

Leer, Lower Saxony, Germany

The self-proclaimed 'Gateway to East Frisia' delivers Dutch-brick charm, a harbour full of historic ships, and the world's most devoted tea culture — all within easy walking distance of the dock.

 Docked (river quay)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: German  East Frisian tea capital

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River quay at Museumshafen / Freizeithafen — no tender required

Walk to centre: 1–5 min to Altstadt from the dock

Best For: History, architecture, culinary culture, relaxed strolling

Don't Miss: The East Frisian tea ceremony at the Bünning Tea Museum

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €6–€10 for short rides in town

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **East Frisian Tea Ceremony** — Visit the Bünning Tea Museum and experience the traditional Teetied ritual — Kluntje rock sugar, strong black tea, and a Wulkje of cream.
- **Altstadt Walking Tour** — Wander the Dutch-influenced Old Town past Haus Samson (1570), the baroque Große Kirche, and the ornate 1894 Rathaus.
- **Dyke & Riverside Cycling** — East Frisia is legendary for flat, car-free cycling routes.
- **Schloss Evenburg** — A striking neo-Gothic moated castle in the Loga district, surrounded by a free public park.
- **Miniaturland Leer** — One of northern Germany's larger miniature model railways, depicting East Frisian landscapes, Berlin, and working harbour scenes with remarkable...

BEST WALKS

- **Museumshafen to Rathaus Loop** 1.5 km · ~25 min · Easy — Start at the Museum Harbour, walk along the Uferpromenade past historic barges, reach Haus Samson on Neue Straße, swing by the baroque Große Kirche, and end at the...
- **Altstadt & Shopping Stroll** 2 km · ~35 min · Easy — From the dock, cross the Nessebrücke pedestrian bridge and explore Mühlenstraße (the main shopping street), then loop back through the old quarter side streets to the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	56°	40°	11d
Jun	70°	54°	12d
Aug	72°	57°	14d
Sep	66°	53°	12d
Oct	58°	48°	14d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 6:30AM–8:30PM · Jun 5:02AM–9:59PM · Aug 6:11AM–8:56PM · Sep 7:04AM–7:45PM · Oct 7:57AM–6:33PM	
Currency: Euro (€)	

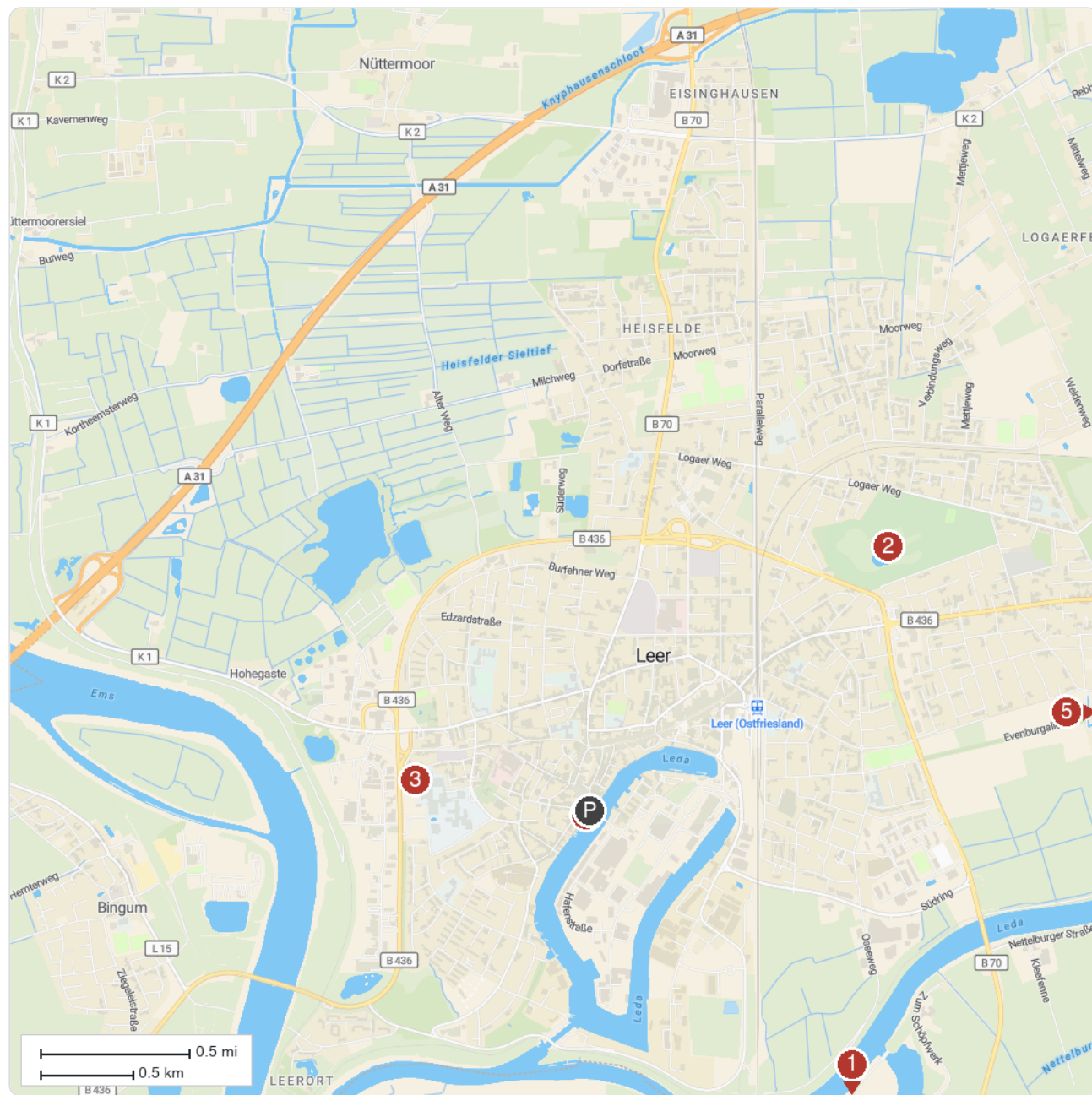
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Try the tea ceremony properly: Order Ostfriesentee at any café — Kluntje sugar goes in first, cream floats on top. Do NOT stir; drink in three layers. Refusing a third cup is the local way to say you're done.
- Carry cash: Smaller cafés, bakeries, and the market stalls still prefer euro coins and notes. ATMs are available near the Rathaus.
- Sunday closures: Most shops in Germany close on Sunday. If your call falls on a Sunday, focus on the harbour, churches, and the Bünning Museum (check seasonal hours).
- North Sea weather: East Frisia gets sudden squalls. Bring a light windbreaker even on sunny mornings — conditions change fast and temperatures feel colder with the coastal wind.
- Watch the sea-lock passage: Leer's harbour is reached through a sea lock off the Ems. If your ship hasn't locked through yet, position yourself on deck for the approach — it's a surprisingly dramatic manoeuvre for a river vessel.
- Grab a Fischbrötchen: North Sea shrimp or herring rolls from a harbour kiosk are cheap, fresh, and genuinely delicious — a quintessential North German snack.

Leer, Lower Saxony, 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.



- 1 Ledasperwerk** See the impressive Leda River barrage and floodgate.
- 3 Plytenberg** Climb an ancient, artificial hill with historical significance.
- 5 Castle Evenburg center for horticulture** Tour a beautiful castle with extensive horticultural gardens.

- 2 Julianen Park** Relax in this beautiful, historic public park.
- 4 Museumshafen** Explore historic ships in Leer's charming museum harbour.
- P Cruise port / terminal**