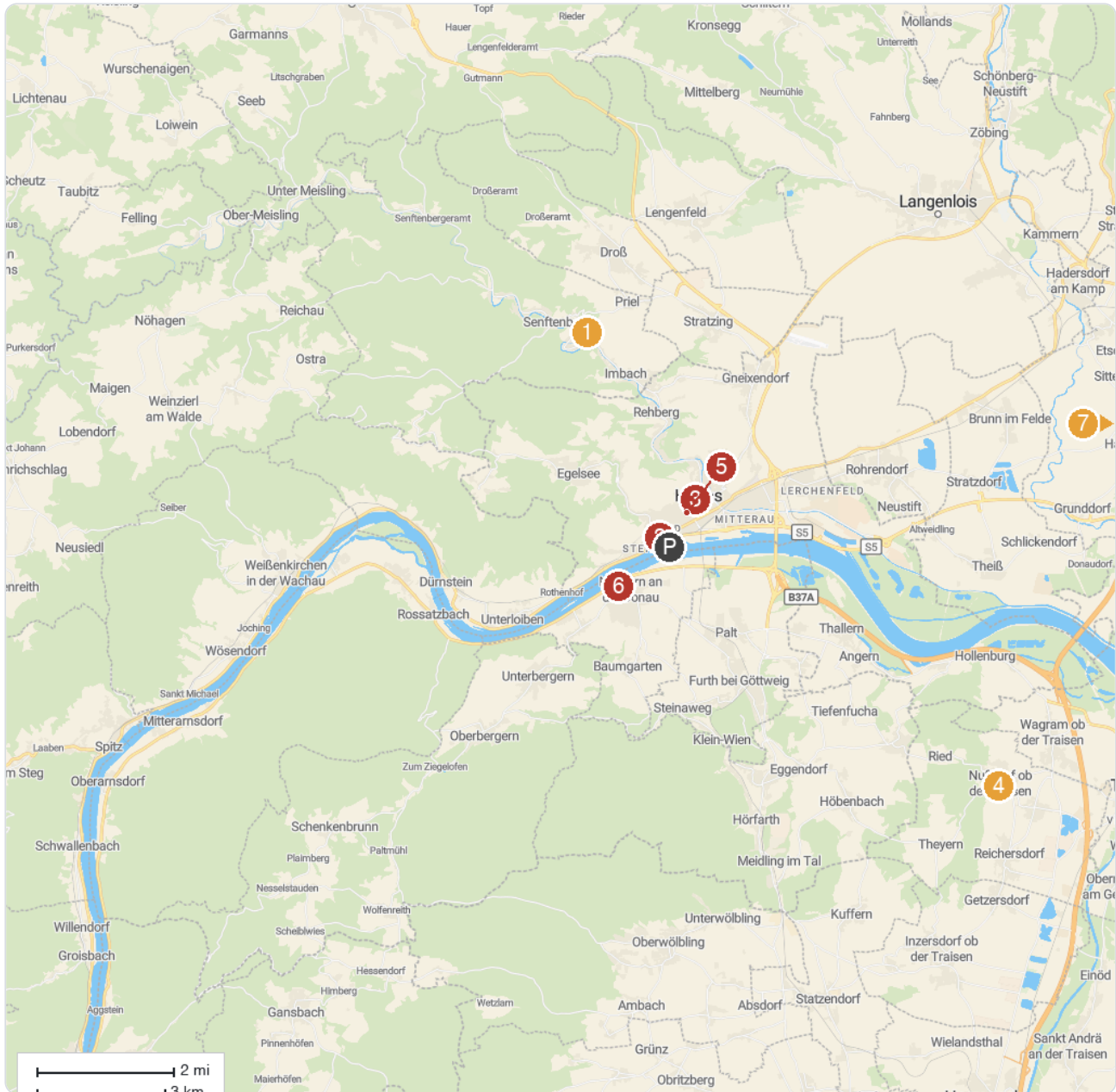
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Expect rafting. Krems is a busy Danube call, and ships may dock side by side. Allow a few extra minutes to cross another vessel on the way ashore.
- Flat does not mean smooth. The riverfront is easy, but Stein and Krems have cobblestones; wear shoes that handle uneven paving.
- Carry a little cash. Cards are common in museums and restaurants, but small bakeries, wine taverns, and market stalls may prefer euros.
- Book wine tastings early. Independent cellar visits are possible, but cruise days can be busy and many Wachau producers prefer reservations.
- Sunday calls are quieter. Austrian retail shops usually close on Sundays; museums, cafes, restaurants, and ship excursions are the better plan.
- Dürnstein is bikeable. If your ship offers bikes and the weather is fair, the Danube Cycle Path west of Krems is one of the port's best low-effort adventures.

Krems an der Donau, Lower Austria, Austria — 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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| <p>1 Burgruine Senftenberg</p> <p>3 Piarist Church of Our Lady</p> <p>5 Steinertor</p> <p>7 Grafenegg Castle</p> | <p>Senftenberg Castle is a picturesque medieval ruin overlooking the Danube.</p> <p>This historic Piarist church features stunning Baroque architecture and frescoes.</p> <p>Steinertor is Krems' iconic, well-preserved medieval city gate.</p> <p>Grafenegg Castle is a grand historic palace with beautiful parklands.</p> | <p>2 Karikaturmuseum Krems</p> <p>4 Urzeitmuseum Nussdorf-Traisental</p> <p>6 Römermuseum Mautern/Favianis</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Krems Caricature Museum showcases satirical art and political cartoons.</p> <p>Discover prehistoric fossils and artifacts at this regional museum.</p> <p>Explore Roman history and artifacts at this Mautern museum.</p> |
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