

Ostend, Flanders, Belgium

Belgium's seaside queen pairs a windswept North Sea beach with Marvin Gaye history, surrealist art, and the freshest shrimp croquettes on the coast — or a 14-minute train ride to Bruges.

Pier (no tender)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: Dutch (Flemish) / English widely spoken

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Cruisekaai, east bank of harbor

Best For: Beach, street art, seafood, day trip to Bruges

Walk to center: Free 5-min ferry or shuttle to train station, then 5-10 min on foot

Don't Miss: Shrimp croquettes at Visserskaai, The Crystal Ship murals

🚗 Getting around: 🚖 **Taxi** ✅ €5–€15 · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Day Trip to Bruges** — Skip the pricey cruise excursion: walk to the train station and take the 14-minute train to Bruges, one of Europe's...
- **The Crystal Ship Street Art Walk** — Ostend hosts one of Europe's finest street art festivals, covering entire building facades with world-class murals.
- **Mu.ZEE & James Ensor House** — Explore the life of Belgium's expressionist master, James Ensor, a pioneer of modern art who was born and lived here.
- **Fort Napoleon & Atlantic Wall Museum** — Fort Napoleon, built in 1811 on Napoleon's orders to repel a British invasion, sits in the dunes near the cruise dock.
- **Ostend Beach & Albert I Promenade** — Ostend's main beach is wide, sandy, and clean, backed by the grand Albert I Promenade lined with cafes and shops.

BEST WALKS

- **City Center & Promenade Loop** 2-3 km · 45-60 min · Easy / flat — From the Visserskaai ferry dock, stroll along the Albert I Promenade past the Royal Galleries and Casino Kursaal to the main beach...
- **Mercator & Lighthouse East Bank Walk** 1-2 km · 30 min · Easy — From the ferry on the east bank, walk through the dunes to Fort Napoleon and the Oosteroever beach area, with views of the Lange Nelle...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		55°	43°	9d
Jun		67°	56°	10d
Aug		70°	60°	13d
Sep		67°	56°	11d
Oct		60°	51°	14d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:53AM–8:44PM · Jun 5:32AM–10:05PM · Aug 6:35AM–9:09PM · Sep 7:23AM–8:01PM · Oct 8:12AM–6:54PM

Currency: Euro (€)

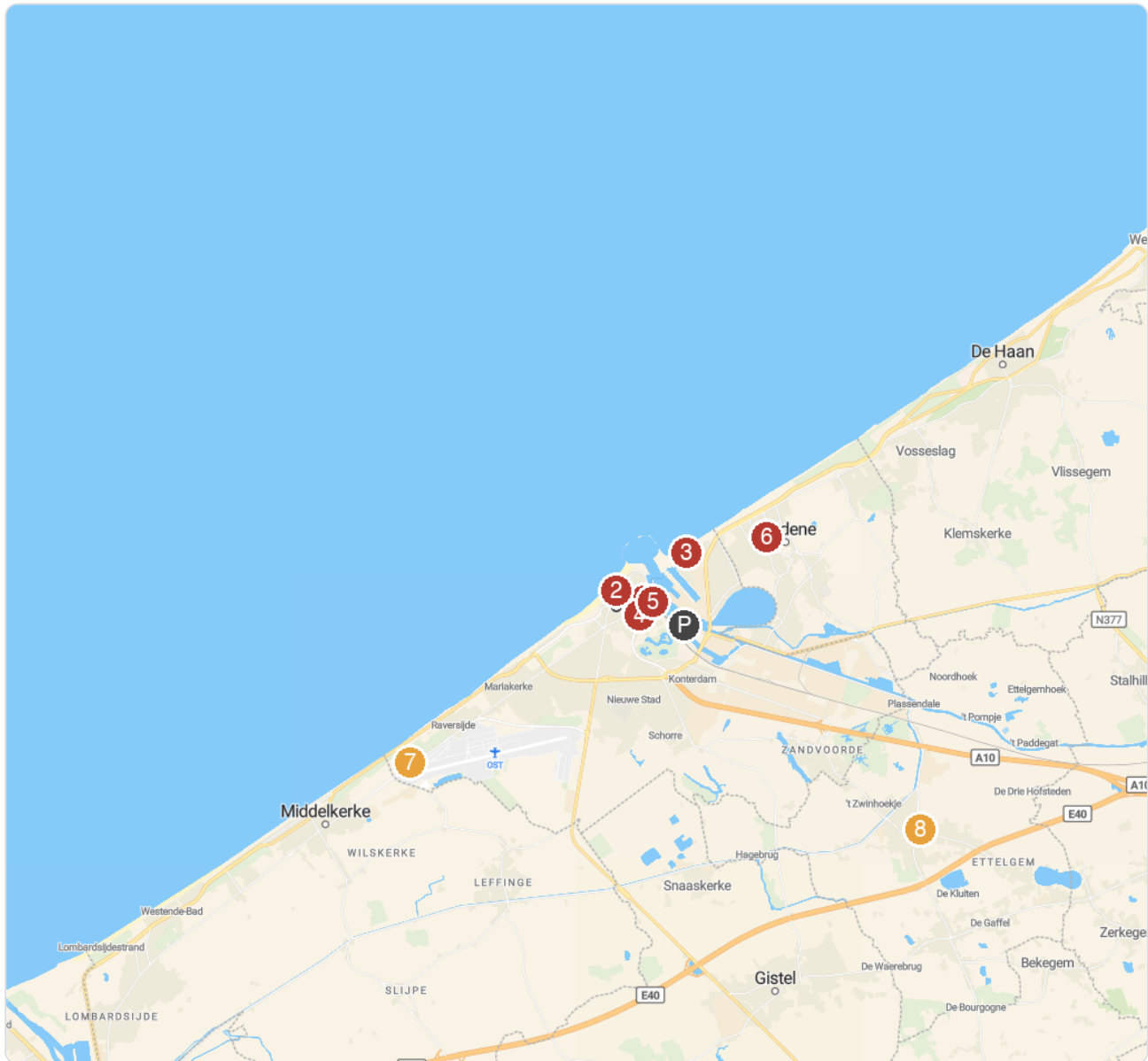
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bruges on a budget: Don't book the cruise excursion — walk to Ostend Station, buy a €10 return ticket, and you're in Bruges in 14 minutes. Trains run every 15-20 min.

Ostend, Flanders, Belgium — 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 Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul | Ostend's impressive neo-Gothic church, a city landmark. | 2 Casino Oostende | Modern casino offering gaming, dining, and entertainment by the sea. |
| 3 Fort Napoleon | Historic coastal fort built by Napoleon, now a museum. | 4 Mercator | Historic three-masted sailing ship, now a fascinating museum. |
| 5 IJslandvaarder Amandine | Authentic Icelandic fishing trawler, now a maritime museum. | 6 Turkeyenhof | Historic farmstead museum showcasing traditional Flemish life. |
| 7 Atlantikwall Raversyde | Preserved WWII Atlantic Wall bunkers and trenches, an open-air museum. | 8 Roman Archaeological Museum (RAM) | Museum displaying local Roman archaeological discoveries and artifacts. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |