

Merzig, Saarland, Germany

A border-town gem on the Saar, where wolf howls drift from forest hillsides and crisp apple cider flows alongside Romanesque spires — a low-key river stop that surprises.

Docked (riverside pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Euro (€)

German (French widely spoken near border)

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth directly at the Saarufer riverside pier — no tender required.

Best For: Wolf sanctuary, Vierz apple cider tasting, Saarschleife loop excursion.

Walk to center: Flat 10–15 min walk (~800 m) along the river path to the old town.

Don't Miss: Wolfspark Werner Freund and a glass of local Vierz at a riverside Biergarten.

Getting around: **Taxi** €5–€15

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Wolfspark Werner Freund** — The world-famous wolf sanctuary founded by researcher Werner Freund houses packs of Arctic, European, and Canadian...
- **Saarschleife — Germany's Most Famous River Bend** — The Saarschleife (Great Saar Loop) near Orscholz is a spectacular horseshoe bend carved by the Saar River, best seen...
- **St. Peter's Church — Saarland's Largest Romanesque Church** — Consecrated in 1205, this late-Romanesque basilica in the old town is the largest preserved Romanesque church in the...
- **Vierz Tasting & Old Town Stroll** — Merzig calls itself the 'Vierz Metropolis' — Vierz is a tart, dry Saarland apple cider served in traditional stoneware...
- **Stadtspark & Saline Graduation Tower** — A peaceful city park a short walk from the pier features a traditional Saline (graduation tower) where salty water...

BEST WALKS

- **Saarufer to Old Town** 800 m · 15 min · Flat · Easy — Follow the paved riverside path north from the pier past the Yachthafen marina and Brauhaus Saarfürst to Kirchplatz, where you'll find...
- **Stadtspark & Saline Loop** 1.2 km · 20 min · Flat · Easy — From the old town, head west into the Stadtspark to find the Saline graduation tower — a quiet, restorative walk away from the main...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	56°	39°	10d
Jun	71°	54°	11d
Aug	72°	56°	13d
Sep	66°	51°	9d
Oct	57°	46°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:43AM–8:29PM · Jun 5:27AM–9:45PM · Aug 6:26AM–8:53PM · Sep 7:12AM–7:48PM · Oct 7:58AM–6:44PM

Euro (€)

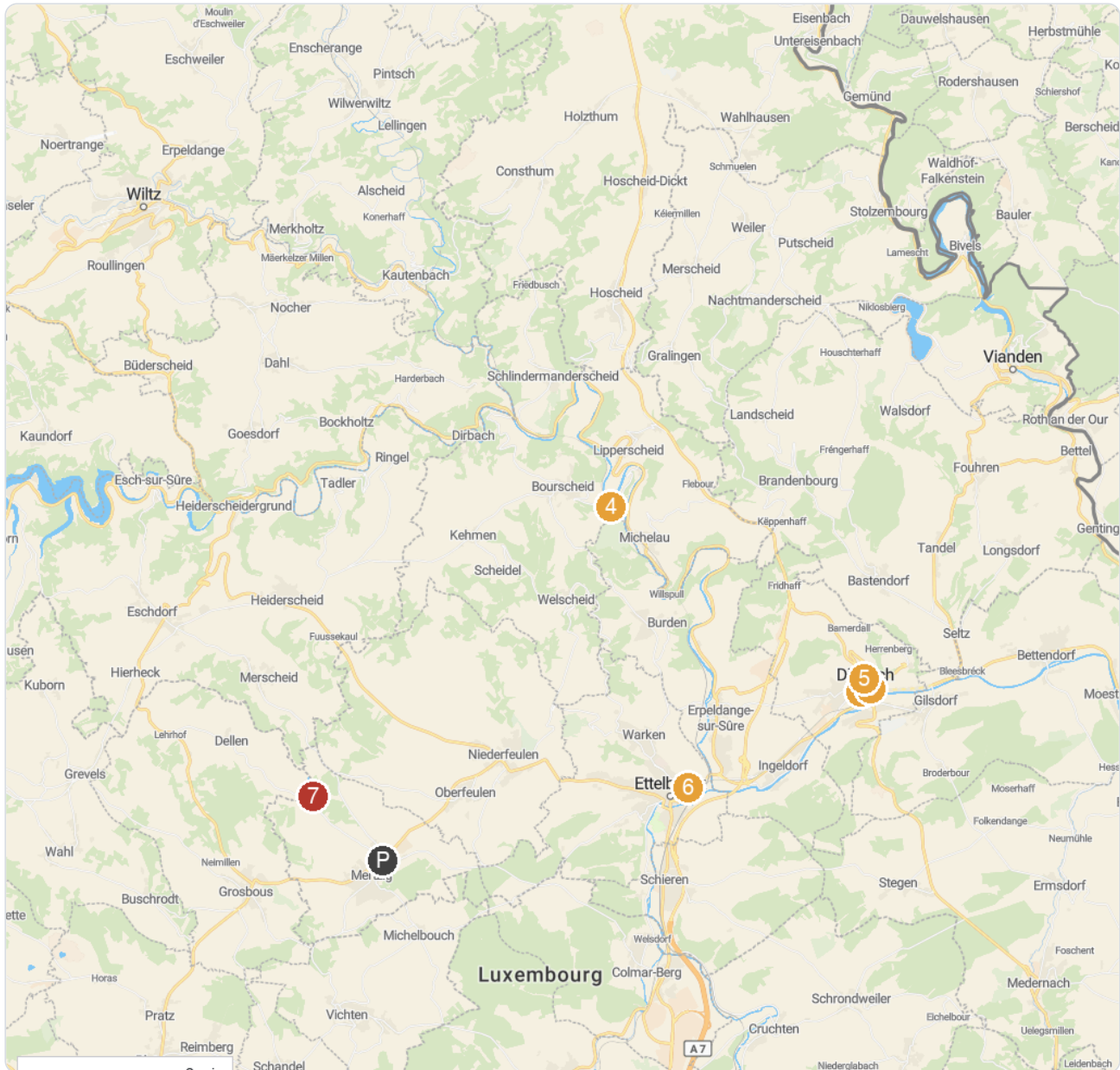
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wolf Park needs a taxi: Wolfspark Werner Freund is free but 4 km uphill from the pier — not walkable. Arrange a taxi through ship reception with a confirmed pickup time.

Merzig, Saarland, 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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| 1 Musée Automobile - Conservatoire National de Véhicules Historiques | National museum showcasing historic automobiles and vehicles. | 2 Useldange Castle | Explore the ruins of a medieval castle. |
| 3 Musée d'Histoire(s) Diekirch | Diekirch's history museum tells local stories. | 4 Château de Bourscheid | Visit a magnificent medieval castle perched on a hill. |
| 5 National Museum of Military History (MNHM) Asbl | National museum dedicated to military history and artifacts. | 6 General Patton Museum | Museum dedicated to General Patton and WWII history. |
| 7 Point de départ promenade Château de Turelbaach | Starting point for a scenic walk to Turelbaach Castle. | P Cruise port / terminal | |