

Papenburg, Lower Saxony, Germany

Where the world's greatest cruise ships are born — Papenburg's web of canals, historic sailing ships, and the legendary Meyer Werft shipyard make this flat Dutch-flavored German town a surprisingly fascinating stop.

-  Pier (river dock — no tendering)
-  Typical call: 6-8 hrs
-  Currency: Euro (€)
-  Language: German
-  River & small ocean ships only

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier along Hauptkanal; river cruise ships dock in town center, 0–5 min walk to sights

Best For: Meyer Werft shipyard tours, canal walks, maritime history

Walk to center: 0–5 min from river cruise dock; ~3 km (taxi) from industrial harbor

Don't Miss: Meyer Werft Visitor Centre — book ahead, tours sell out fast

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €6–€15

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Meyer Werft Shipyard Tour** — Step inside one of the world's largest covered dry docks and watch cruise ships being assembled from the viewing...
- Canal District & Historic Ship Walk** — Stroll the Hauptkanal to see six full-scale 19th-century wooden sailing ship replicas anchored in the water, including...
- Von-Velen-Anlage Open-Air Museum** — Explore reconstructed turf huts and peat-cutter cottages showing how Papenburg's first fen settlers lived.
- Gut Altenkamp Baroque Manor** — A beautifully preserved 1728 manor house surrounded by a moat and Dutch-style gardens in nearby Aschendorf.
- Canal Cycling Tour** — Papenburg is flat as a pancake and laced with cycling paths along its canals.

BEST WALKS

- Hauptkanal Historic Ships Walk** 1.5 km · 30 min · flat · free — A leisurely stroll along the Main Canal from the dock past the historic ship replicas, the Town Hall, St.
- Windmill & Zeitspeicher Loop** 2 km · 45 min · flat · €5 museum entry — Walk from the dock to Meyer's Mühle (the 1888 Dutch windmill), then swing past the Zeitspeicher museum in the old harbor to learn...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇩🇪 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:31AM–8:30PM · Jun 5:03AM–9:58PM · Aug 6:11AM–8:56PM · Sep 7:04AM–7:45PM · Oct 7:57AM–6:33PM	
Apr	56°	41°	12d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	70°	55°	12d		
Aug	72°	58°	14d		
Sep	67°	53°	10d		
Oct	58°	48°	15d		

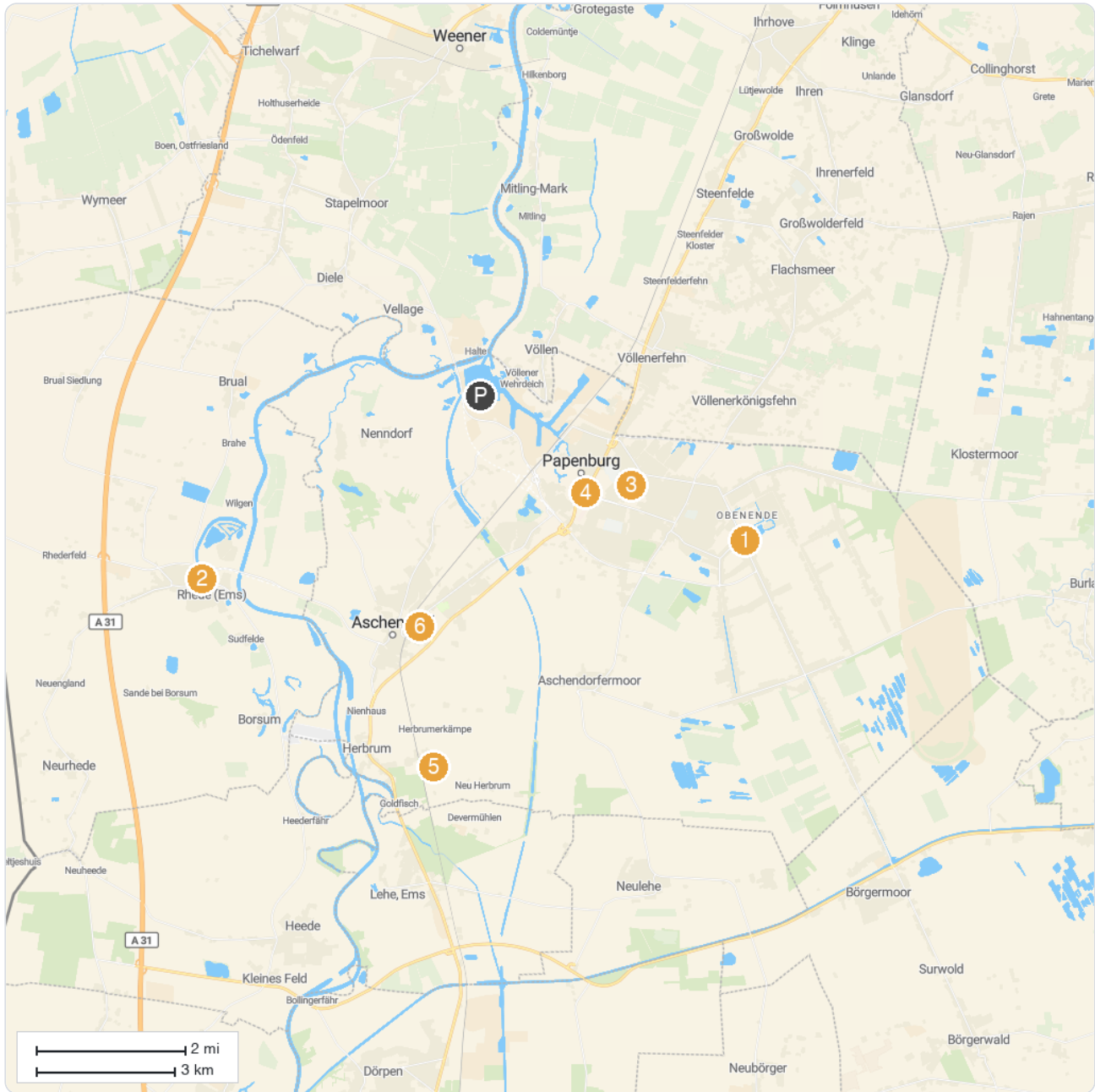
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Meyer Werft in advance. Tours sell out weeks ahead when a ship is under construction. Check meyerwerft.de before your

Papenburg, 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.



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| <p>1 Von-Velen-Anlage</p> <p>3 Bockwindmühle</p> <p>5 Schades Garten</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Reconstructed 17th-century village showing Papenburg's origins.</p> <p>Historic wooden post windmill, a local landmark.</p> <p>Beautiful private garden with diverse plant collections.</p> | <p>2 Landwirtschaftsmuseum Rhede</p> <p>4 Museumsschiff "Friederike von Papenburg"</p> <p>6 Gut Altenkamp</p> | <p>Museum showcasing historical agriculture and rural life.</p> <p>Replica of a historic Papenburg sailing ship.</p> <p>Historic manor house with park, hosting art exhibitions.</p> |
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