

Lauterbach, Rügen, Germany

A royal Baltic harbor where you step off the gangway and straight onto a 19th-century steam train. Lauterbach opens the door to Putbus's neoclassical elegance, ancient beech forests, and the mysterious GDR-era island of Vilm.

 Pier (small ships dock)

 Typical call: 8-12 hrs (overnight possible)

 Euro (€) — carry cash

 German (some English in tourist areas)

 Narrow-gauge steam train access

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Kommunalhafen / Lauterbach Mole (small & river ships only) **Walk to Putbus:** ~2.5 km (30 min) or 5 min by Rasender Roland train

Best For: Steam train rides, royal town architecture, nature walks, Vilm Island tours **Don't Miss:** Rasender Roland steam train to Binz or Granitz Castle

 Getting around:  Taxi  €7–10

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Rasender Roland Steam Train Ride** — Board the coal-fired Rasender Roland (Rushing Roland), a working narrow-gauge railway operating since 1895.
- Granitz Hunting Lodge** — Rügen's most visited castle, built 1837–1846 for Prince Wilhelm Malte I.
- Insel Vilm Guided Boat Tour** — A once-secret GDR retreat for top party officials — only 30 visitors per day are allowed on this pristine biosphere island.
- Putbus — The White City** — A princely planned town of pure white neoclassical buildings radiating from a circular plaza (The Circus) with a central obelisk.
- Binz Beach & Strandkörbe** — Rügen's iconic resort town with a 5 km sandy beach lined with hooded wicker beach chairs (Strandkörbe), grand Bäderarchitektur villas, and a lively...

BEST WALKS

- Harbor to Putbus via Schlosspark** 2.5 km · 30 min · Flat, paved — Walk south along the harbor promenade, then follow the signposted path through the Putbus Schlosspark — a sweeping English landscape park with giant redwoods, a lake...
- Goor Coastal Forest Trail** 4 km loop · 1 hr · Easy, mostly flat — Head east from the harbor along the shoreline into the Goor Biosphere Reserve.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		55°	39°	13d
Jun		71°	54°	14d
Aug		73°	57°	13d
Sep		66°	51°	11d
Oct		59°	45°	12d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:36AM–8:17PM · Jun 5:25AM–9:28PM · Aug 6:21AM–8:39PM · Sep 7:03AM–7:38PM · Oct 7:46AM–6:37PM

Euro (€) — carry cash

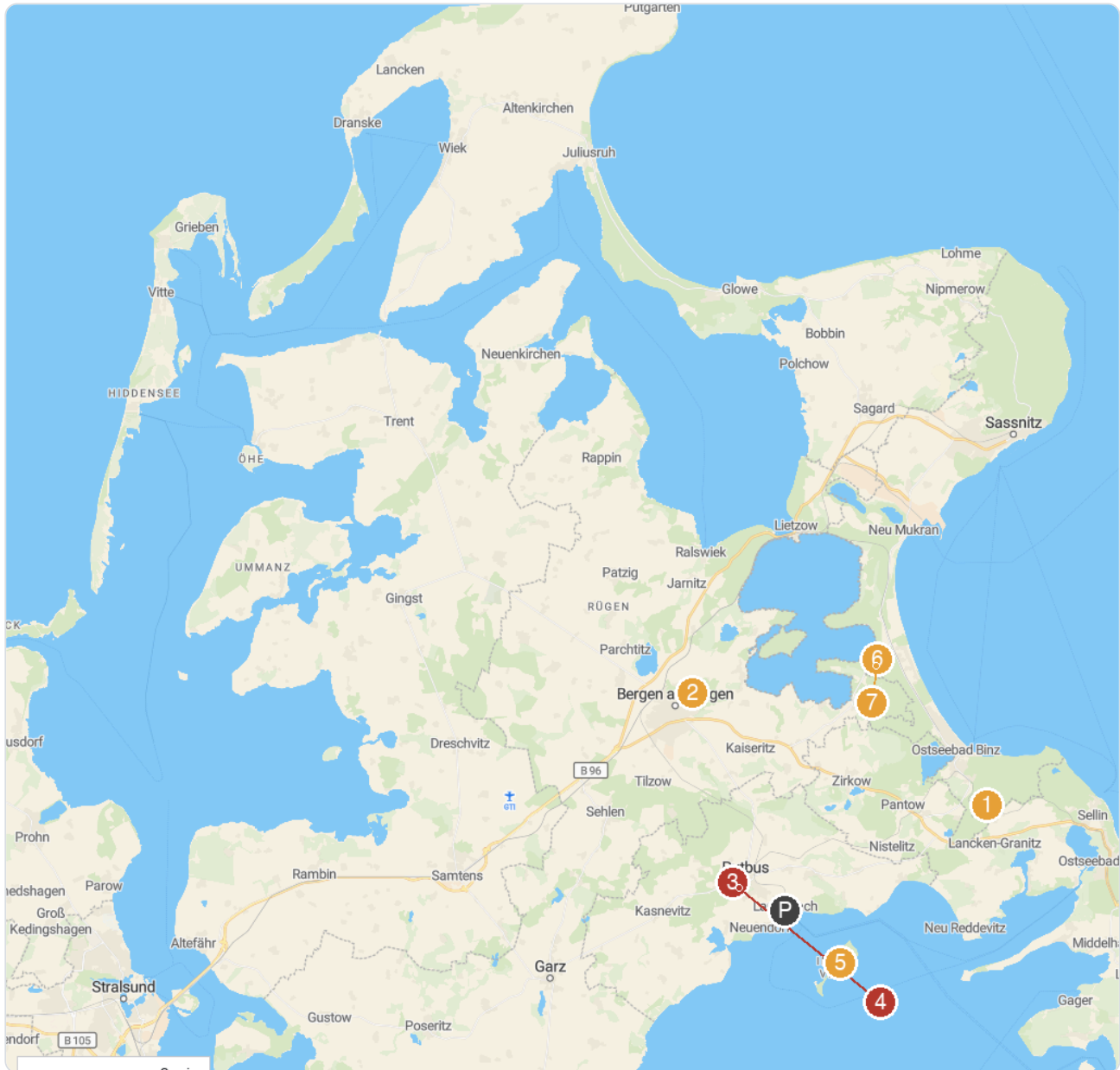
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry cash. Fish roll stalls, ice cream kiosks, and the steam train ticket booth often don't accept cards. Keep €20–€30 in small bills.
- First train wins the day. The Rasender Roland runs on a timetable — check it before leaving the ship so you don't miss the last return to Lauterbach.
- Vilm Island needs advance booking. The daily limit is 30 visitors. If not pre-arranged via your ship, walk to the harbor kiosk early — same-day cancellations occasionally open spots.
- Pack a light rain layer. The Baltic coast turns blustery without warning, especially in spring and autumn. The forest trails are best in dry conditions.
- Fischbrötchen at the harbor are the quintessential North German snack — pickled herring or smoked salmon on a crusty roll, sold from fishing cutters docked in the marina. Try the Matjes.
- Sunday blue laws apply. Supermarkets and shops close on Sundays. Restaurants, cafes, the steam train, and attractions stay open.

Lauterbach, Rügen, 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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| <p>1 Granitz Hunting Castle</p> <p>3 Uhren- und Musikgerätemuseum</p> <p>5 Insel Vilm</p> <p>7 Aussichtsplattform Adlerhorst - Baumwipfelpfad Rügen</p> | <p>Historic hunting castle with impressive towers and panoramic views.</p> <p>Museum showcasing historic clocks and musical instruments.</p> <p>Explore this pristine, protected island nature reserve.</p> <p>Climb the Eagle's Nest observation tower for stunning views.</p> | <p>2 Inselrodelbahn</p> <p>4 Schloss Park</p> <p>6 Baumwipfelpfad im Naturerbe Zentrum Rügen</p> | <p>Enjoy a thrilling ride on this island toboggan run.</p> <p>Stroll through the beautiful gardens of the castle park.</p> <p>Walk among treetops on this unique elevated pathway.</p> |
| <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | | | |