

Mettlach, Saarland, Germany

Mettlach sits in a deep forested valley where the Saar River carves its famous hairpin bend. Two draws dominate every shore day: a sweeping view over the Saarschleife loop and the baroque Villeroy & Boch abbey that put this small town on the world map.

 Docked (riverside pier)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Euro (€)  German (French widely understood)

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked at Saaruferstraße riverside pier — no tendering

Walk to center: 2–5 min flat walk from pier

Best For: Saar Loop views, ceramics shopping, Franco-German cuisine

Don't Miss: Cloef viewpoint & Baumwipfelpfad treetop walk above the Saar Loop

 Getting around:  Taxi  €8–11

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Saarschleife Cloef Viewpoint** — Germany's most dramatic river bend, where the Saar loops nearly 360 degrees through a forested gorge.
- **Villeroy & Boch Discovery Center** — The world-famous ceramics brand has been headquartered in this stunning baroque Benedictine abbey since 1809.
- **Baumwipfelpfad Treetop Walk** — A 1,250-meter wooden walkway rises through the Saar forest canopy to a 42-meter observation tower at the Cloef — the...
- **Old Abbey Park & Alte Turm** — The park behind the Villeroy & Boch abbey contains the Alte Turm, a stone tower built around 990 AD — the oldest...
- **Burg Montclair Castle Ruins** — Medieval castle ruins perched on the forested ridge inside the Saar Loop.

BEST WALKS

- **Pier to Villeroy & Boch Abbey Loop** 1–1.5 km · 20–30 min · Flat · Free — A short, rewarding walk through the town center to the baroque abbey complex, the abbey park, and the Alte Turm.
- **St. Lutwinus Church Walk** 0.5 km · 10 min · Flat · Free — From the pier, stroll into the town center to the neo-Romanesque St.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:41AM–8:26PM · Jun 5:26AM–9:41PM · Aug 6:25AM–8:50PM · Sep 7:10AM–7:46PM · Oct 7:55AM–6:42PM	
Apr	58°	42°	10d	Euro (€)	
Jun	74°	57°	11d		
Aug	75°	59°	12d		
Sep	69°	53°	10d		
Oct	60°	48°	12d		

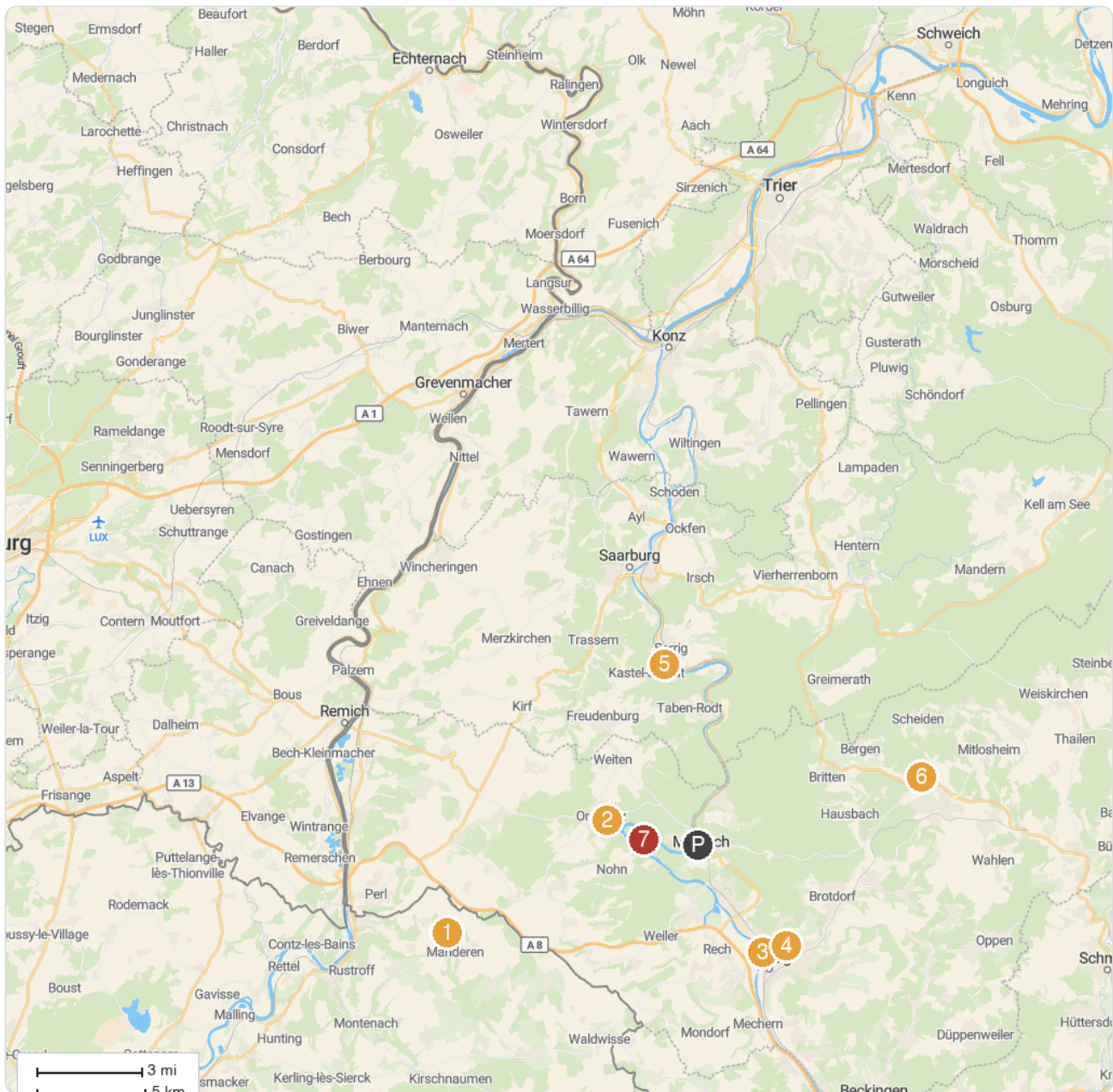
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sunday closure warning: German law closes most shops — including the Villeroy & Boch outlet — on Sundays. Check your call day before planning a shopping stop.
- Saarschleife requires transport: The famous viewpoint is in Orscholz, about 13 km by road. Take Bus 155 from the town center or book the ship excursion. Don't count on walking it.

Mettlach, 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 Malbrouck Castle | A restored medieval castle with exhibitions and events. | 2 Treetop Walk Saarschleife | Elevated wooden walkway offering stunning views of the Saar Loop. |
| 3 Merziger Tierpark | A wildlife park featuring native and exotic animals. | 4 Garten der Sinne | A sensory garden designed to engage all five senses. |
| 5 Klausen bei Kastel | A historic hermitage built into a rock face. | 6 SeeGarten Losheim | A beautiful lakeside park with gardens and recreational activities. |
| 7 Burg Montclair | Historic castle ruins offering panoramic views of the Saar Loop. | P Cruise port / terminal | |