

# Saarlouis, Saarland, Germany

Founded in 1680 by Louis XIV and engineered by military genius Vauban, Saarlouis wears its French heritage proudly — cobblestone parade squares, stone-vaulted casemate bars, and some of the finest Riesling in Germany just up the river.

 River pier (docked)

 Typical call: 6–8 hrs

 Euro (€)

 German / French

## 🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** River quay at Saarlouis/Dillingen port — no tender required

**Walk to center:** 10–15 min through Stadtgarten to Großer Markt

**Best For:** History buffs, foodies, easy walkers

**Don't Miss:** Lunch in the Kasematten vaults; Saar Riesling at a terrace cafe

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €10–€15 · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Vauban Fortifications & Kasematten** — The star-shaped fortress, laid out from 1680 to Vauban's design, is the town's defining feature.
- **Großer Markt & Town Exploration** — The immense central square — designed by Vauban for military parades — today hosts a lively market scene.
- **Völklinger Hütte — UNESCO Ironworks** — The world's only fully preserved ironworks from the era of industrialization, a hulking cathedral of industrial...
- **Saarschleife (The Saar Loop)** — The iconic hairpin bend of the Saar River, surrounded by dense oak and beech forest.
- **Kasematten Dining & Saar Riesling** — Saarlouis punches well above its size in restaurants.

## BEST WALKS

- **Fortress & Markt Loop** 2–3 km · ~1.5 hrs · Easy · Flat — From the quay, walk through Stadtgarten to the Vauban Kasematten, continue to Großer Markt, cross to Vauban Island, circle the...

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

| Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr | 59°  | 41° | 10d  |
| Jun | 74°  | 56° | 11d  |
| Aug | 76°  | 59° | 12d  |
| Sep | 69°  | 52° | 8d   |
| Oct | 60°  | 47° | 12d  |

 **DAYLIGHT & 🇪🇺 MONEY**

Apr 6:41AM–8:25PM · Jun 5:26AM–9:40PM · Aug 6:24AM–8:48PM · Sep 7:09AM–7:45PM · Oct 7:54AM–6:42PM

Euro (€)

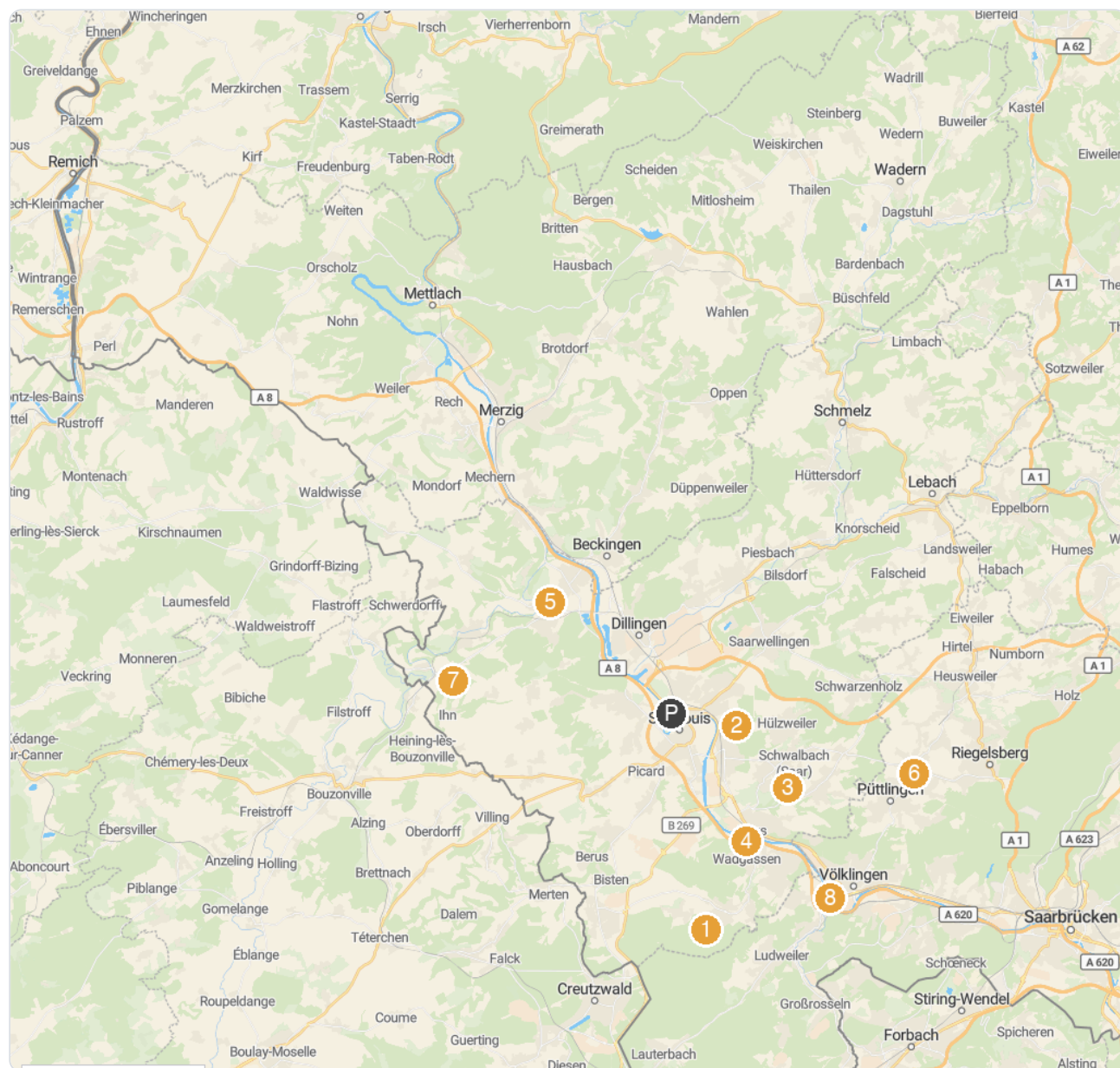
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry cash. Germany remains cash-friendly; smaller cafes and market stalls may not take cards.
- Order the Saar Riesling. The steep slate slopes just upriver produce remarkably crisp, mineral whites — far less known than Mosel Riesling and worth seeking out.
- Völklinger Hütte is worth the taxi. It's 15 minutes and ~€17 entry — book a taxi through the ship's reception the night before to guarantee availability.

# Saarlouis, Saarland, Germany — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| <p><b>1</b> Wildpark Wadgassen-Differten</p> <p><b>3</b> Jahnhütte Schwalbach</p> <p><b>5</b> Siersburg Burg</p> <p><b>7</b> Sudelfels</p> <p><b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Wildlife park with native animals and walking trails.</p> <p>Historic hut, popular for hikers and local events.</p> <p>Ruins of a medieval castle offering scenic views.</p> <p>Natural sandstone rock formation with panoramic views.</p> | <p><b>2</b> Saarpolygon</p> <p><b>4</b> Deutsches Zeitungsmuseum</p> <p><b>6</b> Uhrmachers Haus</p> <p><b>8</b> Völklingen Ironworks</p> | <p>Striking monument commemorating Saarland's mining history.</p> <p>Museum dedicated to the history of German newspapers.</p> <p>Historic house museum showcasing a watchmaker's workshop.</p> <p>UNESCO World Heritage industrial ironworks, a unique museum.</p> |
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